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ORDINARY TIME
 7 February 2016

TODAY

- Paczkis & Coffee (DH) after Sunday Masses
- Elementary Religious Education 9am
- Nursery (Room #102) during 10:30 Mass
- Spiritual Direction Info Meeting (PC LL Common Area) 11:45am
- Wedding Liturgy Workshop (McDuffee) 1pm

MONDAY | Feb. 8

- 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 / Mk 6:53-56
- Men's Bible Study (Room #101) 7am
- Catholic Divorce Group (PC LL #4) 6:30pm
- "Rediscover Jesus" Book Study (McDuffee) 7pm
- Usher Meeting (DH) 7pm

TUESDAY | Feb. 9

- 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 / Mk 7:1-13
- **Mass in Chapel** (+Shirley Karpinski) 8:30am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel) 9am-7pm
- 50+ St. Valentine's Potluck & Bingo (DH) 12pm
- Catholic Renewal (PC LL #4) 6:30pm
- Mom's Support Group (DH) 7pm

ASH WEDNESDAY | Feb. 10 ☉ *Day of Fasting and Abstinence*

- ✦ J12:12-18 / 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- **Liturgies of the Word with Ashes** 7am & Noon
- **Masses with Ashes** 4:15pm & 7pm
- The religious education students will take part in the 4:15pm Mass.*
- Group Spiritual Direction Information Session (McDuffee) 6:30pm
(See pg 5 for liturgy times at neighboring parishes)

THURSDAY | FEB. 11

- Dt 30:15-20 / Lk 9:22-25
- Ladies Bible Study (DH) 9:30am
- Pastoral Council Meeting (McDuffee) 7pm

FRIDAY | FEB. 12 ☉ *Day of Abstinence from meat*

- Is 58:1-9 / Mt 9:14-15
- **Mass in Chapel** (+Ervin Ribant) 8:30am
- Stations of the Cross (Church) 7pm

SATURDAY | FEB. 13

- Is 58:9-14 / Lk 5:27-32
- That Man Is You! (DH) 6am
- Reconciliation/Confessions 4:45pm
- Contemporary Choir Practice 4:30pm

LORD'S DAY LITURGIES | February 14, 2016

First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10 / Rom 10:8-13 / Lk 4:1-13

5:30pm Saturday

RITE of SENDING for those preparing to be received
 into the Church at Easter

+Christopher Perrin (First Anniversary)
 +Ralph Hauenstein +Alfred Leija

8:30am Sunday

+James Hill +Pearl Richards

10:30am Sunday

Parish Family

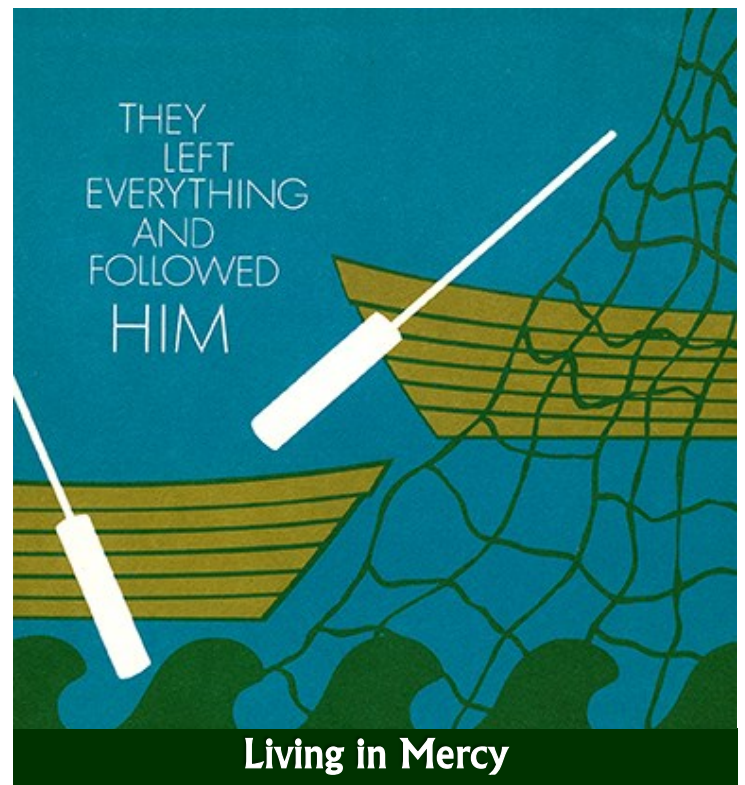
Next Weekend | Feb. 13 & 14

- Blood Pressure Readings (McDuffee) ~ after all Masses



real people + real presence

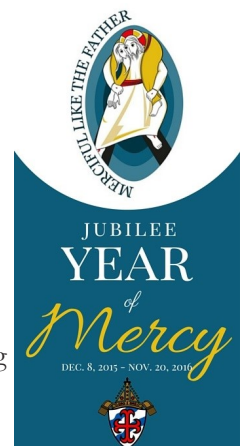
... a welcoming Roman Catholic family of God
 empowered by the Holy Spirit
 to grow our relationship with Jesus Christ
 and with one another
 as we worship, pray, learn and serve.



Lent is almost here. Forty special days for extraordinary fasting, praying, giving. We will fast to sharpen our senses. We will pray to focus our attention on God in Christ. We will give up some things and give away more things, in order to give ourselves over to a Christian life of compassion and mercy.

- **This Lent, I want to...**
- **This Lent, I need to...**

Prepare for next week: Read and reflect on Ash Wednesday (beginning on pg. 112) and the First Sunday of Lent (beginning on pg. 118) in the "Living Liturgy" missal.



ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC PARISH

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Parish & Formation Office Hours:

9-Noon; 1-5pm Mon-Thurs 9-Noon on Fridays

Parish Book of Prayer — This book near the main church entrance is for your prayers of intercession or gratitude. They are part of the intentions at Mass.

Parish Membership — Count yourself in! If you worship with us regularly, kindly register as a parishioner. You'll receive parish mailings, and it will help us provide pastoral care should you need it. Contact 532-9344; or parishoffice@spxcatholic.org.

Infant Baptisms are celebrated at various times throughout the year. If you believe raising your child in our Catholic faith is one of your most important duties as a parent, call the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage — The lifelong covenant between a man and a woman is a sign of God's covenant with us. At least six months of prayer and preparation are needed before entering this commitment. Please contact Fr. Chris as soon as you are engaged. Couples celebrating an anniversary ending in a "0" or "5" may request a special blessing.

OTHER MARRIAGE RESOURCES: www.foryourmarriage.org/

Pastoral Care of the Sick — If you or a loved one are seriously ill, homebound, or anticipating surgery, please contact Marjorie Flores or Fr. Chris in the parish office. The hospitals do not contact us.

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The View from 40th & Wilson

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**Yes, Ash Wednesday and Lent — ALREADY**

Jesuit spirituality offers a wonderful technique for accepting unexpected events or situations. "God of surprises!" is what followers of St. Ignatius of Loyola say.

Based on the responses I've heard from a few people this week, God is surprising a lot of folks with Ash Wednesday and Lent being rather early this year.

Yes, next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday — the one day we can all begin the season of Lent together.

The front of the bulletin lists our Ash Wednesday liturgies. Even though this holy day is not classified as an official "holy day of obligation," we offer more liturgies for Ash Wednesday than we do for Christmas because it resonates with so many people.

Those ashes smudged on our foreheads communicate a number of truths: our humble admission of our faults, our belief in God and our trust in God's power to change us; our desire to "repent and believe in the Gospel."

With January already a fading memory and Ash Wednesday arriving so early this year, they also vividly remind us of the traditional message

that will be said at our graves just before we are placed in the ground: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."

Let's pray that this Lent can be especially meaningful to our short lives. This is an extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, as proclaimed by Pope Francis, who prays that we live this lent "more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy."

Our Lenten disciplines of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are time-tested practices that train us in the art of mercy. I look forward to praying with you on Ash Wednesday and through the five weeks of Lent.

We observe Lent because of the most important event in the life of the Christian: Easter. It is March 27 this year. The date of Easter is determined by an ancient formula that takes into account the cycles of the sun and the moon. As you know, Easter in the Roman calendar is the first Sunday after the first full moon, after the vernal equinox.

By the way, the earliest we will ever experience Easter (and Ash Wednesday) in our lives already happened in 2008, when Easter was March 22.

PRAY, FAST & GIVE ALMS

Pick up your spiritual tools for keeping the season of Lent:

- + The Little Black Book *daily prayer meditations*
- + Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl
- + Crossroads Parish Schedules

Catholic Apps and digital resources

- + 365 Days to Mercy App
- + "The Best Lent Ever"
- + "For Lent For Life" CRS App
- + Loyola Press 3-Minute Retreats

Lenten Regulations

+FASTING is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** by everyone 18 years of age and older, who has not yet celebrated their 59th birthday.

On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals—enough to maintain strength—may be taken, according to each one's needs. But

together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but consuming liquids, including milk and juice, is allowed.

+ABSTINENCE is observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **ALL Fridays of Lent** by everyone 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed.

Note that when one's health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to health or other serious reasons, other suitable forms of self-denial are encouraged.

REDISCOVER
Mercy



Faith Formation | Religious Education

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ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION CLASSES: On Wednesday, Feb. 10 the 4pm Religious Education classes will attend the Ash Wednesday Mass at 4:15pm. There will be no 6pm class. Also, no Sunday classes on Feb. 14.

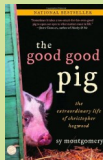
FIRST COMMUNICANTS: Our upcoming retreat for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is Feb. 21 following the 10:30am Mass. The First Reconciliation Service will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 6:30pm; please notify the Formation Office if you need childcare.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EDGE SCHEDULE:

- Feb. 7 & 14 ~ No Edge
- Feb. 21 ~ Edge at 5:30pm
- Feb. 26 ~ Middle School is leading Stations of the Cross (arrive by 6:30pm)

LENTEN GROUP SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: This Lent grow in your personal relationship with the Lord by meditating on scripture and discussing your experience through **Group Spiritual Direction**. The group will meet in the McDuffee Room Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm beginning Feb. 17. There will be **information and registration meetings in the McDuffee Room on:** *Today (2/7) after the 10:30am Mass or Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 6:15pm.* Space is limited; please contact me with any questions.

NOVEL READERS BOOK CLUB meets at 7pm Monday, Feb. 15, in the Parish Library to discuss *The Good Good Pig* by Sy Montgomery. Contact Linda Stray (lindastray@yahoo.com or 249-8034) or Mary Boehm (meb2904@aol.com or 538-9635) with inquiries.



CROSSROADS DINNER & MOVIE: Saturday, Feb. 13— hors d'oeuvres starting at 5:30pm, dinner at 6pm and the movie, *Letters to Juliet* begins at 7:15pm. \$30 per couple. Register at hrpsecr@holyredeemerparish.org

Are You Walking with Christ?

WALKING TOWARD
Eternity
Making Choices For Today



A Live Seminar with Jeff Cavins

February 19 & 20 at Holy Redeemer Parish

Friday Night Talk: Keys to Becoming a Modern Day Disciple

7:00—8:30pm (Check in 6:00pm) use Church Entrance
Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm

Saturday Seminar: Walking Toward Eternity

9:00am—3:00pm (Registration at 8:15am) use Entrance C to Activity Center

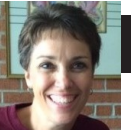
Registration: \$30 includes seminar materials, breakfast, and lunch
make check payable to: **Holy Redeemer Parish**

Online Registration at holyredeemerparish.org

Questions contact Rhonda at 669-9220 or email rhonda@holyredeemerparish.org

High School Youth Ministry

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UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS:

- Today (2/7) HS Leadership meeting ~ 11:45am-1:15pm in the Youth Room.
- Ash Wednesday—no open youth room
- Feb. 14 ~ no SNL this evening
- Feb. 20 ~ Catholic Heart Still Pumping at Crash's Landing Cat Rescue (contact me to sign up)
- Feb. 21 ~ Living Stations of the Cross ~ 7pm
- Feb. 28 ~ SNL Helena Signore will present on the Real Presence and Eucharistic Miracles
- **Spring Retreat ~ Mark your calendars for March 18-20 at Camp Manitou-Lin**

DYMO MINISTRIES LENTEN EVENT for *The Year of Mercy* will be on Saturday, Feb. 20 at West Catholic High School beginning at 7pm. The night will feature Tom Coverly, Christian Illusionist and Abacus. It's a FREE event. For more information check DYMO Ministries Facebook page of text @dymo to 81010.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 ~ Krakow, Poland: Registration is now open to attend World Youth Day from July 24-Aug. 1 (with optional days in the diocese pre-tour beginning July 18). Register at regonline.com/072416MANN. Visit dioceseofgrandrapids.org for more information.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sunday ~ Feb. 21 ~ 7pm in Church

All are welcome to join the High School Students as they pray the Stations of the Cross.

Christian Initiation & Service

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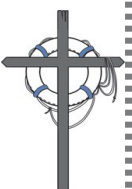


CATHOLIC RENEWAL SERIES: Have you been away from the Catholic Church for some time and would like a refresher on some of the Church's beliefs and practices? Are you a Catholic who feels alienated, hurt, or confused? If so, join us for a five-week "renewal" course. This will be a time to listen and learn about various topics, ask questions, clear up misconceptions and hurts, and deepen your faith and identity as a Roman Catholic. We meet **6:30-8:30pm beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 9-March 8**. Contact me at 532-9344 or seeker@spxcatholic.org for details or to register.

ATTENTION FOOD PANTRY WORKERS and anyone interested in joining this ministry: There is a meeting with the Love Inc. Team at 9:30am Thursday, Feb. 11, in the Food Pantry. The pantry is in the Christian Service/Youth Ministry building on 40th Street.

HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Constantly fighting? Frustrated with one another? If you aren't sure what to do, but want to try to save your marriage, there is help available! A Retrouvaille weekend is being held Feb. 12-14 in Grand Rapids. For more information, call the Retrouvaille community at 616-752-7004 or visit retrouvaille.org.





Parish Life

ANDY REBOLLAR

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PACZKI'S THIS SUNDAY: Come to Danner Hall today (2/7) after Mass for a last hurrah before the start of Lent. There will be paczki's, bagels, coffee & punch. All are welcome!

THAT MAN IS YOU! It's not too late to join a group of 40 guys who meet Saturday mornings at 6am for fellowship. This is a chance to learn about and share their faith and be supported as a Catholic Christian man in today's world. Men of all ages are welcome and you don't have to have participated in the first semester.



REDISCOVER JESUS book study. Join us on Monday nights in the McDuffee Room at 7pm. The parish website shows what chapters will be discussed.

50+ VALENTINE'S DAY POTLUCK & BINGO: Join us on Tuesday, Feb. 9 from Noon-2pm in Danner Hall for a potluck and bingo. We're looking for soups, chili's or salads. RSVP to the parish office by Sunday, Feb. 7

MOM'S we have something new and fun to try...*Barre-Inspired Exercise Class* by Erin. Most barre-based classes use a combination of postures inspired by ballet, yoga and Pilates. Class will be on Tuesday, Feb. 9 from 7-9pm in Danner Hall. Wear comfortable clothes! Any questions, contact Erin_Christine@hotmail.com.

SPX MEN'S CORN HOLE is Thursday, Feb. 25 from 7-8:30pm. It's a drop in night and all men are welcome, so come out and have some fun...call Kevin with questions 719-9322.

ST. PIUS X GRIFFINS' HOCKEY GAME: Join us Sunday, Feb. 28 for the 4pm Griffins game at VanAndel Arena. Tickets are \$19 and are open to all parishioners. Contact the Parish Office by Wednesday, Feb. 17 if you would like to go or if you have questions. Payments should be made out to St. Pius X and received by Sunday, Feb. 21.

Mass Assignments for Feb. 6 & 7

ATTENTION ALL USHERS: There will be an usher's meeting on Monday, Feb. 8 at 7pm in Danner Hall; pizza will be served.

Mass Coord.	5:30pm	8:30am	10:30am
	Diane Remenak	Dave & Mary Bristol	Volunteer Needed
Greeters	Carol Brink Nancy Hoekstra Sandy Kornoelje Kathy Maslowski	Michael Bieri Gail Greco-Bieri Steve & Kristi LeQuia	Dolores Jesnek Molly Jesnek John & Chantal Porterfield
Servers	Carter Brink Mckenna Brink Devin Koetje	Ava McIntyre Samantha McIntyre Volunteer Needed	Brendon McKinley Ryan Minnick Zack Valko
Eucharistic Ministers	Mo Belliel Mary Cook Nancy Hoekstra Rosemary Holzgen Debbie Jones Angie Lemont Harold Lemont Mary Lynch Diane Remenak	Dave Bristol Mary Bristol Judy Clinger Brenda Grandy Mike Grandy Tony Grandy Ellen Halfmann Tara Pankratz Janine Skavnak	Brenda Bargaquist A.J. Burdick Joe Burdick Dolores Jesnek Kathleen Kelly Chris Marsh Kris Phillips Kate Ruemenapp Debbie Shereda Tom Shereda Paul Sundstrom Kim Wohlfel Volunteer Needed
Lector	Maria DenBoer Jerry Hoogterp	Tyler White Christy McMeans	Monica Tyler Dave Valko
LWC			Bill McGinnis
	Ushers: Team A	Ushers: Team B	Ushers: Team C



Luka David Gevasio-Schaut (aka "Piccolo Mini") was born Jan. 23 to our music director, Meghan, and her husband, David. Luka was 6 lbs. 12 ozs, 21" long. Meghan thanks you for your thoughts, prayers, and concerns, especially in the last few difficult weeks. The family is doing great!
Meghan, David, Luna, & Luka

real people + real presence

Growing in Christ Weekly Stewardship Report

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT — In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear how Jesus leads the fishermen to a more abundant catch which in turn causes a complete conversion. God is constantly dealing in abundance whether it be blessings, forgiveness, mercy, or love. As stewards, we have a choice in what we do with the abundance we've been given. What do you think those fishermen did that evening after coming home with boats overflowing? I like to think there would be a feast and sharing of how it all happened. Where is there abundance in your life? How are you being a steward of that gift from God?

by Andy Rebollar, Pastoral Associate for Parish Life

Time and Talent

MASS ATTENDANCE

Jan. 30 & 31: 5:30pm—340 | 8:30am—253 | 10:30am—475

MAKE OUR PARISH SAFER — JOIN BERT: Your name doesn't have to be Ernie to join! The parish is looking to form a **Building Emergency Response Team**. The need for security preparedness and an emergency response plan is evident based on the news reports of the past few years. Ottawa County Sheriff's Department is offering a **FREE** Emergency Operations Workshop on Saturday, Feb. 20 from 8:30am-4pm. It's our hope some parishioners with career experience or significant interest will form a team and take advantage of the training. We will come away from the workshop with a template for emergency planning and the roles of B.E.R.T. Contact Marilyn Beckwith by Feb. 13 if you can help your parish in this important endeavor at mbeckwith@spxcatholic.org or 532-9344 x102.

DONUT HELPERS NEEDED: We are looking for a few more people to help with donuts. It's a few hours every other month for the 8:30 or 10:30 Sunday Masses. It's an easy way to get involved as an individual, couple, or as a family. If you are interested or have questions, contact Sue VanGessel at suevangessel@gmail.com.

Treasure

PARISH SUPPORT	Last week	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date
Fiscal Year 2015-16 Week 31/52	1/30 & 1/31		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 10,478	\$408,723	\$ 427,575
Electronic Giving spxcatholic.org	\$ 2,710	\$129,828	\$ 123,803
Youth Envelopes	\$ 7	\$ 123	\$ 336
Loose Offerings	\$ 595	\$ 20,796	\$ 19,872
Total Contributions	\$ 13,790	\$559,470	\$571,586
Budget Overage/(Shortfall)	\$ (4,734)	\$ (1,708)	
OTHER GIVING			
Master's Mission	\$ 226	\$ 20,072	\$ 21,200

St. Pius X has 999 registered households. Last week, 325 contributed either by using an offertory envelope or electronically. Every gift is gratefully received as a sacrifice united with Christ's own self-offering in the Eucharist to share God's love.

Our prayer list for healing

Please continue to pray for the following and all the sick in our Parish, their families and friends, those hospitalized and home-bound, and those in care facilities. To be included on the Prayer Chain (separate from this bulletin list), call Jason George at (231) 736-7487.

Jenny Walsh	Gerry Dekkinga	Bob Brock	Joe Capriglione
Kenneth Schumacher	Mary LaSarge	Jennifer Cook	Erika Yonker
Kelsey Gibson	Joe Tuszyński	Lenore Nufrio	Marie Nevins
Pat Deuling	Catherine Cesare	Diane & Mary Prindle	Andy Wierzbicki
Vera Bartz	Henry Visscher	Betty DiTrapani	Claudia Schaub
Beverwyk Family	Joe & Margaret Grandy	Rose Reilly	Judy Wojtas
Anthony McAndrew	M. Forrester	Laurie Bialik	Sally Thome
Jennifer Hassell	Marty Schumacker	Margaret Harman	Pat Chichester
Terry Freybler	John Stoddard	Carol Guffy	Bob & Holly Ann Ott
Ann Partridge	Derek Bull	Shannon Olman	Diane Austin
Rich Hubbard	Stephen Meurer	Dorothy Rennager	Linda Meagher
Kathy Maslowski	Charles & Mag Frodl	Patrick Bartz	Ilene Topolinski
Deb Russo	Tom & Becky Hoffmann	Ellen O'Toole	Sarah Johnson
Catherine Owens	Mike Connell	Edward Kaminski	Justin Vriezema
Jeff Zylstra	Mary Jebb	Markell Barnhart	Josina Galaszewski
Marlene Strong	Mary Beth Jensen	Pat Rummer	Robert Ryzanca
Cindy Cole	Megan Reynolds	Chris VanderSlice	Mary Benson-Slosser
Jill Moyer	Jim & Mary Norcutt	Leo Raap	Deb Finnigan
Nell Wouters	Lorraine Lutker	Bernita Stegewans	Martha VanDyke
Brianne Bassett	Robert Schab	Roberta Hagen	Larry Hinds
Tom Wojtas	Winnie Kulaga	Jonathan Kolenda	Sandy Ressel
Kerry Deboer	Donna Waters	Marlene Stroung	John Blanchard
Sr. Jean Marie Wojtas	Pat DeJong	Norm Pokora	Linda Wood
Terri Bernott	Clara Jo Braybrook	Barbara Barney	Zachary Matzke
Ann Berg	Jane Voss	Karen Bourassa	Pam Willemstein
George & Virginia Bieber	Gisela Foote	Judy Perrin	Bob Bagin
Matt Rich	Allen Mulligan	Judy Bonzheim	

Congratulations to **Katie Galer-Sampson** who celebrated the Rite of Acceptance with her peers this past Wednesday. Katie is in 4th grade and is seeking Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter 2016. Please keep her in your prayers.



The Catholic's Divorce Survival Group

Mondays/6:30-8pm ~ Feb. 8-April 25 ~ PCLL Room #4



The **CROSSROADS Parishes** are pleased to announce the second session of an exciting new ministry for men and women who have suffered from divorce. *The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide* is a 12-week program that features 30 minute DVD presentations each week that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the courts, the kids, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, remarriage or staying single, and much more. Videos are followed by small group discussion. Whether it has been ten days or ten years, this program offers valuable insight for everyone.

Contact Marjorie Flores at 532-9344 or mflores@spxcatholic.org to register; please let us know if childcare is needed.

DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS representative, Shaun Nicholson, will be seeking new and renewing present parish bulletin ads this week. If you are interested in advertising, please call the parish office for contact information. This is an excellent opportunity for local businesses to increase their visibility in the community.

**When choosing which businesses to patronize,
please choose those who advertise in this bulletin.
Their support pays for this publication.**

Grandville Floral & Gifts

531-9476

See our ad on back page

ALMS for LENT: THE CRS RICE BOWL

BISHOP DAVID WALKOWIAK
Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids



Dear friends in Christ,

During the holy season of Lent, I encourage families and individuals to participate in Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) Rice Bowl. Every Lent our prayers, fasting and almsgiving become a lifesaving aid to people around the world who, through CRS Rice Bowl collection are given the tools they need to rise above poverty and provide for themselves and their communities.

CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families and individuals, while continuing to connect Catholics in our diocese with our brothers and sisters in need both at home and around the world.



Contributions to this program make a real difference. **Seventy-five percent** of CRS Rice Bowl funds aid the poor and vulnerable in nearly 45 countries around the world. Activities that continue to be funded include microfinance loans for small businesses, health and nutrition programs for women and children, agricultural assistance for farmers, and water and sanitation assistance. **Twenty-five percent** of funds collected through Rice Bowl remain in our diocese. Last year, five local hunger and poverty alleviation programs received Rice Bowl grants, including Kids' Food Basket in Holland, Bread of Life Food Pantry in Hart and Houses to Homes, a ministry of St. Ann-St. Ignatius Parish in Lake County.

On behalf of the poor, both overseas and here in the United States, who benefit from CRS Rice Bowl, I thank you for your prayers and support, which continue to make this program a success.

To find additional resources, including videos and a new app that delivers prayers and resources directly to your mobile devices, visit crsricebowl.org.

+ David J. Walkowiak

REDISCOVER Mercy

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES AT NEIGHBORING PARISHES

Holy Names of Jesus: 8:15am/Mass with Ashes
6pm/Liturgy of the Word with Ashes (English)
7:30pm/Liturgy of the Word with Ashes (Spanish)

Holy Redeemer: 9am & 7pm/Mass with Ashes
5:30pm/Liturgy of the Word with Ashes

St. Sebastian: Noon & 7pm/Mass with Ashes

St. John Vianney: 9am & 7pm/Mass with Ashes

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7pm on Feb. 12 & 26, March 4, 11, 18
(Feb. 19 Stations of the Cross will be held at Holy Redeemer at 6:30pm)

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The High School students would like to invite the parish to join them as they pray the stations of the cross with their bodies and their actions. We will begin promptly at 7pm in Church on Sunday, Feb. 21

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

7pm on Wednesday, March 16

