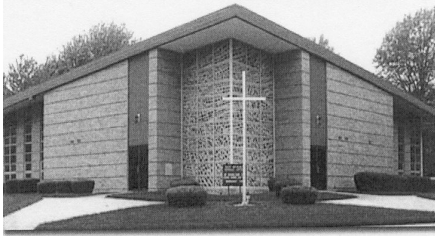


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First Sunday of Lent February 14, 2016

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enter into
the holy season
of Lent



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FROM THE PASTOR . . .

Thank you to all who acknowledged or asked questions about my recent vacation. It was a wonderful two weeks in the desert and the golfing was very enjoyable and relaxing. Now it is time to get back to work and begin the various Lenten activities.

On this first Sunday of Lent, we hear the account of Jesus' forty days in the desert. It is his retreat experience before he begins the work of his Heavenly Father. During this all-important forty days, Jesus encounters temptations from the devil. These temptations confirm the commitment of Jesus to fulfill the will of his Father and to confront the three capital sins found in life.

The first temptation, "Turn these stones into bread", is the devil's invitation to Jesus to doubt his own vocation. We are called to see that our personal dignity comes from God. We are spiritual beings called to live with God.

The second temptation, "I will give you all this power", is to doubt that the Kingdom of God is here on earth. So often we are seduced to believe that Satan is the prince of this world. He has first chance at us because he does not respect our human freedom. Jesus refuses to worship the fake kingdom of Satan for he knows that beneath the surface of the world exists God's kingdom.

Finally, the third temptation, "Throw yourself down and worship me", challenges our doubt about whether God really loves and cares for us. We are always looking for signs and proof of God's love for us. Jesus refuses to sell out to this form of faith. In effect he says, "Don't play games with God." Lent is calling us to spiritual renewal. Let us take seriously the call to renew and recommit our lives to God and God's love and mercy for us.

This weekend we are kicking off our Jubilee Year of Mercy reflection on the works of mercy. The theme this first weekend is **Imprisonment**. What causes us to be imprisoned from following God? Is it power, food, or even our own health and well-being. Sometimes our own selfish desires can imprison us and separate us from God's love and mercy. Just as Jesus did not allow Satan to imprison him, so do we need to work at overcoming those desires in our lives which can imprison us from following God. Wishing you a holy and life-changing Lent,

Peace,
Fr. John

Growing In Faith?: What selfish desires keep me from loving others?

Corporal Work Of Mercy: Visit The Imprisoned —

To the extent that we are imprisoned by our own human weakness and imperfect nature and the resulting sin, visiting the imprisoned merely means that we extend our charity and love of others from being there for each other to helping each other free our own selves from the trap of sin. We can also be chained by confusion, deception, and distortions served by our world. True social justice demands that we help others free themselves from such chains and that we not chain others to spiritual prisons even as we pretend to be freeing them of physical prisons or having compassion for their plight. We ourselves need to work on being free of the imprisonment of sin by asking for forgiveness — perhaps even going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation this coming week



Calendar for the Week of February 15-21

Monday	Feb. 15	8:15 am	Rosary with the SCCS students in Church
Tuesday	Feb. 16	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Mass in memory of Mary Ellen Schmitz and Luella Hull <i>at Elm Crest</i> Knights of Columbus in Parish Office Meeting Room
Wednesday	Feb. 17	8:15 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	School Mass in memory of Helen Bissen and Gary Gross Guild Executive Board in Parish Office Meeting Room Faith Formation Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 12
Thursday	Feb. 18	7:00 am 12:00 noon 7:00 pm	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room Mass in memory of Mark Feser Vocations Committee in Parish Office Meeting Room
Friday	Feb. 19	8:15 am 5:30 pm 5:30-7:00 pm	Mass in memory of Agnes Larsen Stations of the Cross Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner in Rosman Parish Center
Saturday	Feb. 20	4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass in memory of Alice Graeve Stolz and Al & Tillie Kenkel
Sunday	Feb. 21	8:30 am 8:00-11:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Mass in memory of Don Poole and Sr. MaDonna Schwarte Knights of Columbus Breakfast in the Rosman Parish Center Mass for the people of St. Michael's Spanish Mass

REPENT!



Sunday Mass is televised on cable TV (HMU Channel 15 at 4:00 pm on Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday, on Mediacom Channel 18 at 4:00 pm on Monday, and on FMCTC Channel 48 at 4:00 pm on Monday and Friday.)

Grant Eternal Rest, O Lord, To: — Marvene Gubbels, mother of Jan Lawler of our parish; and Sandra Brennan, sister of Janis Grote of our parish.

Knights Of Columbus Fish Dinner — will be served every Friday night of Lent from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. The menu this year includes fried and baked fish, French fries and baked potatoes, coleslaw, and macaroni and cheese. **A new item** this year is: fish tacos! Desserts will be provided by the Ladies Guild. Adults \$10, children ages 6 to 10 \$5, children 5 and under are free. There is also a family rate (parents and children) of \$30. Proceeds will help fund college scholarships.

Knights Of Columbus Breakfast — will be Sunday, February 21, from 8:00-11:00 am in the Rosman Parish Center. All proceeds from this breakfast will go to the Paul Zaccone Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Surge Of the Heart — Lenten Parish Mission will begin on Wednesday, February 24, at St. Michael's with the topic *Who Is God and Why Love Him?* This session will be geared towards the high school students, but everyone is welcome to attend. Presenting this year's mission is Jon Leonetti who comes highly recommended as a mission leader. He will also be presenting on Thursday, February 25, at St. Joseph's and Friday, February 26, at St. Mary's in Panama. Each session will be a different topic. See last week's bulletin insert for all the details.

Mission Night — at St. Patrick's Church in Neola will feature speaker Doug Barry who is co-host of EWTN'S *Life on the Rock* program. He will be speaking on conquering the seven deadly sins on Wednesday, February 24, at 7:00 pm.

Remember The Sick In Your Prayers And By Your Notes Or Visits —

Jenny Schwery	Bonnie Peterson	Helen Blum
Mary Tepe	Harry Kloewer	Kelly Gaer
Beverly Coenen	Fr. Dave Polich	Clifford Kruse
Violet Bohr	Charlie McNair	Mary Jo Law
Bernice Stracke	Keagan Bates	Frank Murtaugh
Sr. Bernice Schmitz	Trent Smith	

Please call the office with names of those who are sick, or in need of our prayers. And please call when their names can be removed.

Readings For The Week —

Mon.	15th	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18	Mt 25:31-46
Tue.	16th	Is 55:10-11	Mt 6:7-15
Wed.	17th	Jon 3:1-10	Lk 11:29-32
Thur.	18th	Es C:12, 14-16, 23-25	Mt 7:7-12
Fri.	19th	Ez 18:21-28	Mt 5:20-26
Sun.	21st	Gen 15:5-12, 17-18	Ph 3:17—4:1
			Lk 9:28b-36

Titithing — February 7	\$ 6,627
Needed each week	7,709
Difference	(1,082)
	() if deficit
Year to date	\$ (11,624)

Food Pantry Collection — resulted in \$219 and many food and toiletry items. Thanks for your generosity to this monthly collection.

End Of The Year — Contribution statements will continue to be available in the parish office.



St. Michael's Faith Formation

WE ARE FAMILY!

Upcoming Dates —

Feb. 17 6:30 pm Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 12
 Feb. 24. 6:30 pm Classes for Grades K-8
 7:00 pm Grades 9-12 meet in the church for the
 Parish Mission Presentation by Jon Leonetti

Catholic Youth Camp Registration — has begun. \$100 discount code for camp fees is available by the generous support of the Ladies Guild. Call Veronica for your individualized code to use at registration. They are going fast — Don't Delay.



Follow Us — *St. Michael's Faith Formation*

St. Michael's Spring Fundraiser — is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, at the Therildsen Center. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm with the auction to follow. If you are planning to donate a new time for the auction, please have it to the office by March 9. Items will not be accepted after this date, as the auction list will need to be completed. Thanks.

Fundraiser Raffle Tickets Now Available — Prizes this year include a \$1,500 Travel Voucher from Four Seasons Travel (Cash Option \$1,000), one \$750 cash prize and two \$500 cash prizes. Tickets are \$20 each or six for \$100. Call Spike Kloewer at 755-5509 or come to the parish office to purchase your tickets now for a chance to win one of these great prizes. Dinner tickets of \$13 each will be available at the door the night of the fundraiser.

Catholics Come Home — is a diocesan initiative during this special Jubilee Year of Mercy as an effort to welcome back those who are inactive or have left the Church. Cards have been placed in the pews describing this initiative. Also watch for media ads from the diocese with Catholic Come Home messages.

Vocations Chalice — will be in the home of Mark and Jani Sorfonden from February 17 until February 24.



Jubilee Year Of Mercy — We ask our Lord Jesus to pour out his mercy upon us "like the morning dew, so that everyone may work together to build a brighter future." What images come to mind when you think of morning dew? Of a fresh day? Of newness? Could there be a parallel with baptism?



Vocations Corner

We All Have A Vocation — St. Thomas Merton prayed, "My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going, I do not see the road ahead of me... But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing."

Shelby County Catholic School News

Thank you to everyone who attended the Shelby County Catholic School Pancake Breakfast and Open House. We had a great crowd! We really appreciate your support of Catholic Education in our county.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls — are available in the back of church. You are welcome to use these bowls with your family during our Lenten journey. What we give up for Lent changes lives. See the faith formation bulletin insert for additional ideas for Lent.

Hungering For Opportunity — Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Colombia, where coffee beans are changing lives! Maria and her family were forced to flee their home in Colombia because violence made it too dangerous. Building a new life in a region known for its coffee was no easy task. Maria's family bought a small piece of land as part of the CRS Borderlands project. Now they grow gourmet coffee that is sold in the United States, and she is enrolled in a special farming program at the local university. She hopes to use what she learns to help her neighbors earn a living by growing the best coffee they can. Your donations make a difference!

See The Bulletin Insert — for the Adult Faith Family Presentation in Avoca on Saturday, February 20.

Holy Door Pilgrimage Resources — for the Jubilee Year of Mercy are available in the back of church.

Fifteen-Decade Rosary For Life — will be Sunday, February 21, from 1:30-2:30 pm at St. Mary's in Portsmouth.

Flames — and the Church, Wind & Fire Band will be leading the music on Sunday, February 28, at the 11:00 Mass. The music will begin about fifteen minutes before Mass.

Ministry Schedule

Feb. 20-21	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
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