



*Mass Intentions for the Week*

3/02 Mon	9:00 AM	Sharon Smith By Charlie & Jean McKilligan
3/03 Tues	9:00 AM	Frances Zieno – Birthday By Maria Zieno Aebi & Thomas Zieno
3/04 Wed	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
3/05 Thurs	9:00 AM	Kevin Howard By Charlie & Jean McKilligan
3/06 Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
3/07 Sat	4:00 PM	Joe Tabone By Rosary Society
3/08 Sun	10:30 AM	Edward Abbot Jr. Birthday Mass By the Abbot Family

**Communal Penance Service**

The Communal Lenten Reconciliation Service will take place on Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 4:00PM in the church. Additional priests will be here to help with individual confessions. Please do not miss out on this wonderful opportunity to encounter the Lord in the sacrament of reconciliation. All are encouraged to attend!

**Volunteers Needed for the Washing of the Feet – Holy Thursday**

We are seeking **12 volunteers** to take part in the Washing of the Feet during **Mass of the Lord’s Supper** on Holy Thursday. This sacred gesture, rooted in Christ’s own example of humility and love, invites us to enter more deeply into the mystery of His service. **A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule.** Please consider offering your presence in this meaningful ritual, helping our parish community begin the Easter Triduum with beauty, devotion, and a spirit of self-giving.

**Eucharistic Devotion**

Spend some quiet time with Jesus, honor, worship and adore Christ truly present in the Eucharist. It is a time for you to foster a deeper, personal relationship with the Lord. Tuesdays after 9AM Mass in the chapel until Noon, Benediction follows. Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

**Zoom Lenten Scripture Study**

Thursdays from 10:00AM to Noon; Mar 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2. For more information, please see flyer in vestibule.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent: Journeying from the Known to the Unknown**

Lent invites us to quiet our hearts and attune ourselves to God’s voice. It calls us to step forward with trusting confidence toward the place where God, in His providential love desires us to be. In the Gospel, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up the mountain, where He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun and His garments became dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appeared beside Him, representing the Law and the Prophets respectively, and they spoke with Him about His impending passion and death.

Overwhelmed by this vision, Peter longed to remain in that moment of consolation. His desire to build three tents on the mountaintop reveals our own human inclination to cling to what feels safe and comforting. Yet the path of discipleship is not shaped by comfort but by self-denial, surrender, and trust. The Father’s voice broke through the cloud, proclaiming Jesus as the Beloved Son, and commanding us listen to Him.

The transfiguration is not a final destination but a grace meant to strengthen us for the journey toward the glory that awaits us in heaven. It sends us back down the mountain and into the world-into the demands of daily life and ultimately toward the fullness of life God has prepared for us.

Abraham in the first reading placed his complete trust in God. When the Lord called him to leave his homeland and step into the unknown, he responded without hesitation, relying solely on God’s promise. His obedience reveals why he is hailed as the father of faith-one who walks with God even when the path is unclear and the future unseen.

St. Paul urges us in the second reading to bear our share of hardship with the strength that comes from God, and the responsorial psalm reassures us that God’s mercy rests upon those who place their trust in Him.

As we continue through Lent, let us set aside whatever holds us back from journeying toward our eternal home in heaven. May we place our trust in God’s promises even when they seem distant. May we listen to His Beloved Son, open ourselves to His grace, and allow Him to lead us to the place where He desires us to be.  
Fr. Dr. Ben, Pastor.

**EXCITING NEWS – SAVE THE DATE**



Sat. April 25, 2026  
Shroud of Turin Presentation  
Right here at Sacred Heart!

**Weekend of March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Gospel: John 4:5-42

First Reading- Exodus 17:3-7

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Second Reading- Romans 5:1-2,5-8

**Saturday 4:00 PM**

**Celebrant:** Father Ben  
**Lector:** Jane Artis  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Carole Ostrander, Bill Babbage, Dorothy Yaiser  
**Altar Servers:** Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

**Sunday 10:30AM**

Father Ben  
Mathias Mietzelfeld  
Kristin Reuter, Lorraine Keckeisen, Terry Maggio

Offerings from Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026: Regular \$2701.00; Fuel \$45.00; Repairs \$20.00; Evangelist \$30.00; Ash Wednesday \$493.00; Votives \$15.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Black, Native & Latin American \$722.00



### **Religious Education 2026-2027**

Classes for Pre-K-10<sup>th</sup> grade

3/1	9:00-10:15 AM ~ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent
3/8	9:00-10:15 AM ~ 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent
3/15	9:00-10:15 AM ~ 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent
3/22	9:00-10:15 AM ~ 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent
3/29	9:00-10:15 AM ~ Palm Sunday

### **What are you giving up for Lent?**

Here are 5 ideas that might prove challenging but they may help to actively cultivate virtue and really target our faults.

- 1- **Mortify your will through practice of obedience** – do this by cheerfully serving the people in your life.
- 2- **Attend especially to the tasks you don't like doing.**
- 3- **Embrace annoyances** – when others annoy you, examine yourself and discern how you, too, act or think in that way.
- 4- **Impose a strict watch on your tongue.**
- 5- **Check impulsive actions** –will this action really help anyone?

### **Undie Sunday**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent, - **February 28-March 1 - Undie Sunday**  
“He who gives to the poor will never want.” Please consider donating new **underwear** especially for needy children, as well as men and women. There is a receptacle in the vestibule for your donation.

### **Sacred Heart Lenten Activities**

As we prepare for the sacred season of Lent, our parish community is invited to deepen prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal through the following opportunities.

Please plan on joining us:

#### **Tuesdays During Lent**

- *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration* immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass in the Private Chapel.
- *Benediction* at 12:00PM. Spend time in quiet prayer before the Lord, drawing closer to Christ through Eucharistic Devotion.

#### **Fridays During Lent**

- *Stations of the Cross* at 5:30PM ~ Benediction to follow.

Journey with Jesus along the path of His Passion as we reflect on His profound love and sacrifice for us.

### **February Bulletin Quotes**

The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life.

Every person is cherished.

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

*Respect Life Reflection*

*Uscsb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection*

### **THE PARISH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!**

Directories will be distributed in the vestibule to all parishioners who had their pictures taken making our directory possible.

### **Question of the Week**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shown like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. (Matthew 17:1-2)

Adults: What difference does your faith in Jesus Christ make in your life?

### **Diocesan Appeal 2026 - Update**

In next week's bulletin we will have an update.

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

April 17- 19, 2026 ~ Silver Bay, NY

Please see flyer in vestibule for more information.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Thank you**

Thank you for your generous support for last week's collection for the Collection for the Church Black, Native American & Latin American Missions If you missed the collection it is not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

### **Ladies Retreat Weekend**

Gentlemen, don't know what to get your darling? How about a retreat weekend? Our Ladies Retreat is May 1-3, 2026 at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center. Register now at [dslcnv.org](http://dslcnv.org) or see Ellen Reuter or Paula Ciborowski.

### **Share the Bounty**

Free Community Luncheon

Saturday March 14, 2026 - 11:30AM – 1:00PM

All are welcome!

### **Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers:**

Gussie Shifflett, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Grady Charles Weigand, Daniel Rickard, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Debra Barnard, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Paul J. Hamilton, Sr., Mary Munetz, Jazmers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Bosket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter Darline Smith, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Terri Cristofaro, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Dolores Starzinger, Alexis Spencer, Ines Warlock, Susan Chidester, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Olivia Ross & family, Joe Maggio, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, James Rattrie, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselic, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, Ellen Reuter, Jaxson Beadle, Francis Duguay, Joan Rice, John MacDonald, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Saldinger, Bonnie Tabone, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Joan & Tony Barber, Mathias Mietzelfeld, Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Teri Frallich, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler, Bobbie August, Chris West, Dawn Cronin, Josephine Materazzo, Avery Maggio, Barb & Jerry Patrick, Paisley Halbert, John MacDonald, Anne Klopchin, Gloria Parsons, Anthony Naple, Danielle Spry, Ellen Hogan, Bradley Lathan, Peter Burghardt Jr.

*Please Note: All names will remain on our list and will be prayed for unless our office is notified to remove an individual*

