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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday, Thursday: 8:30am

Wednesday: 10:30am

Weekend Mass:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

PARISHIONER MEMBERSHIP

New members are always welcome to our Parish. Parishioner status is maintained by registration in the parish, active participation in weekend liturgies and full participation in the parish stewardship program. All family members 18 years and older should be individually registered with the parish. Parish membership and participation is required of those desiring the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Matrimony.

**A leper came to him
and kneeling down
begged him and
said, "If you wish,
you can make
me clean."**

**Moved with pity, he
stretched out his
hand, touched him,
and said to him,
"I do will it.
Be made clean."**

Mark 1:40-41

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 pm or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parish registration of six months is required. Preparation session required.

Contact the parish office for details.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the parish office a minimum of six months prior to the preferred wedding date. Marriage preparation sessions are required.

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Masses for the Week

Sat, Feb 13 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Doris Aman
Sun, Feb 14 9:00 am 11:00 am	6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Family June Kubiak
Mon, Feb 15	WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Tues, Feb 16 8:30 am	WEEKDAY Cheryl Bartosiewicz
Wed, Feb 17 10:30 am 7:00 pm	ASH WEDNESDAY World Peace People of the Parish
Thurs, Feb 18	LENTEN WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Fri, Feb 19	LENTEN WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Sat, Feb 20 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 1st Sunday of Lent John Kandra; Ben Yob
Sun, Feb 21 9:00 am 11:00 am	1st Sunday of Lent Parish Family Special intention for Joe McClorey



SACRED SCRIPTURE

Readings for the Week of February 14, 2021	
Sunday	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45
Monday	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 2021; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	1st Sunday of Lent Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



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BY GEORGE....

With the arrival of Ash Wednesday this week our season of Lent begins. This year we will have to make some adaptations to our public prayer or devotions, such as how do we pray the Stations of the Cross when we can't have the station books available for people to pick up on the way into the church, or how do we read the Passion together on Palm Sunday when we don't have the brown books in the pews with the text to follow. However this year it should be better than last year when churches were closed after the first weekend of Lent and didn't reopen until Pentecost Sunday. So as long as you can be flexible we will figure out ways to make things functional.

On an individual note remember that Lent is like a spiritual spring training. Just like the Tigers go to Florida to relearn skills that they are already supposed to have mastered, so we do the same spiritually during Lent. Our disciplines are prayer, fasting, and alms-giving. It isn't that we don't know how to practice these disciplines but that rather during the year we get lazy or distracted and we don't practice these disciplines. Hence, we unlearn all of those good habits that are supposed to be based on those values of Christ of loving our God with our whole heart, soul, and mind, and of loving our neighbor as ourselves. During Lent we go back to the basics and relearn them because if we don't get the basics correct then we will not get anything else correct in our lives. It would be like building our houses on mud instead of on rock.

We need to remember that Lent is not a time for us to punish ourselves. God takes no pleasure in our misery. Instead the season of Lent is the time for us to let ourselves be retaught. So the goal of Lent is not to make ourselves and those around us miserable because we are "punishing" ourselves by giving up something like food or coffee or television or our phones, etc., but rather the time for us to learn for the first time or to relearn how to use those good things in ways that are good for us and not harmful to us. Food can be a blessing or a curse depending how we use it. Coffee can be a blessing or a curse depending how we use it. Television can be a blessing or a curse depending how we use it. A smart phone can be a blessing or a curse depending how we use it. There is nothing in and of itself that is good or bad -- rather how we use it determines if it is something good or bad for us, a blessing or a curse. Lent is the time when we go back and put the things of our lives into their proper places such that they are serving us and we are not serving them. For instance, if your phone is your god and controls your life turn it off for an hour and learn that the world will not come to an end if you don't have the phone buzzing at you constantly. Lent is a time for us to get our priorities back in the right order if they have become misordered in our lives.

Another misuse of the season of Lent is someone who gives up something during Lent as a sacrifice only to return to that something as soon as Lent comes to an end. If it is something that has become out of proportion in our life such that we say eliminating it would be a good thing for us then why when the season of Lent comes to an end would we go back to that something that we have concluded is bad for us such that it is good to give it up during Lent? How have we grown spiritually by returning to that which we have determined to be a fault of ours? If I cut out junk food during Lent as I have determined it to be unhealthy for me why would I return to that unhealthy behavior once Lent has ended? Our Lenten penances should be positive things we do or negative things we avoid to help ourselves grow closer to God and to one another. The question to ask is what do I need to add to my life or to eliminate from my life or to increase or decrease in my life in order to help myself grow in holiness. Then the season of Lent will become a productive time for us on our road to imitating Christ.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In His suffering and death, Jesus reveals to us the truth about God and ourselves. Join us as we pray reflecting on the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00pm during Lent.



PETER'S FIRST EASTER

Join us on Thursday, March 18th, 6:30-7:45pm as we gather in the Church for an emotional story that shows a wonder of God's forgiveness through Peter's earthly relationship with Jesus. "Peter's First Easter" story brings the true meaning of the Lord's Crucifixion and Resurrection in a way that will remain in your heart forever. This presentation is suggested for adults and children seven years and older.



OPERATION RICE BOWL

This is one of our parish outreach activities. Operation Rice Bowl the largest charitable Lenten project in the world. The funds donated reach around the globe as a demonstration of our Christian love. Please remember the ministry of Operation Rice Bowl in your prayers and in your generosity. Rice Bowls are available in the Church narthex. Please return them to Church during the Easter Triduum or the Sunday following Easter Sunday.



LENTEN BLACK BOOKS

The *Little Black Book*, which includes six-minute reflections on the weekly Gospels of Lent, will be available in the Church Narthex. Think of it as your companion for Lent. The goal is for you to find six minutes of quiet time everyday to walk through this book one page at a time.



BLESSING THE FOOD BASKETS

Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. This blessing will take place on Holy Saturday, April 3rd, at noon in the Church.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

February 17th
10:30am and 7:00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent—7:00pm

****NO Stations on Good Friday****

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after the Stations

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each Tuesday
9:15am-3:00pm

PETER'S FIRST EASTER

Thursday, March 18th
6:30pm, Church

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Weekend of March 27th & 28th
Regular weekend Mass times

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 1st
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 2nd
Good Friday Liturgy
(Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion)

Holy Saturday, April 3rd
Blessing of the Food Baskets at noon in the Church
Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 4th
Masses at 9:00 and 11:00am

****Please note that there will be no Mass Saturday, April 3rd at 4:30pm.****

Lenten Fasting Regulations

FASTING is observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** by everyone 18 years of age and older, who has not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals—enough to maintain strength—may be taken, according to each one's needs. But together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but consuming liquids, including milk and juice, is allowed.

In addition, **ABSTINENCE** is observed on Ash Wednesday and **ALL Fridays of Lent** by everyone 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when one's health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to health or other serious reasons, other suitable forms of self-denial are encouraged.

The point of fasting and abstinence is to remind us of our humility before God as we undergo conversion in His love.

TIPS FOR MAKING THE SEASON MORE MEANINGFUL

Attend daily Mass as often as possible. Check our Mass Schedule in the bulletin for times that might work for you.

Attend our Stations of the Cross on Friday's during Lent.

Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary:

- The Agony of Jesus in the Garden
- The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar
- The Crowning with Thorns
- The Carrying of the Cross
- The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

Read scripture for a few minutes every day.

Keep a Lenten journal with your spiritual insights, special intentions, people you want to pray for, hurts and disappointments that you want to offer up, and progress on your Lenten resolutions.

Slow Down - Set aside 10 minutes a day for silent prayer or meditation. It will revitalize your body and your spirit.

Read a good book - You could choose the life of a saint, a spiritual how-to, or an inspirational book.

Be kind - Go out of your way to do something nice for someone else every day.

Give alms - Share with the poor some of the financial gifts God has given you.

Reach out - Invite an inactive Catholic to come with you to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Pray - Especially for people you don't like and for people who don't like you.

Tune out - Turn off the television or your phone and spend quality time talking with family members or friends.

Clean out closets - Donate gently used items.

~THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH~

Tues Feb 16: 9:15am-3pm Eucharistic Adoration, Church
 Fri Feb 19: 7:00pm Stations of the Cross, Church

2ND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Join us in congratulating the following students for making the Honor Roll at their school! We are so proud of the hard work you do to achieve this goal. If you know of any students we may have missed or students from other schools, please let us know and we would be happy to celebrate their honor.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Austin Baxter - 9th grade
 Emma Picarazzi - 9th grade
 Stephanie Wojciakowski - 9th grade
 Morgan Armock - 10th grade
 Zachary Baxter - 11th grade
 Aiden McGavin - 11th grade

WEST CATHOLIC

Owen Ellis - 10th grade
 Olivia Goode - 10th grade
 Margaret Needham - 10th grade
 Francis Corona - 12th grade
 Abigail Nawrocki - 12th grade
 Isabella Spicer - 12th grade

CASINO CLUB FISH FRY

~Fridays - February thru April 2nd
 ~Drive up or To Go only
 ~Lunch 11:30am-1pm
 Dinner 5:30-7pm
 ~Fish, Fries, Cole Slaw, Bread
 ~Cost is \$10



WEST CATHOLIC FISH FRY

**Fridays: Feb 19 thru March 26;
 4:30-7pm**
 West Catholic High School - 1801
 Bristol Ave NW, Grand Rapids
Drive-thru only this year! On the
 menu is fried lake perch, fried wall-
 eye and breaded shrimp – all served
 with homemade coleslaw and your
 choice of french fries or baked potato.
 New this year, we are also offer-
 ing cheese pizza from Uccello's and
 homemade onion rings.
Adults \$11 (Seniors 60+ get \$1 off)
 Pizza and fries \$5, Onion rings \$5

STEWARDSHIP - Week of February 6 & 7

<u>Week 32/52</u>	
Adult Envelopes (89)	\$9,366.00
Automatic Envelopes (67 used)	5,088.80
Youth	9.50
Loose Stewardship	192.00
Total Stewardship this week	\$14,655.50
YTD	\$419,251.73
Budget YTD	\$421,538.46
Last YTD	\$449,580.47
5% Tithe this week	\$732.78
YTD Tithe	\$20,962.59

~In Our Thoughts & Prayers~
 Homebound Parishioner of the Week

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Christopher Rogers, recovering from time in the hospital. Cards may be sent to 2700 Foster Ave NE, 49505. Let Chris know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of him.



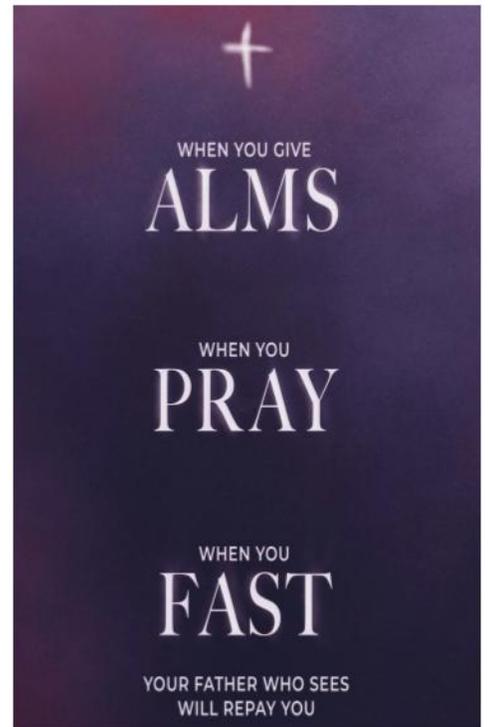
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**ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL
 CAN/BOTTLE DRIVE**

Thank you to all the ASA and parish families who donated their empty cans and bottles in our November Can Drive. We were able to bring in over \$1,900 to assist in showing our ASA Staff our great appreciation for all they do for our students and families. Be on the lookout for another drive, potentially in April. Save those cans and bottles!

MID-WINTER BREAK FEB 15-16

There is no school for grades Pre-8 on February 15-16 for Mid-Winter break. Child care will be open. The elementary office will be open 9am-2pm, and the middle school office will be closed.



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