

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mon Feb 20 No Mass
Tue Feb 21 No Mass

ASH WEDNESDAY

Feb 22 8:00 AM Word Service w/
Distribution of Ashes
7:00 PM Mass w/ Distribution of
Ashes
Thur Feb 23 8:00 AM +Frank & Flo Haupt
Fri Feb 24 8:00 AM +Al Gross

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat Feb 25 5:00 PM +Bob Neubecker &
Walter Rau
Sun Feb 26 8:30 AM +Kay Faber
10:30 AM +Margaret Millard

LITURGICAL MINISTERS**Weekend of February 25 & 26****Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Wednesday 7:00 PM Cindy Greiner (B), Mary Boge (B)
Bob Grinzinger (B), Jan Gross (C)
Connie Lynch (C*), Barb Schafer (C*)
Kathleen Schafer (C), Andrea Wood (C)

Saturday 5:00 PM Karen Rau (B), Liv Rau (B)
Kathleen Schafer (B)
Logan Schafer (C)

Sandra Boge (C*), Laura Fox (C*)
Micki Larson (C), Barb Rau (C)
Sunday 8:30 AM Marjie Evans (B), Carol Matthews (B)
Dave Schafer (B)

Dianne Schumacher (C)
Mary Boge (C*), Bruce Cotter (C*)
Judy Curtis (C), Jeff Weber (C)
Abe Pasch (B), Bill Vogel (B)
Dave Zeien (B), Cindy Greiner (C)
Krista Gross (C*), Esther Haupt (C*)
Deb McDonald (C), Jill McMullen (C)

Lectors

Wednesday 8:00 AM Connie Lynch
Wednesday 7:00 PM Dan Grisdale
Saturday 5:00 PM Richard Moreau
Sunday 8:30 AM Jack Rau
Sunday 10:30 AM Brenda Rau

Cantors

Saturday 5:00 PM Brogan Sprague
Sunday 8:30 AM Carol Schafer
Sunday 10:30 AM Mike Steffke

Ushers/Greeters

Saturday 5:00 PM Bob Grinzinger, Larry Mead
Dan Rau, Robb Wentworth
Steve Baumann, Ken Block
Don Schafer, Mark Steffke
Sunday 8:30 AM Joe Faber, Jim Greiner
Bill Keelean, Mark Rau
Sunday 10:30 AM

Altar Servers

Weekdays (February 20 – February 24) Mitchell Fussman
Adam Pung, Kollin Sharrar
Saturday (February 18 – 5:00 PM) Krista Faber
Mitchell Fussman, Kollin Sharrar
Sunday (February 19 – 8:30 AM) Courtney Cotter
Adam Pung, Rachael Pung
Sunday (February 19 – 10:30 AM) Jake Horsley
Max Horsley, Nate Horsely



Lord, heal my soul, for I have
sinned against you.

Mon Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
Tue (St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor)
Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
Wed Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20, 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs (St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr)
Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Fri Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Sat Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sun Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

~ Stewardship in Action ~

Envelopes (193) 6,029.00
On-line Giving (37) 1,952.00
Visitors 266.00

Total 8,247.00

Avg. Contribution per envelope used 34.70
Avg. Contribution per envelope (522) 15.29

Capital Campaign Contributions (Phase II) 1,172.00

Church Building Project Loan Balance: Our original loan for the Building Project was \$1,250,000.00. After a re-amortization to reflect a reduced interest rate of 1%, we continue to make the same monthly loan payment of \$5,861.60. This allows us to apply an additional \$1,729.50 to the principal of our loan each month. After the February payment our balance is down to \$410,757.52.

The Week Ahead

Sunday **Scrapbooking** in the church basement from noon – 6:00 PM.

Monday **Confirmation** class from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in school.

Tuesday **Finance Council** meeting at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

Saturday **Confirmation** practice in church at 9:00 AM.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Sun 10:30 AM Krista Gross, Nicole Gross
Grace Schafer

Sunday School

Sun 10:30 AM Logan Schafer, Ashley Finnerty
Thomas Fussman

SACRAMENTS/FAITH FORMATION

***Confirmation Class:** Class for children is this Monday, February 20, from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in school.

Practice for Confirmation will be held this Saturday, February 25, at **9:00 AM**. At least one parent and sponsor (if available) should plan to attend.

***Elementary Faith Formation:** No class this Wednesday. Children should attend one of the Ash Wednesday services with their family.

SCHOOL NEWS

No school this Monday, February 20, in honor of President's Day.

Students will be attending the **Ash Wednesday Service** on February 22, at 8:00 AM.

Our annual **Book Fair** begins next weekend, February 25 & 26. Everyone is invited to the basement after all Masses to shop for some excellent books for home or school!

Festival of Winds band concert is Sunday, February 27, at Beal City Public School. Our sixth graders will be performing at 4:00 PM.

Students are participating in a **Class Competition** for the collection of *Box Tops for Education* and *Labels for Education* until Friday, February 24. Start clipping to help your favorite class win. Be sure to designate the grade you want to support when sending box tops and labels to school. The class with the most box tops/labels submitted will win a choice of a pizza party, movie party or color day with treats.

St. Joseph the Worker School is now accepting Kindergarten through Sixth Grade enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year. Registration forms and fees are due March 19. Please contact the school office (644-3970) for more information.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL AUCTION

The St. Joseph School Auction will be held on Friday, April 20. Please return all donation slips by Friday, March 2. Slips can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the school office.

SOUP AND STATIONS

Donations of bread, burger, desserts and potatoes are needed for the Soup Suppers during Lent. Soup will be served from 5:30 – 6:30 PM in the church basement with Stations at 7:00 PM. Soup and Stations will begin on Thursday, March 1. If you can help in any way, please call Carol Matthews at 644-3518.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for Frank Sklodowski whose funeral was Friday, February 17.



“Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, “Your sins are forgiven,” or to say, “Rise, pick up your mat and walk?”
(Mark 2:1-12)

In simple linguistic terms it is easier to say ‘Your sins are forgiven’ than to say ‘Rise, pick up your mat and walk.’ But Jesus was not concerned with linguistics; he was striking at the heart of the spiritual integrity of every person. *Are we able to say I forgive those we feel have sinned against us? Are we able to say I forgive you to those who have hurt us? Attachment to people and things can be good, but they become harmful when we cannot let go. We become co-dependent or obsessive. One very harmful attachment is resentment or bitterness about the person we just love to hate. Such an attachment is harmful to the other person, to ourselves and to our relationship with God. I love you are not the three hardest words to say; I forgive you are much harder. Only a priest can give the assurance of God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. But we can say I forgive you to people we believe have harmed us and assure them of our personal belief that God forgives them.*

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will offer a **Lenten Retreat Day** for all women of the diocese at the Center for Ministry on Saturday, March 3. The day’s activities start at 10:00 AM (registration begins at 9:30 AM) and will end at approximately 3:30 PM. The retreat leader will be Fr. Craig Albrecht with a theme of “A Future Full of Hope: Praying, Planning & Promise.” The cost for the day is \$20 and includes lunch. This silent retreat will include spiritual talks, meditation time, confession, Mass and Stations of the Cross. Please RSVP to Rita Maher (989-635-7072) or Betty LaFave-Ross (989-792-6090) by February 29. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone that cannot attend a full weekend retreat to focus on their spiritual enrichment during Lent.

Prayer for Lent

God of Mercy,

You have given us this special time to reflect on our lives, believe in the Good News and draw closer to you.

May this season of Lent help us to use this time to fast and pray, be more generous and show others how to live in Christ.

Let us see each day of this season as a new opportunity to renew our lives and gain a deeper appreciation of Your active presence in us and our community of faith.

Give us the grace to see Your face in others, especially the poor and those who suffer. And through your Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of Your love so that we may be better stewards of Your redeeming work throughout the world.

We ask this through Jesus, Your Son.

Amen