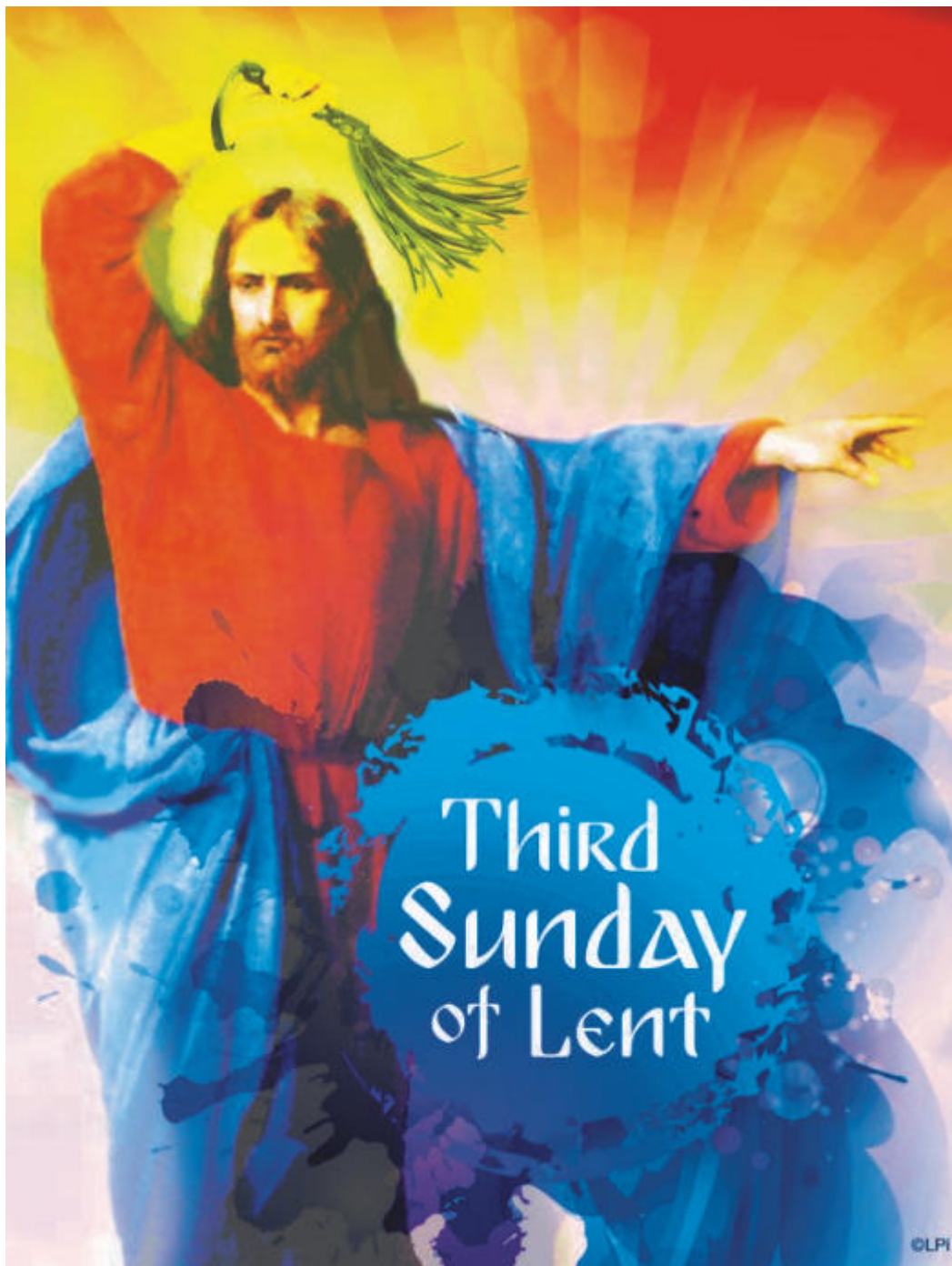


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MASS SCHEDULE

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



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

DAILY READINGS

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
Tues: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Weds: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thurs: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 8:

9:00 am Mass Jennifer DeNeen Requested by Sue DeNeen

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10:

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 12:

9:00 am Mass For Anne Kaffenberger on Her 90th Birthday
5:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, MARCH 13:

10:00 am Mass Parishioners of St. Pius and Visitors
4:00 pm Mass St. Pius Parish and Visitors

SUNDAY, MARCH 7:

8:00 am Mass Peter Wilinski
9:30 am Mass Toots LaPorte Requested by Roger and Kathy Hoothoofd

AROUND ST. PIUS



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



Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well.

Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.



History gives you a look at where you have been, but it also paves the path to where you are going. Our history began during World War II when we answered the call to serve migrants and refugees. Responding with compassion and care, we realized there was more to do and we accepted the challenge. Our mission to serve the most vulnerable continues. We feed the hungry, act as instruments of peace, empower communities and are a voice for the voiceless. We are inspired and encouraged by you.

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. Thank you!

Council of Catholic Women

There **WILL NOT** be a CCW meeting March 9, and depending on restrictions being lifted the latter part of March, I will let you know if there will be a meeting April 13th at noon. 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.

Pray For... Marion Ratelle, 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.

SPECIAL PERSON (Thinking of You)

Sandra Beausejour
7670 Kokosing Rd.
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Food Pantry

Thank you for your generous donations! Three people were served this week. Needs for March are sugar, flour, cereal. Also needed are bread and canned meat products. Donations can be dropped off at the parish on weekends or Wednesday mornings.



Saint of the Week

The founder of The Little Work of Divine Providence, which encompasses two active and two contemplative religious orders for men and women as well as a lay movement, was born in Italy's Piedmont. After early sojourns with Franciscans and Salesians, he entered the seminary of the Diocese of Tortona and was ordained in 1895. Don Orione established schools and learning centers, worker hostels, hospitals, and homes for the elderly, disabled, sick and blind. The members of his apostolate serve today in 300 foundations in Europe, Asia, Africa and North and South America. The dying words of this priest, who was canonized in 2004, were "Jesus ... Jesus... Jesus."

Stewardship by the Book

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, he opened the door for a life-changing relationship with him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to him as well. We too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

Vocation View

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money changers. He was angry; he was zealous; he spoke with authority. He was doing what he had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a vocation.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

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. Dennis Stilwell, Rev. Emmanuel Tizhe, Vocations to the Priesthood and all Religious Life, Rev. Bernard Tyler, Rev. Michael Verschaeve, Rev. Duane Wachowiak, All Seminarians.

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.

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

Family Perspective

Today's gospel says Jesus chased the merchants out of the temple, it doesn't say he was angry. Jesus teaches us to act from conviction and not from anger. He didn't condemn the merchants, only their business practice. Attack the behavior and not the person.

Smile!

A man lay sprawled across 3 seats in a theater. The usher came by and whispered to the man, "Sorry sir, but you're only allowed one seat." The man groaned but didn't budge. The usher became impatient and threatened to call the manager. The man again just groaned. The usher, now infuriated, brought the manager. They both stood over the man and tried to move him with no success. They summoned the police. The cop surveyed the situation then asked, "All right buddy, what's your name?" "Sam," the man moaned. "Where are you from, Sam?" With pain in his voice Sam replied, "The balcony."



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

THURSDAY, MARCH 11TH

10:15 am Rosary in the Church.

11:00 am Mass for All St. Stephen employees.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH

10:30 am Rosary in the Chapel

11:15 am Mass for All our pantry volunteers



Pray for ST. STEPHEN PARISHIONERS

Sick: Steve and Nancy Baranyai, Gail Stephenson, Tammy Buchoz, Sharon Fin-
nerty, 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.

Lent is like a long ‘retreat’ during which we can turn back into ourselves
and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil
One. It is a period of spiritual ‘combat’ which we must experience along-
side Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith:
prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be
able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Bap-
tism.” *Pope Benedict XVI*

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 living, sick or de-
ceased 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
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