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Lenten Newsletter 2019

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Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:00AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday, 12:00-1:00 PM

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Thursday, 9:00AM - Friday, 9:00AM

Extended to Sat. 9 AM on first Saturday,
and until 7 PM Friday in Lent

Mass at Chelsea Community Hospital
Wednesday, 4:00PM

BAPTISMS: 2nd Sunday of the month by
appointment

MARRIAGE: arrangements to be made nine
months in advance, please call the office
before setting the date.

Franciscan Sisters 475-9005

From Your Canon:

Another Lent already? That means the Fish Fry, meatless Fridays, doing acts of Penance, and giving alms to the poor! What can you do to show the necessary turn back to God that we attempt in the season of Lent?

Ash Wednesday is March 6 with Masses at 8 AM and 7 PM. **Tuesdays of Lent** we have changed the Mass time to 7 PM to give you an opportunity for an additional Mass during Lent. **Eucharistic Exposition is extended** from Thursday morning at 9:30 AM to Friday evening until Stations of the Cross at 7 PM. **The Second collections during Lent** this year are directed towards the Ann Arbor Habitat for Humanity project for a Catholic home. Any excess goes towards the Charity and Justice Committee account and to the Holy Land charities. Take note of the **Holy Week and Easter Schedules** found on the back page.

Candidates to be received into the Church are preparing and need our prayers. Deacon Mike is also preparing those from his mission to Flint.

The annual Fish Fry, sponsored by our Knights of Columbus and with the assistance of many others, begins on Friday March 8 through Friday April 12. We are always in need of volunteers on a one time or weekly basis. Please call us if you can assist.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. We should take this very seriously and continue to develop our Catholic culture surrounding these customs.

The parish is preparing a trip to the Holy Land for June of 2020. It is not too early to consider such a pilgrimage and I would appreciate you calling the office if you are interested, so we can begin a list.

On Saturday, March 30 I will be celebrating my **40th Anniversary as a priest**. I will preside at the usual Mass on Saturday at 4:30 followed by a Dinner in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited, but we need to know you are coming so there will be enough food. **I do not wish any gifts**, but if you would like to make a **donation to the Christians of the Holy Land**, I will be delighted to take your offerings there when I go for my annual visit in June. Please make out any checks under my name and marked "for the Holy Land."

May the Lord continue to bless us in this sacred season.

May our Lenten penance reflect our conversion to the way of God

 <p>Fast</p>	 <p>Give</p>	<p>Return to Me with all your Heart This is what Lent is all about. The spiritual exercises of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are meant to turn us to God and to our neighbor. "Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love," (Joel 2:12,13) Prayer: "For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God." (St. Teresa of Avila) Fasting: "Go without food for several hours and you quickly realize how truly weak, fragile, and dependent we are. This knowledge of self strips away arrogance and fosters a loving acknowledgment of our utter dependence on God." (Matthew Kelly) Fasting should lead us to Almsgiving: "If you want God to hear your prayers, hear the voice of the poor. If you wish God to anticipate your wants, provide those of the needy without waiting for them to ask you." (St. Thomas of Villanova) May God bless our Lenten journeys.</p>
 <p>Prepare</p>	 <p>Pray</p>	

This Lent let's improve our aim. "Sin" means to miss the mark. What we are aiming for as Christians is to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. God gives us a powerful gift to improve our aim. Confession is a time to examine our lives. We can look and see where we are being loving and where we are failing. Come to confession during Lent – either Saturdays at noon or at the Lenten Penance Services held on: Monday, April 1st at St. Andrew in Saline, Tuesday, April 2nd at St. Joseph in Dexter, Wednesday, April 3rd here at St. Mary in Chelsea and Thursday, April 4th at St. Mary in Manchester. All of them are at 7 pm. "The Prodigal Son illustrates the full picture of conversion and repentance. God is always running toward us with a heart full of mercy, which enables our conversion and makes confession a joy. That is what the gift of this sacrament means. Real conversion is a grace from God. It is God who pulls our hearts away from sin and draws us longingly to him. " (OSV pamphlet, How to Make a Good Confession.) Our sins can weigh us down with discouragement. St. Ignatius of Loyola tells us that discouragement is never from God because it clouds faith and hope. God's love does not deal in punishment as human vengeance does. God's love disciplines us in order to free and purify us – sometimes a painful process – so that we may not die but live in Christ. (Magnificat January 2019)



Youth Group & Young Adults

Mission Trip is filling up quick! July 28 to August 3, 2019 in Appleton, WI. Cost is \$250 and we are taking \$50 deposits to reserve your spot. ~ In Christ, right there with you! Mary Lou

Your Best Lent: Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries and trust in God
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

Attributed to Pope Francis

Annual Women's Retreat - March 29-31, 2019 St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, "From Chaos to Order: A Scriptural Guide" Join us to gain new scriptural insights on ways to bring order into your own life and community. The suggested donation for the weekend is \$175 - retreat begins with check in at 6pm on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. Women of all ages are welcome! Register with St. Francis at 517-669-8321; registration is also available online at www.stfrancis.ws. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to set aside time for this encounter opportunity!

With the recent bad weather and unexpected cancellation of daily Masses, we have decided going forward, if Chelsea School District cancels school due to weather or road conditions, daily Mass will also be cancelled. Our concern for your safety is the reason for the change in policy. Thank you for understanding. Check your local news station for school closings.



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Parish Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th, 9am until noon, rain date is the following Saturday, May 4th. Lunch will be provided for those helping. Bring a rake and wheelbarrow if possible. We appreciate all the help!



Stations of the Cross

Dear Lord, as I accompany you on this Way of the Cross, deepen my love for you and my faith in your love for me. Let not my devotion be empty or lukewarm but heartfelt and spirit-filled, so as to make me each day more nearly what you would have me be. Lead me, Lord, and guide me, lest I lose my way, for without you I will surely be lost. Amen. (Monsignor Charles Fink) During Lent we pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7pm. You may also come in and walk the Stations individually or as a family Monday through Friday between 9:30am and 5pm. Booklets will be available in the office.



Have you ever been a Confirmation Mentor or Sponsor? Part of that responsibility is to continue to help your Confirmand remain active in his or her faith. Have you checked in with them lately to find out how they are fulfilling their Confirmation promise as fully initiated Catholics? In an era where our faith is crucial to our character, please help them build those positive character qualities.

Knights of Columbus St. Louis Guanella Council #3092 2019 Spring Newsletter



A very blessed 2019 to you and your family. Our spring is busy as all seasons are in service to our parish and our council. We have seen a successful March for Life in Washington D.C. on January 18th with our Vice President Mike Pence and his wife addressing the hundreds of thousands at the March and on EWTN. Our President Donald Trump addressed the March from the White House as he had in 2018. It should be noted that the Knights of Columbus sponsored many of the March events as well as the coverage by EWTN.

We, support our Catholic youth and their attendance at the Right to Life March as our youth have always showed respect for all in Washington D. C. If we do not support our youth, especially our Catholic youth, who will.

Graduation of our high school youths is rapidly approaching. K of C Council #3092 has since the early 1980's supported our K of C high school youths with the availability of scholarships. Four in total of \$500.00 each. Eligibility is: a member of Council #3092 on January 01, 2019. A graduating senior entering the freshman year in college, technical school, seminary, convent, where a minimum of two years attendance to obtain a degree, diploma or certificate of completion. Contact Grand Knight Kenneth Klovski, kenklovski@yahoo.com for an application. Applications are to be submitted to Kenneth Klovski, GK or at the St. Mary parish office by May 2nd.

Our brother knights continue to support our seminarians, especially at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, with the Michigan Knights of Columbus Endowed Scholarship Fund. Anyone can donate to the SHMS with a check written to: Michigan Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. (501(c)(3) and in the MEMO Line: 'SHMS Endowed Scholarship'.

The annual St. Mary/K of C Fish Fry opens on Friday March 8, 2019. The council is hosting an opportunity for you all and your business to advertise on the placemats used at the six Fish Fry's, Baccalaureate Breakfast, other dinners and St. Mary events. Over 7000 placemats will be printed. The cost of a business card advertisement is \$250.00. Email Kenneth Klovski, Grand Knight kenklovski@yahoo.com.

Our Knights of Columbus holds our election of council officers at the June meeting each year. While experience in the Order can be obtained as an officer, it is in the good health of any organization to open to new leadership for the good of the organization. Call is self-engaged term limits with prayer from past leaders to maintain stability. Contact Ken Klovski for a list of duties for each of the council offices.

All Catholic men 18 yrs. and older are invited to join the world's largest Catholic Men's Fraternal Family Organization, the Knights of Columbus. Contact Kenneth Klovski, Grand Knight kenklovski@yahoo.com. It is time into Spring in Action for the Catholic Church. God bless.

It's that time of year again! The Chelsea Knights of Columbus (Council 3092) begins their 38th annual fish dinner extravaganza Friday the 8th of March and then every Friday through April 12th. The doors open at 5pm and close at 8pm. The all you can eat dinners feature baked and/or fried Atlantic cod, macaroni and cheese, grilled cheese sandwiches, the soup of the day, potatoes, and a glass of milk, or a cup of coffee or tea. Our friendly volunteer community members will serve these delicacies at your table. The salad bar will also be available for your enjoyment. Dinner prices are: \$11 for adults, 12 & older; \$6 for children, 11 & under; free for those 5 & under. \$10 for Senior citizens, 62 & over. Carryout dinners are available for \$10 and are served at the independent carryout line. Reserved parking for carryout patrons is available. As in the past, the Knights of Columbus request our Parish's members to donate desserts, home baked or purchased. The desserts are sold to partially fund scholarships awarded to our council's graduating high school Seniors. The desserts may be dropped off in the Parish Hall on fish dinner Fridays. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed to work fish dinner Fridays; in the kitchen preparing or serving food, preparing and selling the desserts to our guests, and serving our guests at their tables. The after event clean up duty begins at 8pm and volunteers for this important task are needed, welcomed and appreciated. Volunteers are rewarded with our gratitude and a meal. If you have a desire and the time to donate at any- or all- of our fish dinner Fridays (you do not need to be a K of C member), please contact Jenny Haroney at 734-475-8164 or Vince Elie at 734-417-7054 or veliemd@sbcglobal.net or Al Letizio at 734-475-6484 or letizio@att.net.



"Every life counts: from the beginning to the end, from conception to natural death." Pope Francis

You are invited to participate in the upcoming 40 Days for Life campaign that starts at the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 6 and ends on Sunday, April 14. Please join us in praying to end abortion. You may pray in your own home or at Planned Parenthood, 3100 Professional Dr., Ann Arbor. The prayer vigil is during all 40 days at Planned Parenthood from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. You can sign up for one hour increments by going to 40daysfor-life.com/annarbor or you can contact Eileen Augustine at eilenaugustine@gmail.com for details or questions. More information will follow in the bulletin.

One of the Respect Life Commission’s goals is to educate and motivate parishioners into action by providing life affirming information, support and activities. With that said, we want to share some statistics regarding kids and pornography from an organization called Covenant Eyes. The statistics are startling and raise many questions. Hopefully by being better informed, we can help keep our children safe and innocent from inappropriate cultural influences. For more information you can go to www.covenanteyes.com. Also, remember to check out the Respect Life information area at the entrance to the Gathering Space.

Did you Know.....

THE AVERAGE AGE OF FIRST EXPOSURE TO INTERNET PORNOGRAPHY is 11 years old.

73% of kids are exposed to pornography before 18.

67% of kids admit to clearing their browser history to hide internet use from their parents.

42% of kids first view pornography before age 13.

25% of teens are unwillingly exposed to nudity online when they aren’t looking for it.

THE LARGEST CONSUMERS OF INTERNET PORNOGRAPHY are kids ages 12 to 17.

57% of girls and 83% of boys have seen group sex on the internet.

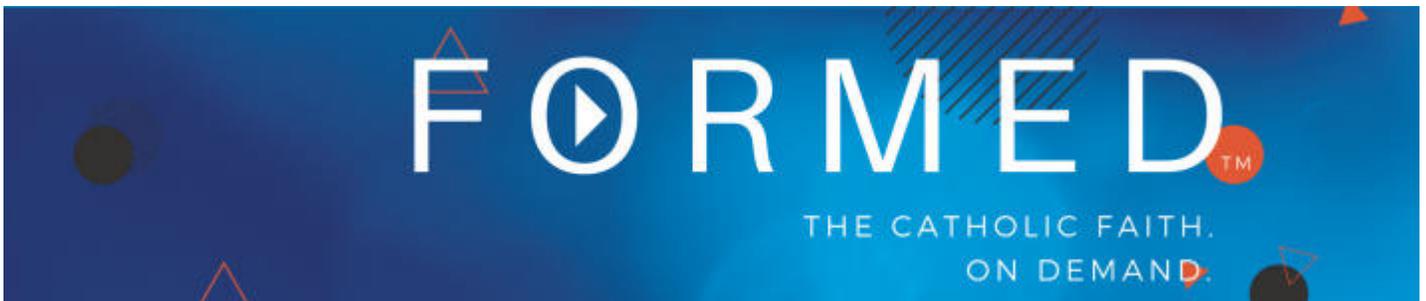
55% of girls and 69% of boys have seen porn showing same-sex intercourse.

9% of girls and 15% of boys have seen child pornography.

“Pornography is any image that leads a person to use another person for their own sexual pleasure. It is devoid of love, intimacy, relationship, or responsibility. It can be highly addictive.” – Dr. Peter C. Kleponis, Licensed clinical therapist, specializing in pornography addiction recovery.

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May you all have a blessed Lenten season and happy Easter!



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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 14-21, 2019

Palm Sunday – Masses as usual

Monday *Holy Week* – Confessions 7:00-9:00PM

Holy Thursday – 7:00PM Mass

(no 9:00AM Mass)

Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday – 12:30 Outdoor Stations

(weather permitting)

Service – 1:00PM

On Holy Saturday

12 Noon – *Blessing of Food*

8:00PM *Easter Vigil Mass*

Easter Sunday 8AM & 10 AM Masses

REGIONAL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

7:00 PM Each Night

St. Andrew, Saline – Monday, April 1

St. Joseph, Dexter – Tuesday, April 2

St. Mary, Chelsea – Wednesday, April 3

St. Mary, Manchester – Thursday, April 4

Lenten Last Chance Confessions: Monday, April 15
7pm-9pm at St. Mary, Chelsea



A Call To Reality Living Parish Mission: Kick start your Lent with Mike Patin who will invigorate your faith while helping you to improve your prayer life, relationships and your call to service. Mike will personally invite you at all the Masses on March 2 & 3. We will begin at 6:30pm on Sunday, Monday & Tuesday, March 3-5, 2019. Mike appeals to all age groups, from upper elementary to senior citizens. Make reservations for childcare over the age of 1.

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