

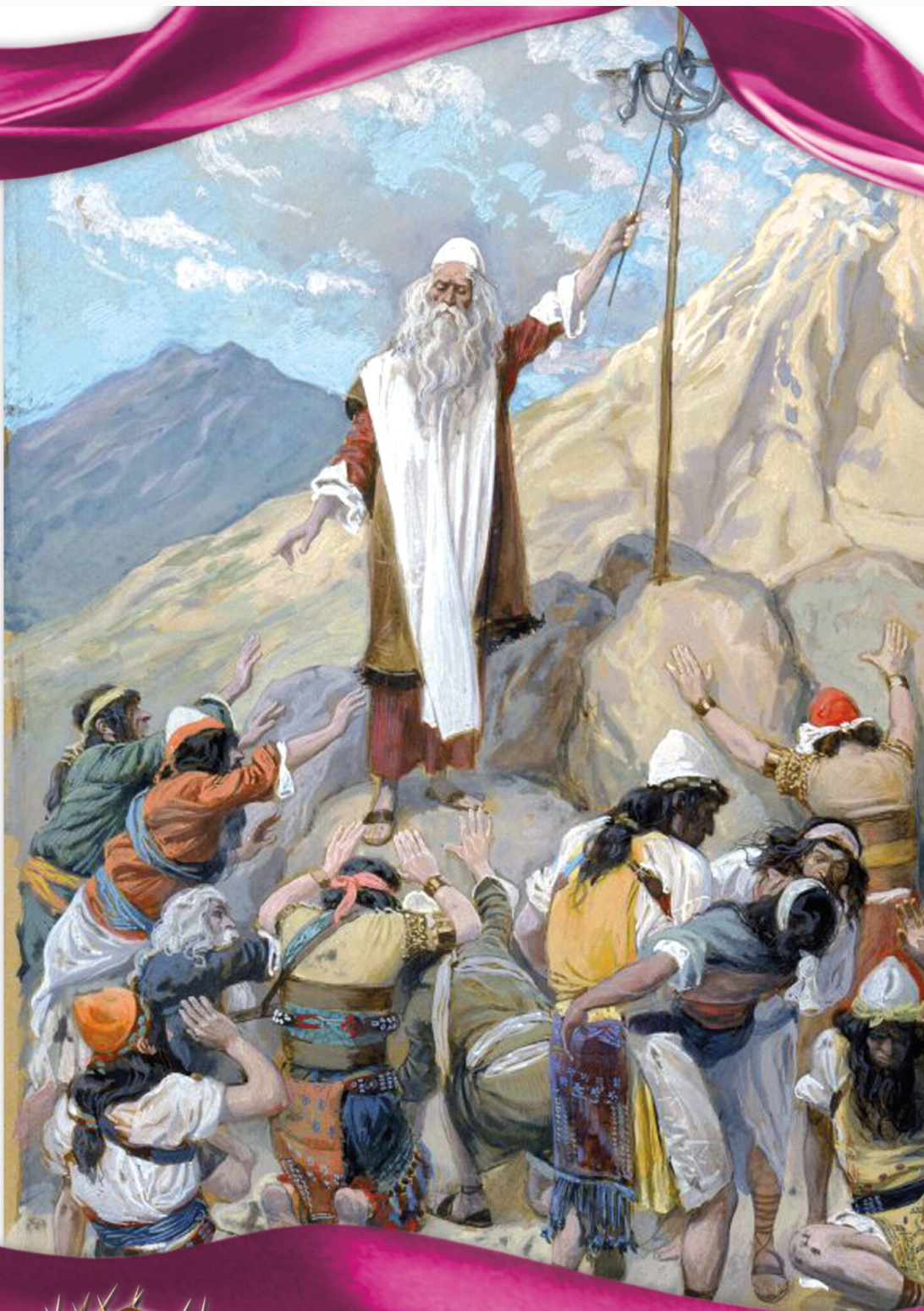
Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

John 3:14,15

Jesús dijo a Nicodemo: "Así como Moisés levantó la serpiente en el desierto, así tiene que ser levantado el Hijo del hombre, para que todo el que crea en él tenga vida eterna."

Juan 3, 14 y 15

The Brazen Serpent
by James Tissot, circa 1899



4TH SUNDAY OF
LENT

4º DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

"O praise the Lord, all you people, for his merciful love towards us is great!" -Psalm 116:1-2

Last weekend there were more than twenty individuals, children and young people, who participated in their First Reconciliation. As you might imagine, there was some nervousness ahead of time. But, each one came out of the sacrament of Confession smiling and relieved.



"¡Alaben al Señor todas las naciones, pues su amor hacia nosotros es muy grande!" -Salmo 116:1-2

El fin de semana pasado más de veinte personas, niños y jóvenes, que participaron en su Primera Reconciliación. Como puedes imaginar, hubo algo de nerviosismo antes de tiempo. Pero cada uno de ellos salió del sacramento de la Confesión sonriendo y aliviado.

I don't think going to Confession ever gets easy, but the experience is always an encounter with God's mercy. While you may wonder—along with me—what on earth a second grader has to talk about in Confession, it helps to recall that Reconciliation is a sacrament of healing. The Church has given us two different sacraments of healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. Both of those sacraments work in conjunction to heal our bodies and souls. In each Reconciliation, God floods our souls with mercy and grace.

Healing in the spirit of mercy is one of the principles around which God is organized. (This idea is especially present in Pope Francis' writing in *Misericordiae Vultus* and Pope St. John Paul II's *Dives in Misericordia*.) Through the teachings of Christ, we know that God desires to heal our bodies and our forgive our souls.

At our parish Confessions are heard each Saturday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. There will also be communal penance services (with individual Confession offered) at these times:

Monday, March 18th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Peter's in Douglas

Thursday, March 21st at 4:00 p.m. at San Felipe de Jesus in Fennville (in Spanish)

Thursday, March 21st at 6:30 p.m. at St. Basil

Tom Eggleston, Parish Pastoral Associate

No creo que confesarse nunca sea fácil, pero la experiencia es siempre un encuentro con la misericordia de Dios.

Si bien usted puede preguntarse, junto con mí, de qué tiene que hablar un niño de segundo grado en la confesión, es útil recordar que la Reconciliación es un sacramento de sanación. La Iglesia nos ha dado dos sacramentos diferentes de sanación: la Reconciliación y la Unción de los enfermos. Ambos sacramentos trabajan en conjunto para sanar nuestros cuerpos y almas. En cada Reconciliación, Dios inunda nuestras almas de misericordia y gracia.

La curación en el espíritu de misericordia es uno de los principios en torno a los cuales se organiza Dios. (Esta idea está especialmente presente en los escritos del Papa Francisco en *Misericordiae Vultus* y en *Dives in Misericordia* por Papa San Juan Pablo II). A través de las enseñanzas de Cristo, sabemos que Dios desea sanar nuestros cuerpos y perdonar nuestras almas.

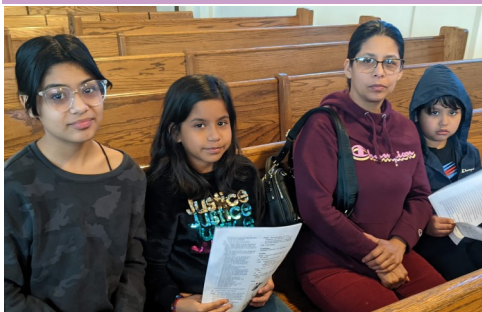
En nuestra parroquia las confesiones se escuchan todos los sábados de 3:30 a 4:30 p.m. También habrá servicios de penitencia comunitarios (con confesión individual ofrecida) en estos horarios:

Lunes, el 18 de marzo, a las 6:30pm en San Pedro en Douglas

Jueves, el 21 de marzo, a las 4:00pm en San Felipe de Jesús en Fennville

Jueves, el 21 de marzo, a las 6:30pm en San Basilio

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Flocknote News

We are so excited to communicate with you using this new tool! We encourage you to text SAINTBASIL to 84576 or go to saintbasilcc.flocknote.com to register. You can choose which groups you would like to receive notifications from. All information is private and you can unsubscribe at any time. Questions? Reach out to Dave Otto at 269-876-2626 or communications@saintbasilcatholicchurch.org

Noticias de Flocknote

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Scripture Readings for the Week of March 10

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
Monday	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53



Increasing Disasters, Increasing Resilience

Located in Southeast Asia between the Pacific and Indian Oceans, Indonesia has beautiful beaches, diverse cultures and the world's fourth largest population. Many of the country's more than 17,000 islands are in the Ring of Fire, where volcanic eruptions and earthquakes are common. Climate-related disasters such as cyclones are also becoming more frequent and destructive. Find out how—with the support of Catholic Relief Services and generous communities like yours—Evita and her disaster preparedness group are working to keep their community safe. Visit csrricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.

Diocesan Priest Retirement Collection

Priests touch our lives in many ways: they baptize our children, comfort us in the confessional, witness our marriage vows and hold our loved ones hands as the Lord calls them home. Please give generously to this weekend's second collection which directly benefits retired priests in the Diocese of Kalamazoo.



Walking With Purpose – A new six week session begins in early May. Watch for more details in the bulletin over the next couple of weeks. Join the Flocknote group for up to date information!

Religious Education

1st Year Confirmation
Saturday, March 16 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 7 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 21 10:00 a.m.



2nd Year Confirmation
Sunday, March 17 12:15 p.m.
Sunday, April 7 12:15 p.m.
Sunday, April 21 12:15 p.m.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 9

5:00 p.m. † Don and Dormah Woodhams
7:00 p.m. People of the parish (Español)

Sunday, March 10

9:00 a.m. † Helen Zappa
11:00 a.m. † John Madden, Sr.

Monday, March 11 No Mass

Tuesday, March 12

9:00 a.m. † Cheryl Allen

Wednesday, March 13

9:00 a.m. † Tom Stieve

Thursday, March 14

9:00 a.m. † Edward Kusmider

Friday, March 15

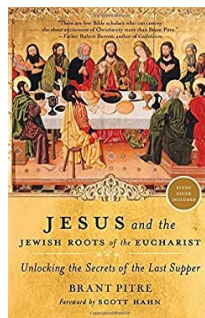
9:00 a.m. † Del Reavy, 1st anniversary

Saturday, March 16

5:00 p.m. † Joey Hartmann
7:00 p.m. People of the parish (Español)

Sunday, March 17

9:00 a.m. † Kathleen Deja
11:00 a.m. † John Stewart



Lenten Book Discussion

Wednesdays

1:00 p.m. *in the Upper Level*

"Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper" by Brant Pitre.

ALL ARE WELCOME! This week we will review chapters 4 and 5.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent 12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.



St. Basil Catholic School



Hands-on science and decent weather made for a fun and exciting project. Our 5th & 6th graders were studying particles of matter and various reactions. Basically, we dropped three Mentos into the pop bottle to see what would happen. In this case, the mentos reacted with the pop causing the pop to get very fizzy and shoot out of the bottle. Essentially, the carbon dioxide particles in the soda attach to the Mentos, making bubbles and forcing it all to shoot out of the bottle. Great fun was had by all (with great disappointment for those who wanted to drink the remaining pop!).

In our Virtual Reality class, 6th graders visited an underwater cave, the city of Rome, and even Mars!



Save The Date!

Ribs 'n Raffle Saturday, May 18 South Haven Moose Lodge

Celebrate the '50's—get out your poodle skirt and saddle shoes, and twist the night away! This annual FUNdraiser for our parish school is the most anticipated event of the school year.

That Man Is You (TMIY)

Saturday mornings, 7:30-8:45

This is an ongoing men's group that meets on Saturday mornings, 7:30-8:45. Each week we review a half hour video lesson followed by discussion. This group is open to all men of the parish. Please join us! Contact Deacon John: jlhorstorfer@yahoo.com.



Can You Help?

Food Pantry

Please take non-perishable food items to First Congregational Church, 651 Phoenix Street. They are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. till noon.

Personal Care Pantry/Baby Care

First Assembly of God, 06500 Blue Star Hwy. Wednesdays 10:00 –1:00

Blessings in a Backpack

We will pack on Thursdays: March 27, April 25, and May 23. Please arrive at North Shore Elementary School at 10:30. If you can volunteer for about an hour, you can make a big difference for children in need of food over the weekend. Please note that when SHPS are closed, we do not pack. You are welcome to be part of the packing crew for any and all dates.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Every Friday in Lent 5:00-7:00 p.m.

In the church basement

\$14 adults, \$6 kids 12 and under

Meal includes fried or baked fish, French fries, baked potato, macaroni and cheese, vegetable, cole slaw, rolls, dessert, and beverage.



Grotto Paver Bricks

Available for purchase with installation in the spring. Contact the parish office or stop by and pick up a form.

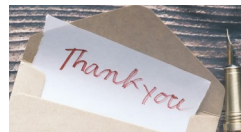
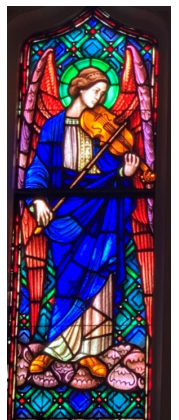
Stained Glass Booklets

These booklets explain each stained glass window of our church, along with the Bible reference. Pick one up at the parish office for a donation of \$5.



Church Replicas

Also available at the office are the beautiful wooden replicas of our church, \$25 donation. This is a lovely remembrance of our church in celebration of our centennial!



Soup Luncheon Success!

Thank you to all who donated soups, breads or desserts for our Warm Your Heart Soup Luncheon. Thanks to all the volunteers, especially the Confirmation students, who helped make the luncheon a success. Finally, we are grateful for our generous diners. We donated \$1,657.30 to We Care.



Our Stewardship

March 3

Envelope Offering (79)	\$ 4,645.00
Electronic Contributions	\$ 3,520.00
Loose Offering	\$ 1,610.43
Total Collection	\$ 9,775.43
Weekly Budget Amount	\$13,750.00
Over/Under	(\$3,976.57)

Mission Statement

Called by Baptism, nourished by the Eucharist, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to live the Good News of Christ through Worship, Evangelization, Service, Spiritual Formation, and Stewardship.

*Let my tongue be silenced
if ever I forget you!*

This week's bulletin sponsor
The Lodge

The advertisements that appear in this bulletin completely defray all publishing costs which the church would otherwise incur. Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin and thank them for their kind generosity.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.,
7:00 p.m. (en Español)
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, & Friday 9:00 a.m.
No Mass on Monday

- So that we all may be fully present at Mass, please silence your cell phones.
- We ask that you be considerate of others if you are coughing or sick by refraining from the handshake of peace. This is thoughtful consideration for the rest of the parish community.

Confessions

Saturday 3:30—4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridayafter morning Mass,
with Benediction at 2:30

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Low-Gluten Hosts

We offer low-gluten hosts at ALL Masses, both weekend and daily. They are available at the front of church (and also in the back on weekends). Simply ask the Eucharistic minister.

Mass In Our Collaborative

St. Peter, Douglas, MI

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Mon., Tues. Thurs., Fri. 8:30 a.m.

San Felipe, Fennville, MI

Thursday 6:30 p.m.
Sunday 12:30 p.m.