





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The season of Lent has begun. In other Latin-based languages, the word they use for Lent is a derivative of the number forty. Our word 'Lent' comes from an Old English word that means 'spring'. It is a new springtime in our lives. We once again immerse ourselves in the saving message of the Gospel – Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection.

For the first five Sundays of Lent, I will be preaching a series of homilies. Normally, homilies do not connect to one another from Sunday to Sunday. The homily series will be exploring something called: "The Kerygma (κήρυγμα)" which is a fancy Greek term meaning "the announcement". In ancient times, a kήrix (κήρηξ) was a herald or a town-crier who would shout out the headlines of the day from the city-state government. The kerygma was the announcement itself. We will be exploring in the next five homilies: what is the announcement of the Gospel? How do we succinctly and effectively tell the story of Jesus Christ? Think of it as a beginner's catechism.

Lent is all about conversion and repentance in our life. In the early church it was the period of time when those who were being baptized underwent their final purification and scrutiny for baptism at the Easter Vigil. In the early middle ages, Lent took on another characteristic as a time of repentance for those already baptized persons who had been separated from Holy Communion by sin. They would confess their sins (out loud in front of everyone!) and receive their penance. Then on Holy Thursday morning the Bishop would lay hands on them and absolve them of their sins welcoming them back to the Eucharist. As we dive deeper into the 'kerygma' these next five Sundays, what in your life needs redemption?

God bless,




**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES**

SEE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR FULL DETAILS

Sunday, February 21, First Sunday of Lent  
 4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael  
*Alice Marciniak*  
 6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine  
*Dorothy Kauffman*  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
*Vicki King*  
 11:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
*Kelly Kruttlin*

Monday, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter, the Apostle  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
*Our Holy Father, Pope Francis*

Tuesday, February 23, St. Polycarp  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
*Special intention-Margaret Conway*  
 9:30-10:30 am Adoration/Confession St. Anne

Wednesday, February 24,  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Gabriel  
*Vicki King*  
 9:30 am Rosary, St. Gabriel  
 5-6:00 pm Adoration & Confession St. Catherine  
 6:30 pm Adult Faith Formation St. Catherine Hall  
 6:30 pm Children's Sacramental Preparation Class St. Catherine Hall

Thursday, February 25,  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
*Herbert Vaughn*  
 9:30-10:30 am Adoration/Confession St. Catherine  
 4:30 pm Stations of the Cross St. Raphael

Friday, February 26, NO MASS  
 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross St. Catherine  
 5:30-6:30 pm Confession St. Catherine

Saturday, February 27,  
 3:30 pm Confession, St. Raphael

Sunday, February 28, Second Sunday of Lent  
 Rosary is prayed half an hour before all Masses  
 4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael  
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,  
 St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*  
 6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine  
*Fr. Robert Bissot*  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
*Doris Miltz*  
 11:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
*Jim Barth*

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**



"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).  
 Thanks you for all the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God's vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. A portion of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Gabriel	St. Raphael
Needed each week	\$2,144.23	\$2,593.95	\$555.10	\$740.38
Needed year-to-date	\$70,759.59	\$85,600.35	\$18,318.30	\$24,432.54
Actual year-to-date	\$73,220.13	\$87,253.29	\$16,960.52	\$25,776.84
Feb. 14	\$1,832.00	\$1,140.00	\$276.00	\$934.90
Other Collections:	\$13.00	\$268.00	\$0.00	\$93.00

**Pray for Our Priests & Religious**

Sunday—Rev. Dennis Stilwell  
 Monday—Rev. Emanuel Tizhe  
 Tuesday—Vocations to the Priesthood and all Religious Life  
 Wednesday—Rev. Bernard Tyler  
 Thursday—Rev. Michael Verschaeve  
 Friday—Rev. Duane Wachowiak  
 Saturday—All Seminarians

**New Parish Website**

We are excited to announce to you the launch of our new parish website. Check it out at [www.resurrectionacgr.org](http://www.resurrectionacgr.org). The home page features aerial views of our churches, easy to find buttons for the video Mass, bulletins, online giving, posted all of the latest news and events, and much more. There is an up-to-date calendar of all parish events. On the homepage you will find. Bookmark the website and check it out for the latest news about our parish.

**Volunteers Needed**

St. Vincent de Paul in Mikado is looking for volunteers a few days a week. Must be able to price items and operate a cash register. Contact April or Leo at (989)736-6271 if interested and for more info on the possibility of turning into employment.

**Congratulations to Miriam Ludeña**, daughter of Tri-sha and Jeyko Ludeña, who was baptized last week at St. Anne.

We remember all the faithful departed from our parishes and especially those who passed away this past week: **Mary Walton (former parishioner of St. Catherine)**

**Thank you** to everyone who has already pledged or donated to the renovation of Maria Hall. The architectural drawings are nearing completion and things are progressing well. You can contribute to the project by mail or by using Online giving (St. Anne Special Projects fund). Please keep this important parish endeavor in your prayers.

**Don't forget:** Lenten materials in your parish kiosk and Rice Bowls in the back of church.

**Saint of the Week-** Saint Margaret of Cortona-Feast Day February 22 1247-1297 This Italian penitent was the daughter of Tuscan peasants and, for nine years, the mistress of a young nobleman near Montepulciano. After her lover died violently, Margaret and her illegitimate child were given a home by the Franciscans in Cortona. She became a Franciscan tertiary and practiced severe self-denial. Until her son grew up, she earned their living and performed works of charity. In one vision, Christ told her she was "the third light" of the order, after Francis and Clare. Her prayers and counsel prompted many conversions, and she was considered a living saint.



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