



IT'S A TIME TO WORK ON DISCIPLINE

THE 40 DAYS OF LENT ARE ALSO A GOOD, SET TIME TO WORK ON
PERSONAL DISCIPLINE IN GENERAL. INSTEAD OF GIVING SOMETHING UP,
IT CAN BE DOING SOMETHING POSITIVE.

"I'M GOING TO EXERCISE MORE. I'M GOING TO PRAY MORE.

I'M GOING TO BE NICER TO MY FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COWORKERS."

BISHOP DAVID L. RICKEN OF GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS OF THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS



We invite you to join us in worship

Tuesday

4:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday

12:00 noon Soup Luncheon/Stations Alger

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday

9:00 a.m. Mass

1:00 p.m. Rosary

Saturday

4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Mass @ Resurrection Alger

10:30 a.m. Mass

Readings for the Week

Monday 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9;
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday **Saints Perpetua and Felicity**

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday **Saint John of God**

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday **Saint Frances of Rome**

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,
14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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

Our Gifts For Last Weekend:

Envelopes: (192)	\$4,260.00
Loose:	619.14
Total	\$4,879.14

Stewardship Reflection

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

Prayer Network Intentions

Improved Health: Devin Chisholm.
Please keep Devin in your prayers.



• LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

The next soup **luncheon** will be in Alger on Wednesday, March 7 beginning at **12:00 noon**.

We also have the rosary prayed together on each Friday beginning at 1:00 p.m.

• LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

We will have our Lenten Reconciliation service at 7 p.m. on **Thursday, Marcy 15**.

• BIBLE STUDY

I will be leading a bible study on the Gospels for Lent each Monday at 6:30 pm during the Lenten Season. All are welcome. We'll meet in the social hall at Standish.

• CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

We will begin our annual drive this weekend at all of the masses. We need everyone to help us reach our assessment. We have had a good track record in doing so and I'm sure we will do it again.

• MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT – SATURDAY, MARCH 10

St. Brigid Church in Midland is hosting a middle school retreat featuring Fran Runyeon who spend 25 years in television, film and radio. His talk is "Hollywood vs Faith" For more information go to: <https://saginaw.org/youth-ministry/middle-school-retreat>

• CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION – MARCH 11

We will have an opportunity to assist the Church's ministry beyond the borders of the United States. Our gifts will be well spent to help others in tragic and desperate situations. We can be proud of our church's response when crisis occurs.

• NEW MAILING ADDRESS

Due to new postal rules, we must add **P.O. Box 306** to all mail addressed to any staff person or the parish. Thank you.

Fr. David

Parish Information

Parish Office Phone Number 846-9565

Office Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. —4:00 p.m.

Religious Education Office 846-4101

Sponsor of the Week

This week our Sponsor of the Bulletin

Nagy's Tractor Sales

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Lenten Schedule**Stations of the Cross & Soup Luncheons-Alger**

Soup Luncheons - 12:00 p.m. - Stations - 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7

Wednesday, March 14

**Third Sunday of Lent
Encounter Safiata**

In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit csricebowl.org for more.

Food Giveaway—Bethlehem Lutheran Church Mobile Food Pantry

March 15 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. or until the food supply runs out. Doors will open at 12:55 p.m. no early admission. Please bring driver's license or some type of identification. Bring your own boxes/bags if possible.

Daughters of Isabella News

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 13th at Resurrection in Standish with dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a 7 p.m. meeting. We welcome new members at any time. Hope to see you there!

The Catholic Diocese of Saginaw is accepting applications for Pastoral Administrator position(s) for its parishes. The full job description is available at <https://saginaw.org/employment>. The deadline for application is March 27, 2018.

What's In Your Heart?

Like last week, we read of keeping God's Commandments—in particular, our obligations to God and others. How do the Commandments play a positive role in my life? Ask yourself these questions as well:

- In the “temple” of Christ's body we experience newness. How can I participate in ways that make God's presence fresh and new?
- According to Saint Paul, God's foolishness exceeds our wisdom, and God's weakness is greater than our strength. Taking this statement to mean, as the prophet Isaiah says of God, “So high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts,” how do I respect God's differentness and make room in my life for God's ways?
- What does it mean for me to “proclaim Christ crucified”?

Communal Reconciliation Services

March 6	6 pm Prince of Peace, Linwood Individual Confessions with multiple Confessors
March 11	2 pm Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Midland
March 13	7 pm Our Lady of Grace, Sanford
March 14	7 pm Blessed Sacrament, Midland
March 15	7 pm Resurrection, Standish
March 18	2 pm St. Mark, Au Gres
March 18	3 pm Holy Trinity, Pinconning
March 20	7 pm Sacred Heart, Gladwin

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will offer a Lenten Retreat Day for all women of the diocese in the Center for Ministry at the Diocese of Saginaw on Saturday, March 10. The day's activities start at 9 a.m. (registration begins at 8:30) and will end at approximately 3:30 p.m. The retreat leader will be Sr. Patricia Benson, OP, & the theme will be: The Papal Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. The cost for the day is \$25 (in advance) and includes lunch. This silent retreat will include spiritual talks, meditation time, confession, Mass, rosary, & Stations of the Cross. Please RSVP to Rita Maher (989-635-7072) or Joyce Raducha (989-875-2650) by March 2.

Women's Day Retreat

If anyone is interested in getting a ride to the Saginaw Council of Catholic Women's Day Retreat, call Jackie at 989-846-6846. She has room for 3.

Saginaw Catholic Men's Mini-Conference

Featuring keynote speaker Sean Forrest (see Sean's popular video clips on YouTube) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UI6WybgcP-I> Saturday March 17th, 2018 8AM-1PM. St Hyacinth Church, 1515 Cass Ave Bay City, MI 48708. Beer & Brats Lunch. \$30 Admission. Presented by the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Saginaw, www.thecatholicmen.com. Have a question? Send us an email at thecatholicmensaginaw@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus News

Please consider joining your local Knights of Columbus members in a Lenten fund raiser. The Knights of Columbus is participating in 40 Cans for Lent. Donate one can of food per day to be turned over to our local food pantry. There are collection boxes in the common area.

THE EYES HAVE IT

The Knights of Columbus will again be collecting eye glasses you no longer need or use. These glasses will be processed and then given to people in need. The next few weeks, boxes will be available into which you can put your unwanted glasses.

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