

"The hour has come  
for the Son of Man  
to be glorified.  
Amen, amen, I say  
to you, unless a grain  
of wheat falls to the  
ground and dies, it  
remains just a grain  
of wheat; but if it  
dies, it produces  
much fruit."

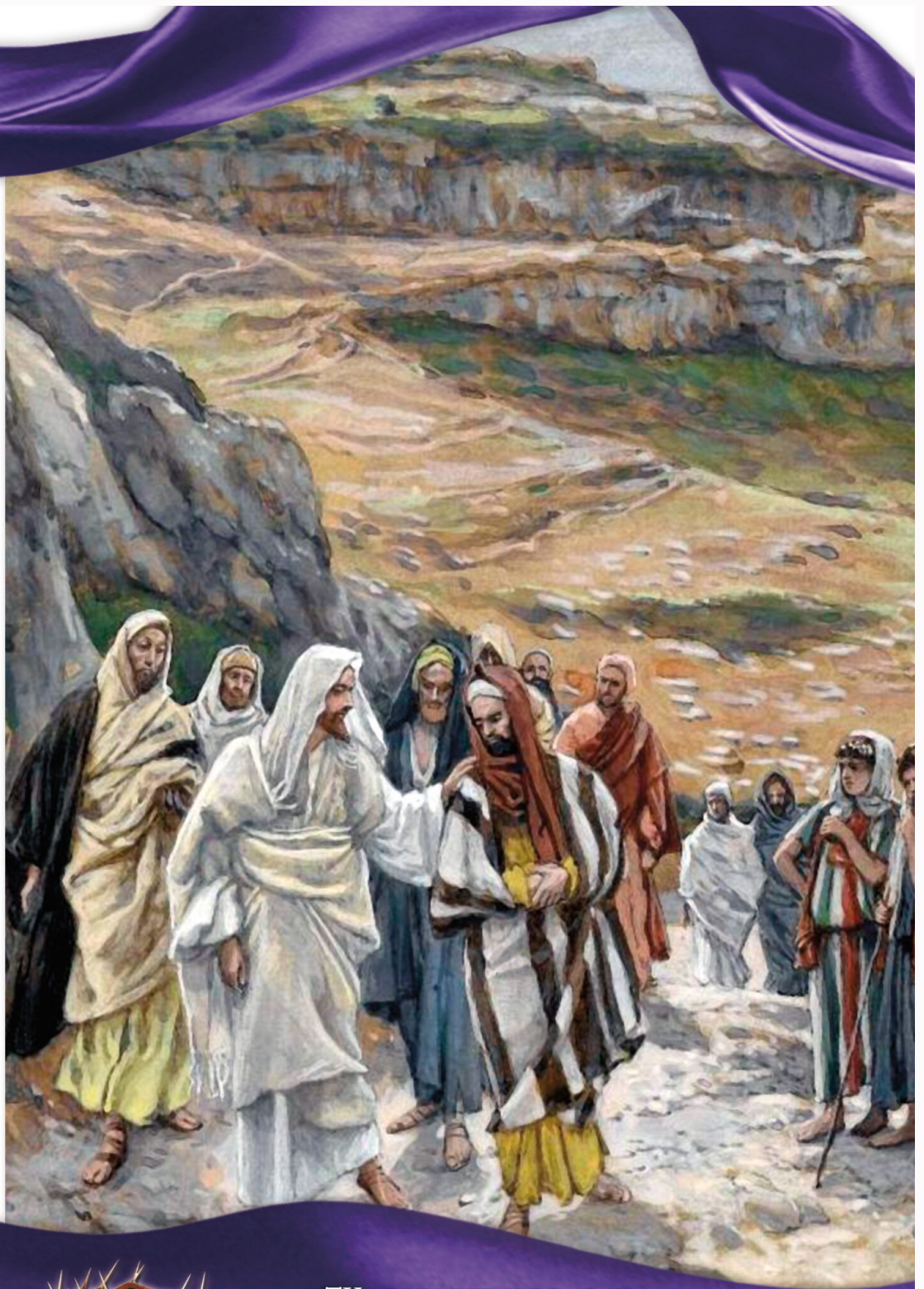
*John 12:23,24*

"Ha llegado la hora  
de que el Hijo del  
hombre sea glorificado.

Yo les aseguro que  
si el grano de trigo,  
sembrado en la tierra,  
no muere, queda  
infecundo; pero si  
muere, producirá  
mucho fruto."

*Juan 12, 23 y 24*

Jesus Discourses with His  
Disciples by James Tissot  
Circa 1886-1894



5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF  
**L**ENT

5<sup>º</sup> DOMINGO DE CUARESMA



When my youngest son was in fourth grade, he came home from St. Basil School with this announcement: "We're Irish!" His teacher, Irish through-and-through, spent the month of March teaching the kids about Ireland, reading "Nory Ryan's Song" to them, and teaching them about St. Patrick and the Holy Trinity. She made homemade Irish soda bread for a taste of Ireland, and she often arranged for the kids to witness some Irish dancing. So, when my son declared, "We're Irish!" my response was, "No, we're not." Well, he insisted, and I told him our ancestry was French Canadian, Czech, and Dutch. To that, he replied, in his best imitation of an Irish accent, "My teacher says there's a little bit 'o Irish in everybody!"

I remember the year that St. Patrick's Day fell on a Friday in Lent, and Bishop Murray gave the diocese a special dispensation to allow corned beef on that day of abstinence provided they chose a different day of the week to abstain from meat. Many happy Catholics in southwest Michigan that year!

When my kids were little we celebrated Valentine's Day with an all red meal (red meat, beets, red rice) and St. Patrick's Day with green food—I used food coloring to turn the pancake batter green and served them breakfast for dinner. Traditionally, many people participate in the wearin' o' the green, drinking and eating excessively on this saint's day. However, looking at the work of St. Patrick, he should be celebrated for his missionary work in Ireland, spending forty years converting the pagans to Christianity.

After the leprechauns have gone home, after the green beer has been consumed, when the corned beef and cabbage are a gastronomic memory, and the celebrations are over on March 17, what can we do to honor St. Patrick who evangelized to the people for forty years? How can we share the Good News of Jesus to our friends and neighbors?

*Cecilia Wondergem*

## Lenten Penance Service

Monday, March 18 6:30 p.m. St. Peter, Douglas  
Thursday, March 21 6:30 p.m. St. Basil  
Thursday, March 21 4:00 p.m. San Felipe  
in Fennville (Spanish)

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](http://saintbasilcc.flocknote.com) to register. You can choose which groups you would like to receive notifications from, such as Women's Service Guild, Knights of Columbus, weekly bulletin, weekly scriptures..... All information is private and you can unsubscribe at any time.

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Cuando mi hijo menor estaba en cuarto grado, llegó a casa de la escuela St. Basilio con este anuncio: "¡Somos irlandeses!" Su maestra, irlandesa al máximo, pasó el mes de marzo enseñando a los niños sobre Irlanda, leyéndoles "La Canción de Nory Ryan," y enseñándoles sobre San Patricio y la Santísima Trinidad. Hacía pan de soda irlandés casero para una prueba de comida Irlandesa y, a menudo, organizaba que los niños presenciaran algunos bailes irlandeses. Entonces, cuando mi hijo declaró: "¡Somos irlandeses!" Mi respuesta fue: "No, no lo somos." Bueno, insistió, y le dije que nuestra ascendencia era francocanadiense, checa y holandesa. A eso, respondió, en su mejor imitación de un acento irlandés: "¡Mi maestra dice que hay un poco de irlandés en todos!"

Recuerdo el año en que el Día de San Patricio cayó en viernes de Cuaresma, y el obispo Murray le dio a la diócesis una dispensa especial para permitir la carne en conserva en ese día de abstinencia, solo que eligieran un día diferente de la semana para abstenerse de carne. ¡Muchos católicos felices en el suroeste de Michigan ese año!

Cuando mis hijos eran pequeños, celebrábamos el Día de San Valentín con una comida exclusivamente roja (carne roja, remolacha, arroz rojo) y el Día de San Patricio con comida verde. Usé colorante alimentario para darle color verde a la masa de los panqueques y les serví el desayuno para la cena. Tradicionalmente participamos en vestir el verde, beber y comer en exceso en el día de este santo. Sin embargo, al observar la obra de San Patricio, debería ser celebrado por su labor misionera en Irlanda, donde pasó cuarenta años convirtiendo a los paganos al cristianismo.

Después de que los duendes se hayan ido a casa, después de que se haya consumido la cerveza verde, cuando la carne en conserva y el repollo sean un recuerdo gastronómico, y las celebraciones terminen el 17 de marzo, ¿qué podemos hacer para honrar a San Patricio que evangelizó al pueblo de su patria? ¿Cómo podemos compartir las Buenas Nuevas de Jesús con nuestros amigos y vecinos?

*Cecilia Wondergem*

## Stations of the Cross

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



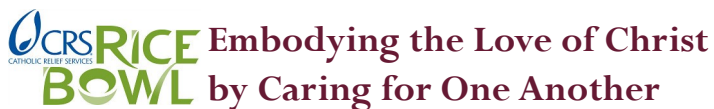
Estamos muy emocionados de tener esta nueva herramienta con lo cual podemos comunicarnos contigo.

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## Scripture Readings for the Week of March 17

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
<b>Monday</b>	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; PS 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42
<b>Thursday</b>	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59
<b>Friday</b>	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
<b>Saturday</b>	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56



Reflect on your Lenten journey thus far: What have you learned from our global family members in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia? How does the Eucharist unite us with our sisters and brothers around the world? Consider how Christ is present in Adolf and Florence, Sandra and Santos, and Evita. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to read this week's Story of Hope.

## 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 5 and 6.

## Called & Gifted Workshop

*Saturday, April 13 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. St. Peter Parish*

This is a profound personal spiritual experience that has had strongly positive effects on many people. Topics such as Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory Explained, The Call of the Laity, the Role of the Holy Spirit, and much more.

This workshop is provided by Catherine of Siena Institute. The cost is \$95 per person, which includes lunch and all materials. Register online at [www.stpeter-douglas.org](http://www.stpeter-douglas.org).

## 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 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

### Monday, March 18 No Mass

### Tuesday, March 19

9:00 a.m. † Merna Llorens, 3rd anniversary (March 17)

### Wednesday, March 20

9:00 a.m. † Toni Alwin

### Thursday, March 21

9:00 a.m. † Bennett Mills

### Friday, March 22

9:00 a.m. † Felipe Figuracion

### Saturday, March 23

5:00 p.m. † Stephen Howe  
7:00 p.m. People of the parish (Español)

### Sunday, March 24

9:00 a.m. † Cheryl Allen, 1st anniversary  
11:00 a.m. † deceased members of the Bacehowski family



walking with purpose

Walking With Purpose—Women's Bible Study

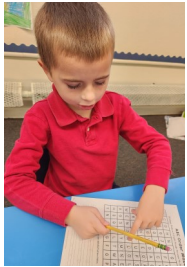
A new six week session begins in early May. Watch for more details in the bulletin over the next couple of weeks. Join the Flocknote group for up-to-date information!

## Help Needed at Seder Meal: Yes, Chef!

Fr. Richard is requesting some physical assistance with the preparation of the Seder Meal on Thursday, March 28. If you are able to do some "kitchen lifting" of large pans, etc. throughout the day, please let him know, or call the office. Your help will be much appreciated.

## St. Basil Catholic School

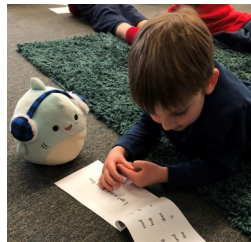
I spent some time in a few of our classrooms doing teacher observations and got to see some wonderful work by our students. Our "big" kids have been learning about solutions and growing crystals as a project. The crystals are starting to really take off and the 7th and 8th grade students are quite excited to see the changes over time. Ms. Ana gave some of them a challenge, asking them to find some of those shapes in different objects, like a bird house. The students did a great job and even found a couple I didn't see!



Our Kindergarteners were practicing a number of word and letter skills, moving from station to station around the room. Ms. Melissa certainly kept them moving and they looked like they were having a great time with the challenges.



It is Reading Month around here and our students are all participating in various reading activities. Kindergarten students read to stuffed animals. I stopped into 2nd grade and found them all deep in their books, enjoying an adventure or two. PreK-3 were also rather busy, learning about shapes. We also have had several guest and mystery readers, including South Haven's mayor Annie Brown, stopping by to read to our students. We certainly have enjoyed the many visitors!



We are currently enrolling for all grade levels, PreK through 8th. Contact our school office for information: 269-637-3529.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

*Camille DeLano, principal*



### Movie Night

Sunday, March 24 5:00 p.m.  
Upper Level Meeting Room  
"The Passion of the Christ" (2004)  
All are welcome!

## 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



St. Basil Catholic School invites you to our rockin' 27th Annual Ribs 'n Raffle

# SHAKE RATTLE & Roll

back to the 50s

MAY 18, 2024  
Doors Open 6PM



Costumes encouraged!  
21+ only

Mark your calendars to celebrate the '50's—get out your poodle skirt and saddle shoes, and twist the night away! This annual FUNdraiser for our parish school at the Moose Lodge is the most anticipated event of the school year. Silent and Live Auctions, Raffles, Food, Fun...you don't want to miss it! Over the next several weekends you will find a "donation" board in the Connector. Please contribute what you are able to help make this fundraiser a success.

## Easter Flower Fund

If you would like to help offset the cost of flowers and altar decorations for the Easter season, please use the white envelopes in the pews, and mark the box "flower fund." There is a line on the envelope to make a contribution in memory of someone; donations received by **Monday, March 24** will have that person's name listed in the "in memory of" section of the Easter bulletin. Please write legibly. Your contribution will greatly boost our flower/decoration budget





## Our Stewardship

### March 10

Envelope Offering (71)	\$ 5,528.00
Electronic Contributions	\$ 1,071.00
Loose Offering	\$ 2,382.00
Total Collection	\$ 8,981.00
Weekly Budget Amount	\$13,750.00
Over/Under	(\$4,769.00)

## 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.

*Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

### This week's bulletin sponsor Heaven Scent Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning

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School Office .....269-637-3529

[www.SaintBasilCatholicChurch.org](http://www.SaintBasilCatholicChurch.org)

### 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

Friday .....after morning Mass,  
with Benediction at 2:30

## Parish Staff

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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.