

# WELCOME TO

## ST. JAMES ♦ ST. PIUS ♦ ST. STEPHEN



### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8

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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 13-14, 2021

Envelopes            \$1,022  
Loose                    697

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

#### DAILY READINGS

Mon: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38  
Tues: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12  
Weds: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28  
Thurs: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31  
Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-4

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

##### MONDAY, MARCH 1:

9:00 am Mass Michael Kolena Requested by Family

##### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3:

9:00 am Mass Eric DeNeen (Living) Requested by Family

##### FRIDAY, MARCH 5:

9:00 am Mass Julia DeNeen (Living) Requested by Family

5:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

##### SATURDAY, MARCH 6:

10:00 am Mass Michael Kolena Requested by Family

4:00 pm Mass St. Pius Parish and Visitors

##### SUNDAY, MARCH 7:

8:00 am Mass Peter Wilinski

9:30 am Mass Karen Chinavare Requested by Spencer Chinavare

## AROUND ST. PIUS



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. PIUS 5:00pm every Friday during Lent

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. “We’re ready, God!” our hearts cry out. “Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!”

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they’ve joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It’s not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It’s the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there’s that nagging voice in our minds saying: go ahead, God doesn’t really mind.

It’s a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn’t you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried “Ready!” when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, “Ready!” when we hear the call of God?



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### 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

There will not be a CCW meeting in March. 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.



Walt Seitz, 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.



Happy Birthday to Anne Kaffenberger  
90th Birthday on March 12  
Send cards to:

8084 Campbell Rd.  
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### Food Pantry

Thank you for your generous donations! Seven people were served this week. Needs for March are sugar, flour, cereal.. Donations can be dropped off at the parish on weekends or Wednesday mornings.



“‘Here I am!’ he answered.”  
GENESIS 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

### Stewardship by the Book

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God himself did not spare his own son. Are *my* gifts to the Lord, of my resources, of my time, of myself, also sacrificial?

### Vocation View

If you need examples of persons responding to God’s call, look as Abraham and Sarah - - called in old age to leave their country, and have a child.. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice the child. What faith! Answering God’s call to be priest, sister, brother or deacon, is taking a great risk!

**Mass Intentions** Please consider having some Masses said for your loved ones, living or deceased or for your own intentions. Masses are \$10 each.

## ST. JAMES

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 2:

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

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 7:

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



**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.**

### Pray for Priests Every Day

Rev. Mitchel Roman, Rev. Richard Schaeffer, Rev. Lawrence Sergott, Rev. James Siler, Rev. Rolando Silva, All Deacons and Rev. Kenneth Stachnik.

**Stations of the Cross** 5:00 p.m. every Friday during Lent at St. Pius in Hale.

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

### Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were “afraid.” In families we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.

### Smile!

A man dies and goes to heaven. St. Peter meets him and says, “Here’s how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you’ve done, and I give you points for each item. When you reach 100, you get in.” “Okay,” the man says, “I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her.” St. Peter says, “That’s worth 2 points.” “Well,” the man says, “I attended and supported church with my tithe and service all my life.” “One point,” says St. Peter. “I started a soup kitchen and worked in a homeless shelter for veterans.” “Two more points,” says St. Peter. Exasperated, the man cries out, “At this rate the only way I’ll get into heaven is by the grace of God.” “Bingo! 100 points! Come on in!” says St. Peter. We often try to fix problems with WD-40 and duct tape. God did it with a nail. AMEN!



## ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

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### STEWARDSHIP

#### TOTALS FOR 2/7 & 2/14

Bldg Funds Collected..\$560  
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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### THURSDAY, MARCH 4TH

10:15 am Rosary in the Church.

11:00 am Mass for Dawn Szymanski

### SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH

10:30 am Rosary in the Chapel

11:15 am Mass for all St. Stephen parishioners.



### ST. STEPHEN PARISHIONERS

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

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.

### LENTON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Abstinence-Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays throughout Lent.

Fasting- Catholics 18 through 59 years are obligated to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal and two smaller meals. Eating between meals is not allowed but liquids are permitted. Those who are older may choose to fast but are not obligated to.

The United States conference of Catholic Bishops explain that you may be excused from fasting outside the age limits as well as those physically or mentally ill or those suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

Confessions are 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. There are several available.

### C.C.W. NEWS

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

Once again we will be having a rummage sale to raise 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!!

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