



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

First Sunday of Lent — February 21, 2021

Parish Mission Statement
Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples.

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30 PM — St. John, Peck

**Sunday: 8:30 AM — St. Joseph, Sandusky
10:30 AM — St. Elizabeth, Marlette**

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday: 5:30 PM — St. Elizabeth, Marlette

Wednesday: 5:30 PM — St. Joseph, Sandusky

Thursday: 8:30 AM — St. John, Peck

Friday: 8:30 AM — St. Joseph, Sandusky

Sacrament of Penance

Sunday: St. Joseph, Sandusky 7:45 AM until 8:15 AM

Saturday: St. John, Peck 4:30 PM until 5:00 PM

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth, Marlette 4:30 PM until 5:15 PM

Wednesday: St. Joseph, Sandusky 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Baptism-Preparation Classes

February, May & October

Call the Parish Office for more details (810) 648-2968.

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact our pastor by calling the Parish Office at (810) 648-2968.

at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of Marriage.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Church 4:30 PM - 5:20 PM

Wednesday: St. Joseph Church 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

First Friday of each month: St. Joseph Church 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

First Saturday of each month: St. John Church 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Last Wednesday of each month at All Three Churches: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Prayer Line/Chain

Holy Family Parish Office (810) 648-2968

Mt. Hope Catholic Cemetery

Contact Person: Bill Sheridan (810) 378-5236

Knights of Columbus #7337 Monthly Meetings: 1st Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.

at St. Elizabeth Hall, Marlette...for more information call (989) 635-3738

Knights of Columbus #4693 Monthly Meetings: 2nd Tuesday at 8:00 P.M.

145 W. Wedge Rd., Sandusky, MI 48471.....(810) 648-3703

or e-mail: gk4693@mikofo.org

Knights of Columbus Hall Rental (Sandusky): (810) 404-4829

A.A. MEETINGS - every week

SUNDAY: 7:00 p.m. - SANDUSKY, St. Joseph

TUESDAY: 7:00 p.m. - MARLETTE, St. Elizabeth

WEDNESDAY: 8:00 p.m. - PECK, St. John

FRIDAY: 10:00 a.m. - SANDUSKY, St. Joseph

Bulletin Deadline: Monday 12:00 noon prior to Sunday.

Call (810) 648-2968 or e-mail articles to: holyfamilyparish1@gmail.com



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5:30 p.m. St. John Church
— Mark Huggett by Bill & Sheryl Sheridan



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:30 a.m. St. Joseph Church - For the People
10:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth Church - Mark Kappen by Peter/Laura Kreiner

Liturgy of the Word & Communion

(No Mass) **Weekdays:**

February 23-26, March 2-5

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

5:30 p.m. — St. Elizabeth Church

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

5:30 p.m. — St. Joseph Church

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:30 a.m. — St. John Church

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:30 a.m.—St. Joseph Church



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

5:30 p.m. St. John Church
— Rose Kovach by Doug & Rose Banker



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:30 a.m. St. Joseph Church - For the People
10:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth Church - Kathy Konarski
by Peter/Laura Kreiner

Please welcome our newest member of Holy Family Parish, Charley Kae Blank, who was Baptized on, February 10 2021. Congratulations! Parents: Chad & Kendra

Readings for the week of February 21, 2021

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19
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 138:1-3, 7-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

GOSPEL MEDITATION --St. Oscar Romero said, “**Aspire not to have more, but to be more.**” These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the “idol of the self,” keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It’s not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God’s love and how we can better imitate God’s loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn’t just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. “**Being more**” means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the “quality” of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God’s unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of “life in the good old days.” Lent isn’t about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It’s about becoming something new. It’s about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does. @LPI

HOLY FAMILY PARISH		Weekly Stewardship: (16 are direct deposit)		Weekly Budget: \$5,712.00 Total Envelope Holders: 320		
Date	(#Env)	Envelopes	Loose	Capital Improv.	Candles	Fuel
Feb.6/7	(101)	\$ 3,017.50	\$ 486.00	\$ 100.00	-	350.00

Holy Family Parish—Shelby Next Giving

- 1) **Direct Deposit** — Accessible through the **Parish website** or directly at: <https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/holy59n205>
- 2) **Text-to-give** — Text “Give” to (810) 672-1056



Our Deepest Sympathy to the Family and Friends of our dear Parishioner, **Lue Elliott**. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*

A Electronic Way to Donate—If you scan this image on your phone it’ll take you to our **Holy Family Parish PayPal Account** to make your donation. You will have to enter our Parish email address to make your donation holyfamilyparish1@gmail.com



WELCOME TO HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Holy Family Parish is participating in a parish-wide survey!

Disciple Maker Index
SURVEY



The Disciple Maker Index Survey is Open this Week! Please Read and Help!

It's official! The Disciple Maker Index Survey opens this week and we need your help!

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible.

*Go to:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/dcg42dcgk>

*There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass and you can obtain a paper copy in the **Narthex or Parish Office** or by contacting the office at (810) 648-2968

The survey will only be **available from Ash Wednesday, 02/17/2021 to Monday, 03/22/2021** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Stephen and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Thank you for helping with this important project!



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK--Throughout history God has given His people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God's sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear

the slate and take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God's covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert! ©LPI

**1ST SUNDAY OF
LENT**

Cross Catholic Outreach: February 27 & 28

Rev. Fr. John P. Fischer, of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our Parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. This ministry was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. To learn more about Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to: CrossCatholic.org/outreach, text BLESSINGS to 474747



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday)

St. Joseph - Sandusky - 9:00 a.m.

St. John - Peck - 6:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth - Marlette - 7:00 p.m.

Lent

Holy Family Parish - High School Youth Group Meeting – 9th - 12th Grade

Thursday, February 25th

6:30 PM until 8:00 PM

at St. Joseph Church, Sandusky.

The **Knights of Columbus** are sponsoring a **Food Truck** that will be at the parking lot of, Holy Family Parish, **St. Elizabeth Church, Marlette** on **Friday, February 26, at 11:00 AM.** The distribution of Food is **for anyone in need.**



Red Cross Blood Drive - Thursday, February 25, at the United Methodist Church, 68 Lexington St., Sandusky, from 12:30 noon until 6:30 p.m. By appointment only: www.redcrossblood.org

ARISE: Men's Prayer Breakfast: Wednesday, morning; 6:00-7:00 AM at St. Elizabeth Hall, Marlette.

LENTEN Small Groups

Sign-Up Sheets are in the Entrance of Each Church

Monday - 7:00 PM - St. Joseph, Sandusky

Tuesday - 10:30 AM - St. Joseph, Sandusky

Thursday - 10:00 AM - St. John, Peck

Thursday - 6:30 PM - St. Joseph, Sandusky

**GOD NEVER
TIRES OF
FORGIVING.**
— POPE FRANCIS

A Free **Daily Lent Experience:** Join Matthew Kelly for **BEST LENT EVER** this year as we take a 40-day journey through his new book **I Heard God Laugh: A Practical Guide to Life's Essential Daily Habit.** Giving up chocolate could be helpful. Learning how to pray will be life changing!

Your invited to view the weekly **Cathedral Mass Livestream** each **Sunday** at **10:30 a.m.** on the diocesan website: <https://saginaw.org/cathedral-live>

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