

March 19, 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Lenten Concert at St. John Church, Friday, March 24, 7pm
Music & Meditations on the Way of Sorrows

Liturgy and Events for the Week

† Intention for deceased ◊ Special intention

2/19/23—Country Breakfast

in the Activity Center, after 8:30 & 10am Masses

Monday, March 20,

- 8:20 am - Mass † **Robert Chmielewski**
- req. Mary Anne Chmielewski
- 9:00 am - **Confessions** (School children first)

Tuesday, March 21,

- 8:20 am - Mass † **Mary Cunningham**
- req. the Richards family
- 3:30 pm - **Acts of the Apostles Study** - Library
- 4:00 pm - **Youth Choir Rehearsal** - Church
- 6:30 pm - **Confirmation Mass** - Church
- 6:30 pm - **Surviving Divorce** - Gospel Room
- 7:00 pm - **Catechism in a Year Study Group** - Library
- 8:00 pm - **Knights of Columbus Meeting** - Knights Hall

Wednesday, March 22,

- 8:20 am - Mass † **Julius S. Nagy**, Anniv. of death
- 5:30 pm - **Growing Catholics** - School
- 6:00 pm - **CCW Lenten Potluck and Evening of Reflection**
- Grand Hall Kitchen Half
- 7:00 pm - **"The Chosen" Watchparty & Study**
(Season 1, Episode 7) - Grand Hall Stage Half

Thursday, March 23,

- 8:20 am - **No Mass** - Pray for vocations to the priesthood
- 9:30 am - **Women's Group** - Founders Hall
- 5:30 pm - 7pm - Middle School Youth Group - The Deep
- 6:00 pm - Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Church
- 7:00 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal - Church
- 7:00 pm - **High School Youth Group** - The Deep

Friday, March 24,

- 8:20 am - Mass † **Jacob Clements** - req. Jim & Lynn Lusty
- 9:00 am - **Confessions**
- 9:00 am - 6pm - **Adoration** - Cry Room
- 9:00 am - **Bible Study** - Library
- 3:00 pm - **Divine Mercy Chaplet** - Cry Room
- 4:00 pm - 7pm **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry** - Grand Hall
- 5:30 pm - **Stations of the Cross** - Church
- 6:30 pm - **Bingo** - Knight's Hall
- 7:00 pm - **Lenten Concert: Music & Meditations on the Way of Sorrows** - Church

Saturday, March 25,

- 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - **Confessions**
- 5:00 pm - Mass † **Gerald Palmer** - req. Howard Stack family

Sunday, March 26,

Coffee and Donuts after 8:30 & 10 am Masses

- 8:30 am - Mass †/◊ **People of the Parish**
- 9:30 am - **RCIA** - Founders Hall
- 10:00 am - Mass † **Jill Ann Weatherwax**
- req. Andrew Moynihan
- 10:00 am - **NO Growing Catholics** - Spring Break
- 10:45 am - **Widows Fellowship** - Library
- 11:30 am - **Mass, 3rd Scrutiny, † Ross Tatro**
- req. Tom & Gerry Frederick



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week beginning March 19 for the deceased members of the Lape family.



How are we growing this Lent?

Society doesn't value hard work, pain, conflict, mistakes, self denial and many other things that are not pleasurable, easy, or fun. It is great when growth happens easily and conveniently, but it rarely does. Growth in faith is rarely simply fun and convenient, instead it is usually a result of a painful choice of choosing God over family, friends, fun, work, school, sports, hobbies and everything else. *"Vanity of vanities; all is vanity!"* It's the most famous phrase in the Book of Ecclesiastes. From the very beginning chapters, the author repeatedly laments that everything from labor, to love, to sorrow, to loss — all of it— is "mere vanity." While two people may make the same choice, one makes the choice based on vanity (self centeredness), the other bases it on Godliness (virtue). Growth comes from sifting through our wants and desires to finally realize where true fulfillment will be found— and this will typically demand some amount of sacrifice on our part.

I had a good time on vacation spending time with my mom down in Florida and while most of the time my foot hurt, the weather was great and I had a very restful time. But as always I am glad to be home.

Thank you for prayerfully pledging towards our DSA goal of \$165,205.00. Current pledges are approximately \$13,911.75. If you have not yet done so, consider giving by check or online: <https://dioceseoflansing.org/appeal>. Thank you for your generous giving.

Reflection . . .

(Our Gospel is a long one today! Below are the pertinent verses to the reflection. You can read the entire Gospel on page 3, opposite)

John 9: 13

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."

So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?"

And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

John 9:40-41

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

Jesus heals a blind man, and the Pharisees are upset that he is "working on the Sabbath"; they are blind to God's work.

The Pharisees are the very people who should be most excited about how God is working through this miracle. Yet, they are completely blind to it and in the last verses, Jesus points out their fault.

In the same way that Jesus helped the blind man to see with his eyes, Jesus also helps us "see" how God is at work in the world — through the Church, his Word and the Sacraments, most noticeably the Eucharist.

Revival's in the Air, a three-year National Revival, began in our Catholic Church this past Advent, and is gaining steam in our diocese and others across the country. It is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this mystery of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. There will be ways for all of us to grow in our love of Jesus, and to help "open the eyes" of those blind to this mystery. An online newsletter is available with weekly reflections, videos, and resources by subscribing at www.eucharisticrevival.org For those without this access, watch the bulletin where we will share some of this content and let you know about live opportunities so we can all take part in this Revival! (See pg. 13)

-MMF

St. John Highlights

Gospel reading for March 19, 2023

John 9:1 - 41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind.

We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him."

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.



Coordinator Religious Education,
Annie Kitching . . .

GROWING CATHOLICS

We can pray alone (private prayer) or we can pray with others (communal prayer). Another way of thinking about prayer divides it into three types. All of these types of prayer can be private or communal.

- vocal prayer
- meditation
- contemplation

Vocal prayer obviously, uses words. It can include memorized prayers or prayer from the heart and the words can be mental or spoken.

Meditation involves thinking and listening, seeking to understand what God is saying. Often meditation centers around a passage of Sacred Scripture, though we can also meditate on a situation, an artwork or someone else's writing. Meditation is generally silent (although we could meditate on a piece of music). In meditation we let God move our hearts to understand and respond to what He asks of us. Because God is speaking to our hearts Meditation is generally private, and yet in Bible Studies (for example) we may be together in community and share with one another what has been revealed.

Contemplation may be the most difficult sort of prayer to understand. It can probably best be described as simply resting in God's presence. Contemplation tends to be the form of prayer that requires the most receptivity on our part. It seems to require the most maturity and patience and yet, paradoxically, the innocent vulnerability of young children may lend itself to a kind of contemplation as well.

In *Growing Catholics* (especially in *Flourishing Catholics* - for children who have received their first Sacraments, along with their parents) we aim to provide many different experiences of prayer and encourage participants to approach prayer with a willingness to try its many forms. While it is much easier to pray with other using vocal prayer, other forms of prayer are encouraged and discussed.

Don't stop with vocal prayer! Just as we experience precious moments sitting in silence with loved ones; God wants that with us, too.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Sandy Shaker . . .

I would like to introduce all of you to Emma, who will be baptized, make her First Holy Communion, and be Confirmed on April 8th, at the Easter Vigil Mass. Last Sunday, at the 11:30 Mass, Emma had the privilege of portraying the "Woman at the Well" from our Gospel. She had a speaking part in the Gospel for our 1st Scrutiny.



Every Lent we have three Scrutinies. These Scrutinies are prayers for the Catechumens (those who have not been baptized). In February, at the Rite of Election, the Bishop prayed over the Catechumens of the Diocese of Lansing, so now they are identified as "The Elect."

The purpose of the Scrutinies for those preparing to be baptized is for them to "scrutinize", or examine, their lives so as to recognize sin and to prepare to meet Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and become one of His disciples.

I continue to ask for all of your prayers as the Vigil is fast approaching and we need to hold all of those who will be entering the Church in prayer.

I need to thank Mary Koski and her husband, Norm, for the breakfast brunch they prepared (in honor of St. Patrick) for RCIA last Sunday. It was absolutely wonderful! Our group was eating all morning and took some home. Our ladies from the Widows' Fellowship group have also been sharing treats with us. We are grateful and I thank you for making our new people feel so "Welcomed" at St. John. The Charism of Hospitality is recognized and appreciated very much.

Thank all of you.

Peace & Joy,
Sandy



St. John School, An Education in Faith - Andrew Schmit, Principal



Hello, I am Jennifer Cislo, one of the third grade teachers at St. John. I have taught here for 16 years, mainly in 3rd grade. My family has been parishioners at St. John since we moved here over 55 years ago. My three grown sons attended school here and as their families grow the tradition continues. I am so grateful to teach in a faith—filled environment that values the development of the whole child—academically, spiritually and socially. Incorporating God, faith, prayer and scripture into everyday life helps the students develop a closer relationship with God. Such a blessing!

READ TO WIN!!! To kick off **March is Reading Month**, 3rd Grade read biographies about famous people throughout history. Touching on all areas; athletics, the Arts, Civil Rights, and inventors to name a few. We mainly used the [Who Was?](#) Series. This series also includes [Where is?](#) And [What was?](#) Definitely worth checking out.

Students chose a person of interest, read a book, took notes, wrote outlines, prepared a personalized speech, dressed as their character, made a frame, highlighted major events and contribution to our world today and FINALLY, presented it to the entire school and VIP guests (parents, grandparents, and special friends). Following our theme for the month, the presentation was done as a game show—Jeopardy. It was incredible!! Although they only read about one person, everyone gleaned facts about 29 others.

LET'S GET SAPPY!!

During Lent we are reminded of Jesus' words and actions "we are here to serve and not to be served". To help my class put this into practice we are using the Acronym SAP.

S: See ways to help others by *seeing* things to be done.

A: take *actions* to help them, NOW!

P: Praise God for the opportunity to be the **Light of Christ** for others.

The momentum is picking up as the students share their sappy stories with great JOY! One student commented "Sap is sticky and this is going to stick with us" YES IT IS AND YES IT WILL! YOU ARE A **CHILD OF GOD AND THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**, TODAY, TOMORROW AND FOREVER!



Important Dates:

- 3/20/23—First Day of Spring!!!
- 3/24/23—Half Day. Dismissal at 11:30 am. Start of Spring Break at the end of the day of school.
- 4/3/23—Classes Resume
- 4/7/23—No School. Good Friday
- 4/9/23—Easter Sunday
- 4/10/23—No School. Easter Monday.
- 4/24/23—No School. Teacher PD

Our Parish Life Together . . .

12-Mar-23	Current Month to Date	Current Year to Date	Year to Date - Last Year
Sunday/Holy Day - Actual	\$69,473.12	\$1,178,584.83	\$1,199,130.77
Budget	\$132,500.00	\$1,192,500.00	\$1,192,500.00
Difference	(\$63,026.88)	(\$13,915.17)	\$6,630.77

This Week's Mass Readings . . .

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

4th Sunday in Lent

SEEING THE LIGHT

Our Lenten journey continues this Sunday as we hear of Jesus healing a blind man in the Gospel of John. Jesus proclaims himself the light of the world, a light that overcomes darkness and enables a new capacity to see. The man, blind from birth, was able to begin his path to sight by first acknowledging his blindness. We are reminded of God's ongoing invitation to us to journey from blindness to sight. We begin by acknowledging our own capacity for "blind spots," and so open ourselves to uncomfortable truths and to God's healing. We are invited to see beyond appearances, as the reading from Samuel indicates, and to look into the heart of things. We are invited to "live as children of light" as the letter to the Ephesians teaches. Like the man healed from blindness, we may gradually learn to see fully and to follow Jesus. © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

In the Peace of Christ....

PRAYER IN TIME OF SADNESS AND GRIEF

O God of compassion,
 your people are in pain.
 Send your Holy Spirit among us
 to dispel the fear that accompanies grief.
 We cry out to you in our confusion;
 comfort us in our affliction.
 Help us to travel this road of grief and sadness
 with our eyes fixed on the salvation
 promised us through the death and resurrection
 of your Son, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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Saints and Special Observances . . .

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Joseph; Spring begins
Thursday: St. Toribius of Mogrovejo
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Please Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Eileen Affrica	Heather Jarvela	Greg Root
Marge Andrews	Michael Jozwik	Richard Rothley
Bob Beale, SR	Mike LaMothe	Karen Schauwecker
Ed Bourdeau	Trish Leming	Tina Shepard
Jeremy Carrette	Linda Logan	Jo Ann Skipper
Pat Coscia	Michelle Lubahn	Deborah Stroud
Ann Czmer	Larry Martin	Mary Ann Sutphen
Lori Delecki	Bill McLaury	Noreen Thompson
Sue Diebel	Alice Mellenbrink	Carol Tykocki
Daniel Dolan	Rose Monahan	Mary Sue Veltman
Michael Ellison	Shirley O'Berry	Albert Vorachek
Patty Ellison	Arlene Osinski	Chris Wade
Connie Fischer	Alan Parsch	Don Walsh Sr.
Sandy Florkowski	Monica Pinkerton	Jo-Lee Wambach
Art Gedeon	Adam Powell	Gerry Willey
Eileen Gedeon	Emmy Prieto	Nancy Williams
Carla Heckworth	Sheila Rhodes	Joseph Witherow
Elizabeth Higham	Jerry Roberts	Katie Woodzell
Tom Humenckick	Diane Roome	

St. John Ministry Highlight

Liturgy



Domestic Church

Take the Gospel Home

4th Sunday in Lent: John 9:1-41

SEEDS FOR CONVERSATION:

In today's reading the blind man is given physical sight; what kind of spiritual sight does he also receive?

Each day we are all bombarded with a lot of visual (and other) stimulation. What might this cause us to miss seeing (and experiencing)?

How can we limit these kinds of distractions - particularly during Lent?

In what ways has Jesus revealed Himself to you?

Who has helped you see who Jesus is?



IT HELPS TO KNOW:

It is important to know that at the time of Jesus, it was a common belief that a person's misfortune, illness or disability were the result of sin. This is why Jesus asks the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. For this reason, the man's healing is a sign/symbol of his sin being taken away.

The rules about working on the Sabbath were extremely strict and spelled out in detail. Healing clearly seems to break the law.

Just as the water in last week's reading could be seen as the water of Baptism, it is helpful to think about the water in the pool of Siloam in this context.

One noteworthy thing about the title, "the Son of Man" is that it is spoken only by Jesus, Himself. The early Church Fathers believed that He used this expression out of humility and also to avoid giving offense to His enemies at this time. This title could also be applied to cover His Messianic claims—including everything that had been foretold in the Old Testament of "the second Adam", the suffering servant of Jehovah, the Messianic king. Pope John Paul II explained that Jesus seems to be highlighting the fact that "he took his place with that same name as a true man among men, as a son of a woman, Mary of Nazareth," one who shares entirely our earthly condition and suffering. In other passages, though, the Pope points out, Jesus uses the title with obvious reference to the prophecy of Daniel (7:13-14), which was viewed by all as messianic: "I saw coming with the clouds of heaven one like a son of man. ... He received dominion, splendor and kingship; all nations, peoples and tongues will serve him."

Lector	E.M.	Usher	Server
Saturday, March 25, 2023 - 5:00 pm			
(1) P. Gage (2) M. Kline	Church: D. Lape T. Minock D. Phillips * Cup: G. Herrman J. Husse Parking Lot: D. LaGuire-Quinn M. Tennis	K. Claxton M. Czop A. Gedeon M. Leaver	M. Jensen S. Jensen J. Varner
Sunday, March 26, 2023 - 8:30 am			
(1) F. Polidan (2) S. Polidan	Church: S. Diebel M. Dixon A. Roths M. Spear Cup: J. Sloan J. Topolinski Parking Lot: B. Carrette K. Learman	S. Nagy, R. Dixon S. Dostie *	K. Ferraiuolo D. McCrate *
Sunday, March 26, 2023 - 10:00 am			
(1) R. Guilbault (2) M. Guilbault	Church: R. DeShano L. Faricy J. Spelman S. Walsh Cup: D. Clements M. Clements Parking Lot: L. Carpenter C. Fellows	T. Keskes, R. West C. West *	Q. Palmer * *
Sunday, March 26, 2023 - 11:30 am			
(1) * (2) *	Church: T. Bundy L. Hein A. Taylor S. Tryles Cup: M. Hubert R. Ryan Parking Lot: J. Easlick R. Herpy	T. Glinke K. Laetz J. Rheingans L. Walters	D. Ryan * *

* Volunteer needed for this position. To view schedule and to volunteer, log into: stjohnfenton.ccbchurch.com



STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Fridays of LENT at 5:30 PM

Good Friday, April 7 at 12:15 pm

Live Stations of the Cross

HOLY THURSDAY - 6:00 PM

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Adoration follows in the Garden of Gethsemane

(Gathering Space) until 10 PM

GOOD FRIDAY - 1:00 PM LITURGY

HOLY SATURDAY: BLESSING OF FOOD: 1PM

EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 8:30 PM Easter Vigil

SUNDAY:

7:00 AM - 10:00 AM - 11:30AM

St. John Bulletin Board



Lenten Concert at St. John Church

Music & Meditations *on the Way of Sorrows*

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 7:00 PM

600 N. Adelaide St. Fenton, MI

Local Communal Penance Services

March 22, Wednesday, St. Joseph, Howell, 7 PM

March 23, Thursday, St. Augustine, 7PM

March 30, Thurs. St. Mary Magdalene, Brighton, 7PM

April 1st. Saturday, St. Patrick, Howell, 10 AM

Lenten Supper & Evening of Reflection

Wednesday, March 22 - 6:00 pm

Join us for a Pot-Luck Supper in the Grand Hall-Kitchen Half of the Activity Center, hosted by the Council of Catholic Women. Deacon Rich Stoolmaker will present the reflection. All are welcome!

Please make sure to RSVP to Shirley at 810-629-4775 by March 10th

Making the Church More Present to the World Today

Why do we 'Pray the Stations?'



The Stations of the Cross, or the Via Dolorosa (The Way of Suffering), are a beautiful, traditional practice where we recall and meditate on the events of Christ's Passion.

The Via Dolorosa at Jerusalem was reverently marked out from the earliest times and has been the destination of pious pilgrims ever since the days of Constantine. When we can't be in Rome or Jerusalem, we can make a mini-pilgrimage in most Roman Catholic Churches. The 14 stations that are displayed depict

- Christ condemned to death ;
- The cross is laid upon him;
- His first fall;
- He meets His Blessed Mother;
- Simon of Cyrene is made to bear the cross;
- Christ's face is wiped by Veronica;
- His second fall;
- He meets the women of Jerusalem ;
- His third fall;
- He is stripped of His garments;
- His crucifixion;
- His death on the cross;
- His body is taken down from the cross;
- Jesus is laid in the tomb.

"There is no practice more profitable for the entire sanctification of the soul than the frequent meditation of the sufferings of Jesus Christ."—St. Alphonsus de Liguori

A Spiritual Work of Mercy

Lent is a time to increase our pious exercises. Those who make the Stations of the Cross at church can be granted a plenary indulgence, which removes all temporal punishment due to sin—not only for themselves but for those in purgatory. Read more about how to get a plenary indulgence here:

www.ncregister.com/blog/4-ways-to-gain-a-plenary-indulgence-daily-during-lent

Lunch with the Easter Bunny

On April 8, in Fr. Harvey activity center, at 11:30 am, K of C Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring "LUNCH WITH THE EASTER BUNNY". There will be fun and games! Lunch will be provided for all who attend. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Nichol 810 629 0145.

Needed: Homemade Baked Goods

The K of C Ladies Auxiliary will once again sponsor the dessert table at the Lenten Fish Dinners in March. We need your help supplying "goodies" for this table. Baked goods may be dropped off during the day at the Activity Center on Friday's March 3 through March 31. THANK YOU very much for your help!!

Part-Time Cook

St. John School in Fenton, MI is looking for a part-time cook who is cheerful, energetic, with knowledge and experience within the foodservice industry. Qualified candidates must be able to perform hot and cold food preparation in a timely manner. Applicants will be responsible for cleaning work areas, equipment, and utensils and handling of objects that can weigh up to 25lbs. Candidates need to be willing to take 6-12 hours of school food nutrition and food safety and sanitation classes that will be available online. Most of all, the qualified candidate will serve the students of St. John School daily, with a cheerful smile and positive attitude. Interested applicants need to attach a letter of interest, resume, and letters of recommendation. Contact: Andrew Schmit: aschmit@sjseducation.com

VG's Receipts Program Discontinued

Unfortunately VG's is no longer offering their Direct Your Dollar reward program. We appreciate everyone who has been saving their VG receipts for our Outreach, but as of March 1st, we are no longer collecting them.

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The CHOSEN Watch Party

Wednesdays, at 7:00 pm
St. John Fr. Harvey Activity Center
600 N. Adelaide St. Fenton

A Scripture Study based on The Chosen series led by Deacon Larry and Dan Clements, will follow the video. . All are welcome, bring your family and friends.

Child care can be made available with pre-arrangement by calling the parish office. 810-629-2251

Please save the date:
PASTORAL APPRECIATION DINNER

Honoring

Servants of Faith
Sister Mary Ann McCarron
& Andrew Schmit, SJS Principal

APRIL 25, 2023
 DOORS OPEN 5:00 -HORS D'OURVES 5:30
 DINNER 6:00 - RSVP coming soon

Disciple Maker Index Survey.

Final Week!

The Disciple Maker Survey closes March 28th

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey by using the online link below. It asks you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enables you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. **Paper copies of the survey will be available at the Welcome Desk.** Survey closes March 28th.

& Thank You!



<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/gk6t14>

Prayers Requested

Please keep our young people who will be confirmed this week in your precious prayers! We ask the Lord to be exceptionally generous with the Holy Spirit and touch each one of them profoundly!

Special Needs Ministry

Every Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass is **ASL Interpreted** at Holy Redeemer Church, 1227 E. Bristol Road, Burton. No RSVP is required. Spiritual Sign Language is also available. For more information, please contact Renae Thomas at VP-810. 515.8586 or by e-mail at Spirituallsign7@gmail.com. For those that are Blind/Low Vision, we have FREE monthly Mass Propers in Braille from the Xavier Society for the Blind. Please contact Cathy Blatnik at blatsie63@yahoo.com or at 517-381-1410 to find out how to receive a copy. The Xavier Society for the Blind has many resources FREE of charge, please reach out to them directly through their website xaviersocietyfortheblind.org; call 1-800-637-9193 or 212-473-7800 or e-mail at info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org.

Men-on-Fire

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
 Thursday March 23rd

Fr. Patrick Brennan, CP "Finding Peace & Becoming Peacemakers"

Prayer 5:45pm | Mass 6:15pm | Talk 7:00pm
 Refreshments & Fellowship 8:00pm
 9565 Musch Road, Brighton MI 48116

Fr. Patrick Brennan, CP, is Director of the St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, Detroit, and a member of the Confraternity of the Passion of Christ, a Holy Order of priests founded in 1720 by St. Paul of the Cross, with a charism for Preaching, Spiritual Direction and Retreats. Come get a preview of this year's Men-on-Fire Retreat.

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 For more information contact Rory Clark:
Rkclaw@msn.com
 Annual Men's Retreat May 5-7, 2023.

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SPECIAL REQUESTS:

BREAKFAST

- Box Cereals (all types)
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Jelly
- Oatmeal

DRY PASTA & POTATO

- Spaghetti Noodles
- Cheese Burger Helper
- Egg Noodles
- White Rice
- Instant Potatoes
- Ramen Noodles



CANNED ITEMS

- Dinty Moore Beef Stew
- Whole Kernel Corn
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pork and Beans
- Chili, Tomato Sauce
- Canned Pasta
- Sloppy Joe Sauce
- Fruit, Tuna
- Green Beans

HYGIENE & HOUSEHOLD

- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Shampoo Toothpaste,
- Tooth Brush
- Dental Floss
- Dish soap
- 2-ply toilet paper

COLLECTION BOXES CAN BE FOUND AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCES, IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER, PARISH OFFICE, SJ SCHOOL, KNIGHTS HALL AND ALPINE GROCERY, LINDEN.

Country Breakfast!



Sunday, March 19

Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Ham, Potatoes,
Pancakes, Biscuits & Gravy & Beverage
all for a donation

Following 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Masses



Prayer for Priests

LORD JESUS CHRIST, eternal High Priest, you offered yourself to the Father on the altar of the Cross and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit gave your priestly people a share in your redeeming sacrifice. Hear our prayer for the sanctification of our priests. Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood may be ever more conformed to you, the divine Master. May they preach the Gospel with pure heart and clear conscience. Let them be shepherds according to your own Heart, single-minded in service to you and to the Church and shining examples of a holy, simple and joyful life. Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, your Mother and ours, draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care to the fullness of eternal life where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN

~Pope Benedict XVI



St John 2023 Fish Fry

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Dine-in Returns

**Friday's of
March 3, 10, 17,
24, 31**

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New Menu Options

Fish \$14.00
Fried, Baked, Cajun (NEW)

Shrimp \$14.00 (NEW)
*Choice of Fries or Baked Potato
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Gabriel Easter Basket Sale 🐰

In need of Easter baskets in a variety of themes and for a variety of ages. You can be as creative as you would like! **Please drop off your baskets at the Welcome Desk or Parish Office as soon as you can get them made!



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🐰 🥰 Basket Sale Dates:

- K of C Fish Fries, as baskets come in
- March 25th & 26th after Mass
- April 1st & 2nd after Mass



Our Diocese is in the midst of a three year National Eucharistic Revival.

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In the spirit of this Eucharistic revival the Diocese of Lansing is sponsoring 4 exciting events on the topic of Eucharistic Miracles with national speaker, Tim Francis from April 17-21, 2023.

These all go from 6-8pm

- Monday, April 17 - Lansing Catholic High School gym
- Wed, April 19 - Jackson Lumen Christi HS gym
- Thurs, April 20 - Fr. Richard HS gym, Ann Arbor
- Friday, April 21 - Flint Powers High School gym

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

In CHURCH & PARKING LOT :

Saturday: 5pm*

Sunday: 8:30am*, 10am, & 11:30am.

(*During Mass, facemasks and social distancing are required in the Gospel Room, located in the church gathering space)

LIVESTREAMED MASSES at www.stjohnfenton.org

Daily Mass: 8:20 am

Saturday: 5:00 pm & Sunday: 10:00 am

Daily Mass 8:20 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday,

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Friday: 8:45 am—9:30 am

Saturday: 3:00 pm—4:00 pm

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In the CRY ROOM OF CHURCH

Baptism:

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Marriage:

Please contact Sandy Shaker 810-373-0711 at least nine months prior to wedding date, when possible.

Anointing of the Sick:

This sacrament offers the Lord's healing strength and peace to anyone who is seriously or chronically ill or hospitalized. Please call the parish office if you wish to have someone receive this sacrament.

Rite of Christian Initiation:

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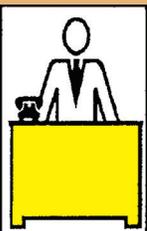
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