

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 2012

In today's Open Prayer (Collect), we ask God to "direct our actions according to God's good pleasure." The scriptures show the pagan Ninevites responding to Jonah, and the first disciples responding to Jesus, by decisive actions that proclaim their faith commitment more authentically than mere words ever could. May our worship today "in the name of God's beloved Son" lead us to "bound in good works."

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 21
4:00 p.m. Kurt Vander brink & Riley Barham by Family
5:30 p.m. Mass-St. Michael
Sunday, January 22
9:00 a.m. Mass-St. Michael
10:30 a.m. Ronald Latoski by Josephine Leonard
Monday, January 23
8:30 a.m. Scripture Service/Communion at St. Michael
Tuesday, January 24
8:30 a.m. Scripture Service/Communion at St. Michael
2:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration - St. Mary
Wednesday, January 25
8:30 a.m. Scripture Service/Communion at St. Michael
7:00 p.m. Matt Barcia by Mike & Chris Kustra
Thursday, January 26
8:30 a.m. Scripture Service/Communion at St. Michael
1:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael
Friday, January 27
8:30 a.m. Scripture Service/Communion at St. Michael
Saturday, January 28
4:00 p.m. John & Mary Kruchowski by Vicky & Family
5:30 p.m. Mass-St. Michael
Sunday, January 29
9:00 a.m. Mass-St. Michael
10:30 a.m. Betty Jane Skuta by Debbie & Dennis Wilkes

Confessions are heard before St. Mary's Saturday's 4:00 p.m. and Sunday's 10:30 a.m. Masses.

Please note that if there is a Funeral or a Snow Day at St. Michael's that day the Scripture Service will be canceled.

New Joy Prayer Group meets Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in back of St. Michael Church. For more info, please contact Kathy Bersano 879-8386.

OUR BLESSINGS RETURNED TO GOD

Envelopes \$ 2,357.00 (99 of 212)
Loose 464.00
Total \$ 2,821.00

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 23 - JAN 29

Mon-2 Sm 5: 1-7, 10 Ps 89: 20-22, 25-26 Mk 3: 22-30
Tues- 2 Sm 6: 12-15, 17-19 Ps 24: 7-10 Mk 3: 31-35
Wed- Acts 22: 3-16 Ps 117: 1-2 Mk 16: 15-18
Thur- 2 Tm 1: 1-8 Ps 96: 1-3, 8, 10 Mk 4: 21-25
Fri- 2 Sm 11: 1-10, 13-17 Ps 51: 3-7, 10-11 Mk 4: 26-34
Sat-2 Sm 12: 1-7, 10-17 Ps 51: 12-17 Mk 4: 35-41
Sun- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Duet 18: 15-20 Ps 95: 1-2, 6-9
1 Cor 7: 32-35 Mk 1: 21-28

PLANNING FOR TOMORROW'S PARISHES Please return your survey, that was mailed to you last week. All surveys need to be returned by next Sunday, January 22.

PINCONNING K. of C. BREAKFAST will be held Sunday, January 22 serving 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Adults \$7; ages 12 & under \$3.50. Biscuit & gravy, Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, potatoes, etc. Take outs available

ST. MARY/ST. MICHAEL CCD will be held Monday, January 23, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael School. This night, also, those children celebrating their First Reconciliation along with parents will meet in St. Michael's Church.

BLOOD DRIVE sponsored by Daughters of Isabella #925 held at the Standish K. of C. Hall Monday, January 23, 12 Noon to 5:45 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS or log onto redcrossblood.org, sponsor code Standish KC. Must have photo ID or donor card to donate.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION at St. Mary's Tuesday, January 24, 2:00 -3:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 26 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at St. Michael "Receive Communion often, very often...there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured. Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing..." - St. Therese of Lisieux

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA #925 will have their Corporate Communion this coming Saturday, January 28 at Resurrection of the Lord Church, Standish, 5:00 p.m. Mass.

GREAT CAUSE AND SOME GREAT FOOD will be had when you participate in Bay City All Saints Baseball Fundraiser Monday, January 30 at Buffalo Wild Wings in Bay City. 20% of your purchase will support the Baseball Team. A coupon can be found in entrance of Church.

ULTIMATE DATE NIGHT Don't miss the hilarious 90 minute glimpse into married life with Jay & Laura at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (808 Weiss St. Saginaw) Saturday, January 28-7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person-purchase a 4-pack for \$9 per person in advance. Tickets \$12 at the door. Purchase tickets in advance at the church office or from www.itickets.com/events/271454.html

THE NAMES OF JESUS THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY

The essential purpose for reading the Scriptures is to know a person – Jesus Christ – more personally and more intimately. Join Terry Stevens in this six week scripture study as we gather each week to reflect on Jesus “in person” as one who is real and alive and powerfully influencing our lives here and now. Using the book “The Names of Jesus” by Stephen J. Binz from the Threshold Bible Study series, we will follow short daily scripture readings and reflections and share our experiences through weekly discussions.

Dates: Thursdays, Feb. 9 – Mar. 15, 2012 (six weeks)
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary, Pinconning (enter through the office) Cost is \$13 to cover the cost of the book. Please Register by: January 30, 2012 either by calling Terry at 879-6105 or email tstevens1236@aol.com

RACHEL’S VINEYARD Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat is a very specific process designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. The retreat offers many exercises to help you grieve the loss of your child. It concludes with a memorial service. The retreat and registration are strictly private. All inquiries will be answered confidentially. The next retreat in Saginaw is February 24-26, 2012; the cost is \$150. For additional information or to register call Sandy Buza at (989) 754-0091

COUPLES NIGHT OUT Couples will be offered a night out with Bishop Cistone Thursday, April 10, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Center for Ministry, Saginaw. Cost includes dinner. To sign-up or more information, please contact 797-6607 or ckaczynski@dioceseofsaginaw.org.

PRO-LIFE CORNER Abortion is a moral and a civil rights issue that has been made into a political issue. The truth is no matter what label they place on abortion and euthanasia, it is our duty as citizens to fight it. Issues that are moral questions before they become political, remain moral questions when they become politicized.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2012 This weekend Bishop Joseph Cistone and hundreds from the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw and Diocese from across the United States will March for Life Washington, D.C., marking the *39th Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade*. Please pray for all attending that through their sacrifices many hearts will be opened to the Gospel of Life.

PLANNING TOMORROW’S PARISHES HOLY HOUR

“*Planning tomorrow’s Parishes* is an undertaking of such magnitude that we cannot succeed without God’s help and an abiding spirit of prayer,” In addition to our own daily personal prayer and weekly Mass celebrations, Bishop Cistone will lead a Holy Hour each monthly throughout churches located across the Diocese this year. Holy Hour is a devotional tradition of spending an hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

All are invited to come pray with Bishop Cistone during the monthly Holy Hour. The first Holy Hour will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Freeland. The date and parish location for the next Holy Hour will be available soon, please watch bulletin for church, date and times.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE 2011-2012

*people of hope united by faith
serving with love*

The CSA Appeal will close this March 2012. St. Mary’s will begin their 2012-2013 Appeal Drive the beginning of March 2012. If you have chosen the option of paying your pledge over a nine-month or monthly payments, these need to be paid in full by the end of March. Any pledge amount NOT paid will have to be taken from our operating fund.

SEASCAPE REGISTRATIONS Ladies if attending February 11 Retreat, please return *Registration* as soon as possible so they may prepare for your attendance.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Wednesday, January 25

7:00 p.m. Lector B. Allaben

Saturday, January 28

4:00 p.m. Lector D. Michalski
E. Ministers M. Mondeau (B)
L. Wilson & W. Jasman
Servers M. Sobieray

Sunday, January 29

10:30 a.m. Lector G. Cook
E. Ministers W. Horetski (B)
L. & D. Ford
Servers D. Dubay