

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
February 21, 2010

My Sisters and Brothers, at this the beginning of our Lenten retreat we, like Jesus, are being led by the Spirit into forty days of reflection and renewal. Along the way we will be tempted by shortcuts and attractive alternatives. As we celebrate the sacred meal, may it nourish us and give us the strength that we need for this Lenten journey, so that we will emerge on Easter ready to carry on Jesus Christ's mission in the world.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 20 *First Sunday of Lent*
 4:00 p.m. Floyd Podgorniak by M/M Richard Maida
 5:30 p.m. Mass-St. Michael
 Sunday, February 21 *First Sunday of Lent*
 9:00 a.m. Mass-St. Michael
 10:30 a.m. Ed & Stella Hribek by Larry & Lisa Prohaska
 Pinconning K. of C. Corporate Communion
 Monday, February 22
 8:30 a.m. Scripture Service/Communion-St. Michael
 Tuesday, February 23
 8:30 a.m. Scripture Service/Communion-St. Michael
 2:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 Wednesday, February 24
 8:30 a.m. Scripture Service/Communion-St. Michael
 6:30 p.m. Rosary Prayed
 7:00 p.m. Brandon Meggot by Chris & Mike Kustra
 Thursday, February 25
 8:30 a.m. Scripture Service/Communion-St. Michael
 1:00 p.m. Adoration/Benediction-St. Michael
 Friday, February 26
 8:30 a.m. Scripture Service/Communion-St. Michael
 7:00 p.m. Way of the Cross Devotion
 Saturday, February 27 *Second Sunday of Lent*
 4:00 p.m. Joseph Ratkos by Steve & Shirley Lanczak
 5:30 p.m. Mass-St. Michael
 Sunday, February 28 *Second Sunday of Lent*
 9:00 a.m. Mass-St. Michael
 10:30 a.m. Jerome Maida by Mike & Chris Kustra

Rosary is prayed after the 8:30 a.m. Scripture Service at St. Michael

OUR GIFTS RETURNED TO GOD

Envelopes \$ 2,603.00
 Loose 615.00
 Total \$ 3,218.00

READING FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 22-FEB 28

Mon-- 1Pt 5: 1-4	Ps 23: 1-6	Mt 16: 13-19
Tues - Is 55: 10-11	Ps 34: 4-7, 16-19	Mt 6: 7-15
Wed Jh 3; 1-10	Ps 51: 3-4, 12-13, 18-19	Lk 11: 29-32
Thurs--Es C: 12, 14-16, 23-25	Ps 138: 1-3, 7-8	Mt 7; 7-12
Fri-Ez 18: 22-28	Ps 130: 1-8	Mt 5: 20-26
Sat--Dt 26: 16-19	Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 7-8	Mt 5: 43-48
Sun--- SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT		
Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18		Ps 27: 1, 7-9, 13-14
Ph 3: 17--4: 1	Lk 9: 28-36	

WITH THIS WATER OF BAPTISM St. Mary's Parish Family would like to welcome God's recently baptized children into the Catholic Christian Faith Community: Hannah Cathrine Hoffman,

daughter of Jared & Michelle Jacob Thomas Morgan, son of Josh & Kayla Ethan James Bradley Marshall, son of Eric & Annette

With the support of their parents, family, friends and parish family may they begin their life in the Faith Community knowing that with our help they will come to know the promise Jesus gave us with his death and rising.

ST. MARY'S PRAYERS AND SYMPATHIES are sent to the Families of Al & Gail Vanderbrink, Corky & Kim Dixon and Kayla Dixon & John Barham who these past two weeks have had a son & brother Kurt Vanderbrink and grandchild Reilly M. Barham pass away. Please keep these parish family members in your prayers as they remember their loved ones. *"Eternal rest grant unto Kurt & Reilly, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them."*

STANDISH K. OF C. BREAKFAST will be held this Sunday, February 21, serving Pancakes, French Toast, eggs, sausage, etc from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Cost \$5 adults; \$2:50 Ages 6-12; Free for age 5 & under. Take-outs available

ST. MARY/ ST. MICHAEL CCD CLASSES will be held this Monday, February 22, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION at St. Mary's Tuesday, February 23, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 25, 1:00-2:00 p.m. at St. Michael. *Our world is troubled, our families are torn, our economy is in trouble, we need to take ONE hour per week to pray and spend with our Lord for help with whatever our troubles may be this new year.*

PINCONNING K. OF C. BREAKFAST next Sunday, February 28, serving Pancakes, French Toast, eggs, etc from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. Cost \$6 adults; \$3:50 Ages 6-12; age 5 & under FREE Take-outs available. **BLOOD DRIVE** is scheduled at the Pinconning KC Hall for this Wednesday, February 24 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY God has given us two hands-one to receive and one to give with. YOU are the hands in which God blesses people when used for service in HIS name. The prayer shawl ministry needs your hands. The second week of January 80 shawls were blessed at St. Mary's 9-Mile, 50 of those have been gifted. The need is great. When we share with others, we are always sharing love, we are living our purpose on earth and we are being blessed twice what we give. Your donations have been abundant (thank you so much). Our need today is more hands willing to prayerfully knit or crochet. We meet at St. Michael-Pinconning the 1st Tuesday of each month 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and at St. Anne-Linwood the 2nd Wednesday of every month 10:00 a.m. Yarn and patterns are supplied with no cost to you. If anyone has a knitting machine, yarn has been donated just for that. For more information, please contact either St. Mike's or St. Anne's Rectory.

If anyone is in need or knows someone who is in of a prayer shawl, please contact Sandy Anschutz 879-8039 or pick up at 1722 N. Garfield Rd.

ST. MICHAEL/ST. MARY YOUTH GROUP meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month at St. Michael's Church following their 9:00 a.m. Mass. The next meeting will be Sunday, January 21. At this meeting the rescheduled Youth Sledding trip will take place. Permission forms need to be filled out and returned before your child/children can attend this trip.

For more information please contact Tina Bersano 879-4135.

2ND ANNUAL SCRAPBOOKING & STAMP FUNDRAISING EVENT St. Mike's Youth Group will again sponsor an all Scrapbook & Stamp event Saturday, March 6 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. Registration forms can be obtained by contacting Tina Bersano 879-4135. Deadline is February 27.

IN "MEMORY" or IN "HONOR" OF EASTER FLOWERS ALL "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" Easter Flower envelopes need to be turned in by March 28 if they are to be included in the April 4 Easter Bulletin

PRO-LIFE CORNER In 1973 the Supreme Court erroneously created a law that made abortion a woman's "right". In the words of Abraham Lincoln, "We never have the right to do wrong." Abortion is the ultimate wrong.

***CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
OPERATION RICE BOWL***

First Week of Lent--Jesus' Temptation

In Luke's story of the temptations of Jesus we see

how we can be tempted by wealth, power and esteem just as He was. Lent calls us to focus on our faith life by living it in deeper ways. As we begin our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us pray and sacrifice so that through our faith life we can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need.

RURAL MINISTRY COALITION MID-WINTER FEAST DINNER will be held next Saturday, February 27 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Mt. Forest Twp Hall. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Big auction items can be brought to the Hall beginning at 3:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

LEAGUE OF CATHOLIC MEN AND WOMEN Dues for League of Catholic Men & Women can be found in February envelope packet. Dues are \$2 per person, living or deceased. They donate each year to All 10 Bay County Catholic Schools. Last year, locally, they donated \$300 to St. Michael School Each church has two people to represent them in the League. For more information, please contact President Denise Vouaux 879-5298.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 09-10 For those parish family members who chose to pay their pledge in monthly payments, please, the balance needs to be paid by March 30. ***Catholic Services Appeal 10-11*** will begin the first weekend of March. Letters from the Bishop's Office will be sent to parishioners.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Wednesday, February 24
7:00 p.m. Lector P. Baczkiewicz

Saturday, February 27
4:00 p.m. Lector S. TudeThout
E. Ministers W. Horetski (B)
M. Mondeau & P. Schwerin
ServersPoirier Girls

Sunday, February 28
10:30 a.m. Lector J. Kowalczyk
E. Ministers S. Klumpp (B)
B. Yahn & B. LaPan
ServersJ. & D. Dubay