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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Evening:** 4:30 PM  
**Sunday:** 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:00 AM  
**Daily:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 AM  
Wednesday 7:00 PM

## **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**First Friday:** 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday:** 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM  
**Wednesday:** 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM or by appointment

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

For registered and practicing parishioners (weekly attendance at Mass) by arrangement with Father Chester. Preparation classes are held 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month. Please call to register.

## **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Engaged parishioners are requested to make arrangements with Father Chester at least one year in advance.

## **CARE OF THE SICK**

Please notify the Parish Office for a visit for a homebound or ill individual. Call for a prayer intention to be included in the bulletin and/or weekly intentions. Please notify us when someone is hospitalized.

## **PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION**

Every family should be registered properly. Registration is necessary to qualify for the Religious Education Program and the reception of the Sacraments.

Certificates of eligibility for sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation will be given only to active (weekly Mass attendance) registered parishioners.

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208-0472

### Social Concerns

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735-8759

### Stewardship

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713-1997

### Ushers

Rich Kopf  
797-4607

### Veterans Military Apostolate

Parish Office  
735-4024

### Website

Ed Schilke  
713-4914

### Wedding Coordinator

Ellen McCarthy  
735-2028

### Welcome

Carol Rocha  
996-7612

## Weekly Schedule

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH** — **KNIGHTS CAN A DAY COLLECTION**

4:30 PM MASS

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST** — **KNIGHTS CAN A DAY COLLECTION**

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND**

8:00 AM MASS

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD**

8:00 AM MASS

**7 PM KNIGHTS SOCIAL MTG. & DEVOTION**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH**

7:00 PM MASS

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH**

8:00 AM MASS

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH**

8:00 AM MASS

**7:00 PM WAY OF THE CROSS**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH** — **KNIGHTS CAN A DAY COLLECTION**

4:30 PM MASS

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH** — **KNIGHTS CAN A DAY COLLECTION**

8:00 AM MASS

**9:30 AM MASS — FAMILY MASS**

11:00 AM MASS

**6:30 PM—8:00 PM CONFIRMATION CLASS UNDERCROFT**

### Readings for the week of February 21, 2021

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15  
Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48  
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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**Observances for the week of February 21, 2021**

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent  
Monday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle  
Tuesday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr  
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent  
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***St. Catherine's Family Mass***

Calling **ALL** St. Catherine's Families...

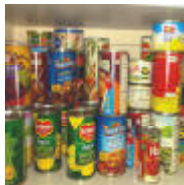
Family Mass will be resuming. Unfortunately, because of COVID, our youngsters will not be able to altar serve, bring up the gifts, usher, read, or play music, but it will be a time to come together as a family and pray.



Join us February 28th at 9:30 AM to show our family strength in support of our faith.

***One Can of Food  
Can Make a Difference***

During Lent, the Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual 40 Cans of Lent program. The goal is for each family to put aside one can of non-perishable food everyday of Lent and bring in the 7 cans to Mass each weekend (February 20th-March 28th).



The Knights will collect and transport your donations to local food pantries within our diocese. **The collection bins will be placed in the kitchen area of the Church.** Food contributions from

our parishioners have totaled 14,344 pounds. That's over 7 tons of food for the needy! We thank you for your past participation and we hope you will continue to help our less fortunate neighbors. Thank you!

***St. Catherine's Stations of The Cross***

***Lenten Friday Evening at 7 PM***

***Please join us each week as these ministries leads us through  
The Way of the Cross***

**February 19th**

The Knights of Columbus

**February 26th**

The Rosary Society

**March 5th**

Wayne Isbitski (Readers), Helen Nardone (Printed Materials), and Suzanne Quick (EM/ Stewardship)

**March 12th**

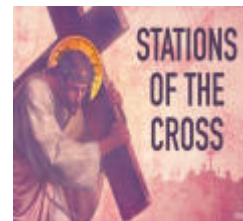
George Mehaffey (Readers), Rob Preston (Reader), Debbie Fass (Picnic/Stewardship), and Doreen Opeikun (Stewardship)

**March 19th**

Michael Piotrowski (Readers), Robin and Ed Potempa (Stewardship/Food Pantry), Joanne Hyland (EM), and Patricia Battipaglia (EM/ Food Pantry)

**March 26th**

Sandra Kopka (Social Concerns), Carey and Rich Kopf (Decorating, Stewardship and Ushers), and John-Joseph Bober (EM)



**Stations of the Cross will be recorded on St. Catherine's Facebook Page so you can virtually participate.**

**Follow along on your device either at the Church or at home using this link:**

**<http://stedna.org/worship/stationsofthecross/station01>**



# Knights of Columbus VALENTINE'S RAFFLE

## WINNERS ARE

- 1st Prize The Dziubek Family \$1,875.00
- 2nd Prize Pat Cerria \$1,120.00
- 3rd Prize The Ricketts Family \$ 750.00

Thank you to all who participated

## Winners of the World Marriage Day Celebration

*"To Have, to Hold, to Honor"*



4:30 PM  
Anthony & Jennifer  
Natalizio



8:00 AM  
David & Cathy Sousa



9:30 AM  
Kevin & Jane Muzyka



11:00 AM  
Stephen & Chrissy  
Kassebaum



## Stewardship



The collection for February 14th was \$2,597.00 (78 envelopes) for the general collection, and \$952.00 (34 envelopes) for the Diocesan Winter Collection.

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On-Line Giving for February 14th was \$3,121.79 (128 donors)





## Mass Intentions

### Saturday: February 20, 2021

4:30 PM Father Chester Zalubski  
r/o Margaret Rocca

### Sunday: February 21, 2021

8:00 AM Mary Beth Masino  
r/o The Bakos Family

9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine

11:00 AM Edmund Novak  
r/o The Massimo Family

### Monday: February 22, 2021

8:00 AM Joseph Polaski  
r/o Larry & Bernie Remaly

### Tuesday: February 23, 2021

8:00 AM Sabina & Sebastian Donaruma  
r/o Eastmond Family

### Wednesday: February 24, 2021

7:00 PM Victoria & Anthony Natalizio  
r/o Anthony & Jennifer  
Natalizio

### Thursday: February 25, 2021

8:00 AM Adeline & Earl Morgan  
r/o The Morgan Family

### Friday: February 26, 2021

8:00 AM Maria Ramian  
r/o Marta Parry

### Saturday: February 27, 2021

4:30 PM Marcella & Raymond Doherty  
r/o Stephanie & Michael  
Pierce

### Sunday: February 28, 2021

8:00 AM Margaret Gythfeldt  
r/o The Bakos Family

9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine

11:00 AM Catherine Raymonds  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### *First Sunday of Lent*

On Ash Wednesday we started the Season of Lent with the imposition of ashes on our heads. It is meant to remind us of our identity and relationship with God. First, it means we belong to God. We are his children. Second, as his children, we have the responsibility to make Jesus' presence felt and experienced in this world. Third, given the identity and relationship that we have with God, as His children, we are constantly called to holiness of life.

Thus, these 40 days of Lent are an opportunity given to us for turning back to God, for conversion. Through the help of the traditional Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, hopefully, we will come to acknowledge the ways we have turned away from God in our lives and we will focus on turning our hearts and minds back toward Him.

This Lent, may I suggest the following:

**Prayer** is the foundation of our spiritual life. Without prayer, no spiritual growth is possible. Prayer is simply talking to God and then quieting ourselves to listen for His response. Lent calls us in a practical way to carve out moments for prayer, to join the community in worship and to enter into the silence where God speaks to our hearts. I invite families to worship and pray together especially by attending Sunday Eucharist.

**Fasting** is the act of giving up something in order to develop spiritual discipline. One main meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Meatless Fridays, no sweets or chocolates: such are traditional fasting practices. But, fasting goes beyond just food and drink. Consider, instead, taking the time to pray words from the Scripture.

**Almsgiving** is the culmination of the Lenten disciplines, for through it we open ourselves up to God's grace. Just as fasting is about "giving up," almsgiving is about "giving to." Whereas fasting is about saying no to ourselves, almsgiving is about saying yes to others. Through almsgiving, we conquer the temptation to seek real happiness in our possessions. Almsgiving most directly applies to giving financial and other material support to those in need, but it can also apply to spiritual needs. For instance, what if for each of the next six weeks, you chose a family member, coworker, or even a stranger and went out of your way to show some act of kindness. It can be as simple as helping with chores, or being mindful to saying thank you!

These 40 days of Lent will be filled with struggles and temptation, yet through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we anticipate the rich fruit of God's blessing blossoming in our lives. May this Lent truly be a springtime of grace!

Fr. Chester

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