

Coming Up This Week:**Sunday, January 27th**

8:00 AM...Mass..For the People of St John Parish

9:15 AM....Religious Ed Program

10:30 AM...Mass..Marie Worden *by the Family***Monday, January 28th**

No Mass

7 PM....Religious Ed Teachers Meeting

Tuesday, January 29th

No Mass

Wednesday, January 30th

No Mass

Thursday, January 31st

No Mass

Friday, February 1st Dedication Anniversary

6 PM....Mass...Helen Cascarelli

by Scott & Deb Pickens

Dinner follows Mass - all are welcome!

Please return or call in your reservation!

We are having chicken and roast beef.

Saturday, February 2nd

3:30 PM...Confessions

4:30 PM...Mass...For the People of St John Parish

Sunday, February 3rd

8:00 AM...Mass..Robert Pomeroy

by Theresa Harris

9:15 AM....Religious Ed Program

10:30 AM...Mass..Mary A Kearney

*by Bill & Liz Kearney***CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

Target: \$420,000.00

Pledged to date: \$435,387.12

plus the \$25,000 we have received.

Thank You! We did this together!

Together we achieve more

Please Pray For: Marge Bommarito, June Carver,
Sharon Bommarito, Cris Solis, Jr; Margaret
Richardson, Pilar Rivera, Andres Lerma,
Henry Lopez Jr, Edna Sheldon, Virginia Karmalski,
Irene Campbell, Kay Eagen, Kathy Matson,
John Owdziej, Liz Wilson, Lee Worden

Liturgy Team One**Saturday, February 2nd 4:30 PM**

Commentator: Mike Hill

Lector: Rebekah Snyder

EM: Vicky Snyder, Bill & Laura Zenoniani,

Altar Server: Zachary Calvert

Ushers: Frank Kniburys, Hank Konkle

Sunday, February 3rd 8:00 AM

Commentator: Don Kaiser

Lector: Joan Walsh

EM: Dave & Sue Farley, Alex Harden

Altar Server: Theresa Harris

Ushers: Bob Fisher, Kevin Markovich

Sunday, February 3rd 10:30 AM

Commentator: Alicia Botello

Lector: Juanita Solis Kidder

EM: Rodney & Jill Mestdagh, Vonnice Lammers

Altar Servers: Aaron Lammers, Nick Lammers

Ushers: Curt Miller, Fred Schick

Our Return to God Of His Gifts to Us
January 19 & 20

Adult & Loose	\$3,365.91
Children	\$5.00
Parish Development	\$75.00

The watchword today is
“immediately.” Peter and
Andrew, James and John all
respond immediately to the call
of Christ. May I be as open to
God’s call and as ready to use my
talents in His service as those
first disciples were!



As we look ahead at the calendar we see that Ash Wednesday is February 6th. This begins the season of Lent. Lent is the time of the year that we make the extra effort to do the spiritual work that we all need to do. Its structure of prayer, fasting and giving lends itself well to doing the work we need to do to deepen our relationship with Jesus. As I said in my homily last week a question to ask ourselves, "Do I have a relationship with Jesus?" The other side of the question is "where am I in my relationship with Jesus?" We all have some form of relationship with Jesus. Some may have a relationship that is very deep, some may be just I know of him. Yet the expectation is that our relationship with Jesus is to impact on all of our other relationships. If our relationship is just I know of him, it can't have a very big impact now can it. So this lent is an opportunity to come to know Jesus on another level. It all begins in just two short weeks.



With the coming of lent we have certain prescribed responsibilities to perform. If you are fourteen years of age you are bound by the law of fast and abstinence up to the sixtieth birthday Canon law 1252. Abstinence means no meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of lent. One is to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means one may not consume any more food than one would during the day at your largest meal. Other words you may have three small meals and no snacks. People with health problems are not bound by this law.

Our schedule for Ash Wednesday is Mass at 9 AM with distribution of Ashes; 12:10 PM an ecumenical service at Albion College, and 7 PM Mass with the distribution of Ashes.

Stations of the cross will be here at Saint John on Fridays of Lent, shared with Saint James as in the past. All stations will be at 3 PM.

I encourage you to sign-up for a lenten small group. This is a time of prayer, reflection and fellowship along with growing in your relationship with Jesus through the study of the Sunday Readings. Sign-up after the masses this weekend and next weekend as well. May this lent be a rich and growing time for you. Blessings to you in the coming week.

Fr. Gordon

Family Perspective

When Jesus called his disciples, they came "immediately." Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don't. Children slowly grow into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done "immediately," but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

Lumen Christi's Open House

We hope you can join us for Lumen Christi Catholic High School's Open House on Sunday, February 3rd starting promptly at 1:00 pm and lasting until 3:00 pm. The format of the Open House is designed to present a comprehensive, informative overview of our school. Our mission is to share the "Light of Christ" through our academic, athletic and extracurricular programs. Lumen Christi is located at 3483 Spring Arbor Road, Jackson. For more information, please call our Development Office at (517) 787-5080.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

The Blood Drive will be Thursday, February 7 from Noon to 6 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall on 29 Mile Road. They need some volunteers to help serve the donors. If can help or would like more information, please call Tom Hickey (517) 629-2556

MOTHER/DAUGHTER PROGRAM

This program explores God's special gift of human fertility and the beauty and wonder of growing up and becoming a woman, for 10-12 year old girls and their mothers (or significant female). SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2008, 2-5 p.m., Lawrence Education Center Auditorium of Borgess Hospital, Gull Road at Shaffer Road. \$25.00 per family. Reservation deadline is February 26th. Contact Mary Culp at the NFP Center at 269-964-9474, or download the reservation form from the NFP page of the Diocesan web site:

www.dioceseofkalamazoo.org

The sponsor of the week is Tidd-Williams Funeral Chapel.