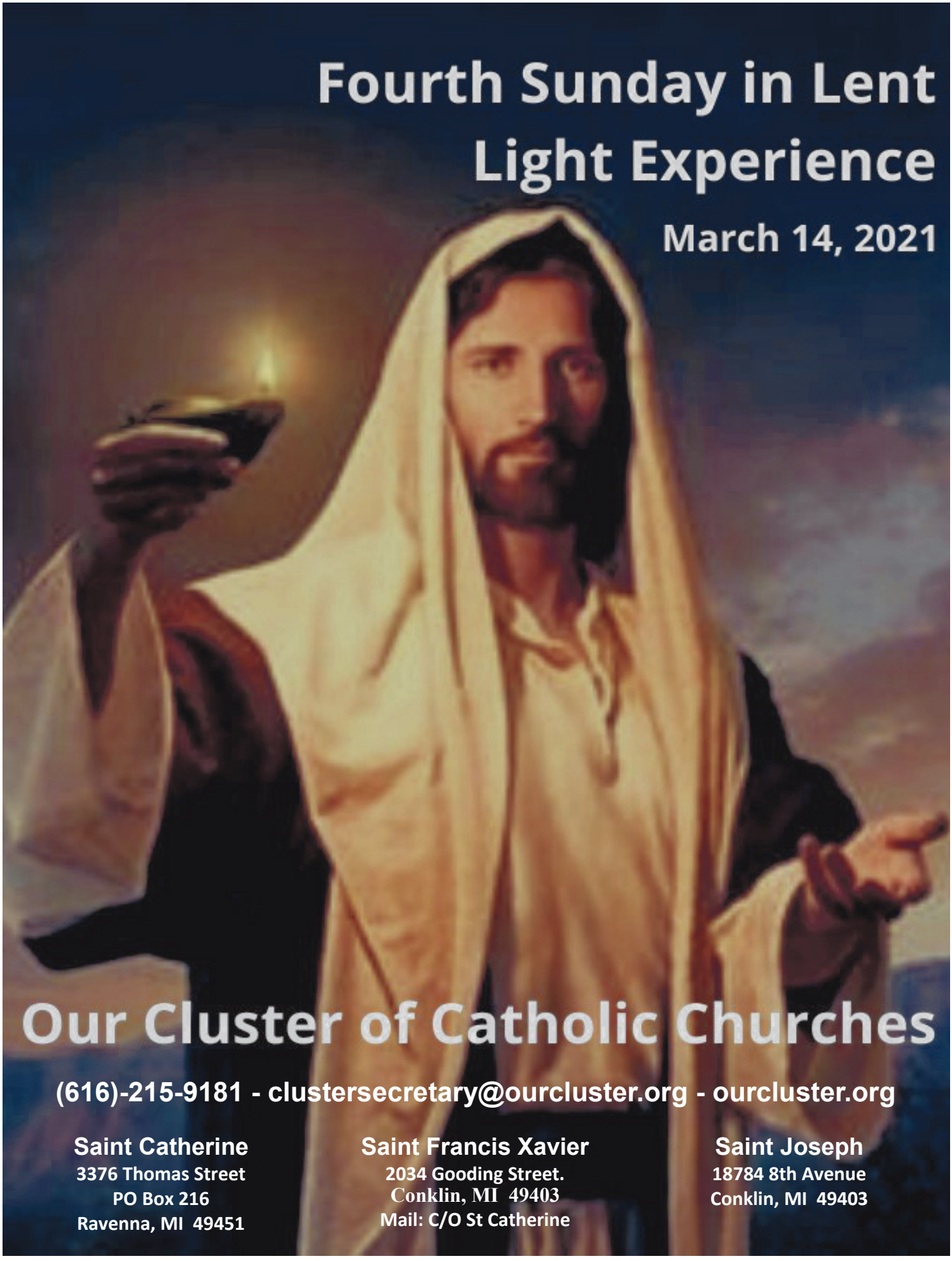
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Liturgical Calendar
Weekly Scripture Readings

Saturday, March 13

Hos 6: 1-6/ Ps 51: 3-4. 18-19. 20-21ab/ Lk 18: 9-14

3:00 PM Confessions..... SFX

4:00 PM †George VanDyke by Barb & Family..... SFX

5:30 PM †Ron Schoenborn by Rose Alt ..... SJ

Sunday, March 14

Chr 36: 14-16. 19-23/ Ps 137: 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6/ Eph 2: 4-10/ Jn 3:14-21

9:00 AM †In Memory of Deceased Member Of the Weaver Family by Arlene ..... SC

11:00 AM †Leo Klein by Vivian Armock ..... SJ

Monday, March 15

Is 65: 17-21/ Ps 30: 2 and 4. 5-6. 11-12a and 13b/ Jn 4: 43-54.

9:00 AM †Art Schoenborn by M/M Bill May..... SFX

5:15 PM Confession/Adoration (Until 6:15 PM)..... SFX

Tuesday, March 16

Ez 47: 1-9. 12/ Ps 46: 2-3. 5-6. 8-9/ Jn 5: 1-16

8:00 AM †Father Bernott by Estate ..... SJ

8:30 AM Adoration (Until 9:30AM) ..... SJ

Wednesday, March 17

Is 49: 8-15/ Ps 145: 8-9. 13cd-14. 17-18/ Jn 5: 17-30

No Masses in the Cluster

Thursday, March 18

Ex 32: 7-14/ Ps 106: 19-20. 21-22. 23/ Jn 5: 31-47

8:30 AM Doris Simon by M/M Richard Hoogterp And the St. Cecelia Choir ..... SC

Friday, March 19: Solemnity of Joseph, Husband of Mary

2 Sm 7: 4-5a. 12-14a. 16/ Ps 89: 2-3. 4-5. 27,29/ Rom 4: 13. 16-18. 22/ Mt 1: 16. 18-21. 24a

9:30 AM †Fred Schoenborn by Friends..... SJ

7:00 PM †Betty Jane Mish by /M Rick Cederholm..... SJ

Saturday, March 20

Jer 11: 18-20/ Ps 7: 2-3. 9bc-10. 11-12/ Jn 7: 40-53

3:00 PM Confessions..... SFX

4:00 PM †Mary Denhof by Joanne Umlor ..... SFX

5:30 PM †Bill Miller by Julia Rasch ..... SJ

Sunday, March 21

Jer 31:31-34/ Ps 51:3-4. 12-13. 14-15 (12a)/ Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33

9:00 AM †John Warber Family by Connie VanOefflen..... SC

11:00 AM †MaryLou Klein by M/M Bob May ..... SJ

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From Deacon Ed's Corner

St. Paul admits that he wasn't a good speaker. In fact, in the Acts of the Apostles we find just how monotonous he was: "and a young man named Eutychus who was sitting on the windowsill was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. Overcome by sleep, he fell from the third story and when he was picked up, he was dead." Paul, exasperated by this must save face, so he raises Eutychus from the dead. By his own admission, Paul, knows his limits when it comes to the spoken word. However, he tells us that what is most important is to let your works speak for themselves. We all, I'm sure, can talk a fantastic game, but what the world needs is action not lip service.

Isaiah tells us what these actions should look like. "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own." He then tells us what our expectations from these actions are. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed, then you shall call, and the Lord will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: 'Here I am!' If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; then light shall rise for you in the darkness…"

I cannot help but think that Jesus had this reading from Isaiah in mind when he tells us to let our light shine before all. He understands that hiding our light, by not being people of action, is like pulling a blanket over our heads. This creates a gloom that permeates our lives which prevents us from growing in our relationship with Him. If we are not careful, we become comfortable in that darkness. Then what are we good for? It is important for us to let our light shine. To become comfortable with being people of light, people of action. That is the way in which we bear witness for God and bring others to Him. To help remove them from their darkness, letting their light shine and thus make productive use of their talents. Then we will see Isaiah's full prophecy come true, "light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday."

I'm sure everyone knows this song, "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine." Let's put emphasis on the word "little". When there is total darkness, the kind of darkness that you cannot see your hand in front of your face, all it takes is the light from a single candle to shine through that darkness.

Let's be aware of our calling. Each one of us has the ability to have an effect on the world around us. No matter our station in life, no matter how unimportant we may think we are. In this time of pandemic and social distancing, the simple act of a hug, a shoulder to lean on or cry on is made more difficult. However, we can still smile, even if from a distance. Give a hardy wave. Make that phone call and give a listening ear to someone and utilize the wonderful world of technology to keep in touch with family and friends. We can still be that "little" light, that candle that shines in someone's life of darkness and leads them into the fuller light of Jesus Christ. Never give up! Never sell yourself short! In all things, at all times, let us be people of prayer, meditation, action, and above all, light!
Peace, love and blessings

Stations of the Cross
A Journey to Conversion

Stations of the Cross
will be held at St. Francis Xavier
Wednesdays at 7:00PM

March 18th at
St. Francis Xavier
5:00 until 8:00 PM

Rosary Intention for March:
Let us pray for the respect of life, the unborn, the terminally ill, and the aged; may God bless them from the beginning of life until a natural and peaceful death.

BISHOP WALKOWIAK ASKS US TO PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Heavenly Father, We give you thanks and praise for your son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men to minister as priests. Lord, we pray for our seminarians, especially Thomas. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Helping Hands	$20.00
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Ministry Schedule

St. Catherine

March 21 ● 9:00 AM

Sacristan ..... Helen Helsen
Lector ..... Kevin Murphy
Ushers ..... John & Tony Helsen
Music ..... Eileen Hoogterp

St. Francis

March 20 ● 4:00 PM

Sacristan ..... Bill May
Lector ..... Irene Bosman
Ushers ..... Don Crowley
Music ..... Eileen Hoogterp

St. Joseph

March 20 ● 5:30 PM

Sacristan ..... Marty Brown
Lector ..... Bob Brown
Ushers ..... Chuck Pearce
Music ..... Eileen Hoogterp

March 21 ● 11:00 AM

Sacristan ..... Mike Host
Lector ..... Lou Armock
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Catholic Services Appeal
SO FAITH MAY FLOURISH

St. Catherine's Men's Club Fish Fry's

COVID-19 restrictions, will only allow us to do drive-thru from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM.

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.

Youth Ministry NEWS

Youth Group will meet at St Francis Xavier every Sunday night in March at 6:30 until 8:00 PM. Conversation, small-groups, games, and lessons will be part of the nights events. Come join us! Food will be served at the end of the evening.

Knights of Columbus #4404 Conklin will be holding a Delta drive March 20th and 21st The Knights are recruiting new members. We are offering new members a 1 year free membership. To join go online to sign up and enter this membership code: MCGIVNEY2020. The free membership sign-up offer is good until June 30, 2021. You can find more information at the end of the church pews.

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 21, 2021 The reward of faith

Reading I: Jeremiah 31:31–34 (the new covenant)
Reading II: Hebrews 5:7–9 (Jesus, compassionate high priest)
Gospel : John 12:20–33 (the coming of Jesus' hour)
Key Passage: Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. (John 12:25)

Question of the week

Adult: When and in what way have you seen life come from death?
Child: When have you felt stronger because you sacrificed something

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St. Catherine's Men's Club News

The next Men's Club meeting will be
Wednesday, March 31st at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.
All men of the parish are invited to attend.

Marian's of the Immaculate Conception is hosting a public Rosary, March 20th at noon to support Marriage between A Man & A Woman.

This event will take place at Exit 19 (carpool parking lot) between Ironwood & 48th Ave in Coopersville.

For more details call Mike Host at 616.293.8894.

Fourth Sunday of Lent
A Family Perspective
by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark." Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to take action. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the lights."

DPA News

Due to the discontinuation of Labels for Education, we are no longer collecting Campbell's soup labels. We are, however, still collecting Family Fare receipts, and Coke Rewards. Additionally, all Box Tops can now be scanned digitally using the Box Tops app by scanning your grocery receipts. Thank you for your continued support of DPA! We appreciate you.

Saint Catherine's Altar Society

Saint Catherine's Altar Society will meet
March 16th at 1:00 PM in the hall classroom.
All ladies of the parish are welcome!
For more information call 231.853.6138

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