



Church
of the

Holy Spirit

3700 Harvey Lake Rd, Highland MI 48356

February 14th - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wayne States Universally

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the holy season, Lent. Lent is a joyful season, and while it may be serious, it is and never should be sad. In the Gospel, Matthew reminds us that, "whenever you fast, do not look dismal like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting" (6:16).

Our fasting, as well as our prayer and almsgiving, should be done to draw attention not to ourselves but to Christ. The Preface Prayer, Lent I, says: "Each year you invite your faithful people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the pascal feast. By more faithful prayer and works of charity and by celebrating the mysteries of our rebirth, we are led to the fullness of grace as your sons and daughters."

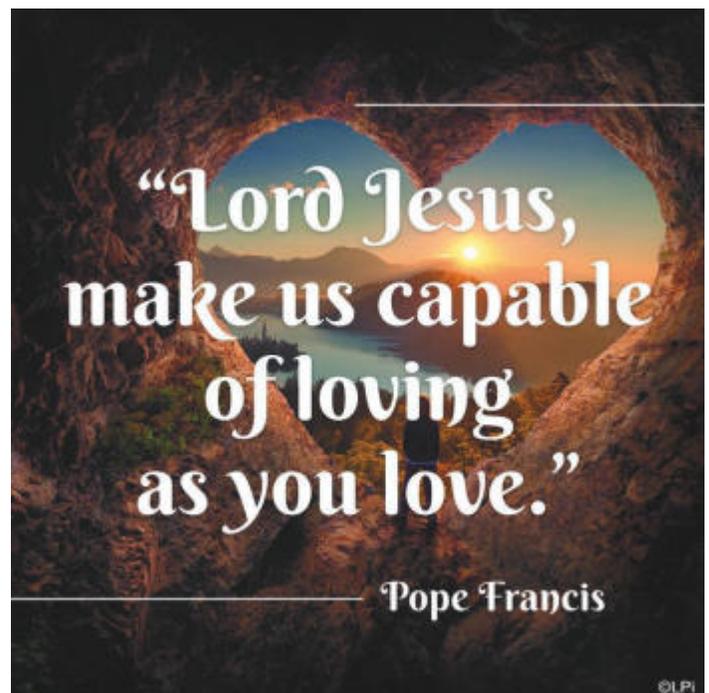
The Gospel and the prayer stand in contrast to those who have predisposed notions about Lent being like a six-week extended Passion-tide, rather than a joyful season of conversion and turning toward the Gospel. While the Stations of the Cross and other devotions that emphasize the passion and death of Christ are very appropriate during Lent. As we move closer to the days of Holy Week, we must be sure to include opportunities for prayer. Prayers that emphasize the two basic pillars of Lent: Repentance and Baptism. Sin does not bring us life. Baptism does.

In *Great Lent*, Alexander Schmemman, an Eastern Orthodox priest, refers to Lent as a time of "bright sadness." It is a different form of sadness that most people are not used to. He says: "As we make the first step into the 'bright sadness' of Lent, we see — far, far away — the destination. It is the joy of Easter; It is the entrance into the glory of the Kingdom. And it is this vision, the foretaste of Easter, that makes Lent's sadness bright and our Lenten effort a 'spiritual spring.' The night may be

dark and long, but all along the way a mysterious and radiant dawn seems to shine on the horizon."

The much desired and appreciated lengthening of northern hemisphere days help to emphasize the dawn that is in fact on the horizon. They also remind us to not overly dwell upon the darkness of our sinful selves, although we are, but to look beyond ourselves and forward to all that by the grace of God lies ahead: "The mysteries of rebirth ... the fullness of grace." Although serious, have a joy-filled Lent!

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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Holy Spirit Church

Calendar at a Glance

Monday, February 15

Office Open 9am-3pm
11am-AA

Tuesday, February 16

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

Wednesday, February 17

ASH WEDNESDAY
Office Open 9am-3pm
9am-Mass
4pm-Mass
7pm-Mass

Thursday, February 18

Office Open 9am-3pm
9am-Mass

Friday, February 19

9am-Mass

Saturday, February 20

5pm-Mass

Sunday, February 21

9am-Mass
11am-Mass

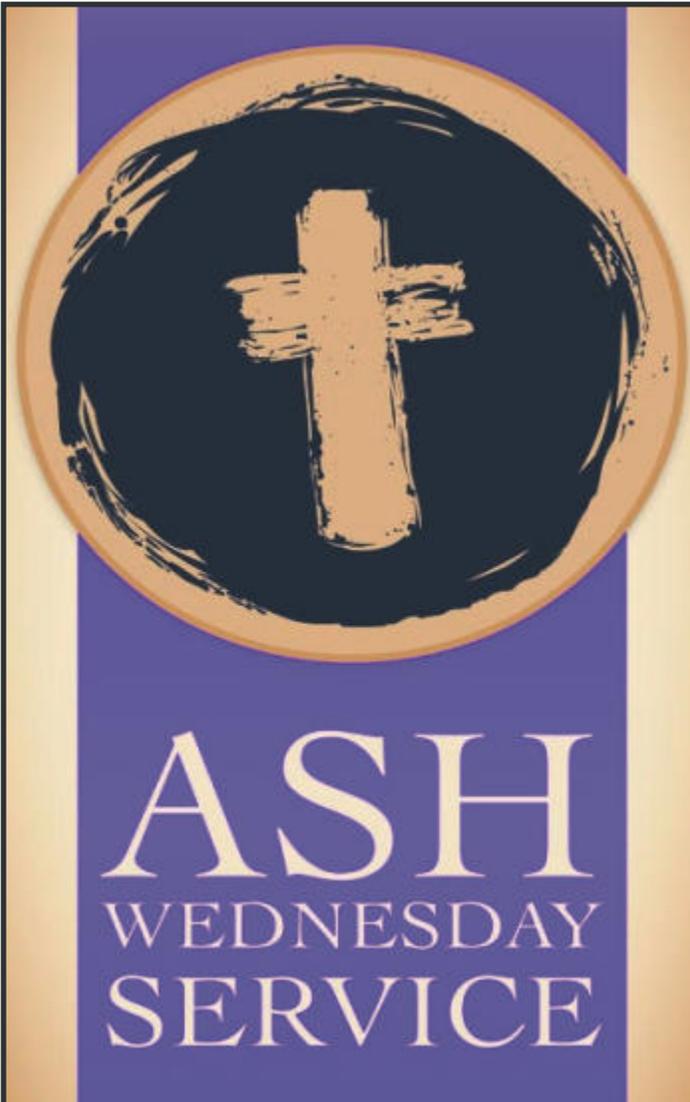


6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Parish Vision: To Be Christ to All.

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.



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17, 2021

Mass Times

with **DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES** at
9:00 am, 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

& Thursday, March 25, 2021

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Or by appointment.

Prayer for Family Members

Jesus still heals and takes care of people's needs today. Take time to pray for the needs of those in your family. Each family member can name one or more persons they want to pray for. Write all the names down and pray the following prayer, inserting the names as indicated.

In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lord Jesus, protect (list of names) physically, spiritually, emotionally, and psychologically this day. Help them to know that they can turn to you for strength and guidance. Keep evil far from them and help them to trust you as their refuge and strength. Make them strong and courageous in the presence of danger; recognizing that with you they can face any challenge. Take care of them in all the circumstances of their lives. Amen.

Be sure to check us out online!

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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

Meditations for February 14
Mark 1:40-45

I do will it. Be made clean. (Mark 1:41)

If you suffered from a disease that rotted your flesh and deadened your nerves, as this leper did, you wouldn't deny your need for healing, would you? No, the problem would be obvious. You'd almost instinctively cry out to the Lord for help. But what about other kinds of wounds that may not be so obvious?

For example, if you tend to overreact or become extremely anxious, even over minor issues, you might need to reach out to Jesus for an emotional healing, perhaps with the help of a trained counselor. Maybe you find you are in a difficult relationship, one filled with tension and stress. Jesus could heal that relationship by showing you how to love that person better. Or if you're harboring unforgiveness and resentment, you may need God's grace to help you forgive. You might be stuck in a sin pattern that you don't want to face, and so you avoid bringing it into the light and receiving God's mercy in Confession.

It's tempting to think that we can handle such situations on our own. Or we might not even recognize that these are things that Jesus can heal. But what Jesus said to the man in this story, he says to us: "I do will it. Be made clean" (Mark 1:41). He wants to heal us of anything that doesn't reflect his will for our lives.

Today, ask the Holy Spirit to help you become aware of just one area of your life in which you need his healing touch. How might unhealed wounds be holding you back or causing pain to yourself or someone around you? How might they be leading you away from God and into sin? We all accumulate wounds as we go through life, so don't get discouraged. Like this man with leprosy, just believe that Jesus has the will—and the power—to heal whatever ails you.

"Jesus, I need your healing touch today!"

Readings for Sunday, February 21
 Gn 9:8-15 | 1 Pt 3:18-22 | Mk 1:12-15

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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| Steve Demey | Ed Meyer | Louie Weglarz |
| Jason Dull & Family | Jeff Mummery | |



Weekly Offertory Collection

Date	Actual	Budget	Over / (Under)
02/07	\$ 13,538	\$ 9,885	\$ 3,653
Y-T-D	\$423,850	\$406,320	\$17,530

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. Lucy Yi Zhenmei
Feast Day February 19
Dec 9, 1815–Feb 19, 1862

Lucy Yi was born in 1815 in China. Lucy was the youngest child in her family and was very dedicated in her prayer life. At the age of 12, she decided to consecrate her life to God. She loved reading and learning. When she was 20 years old and pursuing her college education she fell ill. After her recovery Lucy took her spiritual life still more seriously. She knew she could not leave her family to become a nun because they needed her financial help. Instead, she prayed daily and worked to support them. After her father died, she lived with her brother and mother, using part of her time to teach the faith to children nearby. Lucy Yi later became a missionary, and while on a mission trip in 1862, she entered a region that was hostile to Christians. The local governor imprisoned and sentenced to death the priest and several missionaries in their group. She was among those who were sentenced to death because she refused to renounce her faith. The following day she was executed. St. John Paul II canonized St. Lucy Yi and her companions on October 1, 2000.

Family Challenge

This Valentine's Day, find ways to love by doing a Random Acts of Kindness Scavenger Hunt. As a family, create a checklist of 15 random acts of kindness and distribute the checklist to each family member. The object of the game is to complete all of the random acts of kindness by the end of the week. At the end of the week, spend time over a special dinner or dessert sharing what you did throughout the week and how it made everyone feel. Discuss which tasks were easiest and which were most difficult.

Assist with making a meal. ✕Call a family member and tell them "I love you!" ✕Clean out old toys and books for donation to goodwill. ✕Do someone's chores. ✕Draw a picture or write a note to someone you don't see often. ✕Give someone a compliment. ✕Give someone a hug. ✕Make someone laugh.

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
**Due to COVID we can no longer take
plastic or paper bags*

Explore the Sunday Gospel



The Cleansing of a Leper
Mk 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus 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." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

Take Time to Chat

1. Consider the leper in today's Gospel story. How strong was his faith in Jesus? How easy or hard is it to have faith today?
2. Why do you think Jesus didn't want the leper to tell anyone except the priest that he was healed?
3. Why do you think the man told everyone anyway?
4. St. Lucy Yi spent her time teaching the faith to children, much like a catechist would today. Who has helped you grow in your faith by their teaching and example?

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 15

Gn 4:1-15, 25 | Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 16

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 | Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 17

Jl 2:12-18 | 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 | Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Doris Cameron

9:00 a.m. Our Parish

4:00 p.m. Our Parish

7:00 p.m. Our Parish

Thursday, February 18

Dt 30:15-20 | Lk 9:22-25

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Doris Cameron

9:00 a.m. Holy Souls

Friday, February 19

Is 58:1-9a | Mt 9:14-15

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Doris Cameron

9:00 a.m. +Al Stammersky (7th Anniversary)

Saturday, February 20

5:00 p.m. (PPP) Doris Cameron

5:00 p.m. +Chester Papierniak

5:00 p.m. +Walter & Bernice Luszczynski

5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the
Malik, Ciemiega & Hobbs Families

Sunday, February 21

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Doris Cameron

9:00 a.m. +Sr. Marie Roy

9:00 a.m. +Tom Peacock

11:00 a.m. (PPP) Doris Cameron

11:00 a.m. Our Parishioners

Lector Schedule

Ash Wednesday, February 17

9:00 a.m. - Maurena Muldoon

4:00 p.m. - Bill Metz

7:00 p.m. - Carrie Pishek

Saturday, February 20:

5:00 p.m. - Mary Pat Chynoweth

Sunday, February 21:

9:00 a.m. - Carrie Pishek

11:00 a.m. - Cindie Audia

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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

Parish Offices

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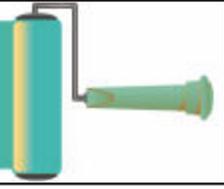
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