Return to Me

Let us embark on the journey together, as Church, by receiving Ashes — we too will become ashes — and keeping our gaze fixed on the Crucifix.

He, loving us, invites us to be reconciled with God and to return to him, in order to find ourselves again.

Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis, Vatican Basilica
Ash Wednesday, 10 February 2016
Welcome! Whether you are a long time parishioner or first time visitor we welcome you. If you are looking for a church ‘home’ we’d love for you to consider our parish.

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar - Feb 23, 2020
Giving the shirt off your back, turning the other cheek or walking / driving the extra mile is normal stuff in families. We do that for one another. Today’s gospel reminds us all people, even those we don’t like, are our brothers and sisters. Our family should prepare us to be FAMILY to others.

- Feb 26th - Ash Wednesday 2020
Fast & Abstinence
- 8:30am Mass St Mary
- 12 Noon St Paul
- 7pm Mass St Mary
- 9:15pm St Paul
- 10am Altercare: LOW w/dist of ashes)
- 10am Evergreen Terrace: LOW w/dist of ashes
- 10:30am Metron: LOW w/dist of ashes
- 11am The Brook: LOW w/dist of ashes

Eucharistic Ministers needed - sign up online

Save the Dates - Lenten Soup Supper / Series-
Wednesday’ Mar 18 thru Apr 8th
Time - 5pm Soup Dinner
Format: 5:30pm first video
5:45 - 6pm discussion
6pm Second Video
6:15 - 6:30pm discussion

Lenten Presentation: Saturday, March 7, 10 am at St Philip Neri, Reed City. Father Phil Shangraw will present “Now is the Winter of Our Discontent.” Fr Shangraw will address how to protect ourselves from the cold winds of divisiveness and polarization. A reflection on Paul’s letter to the Colossians to help us let go of rudeness, fear, grudges and tribalism this Lent.

Children’s Evening Faith Formation
St Mary
Tuesday 6 - 7:15pm
Dates: Feb 25; Mar 3, 10, 17, 24; Apr 7, 14 21, 28.

Cooks needed to prepare simple meals (to feed about 40 people). Ingredients will be paid for by the church. If willing to volunteer, contact the church office.

Student Suppers: Mar 22, 29; May 3
February 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

This year, CRS Rice Bowl's Lenten faith-in-action program contains an invitation to reflect on the Gospel story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. It is a story with which we are all familiar. Jesus commands his disciples to give the crowd something to eat. They do not understand how, with only five loaves and two fish, it will be possible to feed the thousands that have gathered. Yet, through Christ's prayer and miraculous action “all ate and were satisfied.” (Mt 14:20) In this story we see that through God, the gifts we share with those in need are made more abundant and can have a broader impact.

The holy season of Lent is a time when we renew our trust and faith in Jesus and his promise of new life through the resurrection. We rely upon the penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to deepen our relationship with our Savior and our brothers and sisters around the world. The small, yet meaningful offerings we make this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl will have a significant impact on hungry families in our communities and around the world. In giving financially to provide physical nourishment we also offer Christian witness and love by our response to the Gospel call Jesus made, “give them some food yourselves.” (Lk 9:13)

Annually, CRS Rice bowl raises approximately $6 million for Catholic Relief Services. Twenty percent of all donations remain in our diocese to support local hunger and anti-poverty programs. Last year, local funds were granted to the Bread of Life pantry through St. Ann - St. Ignatius Parish in Baldwin, St. Alphonsus’ Food and Clothing pantry and Dégagé Ministries in Grand Rapids, and the Caritas Food pantry through St. Mary Parish in Custer.

Discover the many simple ways that the CRS Rice Bowl program can be incorporated into your family’s Lenten practice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. Thank you for so generously sharing your blessings with our brothers and sisters who hunger and thirst.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Desires of the Heart by Sister Bethany Madonna

Sister Bethany Madonna, vocations director for the Sisters of Life, shares how God not only wants us to know him, but also to give us the desires of our heart and gifts that bring purpose, meaning, and hope.

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- Select your parish.
- Register with your name and email address.

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing) on April 17-19, 2020. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is $185 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772 for details.
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Reconciliation
St Mary - Sat 3:30 - 4:30pm
St Paul - Wed 8:30-9pm; Fri 11-11:45; Sun 4-4:30pm

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