

## SEASON OF LENT

5 March 2017

## TODAY

- Elementary Religious Education 9am
- Parish Breakfast** after the Sunday Masses
- Nursery (Room #102) during the 10:30 Mass
- Rite of Election (Cathedral of St Andrew) 3pm

## MONDAY | March 6

- Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Mt 25:31-46*
- Men's Bible Study (Room #101) 7am
- Prayer Shawl Ministry (McDuffee) 5:30pm

## TUESDAY | March 7

- Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15*
- Mass in Chapel** (+Jeffrey Alexander) 8:30am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel) 9am-7pm
- Light Weigh (PC LL #4) 9:15am
- First Reconciliation Service (Church) 7pm

## WEDNESDAY | March 8

- Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32*
- Elementary Religious Education 4 & 6pm
- Lenten Spiritual Direction (Library) 5:30pm
- Masses in Chapel** (+James Benson) 6:30pm
- Cantor Practice 6:30pm
- Choir Practice 7pm
- Catholic Heart Workcamp Meeting (DH) 7pm

## THURSDAY | March 9

- Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25 / Mt 7:7-12*
- Ladies Bible Study (DH) 9:30am
- CROSSROADS ~ BE NICE Presentation (DH) 6:30pm
- Light Weigh (PC LL #4) 6:30pm

FRIDAY | March 10  Day of Abstinence from meat

- Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26*
- Mass in Chapel** (for all suffering from cancer) 8:30am
- Stations of the Cross (Church) 7pm

## SATURDAY | March 11

- Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48*
- That Man is You! (DH) 6am
- Reconciliation/Confessions (Church) 4:45pm
- Contemporary Choir Practice (Church) 4:30pm

## LORD'S DAY LITURGIES | March 12, 2017

## 2nd Sunday of Lent

*Gn 12:1-4 / 2 Tm 1:8-10 / Mt 17:1-9*5:30pm Saturday

Parish Family

8:30am Sunday

+Patricia Chichester +Harv Lobert

10:30am Sunday

+Nancy Sagorski +Joseph Murphy +Louis Norcia

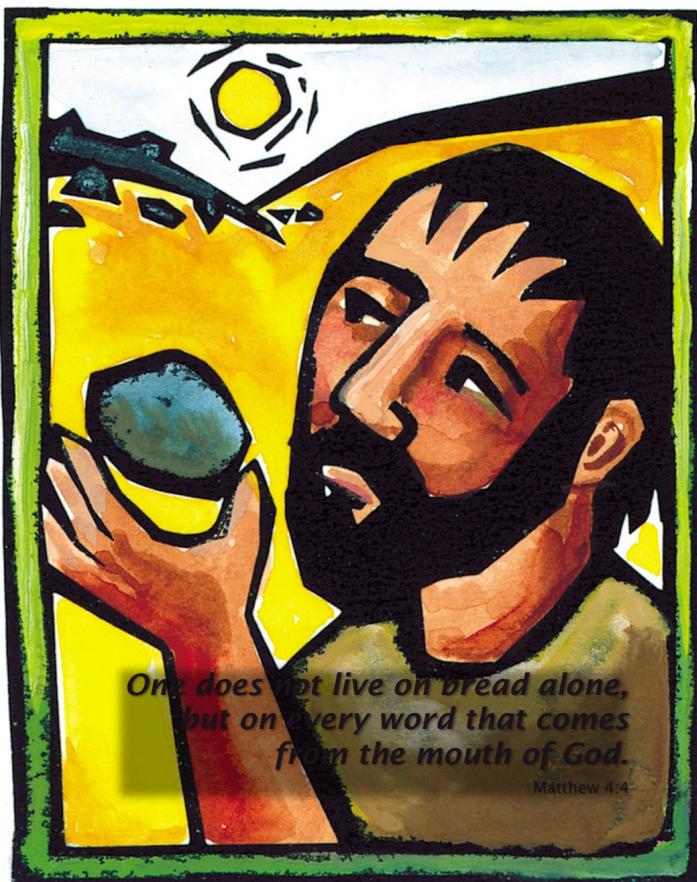
## Also on the Weekend of March 11 &amp; 12

- Blood Pressure Readings (McDuffee) ~ following all Masses
- Middle School Edge (DH) ~ Sunday at 5:30pm
- High School Sunday Night Live ~ Sunday at 7pm



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to grow our relationship with Jesus Christ  
and with one another  
as we worship, pray, learn and serve.



## Practicing Faith

**Created as the image of God.** The second creation story is today's First Reading. It is the story of God's goodness, God's breath and life. The story of beauty and delight. The story of divine choice, divine election. Of the serpent's cunning and deceit. Of turning away from God. And, then, St. Paul reminds us that, even in this sin and death, grace is stronger. This gracious gift of Jesus Christ restores us to the first garden's original goodness.

- How can I not let deceitful voices drown out God's Good News?
- What will I do to stay turned to God and to Good News?

**Prepare for next week:** Read and reflect on the 2nd Sunday in Lent (beginning on pg. 138) in the "Living Liturgy" missal.

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**Parish & Formation Office Hours:**

9-Noon; 1-5pm Mon-Thurs 9-Noon on Fridays  
 (Formation Summer Hours: 9:30-4:30pm Monday-Thursday)

**Parish Book of Prayer** — This book near the main church entrance is for your prayers of intercession or gratitude. They are part of the intentions at Mass.

**Parish Membership** — Count yourself in! If you worship with us regularly, kindly register as a parishioner. You'll receive parish mailings, and it will help us provide pastoral care should you need it. Contact 532-9344; or [parishoffice@spxcatholic.org](mailto:parishoffice@spxcatholic.org).

**Infant Baptisms** are celebrated at various times throughout the year. If you believe raising your child in our Catholic faith is one of your most important duties as a parent, call the parish office.

**Sacrament of Marriage** — The lifelong covenant between a man and a woman is a sign of God's covenant with us. At least six months of prayer and preparation are needed before entering this commitment. Please contact Fr. Chris as soon as you are engaged. Couples celebrating an anniversary ending in a "0" or "5" may request a special blessing.

OTHER MARRIAGE RESOURCES: [www.foryourmarriage.org/](http://www.foryourmarriage.org/)

**Pastoral Care of the Sick** — If you or a loved one are seriously ill, homebound, or anticipating surgery, please contact Rosemary Beahan or Fr. Chris in the parish office. The hospitals do not contact us.

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**A Lenten View from 40th & Wilson**

FR. CHRIS ROUECH  
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**Campaign** — (noun) a systematic course of aggressive activities for some specific purpose.

That word, **campaign**, is crossing my desk a lot these days.

First, our annual campaign for the Catholic Services Appeal has begun. Through the generosity of parishioners like you and me, St. Pius X must raise at least \$126,517 to support the important works of the Diocese of Grand Rapids.

Then next month, we will launch a \$2.5 million campaign for building improvements—our first major parish fundraiser in 30 years.

Meanwhile, another vital campaign is underway: the annual **"campaign of Christian service"** known as Lent.

If you celebrated Ash Wednesday here, you'll recall that I focused on the opening "collect" prayer for the liturgy:

*Grant, O Lord,  
 that we may begin with holy fasting  
 this campaign of Christian service,  
 so that, as we take up battle  
 against spiritual evils, we may be armed  
 with weapons of self-restraint...*

The dictionary defines a campaign as "a systematic course of aggressive activities for some specific purpose." We are naturally inclined to think of a military

campaign or a sales campaign.

But here's what's fascinating: While the CSA and the capital campaigns both have financial goals, their ultimate purpose is the same as the reasons for Lent: to enable one another to grow in holiness and happiness as the best versions of ourselves, as people chosen by Christ to share his Gospel; the Good News.

Being a people of hope, healing and reconciliation is fraught with risk and temptation, thus that prayer's description of the "battle against spiritual evil" is certainly what many of us experience. And yet our weapons are "self restraint." Ponder that for a moment!

Most campaigns end when a particular sum has been reached, a sales quota met, a battle won.

While Lent 2017 will end with Easter on April 16, our true campaign of Christian service doesn't end until we die, when our lives have been lost. Every Lent, with its disciplines of self-restraint and self-denial is really a systematic course of surrender to Resurrection.



**SO FAITH MAY FLOURISH**  
 Catholic Services Appeal 2017





## Faith Formation | Religious Education

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**ELEMENTARY SERVICE PROJECT:** Blessing Bags filled with various goodies were donated to the homeless of the greater Grand Rapids community.



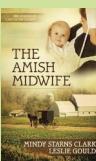
**FIRST RECONCILIATION** for children making their First Communion will take place on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30pm in the Church. Please contact the Formation office if you need childcare.

**SACRAMENTS RETREAT ~ Mark your calendar!** Our next retreat for those preparing for First Communion is March 19. The retreat will begin with a potluck in Danner Hall following the 10:30am Mass. Please bring a dish to pass.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL EDGE ~ Sunday 5:30-7:30pm

- March 12, 19 & 26 ~ EDGE
- Please keep our middle schoolers who are completing a retreat this weekend in your prayers.

**LENTEN GROUP SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** This Lent grow in your personal relationship with the Lord by meditating on scripture and discussing your experience through **group spiritual direction**. The group will meet in the Media Center on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm beginning March 8. Please signup online or email me with questions. Space is limited.



**NOVEL READERS BOOK CLUB** meets at 7pm Monday, March 20 in McDuffee to discuss *The Amish Midwife* by Mindy Starns Clark. Contact Linda Stray (lindastray@yahoo.com or 249-8034) or Mary Boehm (538-9635 or meb2904@aol.com) with inquires.

## Pastoral Care, Outreach & Initiation

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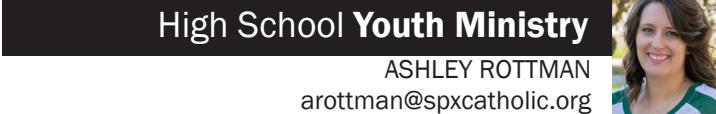


**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** We will meet Monday, March 6 at 5:30pm in McDuffee. If you knit or crochet, and would like to be a part of this worthwhile ministry, come and join us. Beginners and those who wish to learn are welcome!

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE: HAS BEGUN ~ Have you signed up online yet?

March 1-April 9 (40 Days of Lent also), you are invited to join other pro-life Christians in prayer and fasting to end abortion. We invite you to peacefully keep vigil and pray in the public right-of-way outside the *Heritage Clinic for Women* (320 E. Fulton), our community's only free-standing surgical abortion clinic.

Please register online [40daysforlife.com/grandrapids](http://40daysforlife.com/grandrapids) for a day and time to pray at the clinic, or call me with the time you wish to participate; hours are 7am-7pm.



## High School Youth Ministry

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**NO SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE** tonight (3/5) due to the middle school retreat.

**CHWC MEETING ~ March 8 ~ 7-8pm:** All teens, chaperones, and parents should attend this meeting in Danner Hall.

**KEMPS TOURNAMENT ~ March 12 ~ 7-8:30pm:** Grab a partner for an evening of SPX Youth's favorite card game! Enjoy snacks, a Selection Sunday Live Stream and much more. Don't know how to play Kemps? Don't worry...there will be a tutorial round.

**SPRING RETREAT ~ March 17-19:** Time to recharge your faith?



Join us on our Spring Retreat at Camp Manitoulin where we will reconnect with God, each other, and nature. Cost is \$40. Permission slips can be found on the parish website or in our weekly newsletter. **Deadline for fees and forms: March 12.**

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## MENTAL ILLNESS ACTION PLAN

MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION



**THURSDAY, MARCH 9**

**6:30PM ST. PIUS X PARISH (DANNER HALL)**

**PRESENTER: CHRISTY BUCK, LBSC**

Join us for an informative adult evening with Christy Buck (*Executive Director of the Mental Health Foundation of West Michigan*). Learn the facts and figures, signs and symptoms regarding mental illness, helpful vs. non-helpful listening strategies and more information about the stigma surrounding mental health and why people don't receive necessary treatment. Following this, you will learn the "be nice" tool to understand your own mental health and how to help others. By creating awareness, we will minimize and reduce the devastating effects of bullying, such as depression and suicide. Visit [themhf.org/education/be\\_nice1](http://themhf.org/education/be_nice1) for more information.

## I SURRENDER ~ Lenten Series

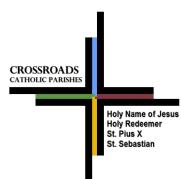
Presented by Fr. Phil Shangraw

**MARCH 19, 26, AND APRIL 2 ~ 3:30PM**

**HOLY REDEEMER PARISH (SHEPHERDS HALL—DOOR A)**

Lent is the season for baptismal preparation and baptismal renewal. Using the Gospel readings and the Scrutinies of the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, Fr. Phil will speak about conversion, turning our lives more completely over to Christ and His way of life. "Giving up" an hour or so on three Sunday afternoons may be a wonderful way of renewing

our commitment to Christ, to each other, and the Church. Please join us and bring a friend.



**LENTEN SOUP/SALAD SUPPER TO FOLLOW**  
**RSVP TO 532-9344**  
**BY MARCH 12**

ALSO, PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED CHILDCARE.

**Parish Life**

ANDY REBOLLAR

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**PARISH BREAKFAST...TODAY (3/5):** Join us in a spirit of community and stewardship for the Spring breakfast; we'll be serving up eggs, pancakes, sausage, and kielbasa after the Sunday Masses. All are welcome!

**THAT MAN IS YOU!** Accountability...growth...camaraderie...these are a few of the things men in the parish have gained from being a part of TMIY. It's not too late to be a part of this; we meet at 6am in Danner Hall on Saturday mornings. All men are welcome and you don't have to have participated in the past to start now.

**50+ ST. PADDY'S DAY TRIP:** We are having lunch at Curragh's Irish Pub and Restaurant in Holland on Thursday, March 16. It is located downtown with shopping nearby, and we will be carpooling. We will meet in the church parking lot and leave at 11:15am, planning to be back around 3:30pm. Please RSVP to the parish office at 532-9344 if you are attending (and also if you are willing to drive) by March 13.

**Friday, March 24 ~ note location change:** Breakfast at Rainbow Grill in Grandville; please RSVP to the parish office by March 21.

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY ~ Begins March 16**

Approximately 76% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck, regardless of their income. Taking control of your money starts with a plan, and Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan. Classes start on Thursday, March 16 from 7-8:30pm in Room #101 in the Religious Education Center. To register go to <http://bit.ly/mar17fpu>. Financial assistance is available for those in need; contact the parish office at 532-9344 or [parishoffice@spxcatholic.org](mailto:parishoffice@spxcatholic.org).

**LAMB of GOD** a sacred musical retelling of the final days of the life of Jesus Christ, His Atonement, and Resurrection. The production is in Holland and Kalamazoo. For dates and to purchase tickets go to [www.lambofgodkalamazoo.com](http://www.lambofgodkalamazoo.com).

**Mass Assignments for March 11 & 12**

Mass Cord.	5:30pm Marilyn Hartwell	8:30am Mike & Brenda Grandy	10:30am Frank Cegelis
Greeters	Rosemary Holzgen Rita McCarthy <b>2 Volunteers Needed</b>	Betty Cole Jim & Georgianne Everhart Kathy James	Pat Milanowski John & Chantal Porterfield Paul Sundstrom
Servers	Carter Brink Carly Burns Jack Streeter	Emma Dudick Andrew Dukesherer Noah Ziegler	Will Burdick Brendon McKinley Ryan Minnick
Eucharistic Ministers	Emily Hartwell Matthew Hartwell Debbie Jones Diane Remenak Barbara Sawicki Melissa Seguin Paula Seguna Monica Tyler Donna Vaughn	Tony Grandy Mark Henderson Val Henderson Steven LeQuia Tara Pankratz Mary Rademacher Janine Skavnak Karen Tonning Paul VanGessel	Margaret Jastifer Chris Koetsier Pat Milanowski Mike Miller Randy Miller Kris Phillips Jacob Ruemenapp Kate Ruemenapp Debbie Shereda Tom Shereda Mike Signore Paul Sundstrom
Lector	Amber Swift Jerry Hoogterp	Trey Pankratz Linda Polzin	Connor Fischer Gerry Hofer
LCW			Alice Gary
	Ushers: Team B	Ushers: Team D	Ushers: Team G

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**Growing in Christ**  
Weekly Stewardship Report

**STEWARSHIP THOUGHT:** When I teach Baptism classes, as part of the class, we review our baptismal promises. Inevitably, someone is struck by the phrase "glamour of evil." It's an interesting way of talking about temptation. I can think of those times when I know the right choice, but there's something attractive or alluring tempting me to avoid what I know is right. The glamourous route draws me to make excuses why I don't need to apologize or leads me to make a hurtful comment. As a Catholic Christian steward, I am called to move beyond my failures, my sins, to repent and reconcile. This is being a steward of the grace God offers each of us. The grace that leads us to becoming the people God created us to be. How will you be a better steward of God's grace? *Andy Rebollar, Pastoral Associate for Parish Life*

**Time and Talent****MASS ATTENDANCE**

Feb. 25 &amp; 26: 5:30pm—294 | 8:30am—232 | 10:30am—542

**FATHER CHRIS, ANDY, DEB NEFF**, the funeral lunch staff, and the choir...this is to thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated as we celebrated my mother's life. *The Family of Patricia Marie Robinson*

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE FOOD PANTRY** is in need of the following to help restock their shelves: laundry & dishwasher soap, fabric softener, shampoo & conditioner, lotion, shaving cream, and all purpose cleaner.

**DONUT HELP NEEDED:** We are looking for families and individuals to help with our Donut Sunday hospitality and make sure it continues. It's a great way to get involved and get to know people in the parish. If interested, or have questions, contact Sue VanGessel at [suevangessel@gmail.com](mailto:suevangessel@gmail.com).

**Treasure**

**CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL** begins next week. Your support of CSA will benefit both parish and diocesan ministries, including training our future priests, ongoing education of teachers and faith formation staff, proclaiming Christ's message through the media, evangelizing our youth, and providing assistance to those struggling with family issues, hunger, and homelessness.

Please prayerfully consider how sharing your gifts will benefit many—in our parish and beyond.

PARISH SUPPORT Fiscal Year 2016-17   Week 35/52	Last week 2/25 & 2/26	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date
Adult Envelopes	\$ 11,798	\$449,226	\$ 465,487
Electronic Giving <a href="http://spxcatholic.org">spxcatholic.org</a>	\$ 3,158	\$149,087	\$ 146,685
Youth Envelopes	\$ 8	\$ 276	\$ 141
Loose Offerings	\$ 576	\$ 23,445	\$ 23,774
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 15,540</b>	<b>\$622,034</b>	<b>\$636,087</b>
Budget Overage/(Shortfall)	\$ (2,901)	\$ (10,961)	\$ -
<b>OTHER GIVING</b>			
Master's Mission	\$ 309	\$ 23,255	\$ 22,106



St. Pius X has 964 registered households. Last week, 312 contributed either by using an offertory envelope or electronically. Every gift is gratefully received as a sacrifice united with Christ's own self-offering in the Eucharist to share God's love.

## Our prayer list for healing

Please continue to pray for the following and all the sick in our Parish, their families and friends, those hospitalized and home-bound, and those in care facilities. To be included on the Prayer Chain (separate from this bulletin list), call Jason George at (231) 736-7487.

Linda Padula	Gerry Dekkinga	Bob Brock	Joe Capriglione
Kenneth Schumacher	Mary LaSarge	Judy DeVoe	Erika Yonker
Kelsey Gibson	Andre Miles	Ron Geldersma	Marie Nevins
Mark Wilkens	Catherine Cesare	Diane & Mary Prindle	Andy Wierzbicki
David Doxey	Henry Visscher	Betty DiTrapani	Mike Sartorius
Beverwyk Family	Joe & Margaret Grandy	Rose Reilly	Kim Wheat
Anthony McAndrew	M. Forrester	Laurie Bialik	Gina Catania
Jennifer Hassell	Marty Schumacker	Bill Paumier	Christopher Thrall
Ann Ferguson	John Stoddard	Carol Guffy	Bob & Holly Ann Ott
Ben Baird	Derek Bull	Shannon Olman	Diane Austin
Rich Hubbard	Stephen Meurer	Dorothy Rennager	James Raap
Kathy Maslowski	Codey VandenBerg	Patrick Bartz	Ilene Topolinski
Deb Russo	Tom & Becky Hoffmann	Ellen O'Toole	Sarah Johnson
Catherine Owens	Mike Connell	Scott Kowalczyk	Justin Vriezema
Jeff Zylstra	Mary Jebb	Markell Barnhart	Lenore Nufrio
Marlene Strong	Mary Beth Jensen	Pat Rummer	Robert Ryzanca
Cindy Cole	Megan Reynolds	Chris VanderSlice	Mary Benson-Slosser
Jill Moyer	Jim & Mary Ann Norcutt	Leo Raap	Deb Finnigan
Nell Wouters	Allen Mulligan	Connie Alighire	Marion & Marie Rythewski
Brianne Bassett	Matt Rich	Bob Bagin	Ken Jenkins
Tom Wojtas	Joe & Winnie Kulaga	Jonathan Kolenda	Sandy Ressell
Kerry Deboer	Donna Waters	Cindy Thrall	John Blanchard
Sr. Jean Marie Wojtas	Pat DeJong	Norm Pokora	Linda Wood
Terri Bernott	Clara Jo Braybrook	Barbara Barney	Marge Hager
Ann Berg	Jane Voss	Karen Bourassa	Pam Willemstein
Arlene Dzwonkowski	Arlene VanBeek	Judy Perrin	Alberta & Vito Licari
Cleo Ruppel	J.D. Sypniewski	Rylie Rau	Pat Grzybowski
Christopher Alighire	Jerry Piela	Larry Kietzman	



*We offer the sympathy, love, and prayers of our parish to the family of:*

**JERRY STRANZ**

*husband of Lois Stranz*

*father of Jeri Stranz & Sandra (Louis) Fantucchio*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Elect and Candidates as they have taken another step closer toward full membership in the Roman Catholic Church through the Rites of Christian Initiation (RCIA). Our parish celebrates the Rite of Sending on Saturday, March 4 and on Sunday, March 5, the Rite of Election/Call to Continued Conversion at the Cathedral of St. Andrew with Bishop Walkowiak. They will receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil on April 15.

Jaimee Blanchette  
Andrew Ford  
Matthew D. Ford  
Jeremy Marshall  
Emma Wiest

Douglas Burns  
Gabriel Ford  
Jessica Fontan  
Joseph Roszell  
Jackson Wiest

Greg Fisher  
Matthew A. Ford  
Hannah Hall  
Ted Smith

*Please keep them in your prayers as they move into the next phase of preparation and series of Rites, the THREE SCRUTINIES, God's call to further purification and enlightenment during Lent.*

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## The Light is ON for You

BISHOP DAVID WALKOWIAK  
Diocese of Grand Rapids



Dear Friends in Christ,

Although the Year of Mercy officially concluded in November, God's infinite mercy is always available to us. While the physical symbol of the Year of Mercy, the Holy Door, has been closed, we are still called to seek God's mercy through prayer and participation in the sacrament of penance. Pope Francis reminded us in his homily at the conclusion of the Holy Year, "God has no memory of sin, but only of us, of each of us, we who are his beloved children. And he believes that it is always possible to start anew, to raise ourselves up." (Holy Mass for the closing of the Jubilee of Mercy, November 2016)

The sacrament of penance offers us the opportunity to arise anew in Christ. While there are many opportunities to receive the sacrament of penance throughout the year, we are providing a special opportunity through "The Light is ON for You: An Evening of Penance." During this event on Thursday, March 16, almost every church in our diocese will be open for the sacrament of penance from 5-8:00pm. See the diocesan website [dioceseofgrandrapids.org](http://dioceseofgrandrapids.org) for exact locations and details.

Why not reach out to the Lord in faith and ask for His mercy as we prepare for His coming again on Easter morning?

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+David J. Walkowiak*

## Knights of Columbus

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Cornhole League ~ 3/23 ~ 7pm (Danner Hall)

Altar Server Appreciation Party ~ 3/25 (following the 5:30 Mass)

The annual MI Drive will take place April 7-9. Members should be receiving an email with sign-up information. We will be collecting donations at the Walmart on Kenowa Ave.

**Congratulations** to Jeff Trytko and Brian Brooks on completing their Admissions degree on Feb. 19.



If you are interested in becoming a Knight, please contact Jason Bargenquast at 269-217-7485 for more information. Membership is a great way to serve your parish community with the company of other Catholic men!

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** | Fridays at 7pm  
March 10 Stations will be led by Fr. Chris.



### LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7pm Sunday, April 9 ~ High School students invite parishioners to join them as they pray the stations of the cross as they enact them in word and body.

*Lent*

**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU** | 5-8pm Thursday, March 16  
Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in almost every parish in the diocese.

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE** | 7pm Wednesday, March 22

