



March 9, 2025

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday
4:30 pm

Sunday
8:30 am, 11:30 am

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday
9:00 am

CONFESIONS

Saturday
3:00 pm - 4:00pm
or by appointment

ADORATION WITH CONFESIONS

Thurs. March 20, 7pm



LOCAL PARISHES WEEKDAY MASS

ST. MARY, ST. CLAIR
Mon., Tues., Wed, Fri.,
9am
Thurs., - 6:30 pm

ST. STEPHEN,
PORT HURON
Tues., Wed., Fri., -
8:30am

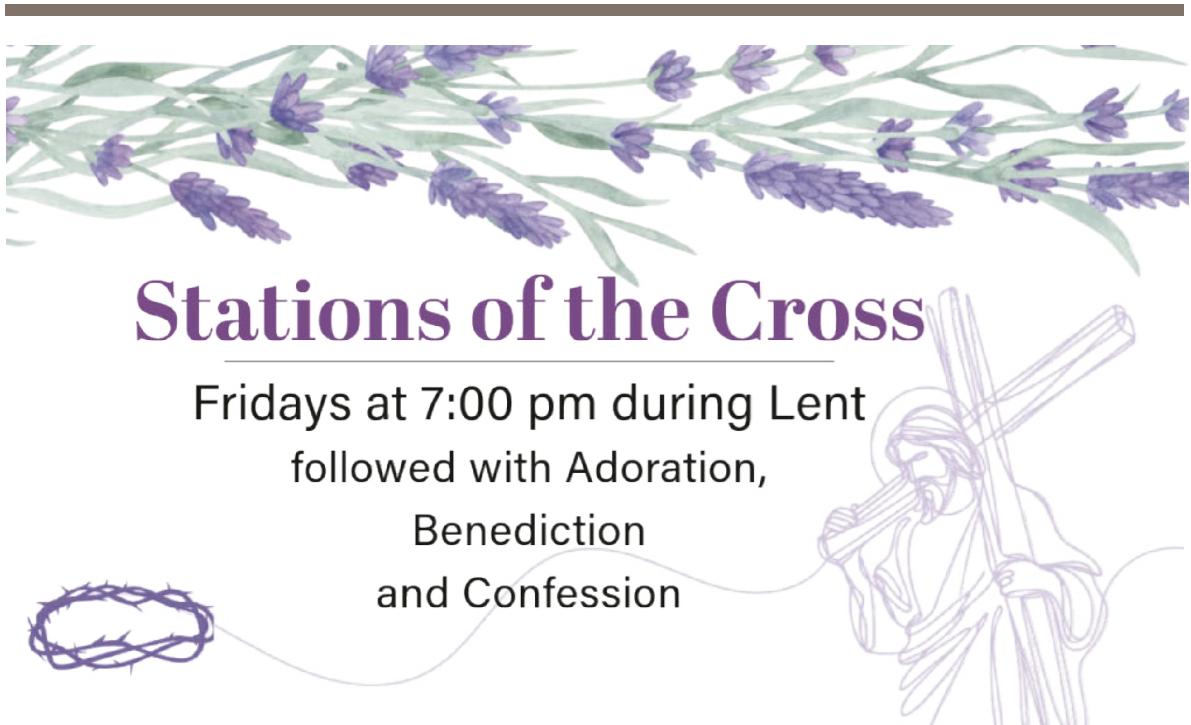
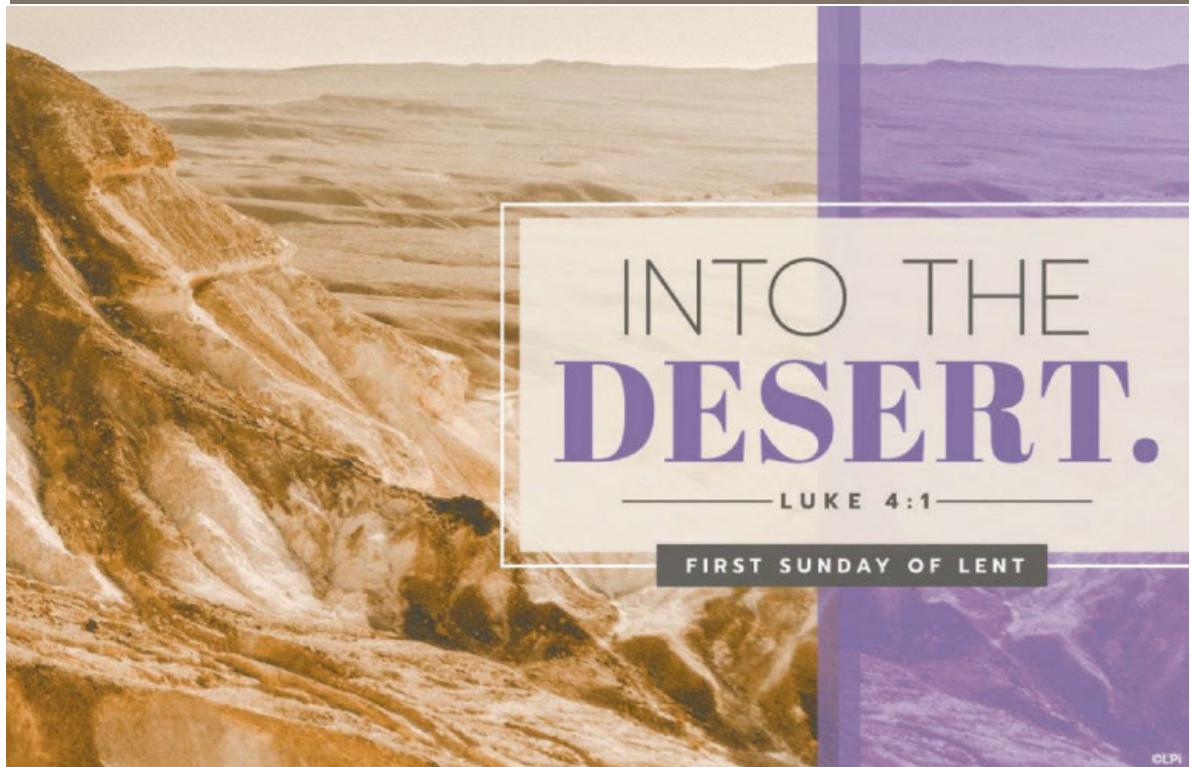
ST. MARY,
PORT HURON
WED., THUR., FRIDAY
8:15AM
TUES., - 7PM

ST. EDWARD,
LAKEPORT
Mon., Tues., Wed.,
& Fri., - 8am
Thur., - 7pm

St. Christopher Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Detroit's Mission Statement: *To Unleash the Gospel.*
Saint Christopher's Parish Mission Statement: *Transform Lives in Jesus Christ
Through the Power and Freedom of the Gospel.*

Parish Vision Statement: *Foster a Personal Encounter with Jesus Christ.*





Priest In-Solidum's Soliloquy. Greetings and the Father's Blessing be upon you, my dear spiritual children. This Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent (Cycle C), and we have two catechumens – well technically, three (a five-year old who will join her mother at her baptism, but she is still considered to be an infant, so perhaps not technically a catechumen). Plus, we will celebrate the reception of four candidates into the full initiation at the Easter Vigil.

What this means is that we will be celebrating those usual rites that go before full initiation into the Catholic Church, which will usually occur at the 8:30 AM Mass (but on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, you will hear the Cycle A readings, which are called for whenever catechumens are being prepared for baptism – Cycle C readings will continue for the 4:30 PM and the 11:30 AM Masses).

Hence, this Sunday we will be celebrating the Rite of Sending for Election at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Detroit, or the Archbishop's Church. Please keep Crystal, Taylor and Harper, Shawn, Logan, Luke and Jill in your prayers as these our brothers and sisters make their final preparations to receive the Easter Sacraments. Thank you.

Reminder: I know this may be late, but this weekend we do have that Daylight Savings time thingy again. So, it's a "spring forward" one hour, and yes, that means we all will be losing an hour of sleep. As the theme of Lent (and the Lion King go) "Be Prepared!"

Stations of the Cross and Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays during Lent at 7:00 PM we will pray the Stations of the Cross and follow it with a 35-minute quiet time of Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. There will be an opportunity for confessions during the 35-minute Holy half-hour, except on April 4, because my brother wants to take me away from you to celebrate our birthday; he has been bothering me for days already. So, I guess I should go. That means that there will not be confessions on that Friday, but Deacon Al will lead the Stations of the Cross and the Eucharistic Adoration (I hope ... because I have not asked him yet as of this writing).

Catechism of the Catholic Church Preface for this weekend's readings to ponder. "This dramatic situation of 'the whole world [which] is in the power of the evil one' makes man's life a battle: The whole of man's history has been the story of dour combat with the powers of evil, stretching, so our Lord tells us, from the very dawn of history until the last day. Finding himself in the midst of the battlefield man has to struggle to do what is right, and it is at great cost to himself, and aided by God's grace, that he succeeds in achieving his own inner integrity" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 409).

One of the reasons we must always be reading our scriptures is so that they will enlighten our minds to every situation we experience in this life on earth. The Truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ applies to everyday life, frees, liberates, cleanses, heals, purifies, fights the devil – and so much more! We are in that daily battle being formed through prayer, fasting or abstinence, and almsgiving, the primary practices of the Season of Lent, for the purposes of eternal salvation, overpowering the evil spirits, gaining eternal life; and to deny the physical body and grow the spiritual self to experience a heightened joy at the Easter celebrations. Everyone wants joy and happiness, and there are no short-cuts to obtaining it – for joy and happiness are a side effect of living in the Truth. Ultimately, all are called to be formed deeply through prayer, fasting or abstaining and almsgiving to be sharers and proclaimers of the Gospel of Truth, that is, to share Jesus, who is the Truth to set all humanity free.

Reminder: How do we receive the Holy Eucharist? When presenting yourself to receive the Holy Eucharist, you are the one responsible to communicate to the Priest or Deacon or, at times, the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, how you would prefer to receive the Eucharist, that is, on the tongue or in the hand.

If receiving on the tongue, keep your hands folded, down or out of the way. After saying "Amen," tilt your head back slightly, put your tongue out slightly over your bottom lip, and be still. Please do not lunge toward nor follow the Host your perspective is not as it appears.

If receiving in the hand, then please present your hands clearly, early and flat; then in the sight of the Minister

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before you begin to walk away, please place the Host in your mouth immediately. Do not ever walk with a Eucharistic Host as there is never any reason to do so. Then survey your hands by sight and touch for any particles that may be left on your hands and consume them to prevent Jesus in the Eucharist from falling on the floor and carelessly trampled upon.

Finally, if you are abstaining from the Eucharist and would be receiving a blessing, then please clearly cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

The communication begins with you. If your communication is clear, then there should not be any confusion in this very simple and familiar, yet extraordinary and supreme moment. We would like all to be comfortable and feel welcome with their time spent here, while revering Our Precious Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

Reminder: What are the requirements for receiving the Holy Eucharist?

Anyone who is going to receive the Holy Eucharist is required to have been baptized Catholic and made their First Holy Communion, have observed the one-hour Eucharistic fast, not be conscious of mortal sin, that is, in a state of grace, have received absolution from sins in the Sacrament of Confession within the last 364 days during the Sacrament of Reconciliation with a Priest in a one-on-one confession, and if married, then in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church as valid (some exceptions may apply on a case-by-case basis, please see me about exceptions if you have any doubts). Note that chewing gum within one hour before receiving the Eucharist violates the one-hour Eucharistic fast and is objectively a mortal sin.

Thank you.
Fraternally,
Fr. James



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 9, 2025

SUNDAY: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

MONDAY: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

TUESDAY: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

THURSDAY: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

FRIDAY: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

SATURDAY: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

NEXT SUNDAY: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

8:30 am Mass

9:45 am OCIA

10:00 am Religious Education

11:30 am Mass

11:30 am Children's Church/Babysitting

MONDAY, MARCH 10

9:00 am Mass

Madison Manns
by her family

6:30 pm Bible Study

6:30 pm FIAT 90 fellowship

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

9:00 am Mass

Chloe Ross (birthday)
by Ron Baranowski

10:00 am Bible Study

6:30 pm Catholic Biblical School

6:30 pm OCIA Inquiry

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

10:30 am Small Church Community

7:00 pm Small Church Community

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

9:00 am Mass

Laura Baranowski (birthday)
by Ron Baranowski
10:00 am Catholic Biblical School

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

6:00 am That Man is You

9:00 am Mass

†Ray Stocki
by his family
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

3:00 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

8:30 am Mass

9:45 am OCIA

10:00 am Religious Education

11:30 am Mass

11:30 am Children's Church/Babysitting



Be Part of the Team

OCIA

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Archdiocese of Detroit and the Department of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship has recently directed changes to the future programming and methodology of the OCIA curriculum.

St. Christopher Parish has begun to follow this curriculum and will be training anyone who wishes to be part of this effort.

Training will be provided on Tuesday, March 11 and Tuesday March 25 from 6:45-8:00pm in Room I.
(Attendance at both is required)

Contact Greg Crachiolo for more information.

Confirmation PREPARATION

Current 9th Graders

Confirmation Session 7

Sunday, March 2, 9:45am

Confirmation Session 8

Sunday, April 6, 9:45am

*Confirmation Rehearsal Monday, May 19, 6:00 pm

Holy Trinity (St. Stephen Site)

*Confirmation Tuesday, May 20, 6:30 pm Holy Trinity

Current 8th Graders Meeting with Parents

Sunday, March 9, 10:00am -11:15am

Sunday, April 13, 10:00am -11:15am

Sunday, May 4, 10:00am -11:15am

QUEST

FRIDAY MARCH 14, 6 - 8PM
SOCIAL HALL & CHURCH

Lenten Soup & Stations of the Cross

Open to All High School Students
Contact Suzy if you have questions

QUEST

Bring \$20 to help

Shop for
adopt a
family

March 30, 6 - 8:30 pm

Meet in Social Hall

Shop at Meijers

All High Students Invited

Permission Slip Required
Contact Suzy for more information

SPIRITS & TRUTH

- Learn and discuss about the Catholic faith with other young adults over a drink of your choice!

This Month's Topic:

The Role of Men and Women In The Church

See you at C.J.'s
Bar & Grill 3860
Griswold Rd. Port
Huron, MI

**WED.
MAR 12
6:30 PM**



Please join us:
Sundays @ 1:00 pm
March 9th–April 6th
St. Christopher Church
Quest Classroom

Young Women's BIBLE STUDY "The Crux"

This 5-week Bible Study will focus on exploring a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. Deepen your faith through fellowship with others this Lenten Season.

For more information email

Suzy 1000michiganave@gmail.com

or

Rachel rachelmccllland22@gmail.com



STATIONS OF THE CROSS, ADORATION & FELLOWSHIP

March 14th @7-8:30pm 

-Stations & adoration in the church 7-8pm.

-Fellowship and food in the kitchen 8-8:30pm.



Saint Christopher's MOM'S GROUP



Seeking to find community as a Catholic mom? So are we! Join us as we create meaningful connections as we strive for sainthood within our vocation of motherhood.

Children are welcomed and encouraged! Toys will be provided.



DATE: March 26th
TIME: 9 AM - 10:30 AM
WHERE: Saint Christopher's
Quest Classroom

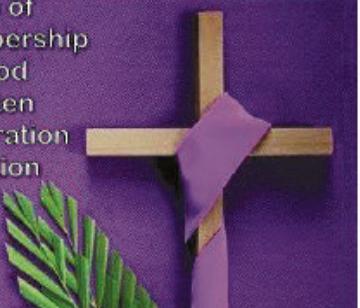


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INFORMATION MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH 10:15 AM, SOCIAL HALL

Have you been able to make long-term plans for your family in the event something happens to you?

Are you looking for affordable ways to provide for your family?

K of C Council #9526 is having an information meeting to help you answer these questions on Sunday, March 16th .

All are invited to attend. This event will be held in the Social Hall while Religious Education Classes are in session. Coffee and donuts will be available.

Timothy Awards 2025

Excellence in leadership, Christian service and commitment. Congratulations to our award recipients and thank you to Mark Schweihofer and our local Knights of Columbus (and of course the Ladies Auxiliary) for an over-the-top reception afterward. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Liturgy for March 15 & 16

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Day / Time	Saturday 4:30 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 11:30 AM
MASS INTENTIONS	†Len Riine by the family †Ted Pavlik Gladys Pavlik by the family Karon Segers (birthday) by Donnie & Barb Young Boo DeVeny (birthday) by Chris & Suzy DeVeny	Parishioners & Territorial Souls of St. Christopher's Parish	†Mary Bixler by Mike & Sue O'Brien †Pauline Smarch by Jack & Barbara Barnas Jim McEachin by Fred & Maryann Slowski Greg Sequin (birthday) by the family
CELEBRANT	Rev. James F. Arwady	Rev. James F. Arwady	Rev. James F. Arwady
DEACON	none	Rev. Mr. Alan Pionk	Rev. Mr. Alan Pionk
LECTOR	Catherine Bunto	Mark O'Brien	Carrine Sylvia
USHERS	Dave Huxhold Penny Trottier	Mike O'Brien Gale Messing	Bob Hunt Gary Armstrong
EMHC	Fely Nurenberg Mike King	None	None
MASS SACRISTAN	Mike King	Marilynn Pavlov	Cami Armstrong
ALTAR SERVERS	Sophia Senyk Conor Allen	William Bunto Vincent Schweihofner	Riley Allen Wyatt Sonntag Delilah Sonntag

STEWARDSHIP

MARCH 2 & 3

Loose\$ 305.00

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Total \$ 9,757.00

Weekly Budget 7,389.00 *

* (amount needed to pay expenses)

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Envelopes Received....126

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Michael J. Ward
Phillip Ziezurewicz

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Lt. Mark Cruickshank, U.S.A.F.
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