

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb. 27th 4:00 P.M. Sandy Shier

Sunday, Feb. 28th 8:30 A.M. For People of the Parish

10:30 A.M. Sandy Shier & Joseph Choma

Monday, Mar. 1st No Mass

Tuesday, Mar. 2nd 12:10 P.M. Fr John Klein

Wednesday Mar. 3rd 12:10 P.M. Ellis Foss

Thursday, Mar. 4th 11:00 A.M. Residents of Green Acres

Friday, Mar. 5th 9:00 A.M. Michael Kudzia

Saturday, Mar. 6th 4:00 P.M. Chuck Dadswell

Sunday, Mar. 7th 8:30 A.M. For People of the Parish 10:30 A.M. Don & Hazel Lienhart

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, March 6th 4:00 P.M.

Sacristan Theresa Seman

Comm. Need 1 Lectors Need 1

EMDeacon Chuong NguyenGreetersSarah Goodman, Need 3UshersMargaret Weyer, Need 3

Music Tech Callie Eckhart
Clean Up Need 4

Sunday, March 7th 8:30 A.M.

Sacristan Need 1
Lector Joan Weber
EM Need 1

Greeters Soledad & George Heiler, Need 2

Ushers Need 4

Clean Up Soledad & George Heiler,

Abby Mendez, **Need 1**

Sunday, March 7th 10:30 A.M.

Sacristan Ruth Olney Comm. Need 1

LectorsGabriela KopacewiczEMDeacon Chuong NguyenGreetersSue & Jim Powers, Need 2

Ushers Pauline Bowyer, George Wygant,

Need 2

Music Tech Need 1 Clean Up Need 4

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Joyce Schulien, Tim Schulien, Joyce Mullin,
Susan Siska, Ralph Pax Sr., Bridget Babin
George Heiler, Ron Iwaszkiewicz

May the Angels welcome you to paradise...

Marilyn Eckman

Please email heather@saintsjcc.org if you have a seriously ill relative or friend, prayer need, or deceased to be added to our prayer list.

Also please email any updates needed to the current list.



Adoration & Stations of the Cross

Please join us in Mason throughout Lent:

Tuesdays at 7:00pm for Adoration Fridays at 7:00pm for Stations of the Cross

Father will be hearing confessions during this time.

THE 2021 PARISH DIRECTORY WILL BE PUBLISHED SOON!

Forms are on the table on your way into the church.

Please update your information.

Is there any information you DO NOT want PUBLISHED.

Call the office and let us know by Friday, March 5th.



^{**}Please note that Father still does Mass intentions in a private Mass when no public Mass is held.

LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading

God's request of Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac seems cruel from our modern perspective. Yet Abraham's obedience rendered divine blessings. Do you think you have such depth of faith?

Second Reading

Paul tries to reassure the Christians in Rome of God's divine providence in our lives. As we continue the Lenten journey, can you recall when have you felt God's protection and comfort?

Gospel Reading

We hear Mark's account of the apostles' witness of the transfiguration of Jesus. How difficult do you think it was for them not to share this event with anyone until after Jesus rose from the dead?



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, "You are absolutely beaming!" The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn't mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28TH



Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116: 10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20
Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
1 Cor 1:22-25
Jn 2:13-25
Scrutiny
Ex 17:3-7
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4: 5:42

Love Father's Homily?

Want to hear it again or share it with others?
Father's Homilies are now streaming!
Check out the Podcasts section on our website:

www.saintsjcc.org



ROCK IS BACK!

Sunday Nights 5:30 - 7pm. Come Join us in the ROCK room in Mason!

Build lasting friendships while enhancing your relationship with Jesus. We look forward to seeing you soon! All 9th-12th Graders & Friends welcome! Masks required & social distancing will be in effect!



GIFT CARD MARCH MADNESS IS BACK!!

We will be giving a \$25 gift card away every day in March!! That's 31 Gift Cards of all different sorts!! Want one? Just see a youth group member or Nicole Retz for a donation slip! You can also get your tickets online! www.saintsicc.org A \$20 donation will give you the opportunity to receive one or more of these gift cards!! All proceeds go to the youth group!

Your Legacy to the Church

Have you updated your will lately? Please prayerfully consider naming our parish as a partial beneficiary of your will or trust. This gift will be felt by generations to come. Contact The Catholic Foundation at 517-253-8787 or legacygiving@dioceseoflansing.org for more information.

Thank you for all the kind words & support. Your thoughts and prayers made me warm inside. Those that came to the services, it means more than you know. I really appreciate you all! ~ Margaret Terwilliger



Knights of Columbus Corner

Upcoming Events for Mason Council #9182



February 28 - 6:00 PM Zoom K of C Regular Meeting. March 5 - 4:30-7:00 PM Drive Thru Lenten Fish Fry.

Fish Fry Punch Cards are available for the 2021 Fish Fry season. You can get your punch card by calling Jeff Haueter at 517-599-1532 or George Wygant at 517-515-0471. They will be \$100.00 for 11 meals or \$10.00 for 1 meal ticket.

Annual Knights of Columbus State Raffle

The St. James Knights of Columbus Council 9182 will be selling Michigan State Council raffle tickets. The raffle provides the funds for the numerous charities the State Council supports. Tickets are \$5.00 each. For each ticket that we sell, \$1.00 comes back to our council & goes to the St. James Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program. The drawing will be April 15, 2021. If you would like to purchase a ticket, contact any Knights of Columbus member or contact Jay Jensen at 517-281-3698.or George Wygant at 517-515-0471.

Join the Mason Knights of Columbus until December 31st for free by going to kofc.org/joinus, and enter the password of MCGIVNEY2020. Once you are a member, we will get you into our council. If you sign up before December 31st your dues will be free for all of 2021.

To learn more about Mason #9182 Knights of Columbus Council visit www.masonknights.org, or contact any council member at Church.



A portion of our 4% Christian Service Tithe has been sent to:

Rebuilding **Together**





Thank you to our sponsor this week: Mason **A & W**

STEWARDSHIP

St. James, Cornelius & Cyprian Last Week's Collections

February 14th

\$12,372.00

Last Year

\$8,374.00

(86 EFTs, 81 envelopes from 793 registered households)

\$402,172.22

Fiscal Year to Date (since July 1st) Year to Date Last Year

\$412,296.96



A Life-Changing Study for the Whole Parish!



Session One: Where Are You?

What are we to do with guilt? Should it be ignored, or does it present an opportunity we don't want to miss? The truth is, God seeks us out when we have sinned, not to scold or punish us, but to offer us his healing and his forgiveness. It's certainly true that God is omnipotent and just, but before all else he is our loving, merciful Father.

This week, login to formed.org and watch Forgiven, Session 1.





"So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth,"

The Book of Revelation 3:16

Dear Friend,

And we're off! As you know, our Lenten pilgrimage got underway this week upon Ash Wednesday. There are few more sobering moments in life than the application of ash to our forehead sprinkled or otherwise – and then those most ominous of words: "Remember that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return".

Equally arresting, however, are the readings of the day: The Lord crying out in the prophecy of Joel, "Return to me with your whole heart." Saint Paul imploring with us "on behalf of Christ, be reconciled with God." Something isn't right, though, is it? We have been complaining for the past year that we want to get back to normal. Do we really want normal? I suppose that depends on what normal means. If our normal meant or means that we do not give our whole heart to God; if our normal meant or means that we are not reconciled to God; is that really the normal we want?

I suppose many of us would be content with that. However, as said, this is the week we are reminded that we are but dust. The precariousness of life and our normal way of life has been brought a bit more clearly to our attention. We often develop the habit of putting off to tomorrow what we really do not want to do today. Let not this "today" pass us by. Let us look full face into the dust that is placed upon us.

We know how difficult it is to change, to convert, to be reconciled. In fact, it is not something within our abilities. Rather, any real conversion is the work of the Holy Spirit within us. We can, however, open our hearts to that bountiful action of the Holy Spirit or we can simple seek the "normal." Jesus is calling upon us to give alms and to pray and to fast, things we have done many times and perhaps each Lenten season. However, he wants us to do these things not in our normal way but in a new way — to do them for the Father. After all, our aim is to be reconciled to the Father.

Sisters and brothers, let this Lent not be a "normal" Lent, but an extraordinary, grace-filled Lent. Let the Spirit reign in our lives and make this Lent anything but normal. God bless you. Assuring you of my prayers, I am sincerely yours in Christ, + Earl, Bishop of Lansing

Blackthorn Online Auction

While COVID has caused us to cancel the Blackthorn Concert, we are going to hold our annual auction. This year instead of a silent auction we will be holding an online auction. This auction has always been a chance for parishioners to donate new or handcrafted item or sports teams collectables. We are planning to hold the auction in Mid-March, so we need the items by March 15. If you would like to donate or if you have any questions please contact Mary Knudstrup @517-676-1566 or Chris Harrison @517-290-5525





ST. JAMES FAMOUS LENTEN FISH FRIES

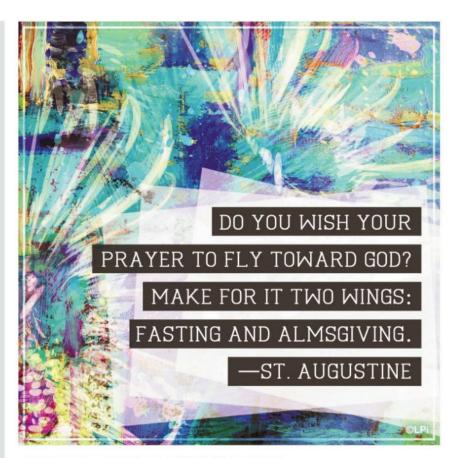
Please use the Cedar Street Entrance

Yes, the famous St. James Lenten Fish Fries have started and will be running through April 30th, except for Good Friday. It will be take out only. We ask that you come in the Cedar St. entrance and process to the North Side of the hall where there will be a table to take your money and order your food. Payment will be by Credit Card, Check or Cash. If you have un-used punch cards from prior years, they can be used. Hours of operation will be from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. The cost will be \$11.00 for everyone. The meal will include: 3 Fried or Baked Pieces of Cod, Shrimp, Home Made Fries, Coleslaw, Green Beans, Mac and Cheese, Dinner Roll and Dessert. What a way to get a great Friday Night Fish Dinner. Punch cards can be purchased from Jeff Haueter at 517-599-1532 at A & W. Individual meal tickets are available at \$10.00 each or a punch card for 11 meals at \$100.00

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

How is your Lent going so far? In changing the circumstances and order of our lives a bit, perhaps we can hear God's voice more clearly and drink more deeply of graced moments we experience. Having God as a friend always involves several things. First, there is God's call. We become attuned to the echo of God's voice in the depth of our souls calling and beckoning us to listen. Second, there is a request. We begin to see that God asks us to do certain things, to order our lives a particular way, and become more intentional in the choices we make. Third, there is trust. Do we trust this call and request? Trust commits us to the relationship and makes a claim on who we are. Finally, we are asked to act. We find ourselves acting, not in the way we used to, but in a transformed, more enlightened way. Things seem clearer and all that is around us shines with the brilliance of God's presence. God's call came through a cloud, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him," This is the call and the request. Can we give God our trust and do as God asks?



PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT





"Inspire and Light a Fire" Weekend Retreats Mens: March 5-7; Womens: March 12-14

St. Francis Retreat Center - DeWitt, MI
Based on the book "To Light a Fire on the Earth" by
Bishop Robert Barron, this retreat will highlight evangelization as the center of every Catholic's mission. Check
in begins at 6 p.m. Friday. Suggested donation for the
weekend is \$185. Register online or view other upcoming retreat date options at www.stfrancis.ws. You can
also register by calling St. Francis at 517-669-8321.

Mid-life Singles Retreat

Mid-life Singles: Are you looking for a renewed sense of connection & purpose during this pandemic? Register today for a REFLECT Day of Reflection at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on April 10, 2021. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it!

Unite Our Nation Rosary Rally at Michigan's State Capitol on March 13

Unite Our Nation, founded by the laity, is a non-political organization formed to help bring peace and prayer to local communities & healing to our nation. A local hour of prayer, including the rosary has been organized as Unite Michgan. Please join us on March 13, 12:00 Noon in front of the steps at the Michigan State Capitol building in Lansing where we will be led in prayer by Fr. Derda.

A public square rosary rally is a time to give witness to people of all races and beliefs, keep polarizing politics out, and focus on prayer to unite our nation. If you are interested in joining the leadership team or simply attending, please reach out to Sandra Sherwood at ejsherwood@charter.net. In the meantime, take a look at the Unite Our Nation website uniteournation.net to learn more and get more details on the event!

LCHS – Application Information

Lansing Catholic High School is now accepting online applications for next school year. Visit LCHS's website for details: lansingcatholic.org. If you have questions about admissions at Lansing Catholic High School please contact the admissions office at 517-267-2158 or admissions@lansingcatholic.org.

Tuition Assistance at LCHS

All families who would like to be considered for the maximum amount of tuition assistance at Lansing Catholic High School for next school year must apply by March 1 each school year. Visit LCHS's website for details: lansingcatholic.org. Families who have financial assistance questions should contact the LCHS tuition office at 517-267-2107 or tuition@lansingcatholic.org.

Immaculate Heart of Mary School will soon be accepting registration for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are considering a Catholic Education for your child, please call and set up a visit. Meeting the principal and taking a tour is good way to collect information so that you can make an informed decision.

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