



Fourth Sunday of Lent

St. Christopher Catholic Church

1000 Michigan Ave., Marysville

364-4100

March 26, 2006

FAILING AT OUR RESOLUTIONS

by Fr. Art Baranowski

By now, many of us have failed at our Lenten resolutions. At this halfway point of Lent, the rest of the church asks us to try again.

Trying again and again is the whole purpose of Lent. Failing along the way is a necessary part of Lent because we are meant to rely on God and not on ourselves. There will never be a time when we do not need mercy from God.

If we are too successful at our penances and practices, we could easily put ourselves in the middle. Lent and life itself is always about what God is doing and only a little about what we are doing.

One of the consoling thoughts often given to me in my Catholic childhood comes from the Stations of the Cross. In the stations, Christ falls under the weight of the cross. And, Christ falls again and again. But, he keeps getting up.

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Welcome New Parishioners



Joe and Linda Amato are east side Detroiters. They raised their daughters in Macomb County and moved to St. Clair for the quieter life style and for the beauty of the bluewater area. Both Joe and Linda are close to the church and have been active in parishes throughout their lives. Rose Casale is their 90 year old aunt living with them and for whom they care. The Amato's and Rose Casale are welcome additions to St. Christopher's Parish because they are willing to keep growing in the faith. Their willingness to grow will help us as a parish to deepen in faith and that is why we are a parish. Joe and Linda will help us stay true to our purpose and calling.

Prayer Workshop
Wednesday, March 29
7:00 PM Social Hall

God speaks to everyone of us, at the time. How does a person listen to God? Learn several ways to become attentive to God that ordinary people can put into practice. Praying in the Catholic Tradition.

This Sunday's Gospel

John 9, 1-41

The physical sight is only the kick-off for real seeing in this gospel. The blind man comes to see and understand Jesus gradually through stages or steps. He has to make decisions along the way. He suffers being thrown out of his religious and social community. But, Christ finds the once blind man and reveals himself so the blind man can really see.

1. Like the blind man's parents, when have you been an observer when it comes to faith and not gotten involved?
2. The world judges by appearances: looks, possessions, and status. God looks at things differently. Take a few moments to let Christ show you how he looks at you. What does he see?
3. In the Eucharist, Jesus himself comes as food to nourish you and fill you. What do you need from him for your life? Be as specific as possible.

Next Week's Readings

Ezekiel 37: 12-14

Romans 8: 8-11

John 11: 1-45

Eucharistic Minister Retreat

Sunday, April 2

1:30-4:30 p.m.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 26, 2006

Men's Retreat Weekend

9:30 a.m. Breaking Open the Word
*For those adults and teens inquiring about
the Catholic Church.*

9:30 a.m. Baby/Toddler Sitting
Ages 10 months –3 yrs.

9:30 a.m. Children's Church
Ages 3 yrs– Kindergarten

**Baby/Toddler Sitting & Children's
Church will be in Parish Offices today**

10:30 –12 p.m. RCIA /Rectory
No Religious Ed.- 1st-8th Grade

6:30 p.m. Quest Leaders

7:00 p.m. Quest Gym Night

Monday, March 27, 2006

7:00 p.m. P. F. Mtg. #2

Tuesday, March 28, 2006

7:00-8:00 p.m. Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

7:00 p.m. Baptism Class/ Quest Rm.

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

7:00 p.m. Prayer Workshop

7:00 p.m. Catechist Formation

No Religious Ed. 1st-6th Grades

No Religious Ed. 7th & 8th Grades

Thursday, March 30, 2006

6:00 p.m. Pastoral Musicians

Friday, March 31, 2006

7:00 p.m. Fast-a-thon begins

Saturday, April 1, 2006

Pictorial Directory Sign up after Mass

4:00 p.m. Confession

6:45 p.m. Fast-a-thon ends

Sunday, April 2, 2006

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10:30 –12 p.m. RCIA /Quest Rm.

10:45 a.m. 1st-8th Grade

1:30- 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Ministers
Retreat

BURIED IN CHRIST

The members of St. Christopher's extend their prayers and sympathy to the families of Ethel Wudorski, Gertrude Miller and Irene Brow.



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I was told that falling is taken for granted. It was expected that I would fail many times in life and sometimes I would like to quit trying to improve. Jesus Christ kept forcing himself to get up and keep trudging along and so could I. I was told that Christ would help me if I asked him and depended on him.

So, renew your resolutions for Lent. Get up one more time and try again. Christ is walking alongside of you.

Communal Reconciliation

St. Edward, Lakeport

Monday, March 27 7:00 PM

Holy Cross, Marine City

Wednesday, March 29 7:00 PM

O.L. Mt. Carmel, Emmett

Thursday, March 30 7:00 PM

St. Mary, Port Huron

Wednesday, April 5 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 8 3:00 PM

St. Christopher, Marysville

Thursday, April 6 7:00 PM

St. Mary St. Clair

Saturday, April 8 12 PM

For Widowed Men & Women

Widowed men and women of all ages are welcome to attend the 5th annual weekend retreat, "Surviving and Thriving on our Own", sponsored by Widowed Friends of the Archdiocese of Detroit. It will be held April 21-23 at the Retreat Center at St. Johns in Plymouth. Experience personal healing, spiritual enrichment, small group dialogue and social time. Recent and long time widowed can benefit from this retreat. Cost of \$130-\$150 includes lodgings, private bath and 6 meals. Must reserve by April 14th. Call Rosemary (586) 939-5219 or Sue (248) 851-4508.

Remember to Keep in Your Prayers

David Rengshaw, Michael Healey, Mae Ward, Roy Cencich, Jose Ramirez, Jeremy Grzech, Kevin Shaw, Robert Finn, Marilyn Springer, Gayle Smith, Helen Robinson, Joyce Farrell, Virginia Tracey, Connie Green, Corey Aspey, Patrick Owens, Leo & Betty Visga, Ralph & Nancy Ceglarek, Dorothy Smarch, Simone Stern, Barbara Rumley, Dorothy Horn, Maria Miller, Bill Soboleski, Elizabeth Wessel, Theresa Prince, Maureen Pochodylo, Greg Riley, Lori Charette, Helen Ferris, Albert Kubek, Kathy & Karen Carty, Kyle Clayton, Patrick McCarthy, Bernard Shafran, Loreen Metheny, Helen Senik, James Newson, Florence Ferris, Marlene Konik, Mary Blessinger, Dominic, Gino & Jordan Pecoraro, Russel Rumsey, Doris Godi, Barbara Stockwell, Harvey Brodeur, Mary Hodges, Patricia Pavlov-Leins, Jean Brockdorff, Kyle Stivers, and those who care for them.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, March 28

7:00—8:00 p.m.

Fast-a-thon Reminder

March 31st 7 p.m. - April 1st 6:45 p.m.

- St. Christopher's only fundraiser for our mission trip to Kentucky.
- All students participating in the fast-a-thon must raise pledges to be admitted to the event.
- Please turn in pledge forms & pledges on Friday night at 7:00 p.m.
- All 7th-12th graders are welcome to join in on the fun!
- Questions?

Call : 364-4100 ext. 204

**Weekend Liturgy
April 1 & 2, 2006**

Day/Time	Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
Mass Intention	Charles Howard, Sr. (10 yrs.) by his wife & family Vern Goulette By his wife & family	John Moore (3 yrs.) by his wife Joe Eagen by his wife	Parishioners of St. Christopher	Violet Landschoot (25 yrs.) by her family In special thanksgiving for Ella Schmidt by her family
Celebrant	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Britz	Fr. Baranowski
Lector	Bob Sheehy Mike Rumley	Jill Kammer Charlie Andrews	Martin Frascchetti Karen Frascchetti	Don Jewell Joe Ellery
Eucharistic Minister	Marilynn Pavlov Deanne Quain John VanTiem Donna Landschoot Dave Banyas	Fely Nurenberg Ron Nurenberg Gay Venia Donna Orr Poppy Goddard	Esther Pelliccia Kathleen Moore Russell Hill Richard Clark Bernie Newby Dieter DeVigili Kathy DeVigili	Mary Jo Jewell Joanne Wesch Kathy Robison Kimberly Erb Cheryl Borowski Skip Randall Gabrielle Randall
Cantor	As Assigned	As Assigned	As Assigned	As Assigned
Altar Servers	Joe Rogers Spencer Rumley	Jenna Furchak Lauren Curley	Stephanie Erb Alex Newby	Matt Miller Kyle Hercliff
Hospitality Ministers	Craig, Sue, Adrianna & Alexandra LaDuke Jim & Carol Suyak	Greg & Penny White Ben DePetris Mike O'Brien	Richard, Karen, Chelsey, Caitlynn, Justin Bonney	Arthur, Laura, Arthur, Bruce Bianchi

**Weekday Mass Intentions
March 27, 2006 – March 31, 2006**

Monday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.	S. Donald Cockburn (1 yr.), by his wife and family
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.	Ann Marie Morgan, by Lou & Mary Schmorrow
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	Bea Cowger, by Neighbors & Friends
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Peter Cervone Jr., by William Simms

Marriage Annulment Seminar

Holy Cross Parish
610 South Water Street
Marine City

March 30 6:00– 8:00 PM

Given by: Mr. Tim Ferguson
Lay Canonist (Marriage Tribunal)

Where: In the Activity Center behind the church

For more info call:
Mrs. Smith 810-765-8300

St. Stephen's Parish

invites you to attend:

A Lenten Reflection
At - St. Stephen's Church
Tuesday, March 28th
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Come reflect on the Passion of Christ through the characters of Mary, Peter, Mary Magdala and Judas.

**Readings for the Week
Of March 26, 2006**

Sunday, March 26

Scrutinies (Cycle A):

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday, March 27

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 28

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 29

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 30

Ex 32:7-14

Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 31

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, April 1

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday, April 2

Scrutinies (Cycle A):

Ez 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Financial Stewardship At St. Christopher's

March 18 & 19.....\$9,530.38

Children.....4.61

Catholic Relief Services

(Total).....167.00

Stewardship Thought...

The blind man in today's Gospel was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?



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