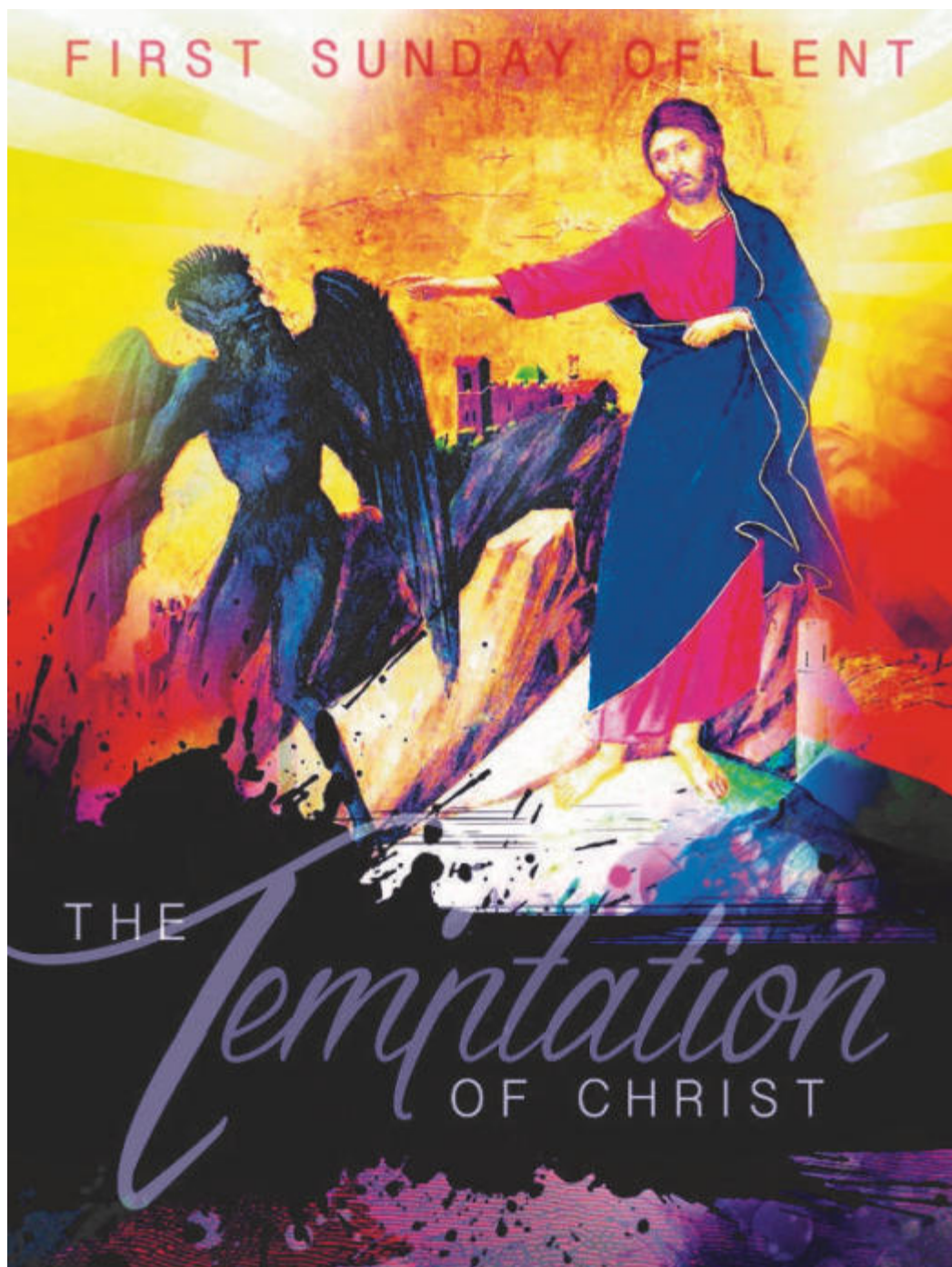


WELCOME TO

ST. JAMES ♦ ST. PIUS ♦ ST. STEPHEN



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FEBRUARY 21, 2021

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKDAYS

MONDAY	9:00 AM	ST. PIUS
TUESDAY	9:00 AM	ST. JAMES
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	ST. PIUS
THURSDAY	11:00 AM	ST. STEPHEN
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	ST. PIUS
SATURDAY	10:00 AM	ST. PIUS

#### WEEKENDS

SATURDAY	4:00 PM	ST. PIUS
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	ST. PIUS
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	ST. PIUS
SUNDAY	11:15 AM	ST. STEPHEN

#### RECONCILIATION

MON, TUES, WEDS, FRI	AFTER 9:00 MASS	
THURSDAY	10:00 AM	ST. STEPHEN
SATURDAY	9:00 AM AND 3:00 PM	ST. PIUS



## ST. PIUS X

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#### STEWARDSHIP

FEB 6-7, 2021

Envelopes            \$1,158  
Loose                    557

**2020 contribution statements are available by request. Please contact the parish office or call 728-2278. Thank you.**

#### DAILY READINGS

Mon: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19  
Tues: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15  
Weds: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32  
Thurs: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12  
Fri: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### MONDAY, FEB 22:

9:00 am Mass Tim DeNeen (Living) Requested by Sue DeNeen

#### WEDNESDAY, FEB 24: ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00 am Mass The Parishioners of St. Pius and Visitors

#### FRIDAY, FEB 26:

9:00 am Mass Eric DeNeen (Living) Requested by Sue DeNeen  
5:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

#### SATURDAY, FEB 27:

10:00 am Mass Mike Kolena Requested by Family  
4:00 pm Mass Toots LaPorte Requested by Council of Catholic Women

#### SUNDAY, FEB 28:

8:00 am Mass  
9:30 am Mass Parishioners of St. Pius and Visitors

## AROUND ST. PIUS



### FEBRUARY 17 MASS SCHEDULE

9:00 am	St. Pius
11:00 am	St. Stephen
5:30 pm	St. Pius

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. PIUS

5:00pm every Friday during Lent



Welcome to CRS Rice Bowl 2021! We are so happy you're joining us on this Lenten journey to three countries, where we'll learn how to help others through CRS Rice Bowl. When you donate to CRS Rice Bowl, you share your life and your abundance with our global family in need. Your generosity puts nutritious food on their tables and helps them lead healthy lives and reach their God-given potential!

Reflect, today, upon Jesus facing the devil in the desert after spending 40 days of fasting. He faced every temptation of the evil one so as to assure us that if we but unite ourselves completely to Him in His human nature, so we also will have His strength to overcome anything and everything the vile devil throws our way.

*My dear Lord, after spending 40 days of fasting and prayer in the dry and hot desert, You allowed Yourself to be tempted by the evil one. The devil attacked You with all he had, and You easily, quickly and definitively defeated him, rejecting his lies and deceptions. Give me the grace I need to overcome every temptation I encounter and to rely completely upon You without reserve. Jesus, I trust in You.*

Remember in prayer the soul of Julia (Julie) Bassi who passed away February 8. A private funeral service was held on February 8 at St. Pius.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

### STAY INFORMED!

As we continue to strive to keep our parishioners informed and up-to-date during this time of Covid-19 and beyond, we encourage our parishioners to submit their email addresses. In order to assist in communications, please email your name, parish, and email address to [deaconbrenth@gmail.com](mailto:deaconbrenth@gmail.com). Thank you!

### Council of Catholic Women

We will not be having a CCW meeting February 9th, and depending on restrictions being lifted the later part of February, I will let you know if there will be a meeting March 9 at noon.

If you know of someone who does not have email capability, please pass this message along. I will be posting this at church on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Chris Nuttall, 989-257-2331

### Knights of Columbus

Depending on restrictions, the Knights meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. There is an officers meeting preceding at 6:30 pm.



Barb Stayer,  
Mary Cmach, Pat Rose, Debbie Van Hevele, Jan Gabriel, Joy Kozak, Neil Hamilton, Doris Dear, Andy Higgins, Sally Jordan, Stella Myers, Bob Pero, Dolores Ruth, and Edna Schumacher.



Thank you to all who called, sent a card, or brought dinner while I was recovering from surgery. God bless all of you!  
Linda McClain

### Food Pantry

Thank you for your generous donations! Three families were served this week. It's Donor's Choice for the month of February. Donations can be dropped off at the parish on weekends or Wednesday mornings.



## ST. JAMES

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### TUESDAY, FEB. 23:

9:00 AM Mass at St. James Parishioners of St. James Living and Deceased

#### SUNDAY, FEB. 28:

8:00 AM Mass at St. Pius †Peter Wilinski

### Stewardship Reflections

“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God....” - MARK 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill his plan for us.

### Stewardship by the

**Book** The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism. ... that people place their gifts, their resources - their selves - at God's service in and through the Church."

### Vocation View

Lent: the springtime of the soul. A time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you



**Please pray** for the sick and suffering members of our parish community and their families:

Frank West, Gerry Jordan, Anita Bochy, Theresa Beaver, Eric Dober, Tamarah Simpson, Leona Morrison, Stella Koehn, Bill & Lois Clement, Lillian Smith, Ron Dober, Mike Rouech, Dianne Walter, Alvera Hinkley, Joan Jordan, Dorothy Alejski and Richard Densmore.

**May they feel the healing touch of Jesus.**

**Our Sincere Sympathy** and condolences to the family and friends of Julie Bassi. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

### Pray for Priests Every Day

Rev. Vernon Olmer, OFM, Rev. Leonard Paul, Deceased Priests, Rev. Alfred Pillarelli, Rev. Msgr. John Porter, Rev Benjamin Rexroat and Most Rev. Walter A. Hurley.

**Contribution Statements** for 2020 are available by request.

### Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors “bug” you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to **mend** and **forgive!**

### Smile!

Another year has passed, and we're all a little older. Last summer felt hotter, and winter seems much colder. There was a time not long ago, when life was quite a blast. Now I fully understand, about 'Living in the Past'. We used to go to weddings, football games and lunches. Now we go to funeral homes, and after-funeral brunches. We used to go out dining, and couldn't get out fill. Now we ask for doggie bags, come home and take a pill. We used to often travel, to places near and far. Now we get sore backsides, from riding in the car. We used to go to nightclubs, and drink a little booze. Now we stay home at night, and watch the evening news. That, my friend is how life is. And now my tale is told. So, enjoy each day and live it up...before you're too darn old!





## ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

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### STEWARDSHIP TOTALS FOR 2/7 & 2/14 IN NEXT WEEKS BULLETIN

Building Funds Collected..\$-  
 envelopes used

General Offering .....\$.00  
 22 envelopes used

Loose collected.....\$.00

\*\*\*\*Thank You \*\*\*\*

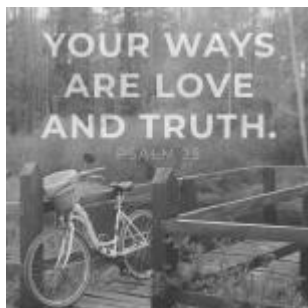
**ST. FRANCIS  
 FOOD PANTRY**  
 989-873-4462  
 MON ONLY  
 10:00 A.M - NOON  
 INEZ GREEN  
 989-836-2400

### FEBRUARY SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION FOR

Steve and Barb Pillsbury  
 Happy 40th anniversary.

### FEBRUARY CHAPEL CANDLE INTENTION FOR Dawn Cureton

FOR FUNERAL  
 INFORMATION CALL  
 989-873-3340  
 DURING NORMAL OFFICE  
 HOURS.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### THURSDAY, FEB 25TH

10:15 am Rosary in the Church.  
 11:00 am Mass Father Elias Chinzara

### SUNDAY, FEB 28TH

10:30 am Rosary in the Chapel  
 11:15 am Mass Dennis Berger By Sharon Finnerty



### ST. STEPHEN PARISHIONERS

**Sick:** Steve and Nancy Baranyai, Gail Stephenson, Tammy Buchoz, Sharon Finnerty and Barb Dolata.

Names will be dropped after 30 days unless terminally ill or a new request for illness or injury has been made.

**Home Bound:** Kate Stohon, Mary Cunningham, and Richard Preston.

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 Jesus, I trust in you!

Father Tony hears confessions Thursday's before Mass starting at 10 A.M. until 10:45 A.M.

See Barb if you are interested in honoring a loved one with a Mass intention or the month long Sanctuary or Chapel candle for 2021.

### C.C.W. NEWS

We are still collecting new and/or gently used winter coats, boots, hats and gloves/mittens as well as warm clothing for the Whittemore- Prescott schools. There is a big box in the gathering area and donations are needed. Our president will make sure they get to the schools periodically.

2021 dues of \$10 are due anytime from now until May 31st.

Once again we will be having a rummage sale to raise needed funds. You can bring in donations at any time during the week when the office is open or call and make an appointment. Details on date, time and place to follow. What a great reason to begin that spring cleaning!!

