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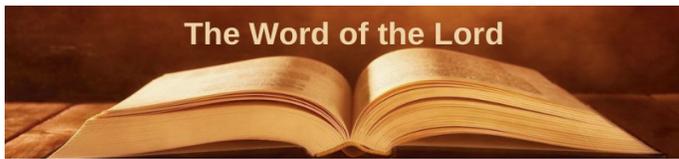
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Liturgical Calendar Weekly Scripture Readings

Saturday, February 27

Dt 26:16-19/ Mt 5:43-48

- 3:00PM Confessions.....**SFX**
- 4:00PM †Joanne Kluting by M/M Gene Sanford.....**SFX**
- 5:30PM †Jerome, Bernadette & Mike Klein
by Family.....**SJ**

Sunday, February 28

Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18/Rom 8: 31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10

- 9:00AM †Ed Postema by M/M Emanuel Gregory.....**SC**
- 11:00AM †Bob Umlor by Faye Umlor.....**SJ**

Monday, March 1

Dn 9:4b-10/ Lk 6:36-38

- 9:00AM †Mary Denhof by Lucille Finkler.....**SFX**
- 5:15PM Confession/Adoration (Until 6:15PM).....**SFX**

Tuesday, March 2

Is 1:10,16-20/ Mt 23:1-12

- 8:00AM †Lenis Klein by Dorace Klein.....**SJ**
- 8:30AM Adoration (Until 9:30AM).....**SJ**

Wednesday, March 3

Jer 18:18-20/ Mt 20:17-28

No Masses in the Cluster

Thursday, March 4

Jer 17:5-10 / Lk 16:19-31

- 8:30AM †Joe Helsen by Helen & Family.....**SC**

Friday, March 5

Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17-28/Mt 21:33-43,45-46

- 9:30AM †Maria Ochoa by K of C #4404.....**SJ**

Saturday, March 6

Mi 7:14-15,18-20 / Lk 15:1-3. 11-32

- 3:00PM Confessions.....**SFX**
- 4:00PM †Howard McDonald by K of C.....**SFX**
- 5:30PM †Frank & Henrietta Chesla by Family.....**SJ**

Sunday, March 7

Ex 20:1-17 / 1 Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25

- 9:00AM †Myron Olsen by Rene & Loretta Frezier.....**SC**
- 11:00AM †Bernice Schneider by M/M Paul Klein.....**SJ**

SC-St. Catherine **SJ**-St. Joseph **SFX**-St. Francis Xavier

From Deacon Ed's Corner



A man took his new hunting dog out on a hunt one day. After a while he managed to shoot a duck and it fell in the lake. The dog walked over the water, picked up the duck, and brought it to him. The man was stunned. He did not know what to think. He shot another duck and again, it fell into the lake and again the dog walked over the water and brought it back to his master.

Hardly daring to believe his eyes, and not wanting to be thought a total fool, he told no-one about it, but the next day he invited his neighbor to come with him. As on the previous day he shot a duck and it fell into the lake. The dog walked over the water and got it. His neighbor didn't say a word. Several more ducks got shot that day; and each time the dog walked over the water to retrieve them, and each time the neighbor said nothing and neither did the owner of the dog. Finally, unable to contain himself the owner asked his neighbor, "Do you notice anything strange about my dog???" Why, yes replied the neighbor", rubbing his chin and thinking a bit, "come to think of it I do! Your dog doesn't know how to swim."

The blind regain their sight, the lame are able to walk again, the dead are raised back to life, and the storm is calmed. To those who observed all these things, firsthand, wouldn't you think it'd be so easy to see that Jesus was the chosen one from God. Yet it appears that Peter, James, and John are like the neighbor in the story: Kind of missing the obvious.

That is until this moment. God gives the disciples a front row seat to an amazing display of His love for the Son. God leaves no room for doubt who Jesus is. Peter's excitement is so overwhelming he stammers, "Master It is good for us to be here." Wanting to prolong the experience, Peter wants to erect tents to stay longer, but that is not meant to be. The moment passes and they find themselves headed back down the mountain. Quietly, pondering what they have just seen and heard. Moving on to Jerusalem, where Jesus has predicted that his own death will take place. It is no wonder that the apostles wanted to linger there on that mountain.

We all have had those moments in our lives where we want to hang on to the euphoria. Not to let go of the moment; my wedding day was one. Talk about seeing a transfiguration. That is what I saw as I watched my bride come down the aisle. Births, baptisms, first communions, remember! Jesus revealed in all those moments. However, we must not reduce those times on the mountaintop to a mere moment; these transfigurations in our lives, pulls away the veil to remind us what the routine of daily life conceals: That no place or moment is more than a breath away from the disclosure of God's glory. They are given to us to encourage us, but, like the disciples we have to come down from that mountain, we cannot stay there in those moments. We must learn and take with us what we have experienced and move on in our lives; transfigured, transformed.

When we see the glory of Jesus revealed in our mountaintop experiences, like Peter, will we be able to exclaim: "Lord, it is good to be here." It is good to be here in this community. It is good to be here to hear your Word proclaimed. It is good to be here to receive you in Eucharist. Lord, Jesus Christ, it is good to be here!!!



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Ministry Schedule

St. Catherine

March 7 • 9:00AM

Sacristan..... Brenda Goodno
Lector Rich Grover
Ushers John & Tony Helsen
Music..... Eileen Hoogterp

St. Francis

March 6 • 4:00PM

Sacristan..... Sharon Denhof
Lector Bill May
Ushers George Denhof
Music..... Eileen Hoogterp

St. Joseph

March 6 • 5:30PM

Sacristan..... Marty Brown
Lector Reggie Poindexter
Ushers Jim & Adam Dietrich
Music..... Eileen Hoogterp

March 7 • 11:00AM

Sacristan..... Ben Benefiel
Lector Helen Dietrich
Ushers Jacob Sherman & Ken Butts
Music..... Eileen Hoogterp

Mark Your Calendars!

As we begin the season of Lent, the Diocese of Grand Rapids will once again offer a special opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

"The Light is ON for You: An Evening of Penance"

**Thursday, March 18
 5 - 8 p.m at St. Francis Xavier**



LIFE TEEN



February, 28 - St Francis Xavier 6:30-8:00 PM: We will be resuming our usual format of youth ministry evenings! This means we'll have more conversation / small groups / games and lessons downstairs. This Sunday (2/28) our Seminarian from St. Joe's, Jake Zemaitis is going to join us and share his testimony. See you then! Food will follow at the conclusion of the evening.

Diocese of Grand Rapids

So Faith May Flourish
 Catholic Services Appeal

This week you will receive a letter from Bishop Walkowiak asking you to make your commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries through the Catholic Services Appeal. These are ministries which benefits us all but are difficult for any one parish to provide on its own. Your gift to CSA enables the Catholic Church to reach out to people in our 11 counties in a variety of ways, including through formation of our seminarians; youth programming; support of the homebound and incarcerated; families who are struggling; the hungry; and the homeless. Please join us as we work to continue God's work of spirituality, charity, and education.

All extra contributions go directly back to the parish.

Our Stewardship

For February 21, 2021

St. Catherine

Adults.....\$1805.00
 Youth.....\$0.00
 ACH\$1040.00
 Loose.....\$51.00
 Helping hands\$10.00
 On-line\$1055.00
 Flowers\$20.00
Total..... \$3981.00

St. Francis Xavier

Adults.....\$295.00
 Loose.....\$7.00
 On-line\$90.00
Total..... \$394.00
 Rectory Renovation\$
 Vigil lights.....\$2.00

St. Joseph

Adults.....\$1556.00
 Fuel\$36.00
 On-line\$4490.00
 ACH\$1950.00
 Loose.....\$55.00
Total..... \$8087.00



Community Fish Fry

St. Catherine's Men's Club Fish Fry's have begun!

Because of COVID restrictions, we will only be able to do drive-thru from 5:00PM—7:00PM. First Fish Fry Menu: 1/2 pound of Pike Perch, French fries, green beans, coleslaw, garlic bread and tarter sauce. Cost \$10 for adults, 12 and under \$5.

Stations of the Cross

A Journey to Stations of the Cross

will be held at

St. Francis Xavier

Wednesdays at 7:00PM

Signups to lead the Stations are in the back of all three churches.



Pastoral Council Meeting

St. Francis' Pastoral Council

will meet in person at SFX

March 1st at 7:00 PM

Third Sunday of Lent,

March 7, 2021 Trust and doubt

Reading I Exodus 20:1–17 (the ten commandments)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 1:22–25 (the wisdom and folly of the cross)

Gospel John 2:13–25 (cleansing of the temple)

Key Passage: For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. (Corinthians 1:22–23)

Question of the Week:

Adult: When has the message of the cross seemed absurd to you, and when have you seen its wisdom?

Child: What puzzles you in the gospel stories? Which story makes you the most hopeful?

February 28, 2021: Second Sunday of Lent

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were "afraid." In families we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.

Knights of Columbus Council #4404

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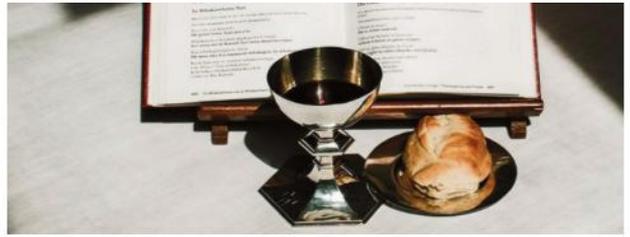
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Meeting: Third Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm at St. Joseph's Hall



Sacraments

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday at St. Francis Xavier 3:00 PM.

Monday at St. Francis Xavier: 5:15-6:15 PM Adoration & Confession

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call parish office to schedule an appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick

Contact the parish office.

St Joseph, St Catherine and St Francis Xavier

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