



# Third Sunday of Lent

## St. Christopher Catholic Church

1000 Michigan Ave., Marysville

364-4100

March 19, 2006

### Lent

by Fr. Art Baranowski

For many of us, Lent is a time of struggle-giving up something and going out to others. The Mass readings are often about changing our lives, reaching out to the poor, getting ourselves out of the center and putting God and his ways in the center. Great effort and struggle on our part.

The real struggle of Lent is really God's struggle to give us a better and fuller life. God does anything possible to break into our lives and hearts.

God is passionate about all of us and each of us. God goes to extremes to reach into our lives so God can give us what he has. What is God struggling to give us?? Only one thing-Himself!

Do you wish to see this struggle and passion of God to get into your life? Look only one place. Look at Jesus Christ. Christ on the cross is the absolute seriousness of God to be part of our lives. On that cross, God experiences even our loneliness and uncertainty. On the cross, God is willing to die in the most painful and unjust way any of us die.

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### St. Christopher's Main Event for Lent



#### THE RETREAT ON THE EUCHARIST

*for Adults, Youth, Children,  
Grandparents*  
Today  
1:30 — 4:30 p.m.

### *Did You Know?*

*Stewardship in Action*

30  
Parishioners  
are  
participating  
in our Lenten  
Small Group  
Scripture  
program.

### Attention Parents

Children's Church and Baby/  
Toddler Sitting will be available  
at the Parish Office on  
Sunday, March 26 at 9:30 a.m.



### This Sunday's Gospel

John 4:5-42

The Samaritan woman at the well is all of us. She is a foreigner, a non-Jew. Jesus goes out of his way to reach her. Jesus appeals to her thirst for life and for a love that will last. Slowly, he leads her until she is converted to him. Then, she brings others to Jesus.

1. Is there any way you can see God leading you a this time of your life? Look for things like greater freedom or greater simplicity or forgiveness.
2. Does your living and words convince others that Jesus is the Messiah?
3. Where or to whom do you go to be refreshed?

### Next Sunday's Readings

*1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a*

*Ephesians 5:8-14*

*John 9:1-41*

### Eucharistic Minister Retreat

Sunday, April 2

1:30-4:30 p.m.

### Attention Religious Ed. Parents

There *will not* be religious ed classes on Sunday, March 26th or Wednesday, March 29th.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR



*Pictorial Directory Sign Up*

### Sunday, March 19, 2006

9:30 a.m. Breaking Open the Word  
*For those adults and teens inquiring about  
the Catholic Church.*

9:30 a.m. Baby/Toddler Sitting  
Ages 10 months – 3 yrs.

9:30 a.m. Children's Church  
Ages 3 yrs – Kindergarten

10:30 – 12 p.m. RCIA /Quest Rm.

10:45 a.m. 1st-8th Grade

1:30-4:30 p.m. Eucharist Workshop  
Retreat

6:30 p.m. Quest Leaders

7:00 p.m. Quest

### Monday, March 20, 2006

7:00 p.m. Admin. Mtg./ Rm. 1

### Wednesday, March 22, 2006

4:00 – 5:15 p.m. 1st-6th Grades

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Grades

### Thursday, March 23, 2006

6:00 p.m. Pastoral Musicians

### Saturday, March 25, 2006

*Men's Retreat Weekend*

4:00 p.m. Confession

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10:30 – 12 p.m. RCIA /Rectory

No Religious Ed.- 1st-8th Grade

6:30 p.m. Quest Leaders

7:00 p.m. Quest Gym Night

### Evening On Prayer

**Wednesday, March 29**

**7:00 PM Social Hall**

God speaks to everyone of us, all the time. How does a person listen to God? Learn several ways to become attentive to God that ordinary people can put into practice. Praying in the Catholic Tradition.

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God found a way to struggle into our lives even to the point of death so he could experience resurrection and share that resurrection with us.

Look at the crucifix this Lent! All our little penances and resolutions and struggles are only to open ourselves to God's great struggle to reach us. Until God's great struggle on our behalf gets through to each of us, we have

### 25 Hour Fast-a-thon

*March 31-April 1*

Calling all 7th-12th graders! Join in on the fun by participating in our only fundraiser for the Kentucky Mission Trip. Registration forms and information are available in the parish and Religious Education offices or call 364-4100 ext. 204

### Baptism Preparation Classes

*Tuesday, March 28 7:00 p.m.*

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*Tuesday, April 4 7:00 p.m.*

### **Baptism:**

**Sunday, April 23 1:00 p.m.**

### **Day of Prayer and Reflection**

sponsored by the Father Solanus Guild at the Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, March 30th 9AM-3PM. The day is for both men and women. The day will provide two conferences, confessions, mass, rosary, time for reflection, lunch and snacks. A \$25 donation is requested per person. Pre-paid Registration only. Please register by March 24th – call 313-579-2100 ext. 169.

## **Remember to Keep in Your Prayers**

Michael Healey, Mae Ward, Roy Cencich, Jose Ramirez, Jeremy Grzech, Kevin Shaw, Robert Finn, Marilyn Springer, Gayle Smith, Helen Robinson, Joyce Farrell, Virginia Tracey, Connie Green, Corey Aspey, Irene Brow, Patrick Owens, Leo & Betty Visga, Ralph & Nancy Ceglarek, Dorothy Smarch, Simone Stern, Barbara Rumley, Dorothy Horn, Maria Miller, Bill Soboleski, Elizabeth Wessel, Theresa Prince, Maureen Pochodylo, Greg Riley, Lori Charette, Helen Ferris, Albert Kubek, Kathy & Karen Carty, Kyle Clayton, Patrick McCarthy, Bernard Shafran, Loreen Metheny, Helen Senik, James Newson, Florence Ferris, Marlene Konik, Mary Blessinger, Dominic, Gino & Jordan Pecoraro, Russel Rumsey, Doris Godi, Barbara Stockwell, Harvey Brodeur, Mary Hodges, Patricia Pavlov-Leins, Jean Brockdorff, Kyle Stivers, and those who care for them.

*Please keep in mind that ministers are available to bring the Eucharist to homebound parishioners. Contact the office to request visits for anyone who cannot come to Mass whether it be for a short time (illness or surgery) or long-term due to age or other reasons. Thank you.*

### **The Marysville K of C Council #9526**

is now accepting scholarship applications from high school seniors. This year two scholarships will be awarded, one male and one female. Applications can be found at the Marysville High School Counseling Office or can be downloaded at [www.marysvillekofc.org](http://www.marysvillekofc.org) and returned to the "College Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 342, Marysville, MI 48040." Application deadline is April 14, 2006.

**Weekend Liturgy  
March 25 & 26, 2006**

Day/Time	Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
<b>Mass Intention</b>	Theodore Wessel by his wife Elizabeth Wessel	Genevieve Threm (9 yrs.) by Poppy & family	Parishioners of St. Christopher	Robert Hofmann (6 yrs.) by his wife
<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>Fr. Baranowski</b>	<b>Fr. Baranowski</b>	<b>Fr. Baranowski</b>	<b>Fr. Britz</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Traci Rumsey Mike Finch	Joe Ellery Jon Huber	Debbie Forster Jon Bilina	Stephanie Makowski Andrew Cieslinski
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Mike King Jack Quinlan Jerry Ayotte Vince Pecoraro Judy Pecoraro	Linda Tokarski Gayle O'Donnell Mariol Schmitt Dieter DeVigili Rollin Stocker	Flo Herlihy Gerry Huber Beth Graham Tosia Tucker Liz Bachler Laurie Bachler Julie Lee	Kathy Robison Lisa Jones Joanne Wesch Chrisann Krohn Monica Myers Mary Russel Tracy Daud
<b>Cantor</b>	Kris Folske	Connie Kettlewell	Evelyn Carl	Charlotte Donahue
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Ryan Watson Amanda Fairbank	Bobby Orchard Joel Orchard	Lindsey Fandrick Michael Schultz	Emmanuel Canto Grant Rumley
<b>Hospitality Ministers</b>	Jerry & Lorraine Frendt Mike Kapus	Kraig, Nancy, Kraig, Nate Hohf	Charlie Peyerk Don & Julie Wilson Mindy Lepine	Sam, Karen, Nick Militello Kim, Ryan, & Allison Champion

**Weekday Mass Intentions  
March 20, 2006 – March 24, 2006**

<b>Monday, 9:00 a.m.</b>	No Mass
<b>Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Emma Buch</b> , by John & Valorie & family
<b>Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Joan Gary</b> , by her family
<b>Thursday, 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>George McKenzie</b> , by Bill & Margaret Cieciek
<b>Friday, 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Esther &amp; Frank Nadolski</b> , by Bill & Margaret Cieciek

**Marriage Annulment Seminar**  
Holy Cross Parish  
610 South Water Street  
Marine City

**March 30 6:00– 8:00 PM**  
Given by: **Mr. Tim Ferguson**  
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**Readings for the Week  
Of March 19, 2006**

**Sunday, March 19**  
**Scrutinies (Cycle A):**  
Ex 17:3-7  
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8  
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**Monday, March 20**  
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or  
Lk 2:41-51a

**Tuesday, March 21**  
Dn 3:25, 34-43  
Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday, March 22**  
Dt 4:1, 5-9  
Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday, March 23**  
Jer 7:23-28  
Lk 11:14-23

**Friday, March 24**  
Hos 14:2-10  
Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday, March 25**  
Is 7:10-14; 8:10  
Heb 10:4-10  
Lk 1:26-38

**Next Sunday, March 26**  
Scrutinies (Cycle A):  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Eph 5:8-14  
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Financial Stewardship At  
St. Christopher's**

March 11 & 12.....\$9,560.95  
Children.....2.65  
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(Total).....1031.00  
Catholic Relief Services.....135.00

**Stewardship Thought...**

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives.!



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