



3700 Harvey Lake Rd, Highland MI 48356

February 7th - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wayne States Universally

Gather the Palm leaves from throughout your house and bring them to church. The time is upon us to burn them for Ashes on Ash Wednesday.

As it stands right now, Lent, Holy Week and Easter will move forward uninterrupted. In some cases, customary rituals will be adapted and modified so as to conform with Covid precautions. You experienced this last week with the Blessing of Throats in honor of St. Blaise. Distribution of Ashes, as outlined in last week's article, will be done differently this year. We will use the classrooms for Lenten Confessions. Allowing for privacy, they are large enough for you and the priest to meet safely. Unlike previous years, there will be no prayer service beforehand. Physically distanced, the line will begin in the Parish Hall, and if necessary, will work its way out into the narthex.

It is yet to be determined whether there will be an Easter Egg Hunt this year. Stay tuned. Once word is received from the organizers, we will be sure to pass it along.

On Palm Sunday Weekend, as you enter the church, the greeters will present you palm leaves. As is our tradition, the blessing of Palms will be in the Parish Hall. To allow for physical distancing, I envision the use of the narthex as well.

I have not received any official word regarding the washing of feet at the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday evening. I do not see how it can be done in a safe and dignified way. Even if the go ahead is given, I will not be doing it. Given the circumstances in which we find ourselves, I do not think you are any more comfortable with it than I am.

Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday will be somewhat different. The option of touching or kissing of the cross will not be available to us this year. Two other options, although not regularly used, remain: To pause briefly in front of the cross, or to bow reverently before it.

On another note, questions have risen wondering about the Kitchen project. Like most things in parish life, the project has come to a standstill and is on hold. Donations continue to trickle in. This is good. Thank you for your continued interest and support. The continuation of this project is important. It is a primary way through which we can provide outreach to the community. The inability to serve the public and to only offer in-house activities does not serve us or our future well. Although not highly encouraged in the Archdiocese at the moment, Pope Francis in his most recent book, *Let Us Dream*, makes it unmistakably clear that a culture of service is what church life should be about. Without the kitchen, we as a parish cannot effectively serve ourselves or the community. That said, for us, the kitchen project is non-optional. Although costly, it is something that is very much needed.

Additionally, recent reports indicates that we have reached 90% of our CSA goal. Thank you.

Take Care. Be Well,
Fr. Wayne



Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are a Catholic devotion that commemorates the Passion and death of Jesus Christ. Christian pilgrims who visited the Holy Land and the sites of Jesus' Passion originally prayed the Stations centuries ago. When the Franciscan order was given custody of the Holy Places in the Holy Land in the 1300's, praying the Stations grew in popularity and soon spread throughout Europe. Originally done only outdoors, the Stations were allowed inside churches in the mid-18th century.

The Stations consist of prayers and meditations on the final events that occurred as Christ made His way to His crucifixion. The devotion may be prayed by the faithful individually, making their way from one station to another, or by an officiating celebrant moving along the Stations accompanied by the congregation who make the responses.

This year, Church of the Holy Spirit will offer both individual and communal Stations of the Cross. You are welcome to pray *individually* any time the offices are open. Reading materials will be in the church.

We will gather *communally* to pray on Monday evenings at 6:15 and Friday mornings at 9:45, using the following booklets:

- ~ Friday 2/19 "Praying the Stations of the Cross for Seniors"
- ~ 2/22 and 2/26 "Praying the Stations of the Cross for Healing"
- ~ 3/1 and 3/5 "Stations of the Cross for Today's Disciples"
- ~ 3/8 and 3/12 "Praying the Stations of Mercy with Pope Francis"
- ~ 3/15 and 3/19 "Everyone's Way of the Cross"
- ~ 3/22 and 3/26 "Stations of Hope – Praying the Stations of the Cross for Today"

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Fr. John Howard Scholarships

Applications are now available online at:
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Scholarship applications must be turned into the main office by
4pm on April 22nd

Holy Spirit Church

Calendar at a Glance

Monday, February 8

Office Open 9am-3pm
11am-AA

Tuesday, February 9

Office Open 9am-3pm
10am-Women's Prayer Group

Wednesday, February 10

Office Open 9am-3pm
9am-Mass

Thursday, February 11

Office Open 9am-3pm
9am-Mass

Friday, February 12

9am-Mass

Saturday, February 13

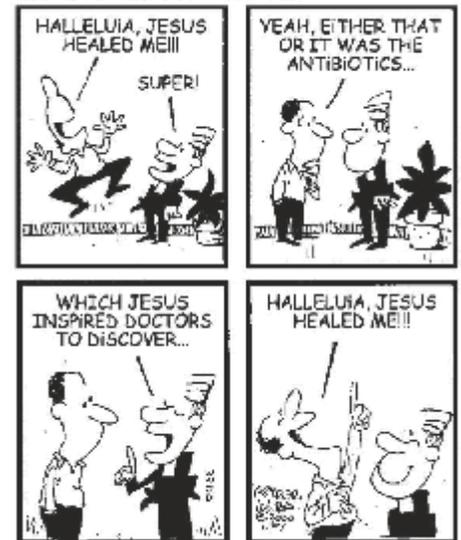
5pm-Mass

Sunday, February 14

9am-Mass
11am-Mass-Rite of Sending



5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

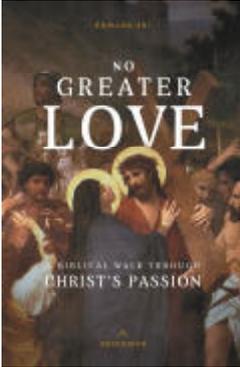


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Our Mission Statement: Led by the Holy Spirit, we accompany others to encounter Jesus, to give witness to Him, and to grow as missionary disciples.

Lenten Study

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mystery of Christ’s suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God’s immeasurable and unconditional love for you – grow closer to Jesus that you ever have before!

Church of the Holy Spirit will be offering this 5-week Adult Formation study during Lent. There will be several options available: Monday evenings 7-9pm, Tuesday afternoons 12-2pm, or Wednesday mornings 10am-12 pm. You can even do the study from the comfort of your own home! We will begin the week of February 22nd and conclude the week of March 22nd.

Student guides are \$24.95, and you can purchase your own at www.ascensionpress.com click on the “study programs” tab at the top of the page, then “Bible Studies” and finally “No Greater Love” to purchase your materials and gain access to the online videos. You can also call Jillian Peck – 248-887-1634, or email jillian@holyspirithighland to register and I’ll order your materials if you prefer.

HE TOLD THEM, “LET US GO ON TO THE NEARBY VILLAGES THAT I MAY PREACH THERE ALSO. FOR THIS PURPOSE HAVE I COME.” SO HE WENT INTO THEIR SYNAGOGUES, PREACHING AND DRIVING OUT DEMONS THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE OF GALILEE.

Mk 1:38-39

Please Prayerfully Consider Adoring in Our Chapel

We are looking to have the following hours immediately filled.

Sunday	3-4AM, 2-3PM
Monday	2-3AM, 3-4AM
Wednesday	2-3AM, 3-4AM, 4-5AM, 2-3PM
Thursday	5-6AM, 9-10PM
Friday	5-6AM
Saturday	5-6AM, 11AM-12PM, 12PM-1PM

COVID Cleaning Schedule

Weekdays 12PM-1PM closed for cleaning

We are always looking for substitute adorers. Please call, Jenna Konarzewski 248-891-1623 Or Autumn Woodcox 248-872-6607



Parish Target	\$73,817
Pledged	\$66,480
Amount Needed to Reach Goal.....	\$ 7,337

Thank you for your generous response.

Meditations for February 7
Job 7:1-4, 6-7

I shall not see happiness again. (Job 7:7)

It's hard not to be struck by the grimness of Job's words. We might want to give him a break and excuse him. After all, look at what happened to the poor man! He lost his children, his possessions and property, even his health. Anyone would be devastated. It's only natural to vent your frustrations to your friends as Job did.

But let's not gloss over Job's melodramatic words. They provide a glimpse into not only how he was feeling in the midst of his devastation but how he was working through it. He teaches us an important lesson when we're going through something difficult: keep the lines of communication with God open!

God willing, we will never experience the same string of losses that Job experienced. But sometimes even small trials can send us into a spiral of negativity. Feeling devastated when we are devastated is natural. And that's okay as long as it doesn't stop there.

So if you find yourself complaining about your circumstances or getting caught up in self-pity, try to follow Job's example. Vent to your friends if you must, but turn to God as well. Tell him your frustrations. Tell him about the injustice of your situation. Don't hide the way you feel. Ask him hard questions. That kind of honesty gives him something he can work with.

But then go further and listen for his answer. Eventually, Job heard from God. He didn't get an immediate explanation of why he lost everything. He did, over time, come to a deeper understanding of God's greatness. He didn't get a vindication of his own righteousness, but he did go from being someone who only knew about God to being someone who had seen him directly. That's what God can do when you're honest and keep talking to him. Eventually, you will hear him.

"Lord, may my setbacks help me to open my heart more deeply and honestly to you."

Readings for Sunday, February 14
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 | 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 | Mk 1:40-45

Prayer REQUESTS

The names of the sick will be removed in 6 weeks. To re-list, or to add a name, please call the parish office at 248-887-5364.

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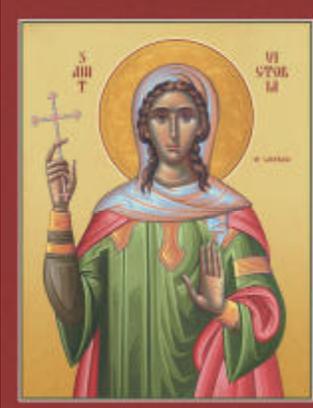
Weekly Offertory Collection

Date	Actual	Budget	Over / (Under)
01/31	\$ 8,329	\$ 9,885	(\$ 1,556)
Y-T-D	\$410,312	\$396,435	\$13,877

This report is based on the Offertory Collection line in the budget. It includes weekly envelopes, loose and children's collection, holy day collections, and online giving. It does not include Christian Service, fuel, or kitchen fund envelopes, the Christmas collection, Parish fundraisers, grants received, CCE tuition and fees, or other miscellaneous income. It is based on a yearly budget where we anticipate the expenses of the Parish. Just because there may be a deficit here, it does not mean the Parish is operating at a deficit. To Feel free to direct questions to the Parish Finance Council.

The weekly offertory is the life-blood of any parish. We have utility bills to pay, a large physical plant to maintain, staff that we have hired to run our day-to-day operations, youth to teach, worship and music ministry to support, Christian Service neighbors to help. We need everyone who can to put something in the offertory basket each week. We are so grateful for all who give weekly and are consistent contributors.

Meet Our Extended Family



St. Victoria of Albitina
 Feast Day February 12
 St. Victoria of Albitina was born in North Africa. She converted to Christianity when she was still a youth. Victoria refused an arranged marriage to a young nobleman and on her wedding day she escaped through a window in her parents' house. She sought refuge in a nearby church and there dedicated her life to God.

Her pagan brother tried to intercede with the judge by claiming she was insane; she disproved this by engaging in a debate with the judge. The judge was willing to release her if she agreed to her brother's supervision, but she refused, saying she would obey only God. The judge, knowing her family, pleaded with her to not throw away her life on what he considered a fantasy; she proclaimed that she was a Christian, that she was loyal to God, and that she had taken part in the Eucharist. She was noted during her imprisonment for her courage. She was later martyred with 45 fellow parishioners.

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Family Challenge - Bingo

Have each family member create a 5x5 bingo board (either print one out or just draw it on a regular piece of paper). In a random pattern, fill the squares with numbers, letters, words, or pictures. If using words or pictures, you may want to choose a theme such as football. Whatever answers are on the board, write them on a slip of paper and put them in a bowl. Have one person pick a slip of paper and call out the answer. Participants cover the square that was called if it is on their board. The first person to get 5 squares covered across, down, or on the diagonal wins! Consider having small prizes for the winner or let them be the one to call the answers next.

Christian Service Conner

We are in need of the following items:

Juice boxes, Beef Stew,
 Mayo, Dish Soap, Syrup, Peas, Pasta Sauce,
 Peanut Butter, Tuna, Canned Fruit, Vegetable Oil

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Explore the Sunday Gospel



The Cure of Simon's Mother-in-Law, Other Healings, and Jesus Leaves Capernaum

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

Take Time to Chat

1. Share a time when you asked Jesus to help when you or someone you know was sick.
2. Today's Gospel tells us that "the whole town" was gathered at the door of Simon and Andrew's house. How many people do you think Jesus healed that night?
3. Why do you think it was important for Jesus to go and preach in the other villages?
4. St. Victoria of Albitina dedicated her life to God at a young age. What do you think inspires someone to devote their life to God? In what way have you dedicated your life to God?

Mass Intentions

Lector Schedule

Monday, February 8

Gn 1:1-19 | Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 9

Gn 1:20—2:4a | Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 10

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 | Mk 7:14-23

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Joan Kozora

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the

Ciemiega & Hobbs Families

Thursday, February 11

Gn 2:18-25 | Mk 7:24-30

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Joan Kozora

9:00 a.m. +Thomas Johnson

Friday, February 12

Gn 3:1-8 | Mk 7:31-37

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Joan Kozora

9:00 a.m. +John Johnson

9:00 a.m. Maddy Glover-Birthday Blessings

Saturday, February 13

5:00 p.m. (PPP) Joan Kozora

5:00 p.m. +Gordon Buttrey

Sunday, February 14

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Joan Kozora

9:00 a.m. Mary Luther-Birthday Blessings

9:00 a.m. +Betty Leonard

11:00 a.m. (PPP) Joan Kozora

11:00 a.m. +Warren G. Henderson

11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the

Chenier & Spampinato Families

Saturday, February 13:

5:00 p.m. - Mary Pat Chynoweth

Sunday, February 14:

9:00 a.m. - Mike Perrera

11:00 a.m. - Carol Ramirez

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Rev. Wayne Ureel, Pastor

Michael Somervell, Deacon

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY - 5:00 p.m., SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY - 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, By Appointment Only

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Financial statements for 2020

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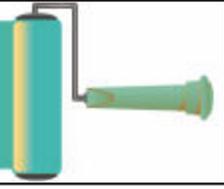
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