ST. MARY, CAUSE OF OUR JOY 8200 N. WAYNE ROAD, WESTLAND, MI | 734-634-6949 | WWW.STMARYCOOJ.ORG FIRST SUNDAY OF LEVEL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

FROM PASTOR SHAFIQUE-

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

During Lent, which is about six weeks between Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday, many Catholics practice self -denial and sacrifice as they repent their sins and pray in preparation for Easter. Some choose certain pleasures to give up for the full 40 days, and all Christians are instructed to not eat meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays during Lent, and Good Friday.

This reminds me that during these uncertain times we have been forced to give up many things as the coronavirus pandemic has denied many people face to face gatherings, outside entertainment and everyday activities. These weeks offer challenges we've never had to face. We can't attend Mass. Our routines are disrupted. We worry about ourselves and our loved ones. Our participation in the life of the Church has been affected, so we have tried to compensate by offering online Masses. I fear that this year's Lent again may not be normal, but it is important to notice some qualities during this health crisis — suffering, giving up certain things and solitude — are in fact symbolic of Lent's spiritual practice of self-denial. Ash Wednesday, as with many other things right now, will look different at many Catholic parishes. Other Catholics will be watching the livestream or pre-recorded Mass, as they have been for much of the pandemic, and will of course, not receive ashes. That is the way it seems like now unless things change close to Ash Wednesday.

In researching the meaning of the word, quarantine; I found it has origins in French for "forty" or "a forty-day period." Many people have compared the notion of quarantine to Christ's 40 days in the desert and the 40 days of Lent. This could be our opportunity to be in the desert like Jesus, with time away in solitary prayer. We may never again have a Lenten Season that affords us so much time to give to the Lord. Let us use this time wisely and well.

We now have extra time to spend in prayer each day — prayer to strengthen your personal spiritual relationship with God. Pray to remember those who are sick and living in great fear, our health care workers who remain on the front lines of this disease, and for one another. You can pray the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Stations of the Cross or follow online Masses.

So let us, in this new Liturgical Year, think about how we live as a community, protect each other from illness, and be part of the solution to a global health crisis. And, as Christians, meet these challenges, and maybe even bring about a new and better ways of taking care of each other in the years to come.

I want to remind you again during Lent 2021 be not afraid and become the people of hope.

MASS INTENTIONS					
Mon. Feb. 22 8:30am	Germano & Pierina Mularoni Req. Graziano Canini Elizabeth Ann Joan Braczyk Req. by Mary Braczyk Ambrosia Paja Req. by daughter, Roberta				
Wed. Feb. 24 12 Noo	Walter & Sophie Marciniak Req. by Family Sr. M. Felicitas Req. by niece, Mary Ann Magon				
Thurs. Feb. 25 8:30am	Bert & Joni Nucich Req. by Family James Knoblock Req. by Carol Knoblock				
Fri. Feb. 26 8:30an	Germano & Pierina Mularoni Req. Graziano Canini				
Sat. Feb. 27 4:30pm	Genevieve Homeszyn Req. by Jerry & Marlene Richard W. Brown Req. by Mary Braczyk Theresa Cable & Gary Cable Req. by Jan Lauster Anne Tierney Req. by son, Frank				
Sun. Feb. 28 9:00an	For Our Parish Family Germano & Pierina Mularoni Req. by Graziano Canini				
11:00an	Joe Scanga Req. by Sara Scanga Judy Ross Req. by Frank & Claudia Mallon				



Heavenly Father,

welcome Home those whom you have called from this world, especially:

Edward Urbanski and Donald Leach

and all the souls of our faithful. May they rest in peace. Amen

Eucharistic Exposition

Wednesdays 12:30—3:00pm

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Steve Anderson	Ellen Howell	Debbie Moore	Bill & Rose Rodriguez
Sean Armstrong	Mike Ienna	Tom Mulivhill	Florence & Ed Rysztak
Vincent Barry	Evangeline Kabacinski	Leo Mysiewicz	Emma Scaramella
Kelly Beaudry	John Kaminsky	Margaret Newman	Sean Schaefer
Glen Bell	Susan Kelly	Diane Novotny	Tom Shafer
Joan Bischoff	Joan Klein	Lauren Nunn	Jack & Nancy Shea
Jerry Borycz	Bob & Dolly Kluba	Maureen Oakford	Dianne Shekell
Florence Bozek	Jon Kolar	Donald Oesterwind, Jr.	Delores Stark
Boyington Family	John Kolar	Eugenia Ozga	Natalie Tanana
Angela Bunio	Lucy Kollar	Henry Pardo	Helen Tasiemski
Cathy Burdis	John Krokosky	Keith Pares	George & Jackie Tindall
Ricky Canini	John Lardin	Patrick Patton	Grace Topolweski
Marlene Chwalek	Patricia Lickman	Jim & Geralyn Pawlaczyk	Roberta Troher
Jack Cyrul	Nancy & Jeff Leonhard	Damian Pietszak	Doris Urbanski
Eileen Durham	Barbara Martin	Deb Pietszak	Cathy West
Faith Falzon	Donald Masternak	Wes Pincheck	Walter Wrone
Ashley Aaron Farkas	Dennis & Kathy McCann	Kathryn Piotrowski	Nicole Zapinski
Janet Fleis	Joanne Meister	Sandy Popek	Henry Zajac
Mike Fusco	Irene Melady	Annette Puczkowski	Joseph Zasa
Betty Gable	Tony Micallef	Kim Quinn	
Deb Gorski	Selena Montez	Debbie Robarge	

If there are any names that can be <u>removed</u> from our Prayer List, please let us know by calling 734-425-4421.

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Parish Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, inspired by Mary's "Yes" and led by the Holy Spirit, strives to be a faith-filled community, joyfully welcoming all to witness and to celebrate the Gospel.

Queen's Quotes from Religious Formation

Lenten Greetings and Salutations,

In today's Gospel we hear the Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. In biblical times the desert or wilderness was a harsh place, where there was great evil or temptation. It was also a place where one would find the presence of God. Jesus overcame evil in the wilderness, guided by the Holy Spirit and the angels. Jesus was clearly and deeply committed to proclaiming the Kingdom of God. This Lent let us love like Jesus taught us.

Love and do what you will. If you keep silent, keep silent by love. If you speak, speak by love. If you correct, correct by love. If you pardon, pardon by love. Let love be rooted in you, and from that root nothing but good can grow. (these words adapted from a homily of Saint Augustine.)

Giggles from the Bible...laughs and big groans. Lol! How do we know Peter was a rich fisherman? By his net income. What kind of man was Boaz before he married? Ruthless. Have a great week everyone...spend some time with the Lord.

Blessings, Sabrina Queen

NOTES FROM PAUL

Today's Gospel opens with Jesus being driven into the desert, and being tempted by Satan for forty days. I don't know about you, but sometimes I feel that better describes my last forty years. For me, the beginning of lent always seems like it will last for another forty years. The prospect of giving up something I likes seems impossible. I am sure I will fall or fail.

Someone wise, probably my parents, once told me that the best way to get through lent is to take it one day at a time, and know that there is Easter waiting for you at the end. Once we get to that end, the forty days will not seem as long as I feared they would.

This is a great metaphor for life as well. While the temptations all around us can seem overwhelming at times, If we do what is right, and get up when fall down, we will make it to the glorious end. I pray that each of you has a meaningful Lent, and that we will all find peace and happiness in the resurrections.

God bless you, Paul Pastoral Associate Evangelization and Christian Service Coordinator



Sacred Heart Parish, Gojra, Pakistan — Our "Sister Parish"

This Lent we are once again looking to support the parish where Fr. Shafique was a pastor in Pakistan. Our "Sister Parish" is in great need. The Parish covers a large geographical area, has a school with a hostel, as well as a convent. Because there are no school buses available, many of the students have to live at the school's hostel so that they can receive their education. We helped them last year and hope our support will once again help to continue to grow the church in Pakistan.

Unlike last year, we are requesting <u>no</u> coin. If you would like to donate please use an envelope available in the back of church or write "Sister Parish" on an envelope. Thank you for your continued support this Lent.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

I will establish my covenant with you,

that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood:

there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth. (Gn 9:11)

PSALM:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. (Ps 25)

SECOND READING:

Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. (1 Pt 3:18)

GOSPEL:

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for 40 days, tempted by Satan. (Mk 1:12-13)

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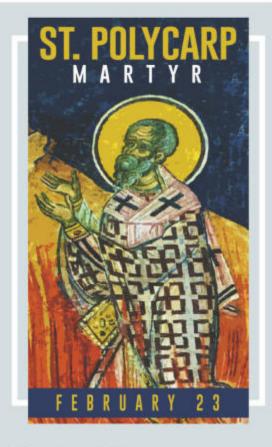
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

Monday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle Tuesday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent





REFLECT

FIRST READING

God promises Noah to use a "bow in the clouds" (a rainbow) as a sign and symbol of His divine pledge to never again allow a world-wide flood to devastate the earth. This is the Bible's first recorded covenant between God and humanity. What do you think of when you see a rainbow?

SECOND READING

Peter teaches that Jesus preached to both the living and the dead — those dead dating back to the days of Noah — and connecting us through baptism. What do you find intriguing about this idea?

GOSPEL READING

We hear about Jesus' temptation in the desert and his inaugural gospel message to those living in Galilee. Jesus saw repentance as necessary to believe his good news. As we begin the Lenten journey, what aspects of your life require repentance?

CSA 2020 Update								
Total Pledges	Pledges Paid in full	Pledges with Balance	Total Balance Outstanding					
319	298	21	\$4,382					
CSA 2020 ends in May								

2020 CHURCH DONATION STATEMENTS

If you made a donation to our Parish and would like to receive a statement for your income tax filing, please call the Parish office to request it. 734.425.4421 Thank you for your continued donations to help support our Parish. Catholic Service Appeal (CSA) will send donation letters from the Archdiocese.

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION REPORT								
Offertory	#of Gifts	1	<u>Actual</u>	<u>[</u>	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Variance</u>	
02/14/21	144	\$	6,203	\$	9,195	\$	(2,992)	
02/07/21	211	\$	11,176	\$	9,195	\$	1,981	
01/31/21	165	\$	8,396	\$	9,195	\$	(799)	
01/25/21	191	\$	9,152	\$	9,195	\$	(44)	
	Fiscal Year	_	<u>Actual</u>	<u>[</u>	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Variance</u>	
	FY 20-21	\$	301,613	\$	303,422		\$ (1,809)	
	FY 19-20	\$	327,355	\$	361,680	,	\$ (34,325)	

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GENERAL DISPENSATION NEWS

General dispensation to expire, particular dispensations remain for those in need.

"In a letter to the faithful, Archbishop Vigneron announced that the general dispensation from the Sunday obligation will **expire on March 13.** Catholics who engage in other activities that would present a similar or greater risk of contamination (eating out at restaurants, traveling, non-essential shopping, widening one's circle of contacts, etc.) should begin to return to Sunday Mass as they are able.

Particular dispensations remain for those at greater risk of illness. The health and safety of our communities is and always will be paramount as we continue to closely monitor local conditions. For that reason, our churches will remain limited to 50 percent of available capacity for the near future and many other existing protocols will remain in place. For more information, please visit" https://www.aod.org/comehometohope

Stations of the Cross - Fridays in Lent at 7:00 pm

Feb. 26, 2021 - sponsored by our Joyful Women

March 5, 2021 - sponsored by our Christian Service Ministry

March 12, 2021 - sponsored by our Forever Young Seniors Group

March 19, 2021 - sponsored by our Immaculate Heart of Mary Ministry

March 26, 2021 - sponsored by our Faith Formation Program

April 2, 2021 - Noon on Good Friday - sponsored by our Youth Ministry

(-In Church and Live Streamed)

PUZZLE BOOKS FOR VETERANS

During the month of February, we will be collecting puzzle books so we can donate them to Detroit Veteran's Hospital. There will be a collection box in the back of the church were you can drop them off, or give us a call and we can pick them up from you. 734-447-5338.

- Jeff Burden, SK, Grand Knight

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Confession Saturdays: 3:30pm

Baptisms

Please call our Parish Office during regular business hours. Parish membership and preparation class required.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made registered parishioner at least six months in advance to allow sufficient time for instructions and preparation.

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RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) For those interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church. Please call the office.

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Readings for the week of February 21, 2021

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

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

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

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

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19/

Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

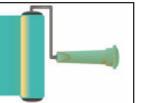
MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

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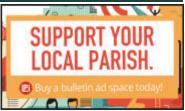


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