

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, February 21, 2021

1st Sunday of Lent

SACRED HEART'S



Lenten Programs

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TALKING WITH JESUS THROUGH PRAYER

DATES: Sunday Feb 21, Feb 28, Mar 7, Mar 14

TIME: 11:00am to 12:00pm

PLACE: Father Kreft Hall (Room 10)

Do you struggle to talk directly with Jesus when you pray? Are your days rushed, consumed by activities that leave you unfulfilled, wondering if you are doing the right thing? Do you practice our faith, but still seek the personal joy spoken of in the Gospel?



Jesus is your greatest friend. He urgently wants into your life in the most personal way. Jesus' own words have been gathered from His revelations to recent mystics and saints. In them, Jesus teaches us how to speak to Him in prayer, the joy and peace He promises, and His perfect, loving plan for us to gain Heaven and help Him save others. We will learn and practice how to speak to Jesus through silent meditative prayer.

Cost: \$15 For books that will be used in class



NO GREATER LOVE

A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion
Will You Follow Jesus to Calvary?

DATES: Thursdays – Feb 25, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25

TIME: 10:00am

PLACE: Father Kreft Hall

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



This lent how are you reflecting on God's love through his redemptive act for you? Jesus said on the cross said "I thirst", what he thirst for is you. Come join us every **Friday night at 7pm** for a different "Stations of the Cross" Presentation. Come Pray with your fellow parishioners for your family, for your parish, for your Archdiocese, and for the world; That we may love the Lord and share his good news of salvation with all we meet.

FEB 26TH – St. Vincent DePaul Society – Everyone's Way of the Cross

MAR 5TH – Men's Bible Study – Scriptural Way of the Cross

MAR 12ND – Knights of Columbus - Prolife Way of the Cross

MAR 19TH – Religious Education - Children's Way of the Cross

MAR 26TH – Women's Bible Study – Mary's Way of the Cross



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DRIVE-THRU LENTEN FISH DINNERS!

Plan now & tell your friends!
**THE WORLD-FAMOUS FISH
DINNERS ARE BACK!**

No worries about getting great fish during Lent. On Friday's through Lent, **from 4pm-6:30pm**, the **Sacred Heart Knights' "World-Famous Fish Dinners"** will be available through our new, easy to use "Drive-Thru" service.

- Just drive up and order from your car!
- Dinners brought directly out to you as you wait!
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- Fast! Easy! Safe!

NOTE: Please enter at the Adams Road entrance (between Fr. Kreft Hall & Church) & just follow the signs!





HEARTS ON FIRE at Sacred Heart

Where Faith is Known, Lived, & Shared

I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing. (Luke 12:49)

On November 22, 2020, the fourth anniversary of Synod 16, Archbishop Vigneron wrote a Pastoral Note on Families of Parishes: *Led by the Spirit on Mission*. In the following weeks we will view and pray with excerpts from that Note.

LISTEN to the Archbishop: Jesus' power over all things on earth should give us a great measure of confidence in God, even as we face significant challenges and undergo a renewal of our parish structures. He has conquered sin and plundered the strong man of his possessions (Mk 3:23-27). He has entered into death itself and emerged victorious in his Resurrection. Therefore, nothing is stronger than Jesus Christ. We are invited to take the unshakably confident words of St. Paul into our own lives: *"What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?...No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom 8:35, 37-39)."*

NOTE ON FAMILIES OF PARISHES: *LED BY THE SPIRIT ON MISSION*, PG 4

PRAY: *Tear or cut off this prayer and keep it where you'll remember to pray it throughout the week*

Come, Holy Spirit, to Sacred Heart Church and to our new Family of Parishes. Give us the grace of this unshakable confidence in the power of Jesus Christ, knowing that there is literally nothing that will be "able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus." Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love as we confidently follow where You lead us. Amen!

ACT: What is this Note saying to *me*? What is this Note saying to me? Do I have this "unshakable confidence" in the power of God? Is there anything going on in my life right now that makes me doubt it? If so, take it to prayer and read the Romans Scripture above every day this week. If not, thank God for this confidence and pray the Romans Scripture above this week to reinforce that confidence.

To read or to order the entire Note, "*Led by the Spirit on Mission*" go to familiesofparishes.org.

Saint OF THE WEEK

FEBRUARY 27 | SAINT GABRIEL



On February 27, it is the feast day of St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows. On Ascension Day, 1920, Pope Benedict XV bestowed the honors of sainthood on a youth who is rightly called the Aloysius of the 19th century. He was Francis Possenti, known in religion as Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother. Born in Assisi, March 1, 1838, he was given the name of the city's illustrious patron, St. Francis, at baptism. As a student in neighboring Spoleto, he led a good though rather worldly kind of life until God drew him closer to Himself through an illness. The

decisive step was taken while seeing the highly honored miraculous picture of our Lady in Spoleto borne about in solemn procession. As his eyes followed our Blessed Mother, Francis felt the fire of divine love rising in his heart and almost at once made the resolve to join the Passionists, a religious congregation dedicated to the veneration of and meditation on the passion of Jesus Christ.

After overcoming many difficulties, he carried out his resolution and received the religious name, Gabriel of the Mother of Sorrows. Even as a novice, he was regarded as a model of perfect holiness both within and beyond the cloister. Saint Gabriel did not stand out from his community in any extraordinary way — his heroism lay in his obedient attitude. He conformed himself to his community in complete humility. Little is known of his life - only that he was blessed with an excellent memory and other gifts that made him an outstanding student. He also had a great devotion to the Passion of Christ and the Sorrows of Mary. Pius X and Leo XIII especially desired that he be the patron saint of young people and novices in religious orders, as their model in the interior life. He died in the year 1862. He is the patron saint of the Abruzzi region of Italy, Catholic Action, clerics, students, and young people in general.



The Christian Service Commission in conjunction with Right to Life – Lifespan will be hosting its annual baby shower to support the women and babies that need our help through Oxford Pregnancy Center on March 7th. Our gifts will bring hope and opportunities for mothers and their babies who

society ridicules as "foolish" for choosing to have a baby without all the resources necessary to raise them. Unfortunately, society doesn't agree with the teachings of Jesus, that these are the least of our brothers and sisters and we are responsible for taking care of them (Matt 25:31-46). Please drop off your generous gifts in the baby playpen at the back of Church.

Oxford Pregnancy Center told us they need all baby items but they are especially in need of the following: **Sleepers, onesies, clothes from 6 months to two years, socks, receiving blankets, diapers (they really need larger sizes), wash clothes, towels, pacifiers, bottles, bibs, personal hygiene items.**

Thank you and God Bless you for your love of these mother and babies. Your gifts will bring hope and God's spirit of love to these mothers and their babies. If you have any questions please contact **Mary Alice Merlo at 248-375-5378.**





THE FOUNDATIONS OF LENT

The most important thing anyone can do for Lent is to *“return to the Lord with your whole heart”* (Joel 2:12). That’s the root meaning of repent: to turn around. Catholics have traditionally expressed sorrow for sin and the

desire to live as genuine disciples of Christ through the three traditional Lenten disciplines of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer – which help to turn us toward Christ as the true source of happiness. These are forms of self-denial: we deny the tendency in us to seek happiness in physical pleasure, in economic security, or in power. Just as Jesus was tempted in the desert, we must face our temptation to put pleasure, property, or power ahead of our relationship to God.

Lenten disciplines prepare us to receive the grace of Easter. By virtue of Christ’s victory over death, our relationship to pleasure, property, and power is no longer a matter of following our own selfish inclinations, but of gratefully receiving all that the Lord has to give us.

Fasting and abstinence practiced as the Church instructs is a good beginning. A bodily way to remind ourselves that we need God above all things, fasting is also a sacrifice, a gift back to God of our heart’s intent to depend more completely on God. The interior free desire to deepen our relationship to God is the essence of a Lenten fast.

Almsgiving readjusts our priorities while it expresses both our love of neighbor and our trust in God. A free gift to those in need confirms our basic trust in Providence while concretely helping those in need. Just as we fast without starving ourselves, so we give alms without jeopardizing our security or that of our family. The point is to give from the heart.

Prayer is a recognition that we need help to turn back to God. From daily Mass to the Rosary to Centering Prayer to the Stations of the Cross to Eucharistic Adoration, the Church encourages a wealth of prayerful practices. A very simple way to pray is to sit quietly for a moment before taking up one of the Gospels and slowly reading a passage that you like. Simply sit with the passage for a bit, savoring the Word and allowing it to touch you, read it again slowly, and then respond to God.



The fruitfulness of evangelization depends upon the graces called down through intercession. These prayers are specifically on behalf of our parish, our community, our Family of Parishes, and the world. Join us as we pray this week:

Lord, we pray In the Name of the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit:

- ~ *For those who serve our neighbors in need through the Sat. Vincent de Paul ministry and our Service Commission.*
- ~ *For all our parishioners to take to heart the call to repentance—reorienting our lives—during this season of Lent, placing Christ at the center.*
- ~ *That we will be moved by the Spirit to increased prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lent in order that we may be drawn closer to Christ.*
- ~ *For parishioners of our new Family of Parishes to be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit, giving us new hope and new enthusiasm to become His witnesses: His arms, hands and feet to a world which needs to find its Savior.*
- ~ *For the Holy Spirit to give an increase in priestly compassion, tenderness and generosity to all priests involved in Family of Parishes, especially during this Lent.*
- ~ *For Archbishop Vigneron, the Auxiliary Bishops, and the members of the Assignment Board, that the Holy Spirit will guide their discernment in selecting the priests to be named as Moderators for Families of Parishes.*

We ask all this in the Name of the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit. Amen.



MEN OF GOD WHAT ARE DOING FOR LENT?

Is Lent about giving things up or about becoming the man God wants you to be? Are you searching for meaning to your life? Do you want to know God’s will for your Life? Do you really want to know the Lord?

St Jerome tells us “Ignorance of the Bible is ignorance of Christ”

Come Join us as we share the upcoming Sunday Scriptures and reflect on what the Lord is trying to tell us.

Where: Father Kreft Hall

When: Every Saturday

8:00 am – 9:00am



DONATION STATEMENTS

Your 2020 donation statements are available. If you would like a statement please call the parish office **248-852-4170 Ext. 10**

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

6 MINUTE REFLECTIONS FOR LENT

AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF CHURCH

\$3 Donation Requested



FORMED®

Programs For LENT

If you are looking for a Lenten Program to participate from Home, here are options you can watch on FORMED. If you have not signed up for FORMED yet, call the Sacred Heart office we will walk you through the simple process.



Jesus asks The Apostles, "Who do you say that I am?" This program looks at the evidence, both historical and biblical to prove Jesus claim that he is the Messiah, the holy one, the

Son of God. How would you defend your belief in Jesus?

Explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, *Forgiven* communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love.



This Lent, we invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for Daily Lenten Reflections. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which

features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life. Available for free on FORMED.

formed.org/lent

"For He became man that we might become divine; and He revealed Himself through a body that we might receive an idea of the invisible Father; and He endured insults from men that we might inherit incorruption."
— St. Athanasius of Alexandria

What are you doing for Jesus this Lent?

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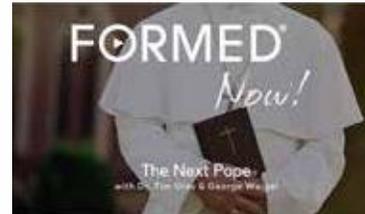
PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

THE WILD GOOSE: EPISODE 10 THE SPIRIT AND THE DESERT

Sometimes we might feel like we're stuck in spiritual deserts. In this episode of *The Wild Goose*, Fr. Dave Pivonka shares how the Holy Spirit is present even in these times of desolation.



FORMED NOW! THE NEXT POPE

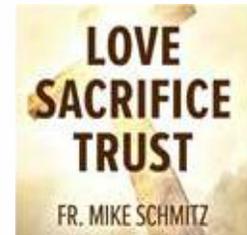
As we celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter this week, join Dr. Tim Gray and George Weigel as they discuss the past, present, and future of the papacy!

LEARN

LISTEN

LOVE, SACRIFICE, TRUST: HE SHOWED US THE WAY BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz shares with us the need to pick up our crosses and embrace Christ in our own suffering. He reminds us that love often means sacrifice!



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NOTICE:

PASTORAL CARE REGARDING THE VATICAN'S NOTE ON BAPTISM

In August of 2020, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a response to questions regarding the use of the words, "We baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" instead of the proper form of "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". The Vatican ruled that the form "We baptize" does not convey the Sacrament of baptism.

In the Archdiocese of Detroit, we are aware that between 1986 – 1999, potentially invalid baptisms occurred at St. Anastasia Parish in Troy, conducted by Deacon Mark Springer using the improper form. We are in the process of contacting those individuals who may be affected and we are asking for your help.

If you or someone you know was baptized at St. Anastasia Parish during this time period or you have any questions or concerns about the validity of your sacrament(s), we invite you to visit the website aod.org/sacramentsupdate for more information and to submit questions or concerns using the online form.

Mass Intentions

Rosary said one-half hour
before daily Mass

Saturday, February 20, 2020

4:00 p.m.

- † Gerri Kalem
- † Wayne Herman by Irene Herman

Sunday, February 21, 2020

10:00 a.m.

- † Rita Pedersen by
Maureen Sullivan
- † Fred Samrah by Family

Monday, February 22, 2020

9:00 a.m.

- † Eileen and Joseph Blechinger
Frank J. Felice *Special Intention*

Tuesday, February 23, 2020

NO MASS

Wednesday, February 24, 2020

9:00 a.m.

- † Richard Kessler
- † Roberta Wishart
- † Suzanne Augustyn

Thursday, February 25, 2020

NO MASS

Friday, February 26, 2020

9:00 a.m.

- † Deacon Kevin Breen
- † Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Pasko
by son Robert

Saturday, February 27, 2020

4:00 p.m.

- † Margaret Zacharskin

Sunday, February 28, 2020

10:00 a.m.

- † Allen Farrelly
Patricia Johnson
- † Fred Samrah by Family
- † Julie Koppin

PRAY FOR . . .

*Names will be published for 3 weeks.
If a name has been removed that you wish
to have re-established, please call the
Parish Office at 248-852-4170*

Kathleen Stachurski

John Latella

Elizabeth Jeri

David Sargent

Tommie Miller

Margaret O'Donnell

Gabrielle Roth-Haver

Don Boudreaux

Jackson Hensley

Marguerite Fishbaugh

Joe Kroetsch

Joan Martus

Laurie Graves

Dora Murray

Diane Hurd

Richard Booms

Doreen Valente

Mary Bourbeau

Lori Crowl

Dennis Spensley

Rolf Maier

Stella Lentz

Tom Guibord

Nancy Delosh

Michael Delosh

Frank J. Felice

Nick Rennels

Jim Clem

Mary Ann Demres

Fr. T. Mazur

Ron Iwaszkiewicz II

Bill Brown

Priscilla Boudreaux

Scripture Readings for the Week



Sunday, February 21:

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7,
8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday, February 22:

1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5,
6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday, February 23:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17,
18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 24:

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
[19b]/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, February 25:

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

Friday, February 26:

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4,
5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, February 27:

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
[1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, February 28:

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

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICE

2nd Lt Carrigan Berard, Army NG
CPL Christopher Berard, US Marine Corp
Sergeant Joel Bock, National Guard
Lt Christopher Burns, Navy
Lt Molly Hamilton Burns, Navy
Lt Jamel Chokr, Coast Guard
Sra Jake Coll, Air Force
Ssgt Joshua Coll, Air Force
AMS3 Christion Compton, Navy
Joseph Destefano, serving in Iraq
Capt Brent Drabek, Air Force
Lt Linda Erickson, Army
Petty Officer Anthony Giacobelli, Navy
Lt Stephanie Herderich, Air Force
Lt Nicholas Hughes, Army
LCPT Dawson Innis, Marines
Capt Benjamin Lloyd, Marines
Capt Kaitlyn Tullock Lloyd, Marines
Lance Corporal Adam Mather, Marines
Capt Sean McQuade, Army
Maj Sarah Burns Mobilio, Marines
Sergeant Daniel Pendell
Lt Ronnie Robinson, Army
1Lt Billy Romine, Army
Gunnery Sgt Michael Schuhler, Marines
Capt Todd Sullivan, Army
Senior Airman Scott Socia, Air Force
Tom Yombor, Army Ranger 1175
Ian Zdral, Army

"LET US DO
GOOD WHILE WE
STILL HAVE TIME."

ST. PADRE PIO

Liturgy Schedule		
February 20-21, First Sunday of Lent		
	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	Mary Tavernit	Mary Lynn Foster
Sunday, 10:00 am Mass	Sean Sylvetser	Sean Sylvester
February 27-28, Second Sunday of Lent		
	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	Lisa Landry	Lisa Landry
Sunday, 10:00 am Mass	Randy Shetterly	Brenda Shetterly

Parish Mission Statement

Sacred Heart parish is a loving and giving Roman Catholic community. We welcome people from all walks of life as we celebrate God's presence in the Eucharist and we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by serving all, teaching boldly and rejoicing always.

Sacred Heart Parish

<p>SACRED HEART OFFICE 3400 S. Adams, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 248-852-4170 FAX: 248-852-5745 sacredheartauburnhills@gmail.com www.esacredheart.org</p> <p>Follow us on facebook, instagram and twitter @sacredheart7009</p> <p>  </p>	<p>MASS SCHEDULE Mon., Wed., Fri.: Mass 9:00a.m. Tues., Thur.: NO MASS Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>SACRAMENTS & INFORMATION RECONCILIATION Saturday, 3:00 p.m. BAPTISMS Please call the Parish Office for arrangements, Call 3 to 6 months before birth of child. MARRIAGES Arrangements to be made with priest. Call at least 6 months to a year prior to wedding. RCIA RCIA program for adult entrance into the Church begins each fall. Please call the Parish Office for information.</p>
<p>OFFICE HOURS: Mon. & Tues.: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Thurs & Fri.: By Appointment Wed, Sat & Sun: Closed</p>	<p>PARISH COUNCIL COMMISSIONS Christian Service Member Colleen Sylvester 248-853-5717 Education Member JoAnn Eaton 248-361-2854 Finance Member Ron Iwaszkiewicz 248-852-1303 Worship Member JoAnn Eaton 248-361-2854 Member at Large Mary Alice Merlo 248-375-5378</p>	<p>EUCHARISTIC CHAPEL Come and pray anytime. NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION Please call the Parish Office at 248-852-4170 x10 to register. BULLETIN Deadline: Articles are due by Friday (10 days before) at 5:00 p.m. Bulletin Editor Email: bulletin@esacredheart.org</p>
<p>LEADERSHIP AND STAFF Pastor: Rev. Fr. Richard Cavellierx22 Pastoral Associate & Director of Religious Education: Michael Merlo ...x12 Deacon: Rev. Mr. Jack Parent Office Assistant: Carol Bissax10 Music Minister: Brendan Johnson</p>	<p>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Sacred Heart Council 8659 kofc8659.com Dan Heath (GK) 248-343-9622 Sam Crowl (MD) 248-980-4636 samcrowl@comcast.net</p>	

3 EASY STEPS

TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



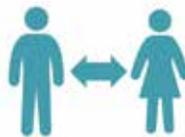
WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

SACRED HEART CHURCH ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Sacred Heart has joined social media!

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