

ON THE AGENDA**Sunday, April 7**

Mass 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Monday, April 8

8:30 a.m. Mass, rosary

Religious Ed. 6 p.m.

Parish Council 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9

8:30 a.m. Mass, rosary

Wednesday, April 10

8:30 a.m. Mass, rosary

Thursday, April 11

8:30 a.m. Mass, rosary

Friday, April 121 p.m. Stations of the Cross
followed by Confessions**Saturday, April 13**

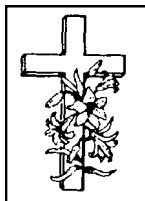
Confessions 2:30 p.m.

Mass 4 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 14

Mass 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Ed Raczkowski** and **Charles Gilbreath** who



were buried this past week, and **John MacDougall** who will be buried this Tuesday. May they be welcomed to Paradise by our

Savior. May their families find consolation in the hope of the resurrection and blessed reunion in heaven.



Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services

Collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world, offering concrete hope and an expression of solidarity in their trials.

**From the Pastor**

Throughout the season of Lent we have been focusing much on the activity and mission of Jesus. But what role does the Holy Spirit play in our Lenten journey?

The Holy Spirit awakens within us an awareness of our sinfulness, our need for redemption and conversion. In order to advance in holiness, we must first turn away from all that is displeasing to God. By the grace given through the Spirit of Truth, we can overcome our denial of sin's presence in our lives and the depth to which it has dimmed the splendor of our Christian witness.

The Holy Spirit propels us to sacramentally confess our sins. Jesus gave us the sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation as a means by which we might be restored to a share in God's life, but also fortifies us against temptation. We also receive the gift of peace. Remember, Scripture tells us that God forgives *and* forgets our sins when we turn back to him.

The Holy Spirit strengthens our resolve to follow Christ more faithfully. It's not enough to admit our sins. We must turn away from sin and choose paths that lead to service of God and our neighbor. The Holy Spirit guides us in our decisions if we allow. The Holy Spirit reminds us of past instances in our own lives where following Christ brought a sense of peace and consolation even in difficult circumstances.

The Holy Spirit reminds us of the ways of God, the examples of the saints and provides living examples of how to follow Christ in the good people around us. This same Spirit makes known through Scripture a treasure chest of knowledge of God's law of love and how it should be put into practice. Many stories in the Bible show us the misery we can cause through sin, and how it can be overcome by practicing charity, mercy and solidarity.

The Holy Spirit helps us to take on virtues that support Christian witness and keeps us from falling back into sinful habits. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving help to form good habits such as self-sacrifice, discipline, patience, trust and generosity. These do not come naturally to the human heart.

The Holy Spirit unites us to the Christ who suffered and died for us, calling us to bear our share in the Cross of Christ. We cooperate with Christ as co-workers in bringing the whole of humanity to salvation by accepting the burdens and trials of life and joining them to his sacrifice, which makes them fruitful rather than simply stunting and causing desolation.

The Holy Spirit unites us to the Church, the Body of Christ in pilgrimage toward the Eternal Easter. In the liturgies of the Church we express our common origin from the First Adam and are cleansed through the purifying grace won for us upon the Cross by the New Adam. As we celebrate the Eucharist, we are joined to Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest and thus learn what sacrifice really means: the offering of oneself in total abandonment to the will of God the Father. We call each other brothers and sisters in Christ and take that perspective out into the world as we work together to overcome differences, divisions and prejudices.

Importantly, the Holy Spirit sustains our faith in the victory of Jesus, the truth of his Resurrection and our hope to share in it fully in the glory of his Kingdom. This Spirit renews our longing for Heaven even while we continue our earthly journey, assuring us that all that we give to God is not in vain, not without purpose. Rather, our taking on the demands of discipleship and conforming our lives to Christ's speak loudly to an indifferent world of the abiding presence of the Risen One and of our gratitude for all the he has done and continues to do for us, until we see him face to face to receive the reward of faithful stewards who have awaited the master's return. The Holy Spirit helps us to make our own the words of Job: "I know that my redeemer lives, whom I myself shall see...with my own eyes!"

These last two weeks of Lent were formerly know as Passiontide, with the focus on the nearness of the Lord's betrayal, agony, Crucifixion and death. The reality of the Lord's death was emphasized by covering the statues and crucifixes to invite us to enter personally into the circumstances of the events that took place, rather than simply re-reading them on Palm Sunday and Good Friday as though it were a story that didn't involve us.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to enliven our hearts with a fervent devotion to our Lord's sacred Passion so that we might more sincerely appreciate the depth of love poured forth upon the Cross for us and our salvation, indeed for the whole world.

—Fr. L.

CATECHIST CORNER

Greetings! Along with their book lessons, our children are continuing to be taught about God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. How real and present is the Trinity and our connection to their shared divine life.



Religious Education

Many of the children mistakenly have the idea that God only lives in the church, that God is far away. Or that God is boring. Many are unclear as to why Jesus is on a cross, why he died and what resurrection means. They are not sure of what "the Holy Spirit" means or does. They often have a blank look on their face, wondering why they're in a loser class.

Many also express no prayer life, minimal, if any, attendance at Mass. They do not understand what the Mass is, and find the whole "God thing" rather unbelievable or boring, and certainly find it embarrassing to mention God or church to their peers.

Good news: In the older grades, eyes and ears are being opened through their history classes in school that intersect with the history of the lands found in the Bible. Also, through news events that are taking place in Europe and in the Middle East. History is being brought to life for them, and they are being encouraged to think about how Jesus is alive, always responding to our needs and prayers, helping us to be his co-workers, if only we ask him.

Our catechists are actively teaching our children what it means to be Catholic and what it means to be Christian. They rightfully stress the importance of attending Mass and the role of the other sacraments. It's necessary to slow down, contemplate, and reacquaint ourselves with our faith, or commit to learning it if we're uncatechized. Faith is a gift that guides us throughout our lifetime and leads us to eternal life.

Our K-1 class is learning the important lesson that the Holy Spirit is the reciprocal love shared by the Father and the Son, and this divine Spirit is present everywhere, giving us the grace to live the best life as followers of Jesus. They are learning that temptations can lead us to fall into sin and be cut off from God's life. They are shown that God has given us a plan, and if we follow it, our earthly life glorifies him and draws us ever closer to living with him forever. Even these young ones can offer a powerful witness!

Religious Ed. Classes resume Monday, April 8th.

Wanted: children to be signed-up for catechism in the fall. It won't be boring, but they will be offered lessons that impact their entire life.

Also wanted: teachers, helpers, hall monitors for catechism. It will be a very rewarding experience. Call the office at 734-676-5115.

Remaining Confessions before Easter:

Friday, April 12 following Stations of the Cross
 Saturday, April 13 beginning at 2:30 p.m.
 Monday April 15 9:15 a.m., Noon and 7 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 16 9:15, Noon and 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 17 9:15 a.m.



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 6 Lenten Weekday

4 p.m. For our Confirmation Candidates

Sunday, April 7 5th Sunday of Lent

9 a.m. +Clarence Haley by Redwine Family

11 a.m. +Maurice Attard (41st ann.) & Brian Attard by Rose Attard & Family

Monday, April 8 Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. +Nelson Roberts by family

Int. Eric Bell (bday) by Sophie Solecki

Tuesday, April 9 Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. Int. Wendy Solecki (bday) by Sophie Solecki

Wednesday, April 10 Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. +Fred Kales & Guadalupe Angel by Rose Kales

+Paul Fogliatti by Lynne Jarvis

Thursday, April 11 St. Stanislaus, bishop & martyr

8:30 a.m. +Helen Suda by Lisa Lawrence

Healing for Martha Burks by family

+Noreen Jolly by Richard & Janet Rensi

First Friday, April 12 Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. +Sharon Chrusciel by Chrusciel Family

Saturday, April 13 Pope St. Martin I, martyr

4 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

9 a.m. Robert Park (bday) by family

+John Bostek Jr. by Ed Ferenczi & Janette

11 a.m. +Regina Hartman by family

+Kaz Solecki by Sophie Solecki

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP 5th Sunday of Lent

Some celebrities do a lot to help out various causes that are meaningful to them. Sometimes they give of their time, talent, or treasure, while other times they create giving opportunities for the rest of us to be generous. The celebrity then does much to highlight the cause, and the hope is that enough people will give to make a difference.

I never judge another's motive when they choose to give to or support a cause. However, I hear many times a criticism levied against seemingly rich people who start a fundraiser and ask the rest of us to give: "Since they have so much money, they could simply give all the money needed themselves!" This exclamation often comes with disdain and a tone of superiority. This sentiment also comes frequently from those who have chosen to give little to nothing to the cause themselves.

Stewardship begins with the person in the mirror. You and I are accountable to each other, but at the end of the day, the only one who knows the true level of our generosity is God. As this Lent draws to a close, it is time to take a good long look in the mirror. You probably aren't famous, so there probably won't be a crowd of people to question the level of your sacrifice, devotion, and generosity this Lent. Of course, God knows and so does that person looking back at you in the mirror.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

We adore you O Christ, and we praise you! Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Volunteers Needed for Church Sanctuary Cleaning

We need volunteers to dust/clean the sanctuary, holy water fonts, etc., once a week. We usually do so on Friday mornings around 9:45 a.m. It seems to take about an hour. Ideally, we would like to form teams of two or three and take turns doing the cleaning.

If you are able and interested, please see the sign-up sheet at the church entrance or call Rose Anne Mallon at 313-815-8532.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Knights of Columbus are seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more info, please contact Jack Jerzewski, General Agent, at 313-334-6396 or Jack.Jerzewski@Kofc.org

OPEN HOUSE INVITATION

On Saturday, April 13 from 1-5 p.m., the IHM Sister's Maxis Spirituality Center in Riverview will host an open house. This event will feature tours, brief (we promise) presentations, "take-aways" and refreshments. This is the first formal opportunity to introduce the newest IHM spirituality center, located at 17380 Grange Road, Riverview, MI 48193-8107. We hope to see you there!

Robert Ambrose
Virginia Ambrose
Mary Antoncello
Christine Amoczki
James Arthur Sr.
Miriam Barnes
Vivian Beutner
Erma Bennett
Sharon Blackledge
Ken Bloomfield
Janice Bodenstedt
Victorio Bonot
Jim Bost
Michael Bunting
Tino Casetti
Tommy Chapman
Christie Chaput
Emma Checchio
Bethany Ciemnicki
Nancy Cieppo
Judy Clinton
Ryan Collier
Timothy Cooney
Diane Cornacchia
Sally Couture
Pamela Dann
Michael David
Josephine Davis
Domenic DeLucia
Phil Dillaha
Ann Doley
Joe Donovan
Brittany Dzialo
Pauline Donovan



Eva Fleck
Mark Florino
Brent Forintos
Jack Gallagher
Barbra Galloway
Deborah Garak
Peter Garr
Joyce George
KC Gardien
Mary Beth Gervasi
Ava Grebovic
A'Mare Gurtowsky
Keelin Haber
Angelina Hamblin
Beverly Hasselbach
Penny Henricks
Dawn Hood
Michael R. Holzemer
Mary Honsner
Vicky Humhrey
John Humphrys
Jason Jarvis
Melanie Jarvis
Michelle Y. Jarvis
Debbi Jo
Mary Ellen Judd
Frank Kardos
Glenda Koenig
Rosalie Koshko

Donna Kuzava
Bill Lane Sr.
Jessica Long
Ubaldo Luchese
William Marciniak
Genevieve Martin
Jill Spry Mayrand
Kyle Mayrand
Lea Matthews
Marc McDougal
Johnny McKee
Hugh McLeish
Sal Mignosi
Frank Miklaski
Ed Miller
Heather Millitello
Philomena Mirch
Frank Moore
Monica Moore
Jackie Moorehouse
Jerry Moreno
Andrea Mosynski
Michael Murphy
Kathy Murray
Alexis Navia
Fr. Noel O'Connor
Lori Palumbo-Puckett
Michael Petersen

James R. Petrowski
Evelyn Phillips
Linda Phillips
Darren Player
Carolyn Prather
Ruth Richardson
Joe Rico
Dale Roberts
Arlene Robinson
Virginia Rolling
Theresa Rowe
Jeanine Saylor
Marge Sawicki
Patricia Sebest
Joseph Seguna
Don Sinclair
Michael Simone
Dennis Slusarz Jr.
Lynn Sonenauer
Kathleen Steveson
Mary Taurence
Jack Terpenney
Linda Tyrna
Anna Ventura
Bob Van Vynckt
Courtney Warner
Geraldine Weeg
Tabitha Wilkerson
Mark Wysner
William Zorn
(Please notify the office of any changes.)

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
March 30-31, 2018**

Weekly Budget	\$ 6,000.00
Offertory	5,247.00
St. Vincent de Paul	85.00
Flowers	183.00
Catholic Relief Services	1,044.00
Envelopes	174

APOSTOLATE SCHEDULE

April 13-14

Greeters

4 p.m. Penny Arble
9 a.m. Gloria Butlin
11 a.m. Dick & Helen Filipp

Lectors

4 p.m. Elaine Lukasik
9 a.m. Bill Vollmerhausen
11 a.m. Linda Van Maldeghem

**Extraordinary Ministers of
the Eucharist Coordinator**

4 p.m. Marianne Van Goethem
9 a.m. Marie Butler
11 a.m. Dolores Heyer

Altar Servers

4 p.m. Tim/Marianne Van Goethem
9 a.m. Paul Haley & Kelly Bonifas
11 a.m. Aaron & Natalie Glass



In today's Gospel, Jesus is the model for compassion and kindness. He shows us how to be merciful and non-judgmental.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours out his love, peace and mercy into our hearts and into the hearts of those suffering in poverty.

Marriage Tip of the Day:

- (1) Consider going the extra mile to spend time with a family member your spouse wants to visit.
- (2) "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation" (2 Cor. 5:17). The Sacrament of Confession is a wonderful gift in which God offers us the opportunity to be made new. Consider going with your family this week.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

April 14th from 4-7 p.m. at Flat Rock First United Methodist Church, 28400 Evergreen St., Flat Rock. For info, call 734-782-2565. Serving each 3rd Wednesday of the month.



MILITARY PRAYER LIST



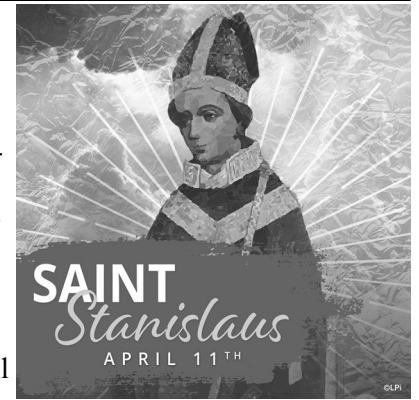
May God bless and protect all men and women in the military, especially those we pray for here:

John DeLucia, Peter J. Podolski, ; Air Force; Jonathan Martin, Air Force; Jim Porath, Air Force; Tim Shiflet, Army; Ben Stoddard, Army; Justin M. Purdy, Marines.

St. Stanislaus was born of noble parents on July 26th at Szczepanow near Cracow, Poland. He was educated at Gnesen and was ordained there. He was given a canonry by Bishop Lampert Zula of Cracow, who made him his preacher, and soon he became noted for his preaching. He became a much sought after spiritual adviser.

He was successful in his reforming efforts, and in 1072 was named Bishop of Cracow. He incurred the enmity of King Boleslaus the Bold when he denounced the King's cruelties and injustices and especially his kidnapping of the beautiful wife of a nobleman. When Stanislaus excommunicated the King and stopped services at the Cathedral when Boleslaus entered, Boleslaus himself killed Stanislaus while the Bishop was saying Mass in a chapel outside the city on April 11.

Stanislaus has long been the symbol of Polish nationhood. He was canonized by Pope Innocent IV in 1253 and is the principle patron of Cracow. His feast day is April 11th.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE 5th Sunday of Lent



"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle." The episode of the woman caught in adultery is a powerful story. We have perhaps all felt as the woman has at some point in our lives, surrounded by those who would condemn us. The beauty of Christ's mercy at the end is clear? and a welcome relief as we all struggle to be good and holy people. But have we ever imagined ourselves on the edge of the circle? Have we pictured ourselves in the sea of dusty robes? Perhaps, we hope, we're hovering at the edge of the circle of judgment. But we've all been there.

How easy it is to be righteous when someone else's reputation is at stake. When the small child is acting up in the grocery store or on the plane. When another company has a scandal break or a major error sets back their profits. Could it be easy to pick up the stone and feel its weight and heft in our hands? Because if we've got a stone in our hands, our own righteous category is clear. Our judgment is our insurance that we won't be on the receiving end of the criticism. If we can point out a wrong, surely we are firmly in the right.

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her? they went away one by one." This Lent, not only are we invited to receive God's mercy, but to show God's mercy. As the season begins to wind to a close, consider those in your life you tend to judge the most harshly. What is one concrete way you can drop your stone?

RIGHT TO LIFE—LIFESPAN: Pregnancy Help Centers Need Your Help!

Did you know? Local Pregnancy Help Centers help expectant mothers find practical ways to overcome any difficulties of an unplanned pregnancy. They provide emotional support and resource information for educational, medical, legal, financial and social assistance. Services may also include help with maternity and baby clothes, parenting classes, and much more. Pregnancy Help Centers often make the difference between abortion and life. Your contributions make a difference! LIFESPAN Baby Showers around the Metro Detroit area collect items for over 20 local Pregnancy Help Centers. Please consider donating to your local Pregnancy Help Center.

For info: www.miLIFEPSAN.org or 734-422-6230.

DOWNRIVER DEMENTIA EDUCATION SERIES: Understanding Dementia Related Behaviors

On **Saturday, April 27**. Often communication becomes more difficult as dementia progresses. This topic will help you understand some common behaviors related to dementias. You'll learn how to interpret certain behaviors to try to understand what your loved one needs and why they are doing what they're doing when they can no longer express fully themselves in words.

Hosted by Atria Kinghaven, 14800 King Road, Riverview on the fourth Saturday of each month. Free sessions will include a continental breakfast in the presentation room starting at 9:45 a.m. Dementia session begins at 10 a.m.

Marriage Coaching - Help for Your Marriage

Couples who are experiencing struggles and challenges in their marriage can receive help through the Archdiocese of Detroit-sponsored Marriage Coaching Ministry. The Marriage Coaching program is a couple-to-couple mentoring program designed to assist couples to live out God's plan for their marriage.

Trained Coaching Couples will give the support and practical tools needed to help couples to restore and realize the fullness they desire and is intended for their Catholic marriage. The Marriage Coaching program consists of seven main coaching sessions and is strictly confidential and at no cost.

To learn more and get the help you need for your marriage contact: 313-237-4680|www.aod.org/marriagecoaching | familyministry@aod.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit, Office for Marriage and Family.