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Masses, Confessions, & Devotions

(Check e-calendar for changes after printing (funerals, confession times, etc.)

Saturday, February 21st • St. Peter Damian

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer
8:15 am Mass • Int. St. Monica Sodality; Devotions Following
3:00-3:45 pm Confessions; 3:35 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Anticipated Mass for the 1st Sunday of Lent • Int. Joe Garvin (+) by Mary Garst

Sunday, February 22nd • FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:20 am M Prayer & Rosary; 7:35-7:50 am Confessions
8:00 am Mass • Int. Margaret Siemiantkowski by Joe Siemiantkowski
11:00 am Mass • Int. Jonathon Foster

Monday, February 23rd • St. Polycarp

5:05-5:20 pm Confessions; 5:25 pm Rosary & E Prayer
5:45 pm Mass • Int. Sheila Kent Pfeiffer BY Bill & Cindy Melnik

Tuesday, February 24th • Lenten Weekday

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer
8:15 am Mass • Int. Special Intention

Wednesday, February 25th • Lenten Weekday

5:05-5:20 pm Confessions; 5:25 pm Rosary & E Prayer
5:45 pm Mass • Int. Poor Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, February 26th • Lenten Weekday

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer
8:15 am Mass • Int. Luz Marina Santisteban (+) by Laura Lara

Friday, February 27th • St. Gregory of Narek

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer
8:15 am Mass • David Taghon (+) by the David Evich Family
7:00 pm Stations & Confessions

Saturday, February 28th • Lenten Weekday

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer
8:15 am Mass • Int. Shirley Garvin
3:00-3:45 pm Confessions; 3:35 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Anticipated Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Lent • Int. L & D Members of the Catholic Women's Club 92nd Anniversary

Sunday, March 1st • SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

7:20 am M Prayer & Rosary; 7:35-7:50 am Confessions
8:00 am Mass • Int. Bill Dotterweich (+) by the Bolton Family
9:15 am Faith Formation
11:00 am Mass • Int. Adam & Mary Skendzel Family by Larry & Jean Skendzel

From Deacon Wigton

Into the Desert We Go - With Christ!



Today, at the beginning of Lent, we are faced with a garden and a wilderness. In the Book of Genesis, we stand in Eden with

Adam and Eve. In St. Matthew's Gospel, we walk into the desert with Christ. Between these two scenes lies the entire drama of salvation. In Eden, everything was abundance, harmony, innocence. The serpent's temptation was subtle: "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees?" The lie was planted in doubt. Doubt about God's goodness. Doubt about His generosity. Doubt about whether obedience was truly for their good. How often is that our own struggle? In times of suffering, illness, financial uncertainty, or family distress, the whisper can come: Is God really for me? Does He really care? The ancient temptation remains modern.

The Gospel moves us from garden to desert. After His baptism, Jesus is led by the Spirit into the wilderness. Forty days of fasting, silence, and exposure. Being in the desert stripped away any distractions for Jesus; it can do the same for us. It reveals what is inside.

The devil tempts Christ in three ways, each one striking at something fundamental to human weakness. First: "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread." Physical need. Hunger. Immediate relief. Second: "Throw yourself down." Presumption. Spectacle. Forcing God's hand. Third: "All these I shall give to you." Power. Glory. Control without sacrifice. Where Adam failed in a garden of plenty, Jesus triumphs in a barren wasteland. Where the first Adam grasped at what was forbidden, the new Adam refuses even what seems reasonable. Christ answers every temptation with the Word of God. "It is written". He does not argue emotionally. He stands firmly on truth.

We now enter our own desert, not as punishment but as a preparation. This is not about remembering our past failures, for there is no doubt that there are many, but of participating in Our Lord's victory. This time for us may be more real than symbolic. Illness, aging, uncertainty, or grief can become a kind of wilderness. As a physician and as a deacon, I have seen how fragile life can be. The desert can appear suddenly, a diagnosis, a fall, a loss. In those moments, temptation is rarely dramatic. It is quiet: despair, resentment, discouragement. Temptations may be quiet, but they are real.

Jesus did not enter the desert alone. He was led by the Spirit. The same Spirit who descended upon Him at His baptism was with Him in the hardship of the desert. It is so for us as well. In our baptism, we were claimed for Christ. We need to be reminded that our deserts are not abandoned places. They are inhabited by grace.

During this Lenten season, we pray, fast, and give alms. Fasting: reminds us that "man does not live on bread alone". We are more

than our appetites. As a physician, I often reflect on how easily we try to medicate every discomfort immediately. There is wisdom in learning to endure small hungers so that we may be strengthened for greater trials. Prayer: combats presumption. Instead of demanding signs from God, we learn to trust Him. Psalm 51, today's Responsorial Psalm, cries out: "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." True prayer acknowledges our dependence. It restores humility. Almsgiving: resists the temptation to grasp at power and possession. When we give, we loosen the grip of the world on our hearts. We remember that everything is a gift.

After he fell, Adam hid. In Christ, we stand firm and walk boldly with Him. May this Lent be a time of renewed trust in Our Savior. May fasting strengthen our discipline, our prayer deepen our intimacy, and our almsgiving expand our charity. There will be temptations, but we can respond as did our Master with the Word of God, for indeed, "It is written"!

Into the desert we go ----- WITH CHRIST!

Collection Totals

February 14th & 15th

Total.....\$6,370.00

For the Coming Week's Masses

4:00 pm February 28th
Propers Jude Altman, Elijah Grignon, Dan Bolton
Cantor Bernadette Altman
Lector Larry Petroskey
Ushers - Bryan Brzezinski, Jon Manners, Tim Weber, Bernard Zacharias

8:00 am March 1st
Propers Ben Freundl
Cantor Marie Freundl
Acolyte Greg Robinson
Lector Greg Robinson
Ushers- Dale Pleva, Joe Peplinski, Fred Peplinski, Mike Tate

11:00 am March 1st
Ushers- Bill Huddleston, Kris Zimmerman, Bill Sisco, Erich Burkardt

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Day of Discernment

Day of Discernment with the Dominican Sisters. Saturday, March 21st, 2026 (9:00 AM-4:00 PM) For young women Ages 17-30 interested in learning more about Religious Life. The day will include Mass (celebrated by Bishop Walsh), Breakfast & Lunch Provided, Talks, Recreation & Q&A with the Sisters, Adoration & Confessions. There is no cost to attend. Please Register by Friday, March 13th. Christ the King Catholic Church Email: FOBGaylord@gmail.com with any questions!

Lent

Paul VI Paenitemini [for those of age] "The time of Lent preserves its penitential character. The days of penitence [no meat] to be observed under obligation throughout the Church are all Fridays and Ash Wednesday, that is to say the first days of "Grande Quaresima" (Great Lent)...Their substantial observance binds gravely [mortal sin]."

Choir Rehearsals

Join the Choir! Rehearsals for Holy Week and Easter begin Wednesday, February 25. We will meet every Wednesday after the evening Mass, 6:35-7:35 PM. Everyone is welcome, no previous choir experience necessary.



Fish Dinners

February 20th, March 6th, and March 20th, join us for the Lenten Fish Fry. Dine-in or take out. Dinners will include Baked or Deep-Fried Cod, Scalloped Potatoes, Coleslaw, Mac & Cheese, Dinner Rolls, and a Dessert.

From the Raffle Ladies

Believe it or not, it's that time of year to prepare for our annual big raffle that will be held on Sunday, July 26, 2026. The raffle license is in the works, so it's time to round up the prizes. If you would like to donate a prize or monetary donation, please contact Joan Gauthier 231-649-4556 or Shirley Mikowski 231-228-3406. You can also email them at: jgauthier56@Hotmail.com & sidmikowski@hotmail.com. The sooner we can get the tickets out to everyone, the sooner we can start selling. Thank you so much for your past support and donations. With all of your help, we can make this another good year!

Dominican Sisters

An Evening with the Dominican Sisters: Friday, March 20th, 2026 (5:00 PM-8:30 PM) For young women in Middle School & High School. The evening will include Dinner, a Talk (from the Dominicans Vocations Director), Q&A with the Sisters, Adoration & Confessions. Please Register by Friday, March 13, 2026: An Evening with Dominican Sisters at Christ the King FOBGaylord@gmail.com

Sacred Heart Billboard

June is the month of the Sacred Heart! For the past two years, the Friends of the Immaculata has been blessed to display three billboards in prominent locations throughout Traverse City. Our 2026 goal is to display 15 billboards in June across Grand Traverse and Leelanau Counties. We are asking all parishioners to please consider - any amount helps. Use the QR code for information and to donate. Thank you!



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Absolute Catholic is excited to present the 2026 Catholic Men's Conference "Be a Man. Be a Saint." with Keynote Speaker, John Heinen. John is the Owner and Executive Director of The Catholic Gentleman, one of the most recognizable online men's apostolates, which reaches over a million individuals each month, with the mission to inspire holiness in men. When: Mar. 14, 2026 Time: 9 am - 2:30 pm Where: St. Francis High School Auditorium, Traverse City Register now for early bird rates: \$30 Regular rates begin 2/28: \$35 Clergy & men under 20 years: Free Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/be-a-man-be-a-saint-tickets-1980652620305?aff=oddttdcreator>

High School Oratory Contest

Students in 9th-12th grade will write and present a 5-7 minute pro-life speech on the issue of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or embryonic stem cell research/human cloning. Contest deadline is March 16th at 4 pm. Contact Ashley Moeggenberg director@gtartl.com or 231-946-9469 for application forms.



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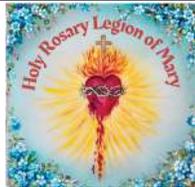


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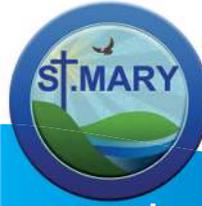
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bless this diocese with many Priests,
Brothers and Sisters who will love
Thee with their whole strength and
gladly spend their entire lives to serve
Thy Church and to make Thee known
and loved.

Leader: Bless our families, bless our children.

Others: Choose from our homes those who are
needed for Thy work.

Leader: Mary, Queen of the clergy!
Others: Pray for us. Pray for our Priests and
religious. Obtain for us many more.

