

ASH WEDNESDAY

A Clean
Heart
Create
For Me,
GOD;
Renew
Within Me
A Steadfast
Spirit.

Psalms 51:12



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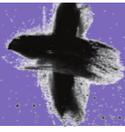
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Readings

Sunday Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7
Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
1 Cor 15:54-58
Lk 6:39-45

Monday Saint Casimir

Sir 17:20-24
Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7
Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

Sir 35:1-12
Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17
2 Cor 5:20—6:2
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Dt 30:15-20
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Lk 9:22-25

Friday Saint John of God, Religious

Is 58:1-9a
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

Is 58:9b-14
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Lk 5:27-32

Sunday First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10
Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Rom 10:8-13
Lk 4:1-13

The writer of Sirach gives examples of how what is good is separated from what is poor, especially in speech. Saint Paul reminds us that Christ has defeated death – it no longer has power over us. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the blind leading the blind to show there is a difference between what is good and what is evil.

Mass Intentions and Liturgy Schedule

Month of St. Joseph the Worker

Monday, 04 March 2019

7:00 a.m. The needs and intentions of Lucas Ballard
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. A special intention

Tuesday, 05 March 2019

7:00 a.m. †Roy Betzler
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. Frank and Margaret Foley

Wednesday, 06 March 2019

7:00 a.m. †Mark Condic
8:45 a.m. The prayers intentions of the St. Augustine School students
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. †Addison Brown
5:30 p.m. The needs and intentions of David Brandimarte

Thursday, 07 March 2019

7:00 a.m. †Barb Kratky
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. †David Skwor (12th anniversary)

Friday, 08 March 2019

7:00 a.m. The needs and intentions of Kathleen Barnes
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. †Nada Schmidt

Saturday, 09 March 2019

8:45 a.m. Holy Mother Church
11:00 a.m. Confessions
2:00 p.m. Confessions
4:00 p.m. Pro Populo

Sunday, 10 March 2019

7:30 a.m. †Shri Madan Lal Gupta
9:00 a.m. Confessions
9:30 a.m. The Bishops' Summit gathered in Rome
11:00 a.m. Confessions
11:30 a.m. †Orlando Paul Fortino
2:00 p.m. The Rite of Election

St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Vincent de Paul (or "Vincentians") are men and women who strive to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those in our local community. Vincentians wish to be the Face of Christ. To this end, our SVdP Society operates a thrift shop offering clothing, house-wares and religious items for sale as well as a modicum of financial assistance and a list of resources of other helping agencies.

If you feel the call to serve in this corporal work or to make a donation of your household items or financial resources, call 269/388-4544. Can you help?

In the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: "Can a blind man act as guide to a blind man?...Why look at the speck in your brother's eye when you miss the plank in your own?...A good tree does not produce decayed fruit...."

It is true that donations come to the Society because a good person produces goodness from the good in their heart.



Diocesan and Cathedral News

Coffee and Doughnuts

Served following the Sunday 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. Masses in the Fr. Crowley Center
03 March - St. Augustine Cathedral School Local Advisory Committee (LAC)

10 March - St. Vincent de Paul

Please join us and see the good works and volunteer opportunities of our Parish!

Building a Culture of Life

A Culture of Life: This is how we answer our missionary call. This is how we build a culture of life, a culture that joyfully proclaims the truth of God's love, purpose, and plan for each person. Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts and includes a willingness to be instructed and a desire to be close to Jesus—the source of joy and love.

When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.

Let us go, therefore, and not be afraid. God is always with us.

Diocesan Lenten Retreat

March 16-17, 2019 at Indian Lake Nazarene Camp (8258 Victory St., Vicksburg, MI) The retreat begins at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 16th and concludes at 11:30 am on Sunday, March 17th. There are two options available when you register – one is with an overnight stay and the second is for those who would like to commute. The cost structure is as follows (all rooms have two queen beds):

Single Occupancy; \$140 Double occupancy; \$100 Triple Occupancy; \$85
Quadruple Occupancy; \$80 Commuter Rate: \$60

All registrations are due by March 8th. For more information or to register, please contact Tim at tmcnamara@diokzoo.org Make this the Lent of your change.

Institute of Missionary Discipleship

March 05: Listening & Communication Seminar (St. Mary, Marshall) 269/781-3949

April 06: Called and Gifted Day Training Lawrence Ed Center, Kalamazoo

April 10: Recruitment and Retainment Seminar (Immaculate Conception, 3 Rivers) Visit www.IMDisciple.com for information and registration. Fees are underwritten through the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Trauma Recovery Program

The Trauma Recovery Program is for Catholics who identify as adult survivors of childhood trauma (abuse, neglect, traumatic experiences) who find that current relationships, coping skills, and personal situations are a struggle. This program does not re-hash the past; rather, it focuses on improving the present and the future. There is hope for healing through this program, and many participants have found the classes beneficial.

To register, or for further information, please contact Phyllis Florian at the Trauma Recovery Program confidential voicemail: 269-903-0134. You must leave a message, and your call will be returned

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Give the gift of yourselves to each other on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Upcoming **March 15-17** at St. Francis Retreat Center-DeWitt. Apply online at www.wwme.org or contact Chris & Darla Vinton at 734-531-9191.

From the Office of Liturgy and Music

Lent will soon commence on Ash Wednesday this week. With the change of liturgical seasons, we will again see some of the music that we sing for our weekend Masses change in keeping with the sober spirit of this great penitential season. The biggest thing to notice is that we do not sing the "Glory to God in the Highest" during Lent, reserving its festive praises for other less introspective days. Gone, too, is the word "alleluia," generally considered to be the supreme statement of Resurrection joy. While Lent is not a denial of the efficacy of the Resurrection or of its daily impact in our lives, we symbolically lay these things aside for a season to focus, instead, on mending the broken relationships -- human and divine -- that separate us from the love of God. Much of the music for our Lenten observance here will be simple chant in English and Latin, most of which you already know. In keeping with the options in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* and the USCCB's document on Catholic liturgical music *Sing to the Lord*, we will sing simple Psalm antiphons during the distribution of communion and the organ's rich and joyful strains will be silent before and after Mass all throughout the season. Silence, meditation and self-reflection are the key elements of our movement from the dead tomb of despair to the joyful hope of the Resurrection. May your Lenten observance bring you grace and peace!

Monthly Energizer

Saturday, 09 March. Catholic fun for the entire family at St. John Bosco in Mattawan: food, fellowship, music, presentations, crafts, prayer and adoration, all from 5:30 p.m. —7:30 p.m.. Contact Tim at tmacnama-ra@diokzoo.org or 269/903-0139.



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Once in a Blue Moon Garage Sale

The Once in a Blue Moon committee will be accepting items :

The week of March 10th

Monday, 12-7PM; Tues/Wed 8AM-7PM; Thurs/Fri 8AM-noon
Behind the Crowley Center near the playground

The *Once in a Blue Moon Garage Sale* for St. Augustine Cathedral School is our annual #1 fund raiser! This year's sale is **Friday, March 15** from 4PM-8PM and **Saturday, March 16** from 8AM-2PM We accept most items: clothes, toys, household, tools, home décor, sporting goods, electronics, etc. NO bed pillows, exercise equipment nor mattress/box springs. Donations are tax deductible and receipts are available. Thank you for your support!

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, March 22-24

Designed for women and men, the retreat is a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. Held in a private location in the greater Kalamazoo area, the retreat process is an opportunity to experience the mercy and compassion of God, surface and release repressed feelings of anger, shame, and guilt, and grieve the loss of your unborn child or children. For more information or to register, call 800-800-8284 or email mwash@ccwestmi.org. Financial assistance is available. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Second Collection

This weekend all parishes and missions in the Diocese of Kalamazoo are holding a special collection to support our diocesan priests' retirement fund. This collection directly benefits priests of the Diocese of Kalamazoo and is separate from the annual December collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which supports retired clergy and sisters of religious orders across America.

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Financial Updates

Weekend 24 February 2019

Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$16,346.16
Sunday Collection	\$ 10,774.50
Difference	\$ (5,571.66)
Roof Fund	\$ 46.00

Prayer for the Sick

"...For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them (Matt 18:20)."

Please call the parish office (269/345-5147), and your loved ones may be added to our prayer list.

Please Pray For

Louise Boulding Jenny Carl
John Hilliard Virgil Kahl
Hank Leverette

Lenten Day of Renewal

Hosted by the Kalamazoo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, on **Thursday, March 21**, at St. Philip Parish Center, Battle Creek. Check-in will be held at 8:30. Bishop Bradley will celebrate Mass at 9:30. Our day includes light refreshments, speakers, prayer, lunch, Newman's Bookshoppe, and an afternoon program concluding by 3:30 pm. Presentation topics include Discipleship, the Litany of Humility, Lenten Giving, and Fostering Vocations. We will be collecting donations of new socks (all sizes) for the St. Philip Parish Thrift Shop. A Book Exchange table will be available.

Register by Sunday, March 17th; Carolyn Morrison, carolynmorrison@hotmail.com or (517) 617-5682. Cost is \$20.00 payable at the door. Grants are available.

St. Augustine Food Pantry

The first reading today uses the example of a sieve to show how grain (good fruit) is separated from the husks (the dead shell). Difficulties are sieves in our own lives – and when we are shaken, the real fruit of who we are will be revealed in both our speech and actions. Won't you help those who are shaken and donate today?

Donations of nonperishable foods and toiletry items are *always* in high demand and are most welcomed! Items may be placed in the collection boxes located in both entrance of the Church. Of particular need are breakfast cereal and meal-makers such as "Hamburger Helper."

We are also in need of your volunteer talents. This is an opportunity particularly suited to the retired or part-time employed. Please call 269/375-1571. The Pantry hours of operation are M-W-F from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.