



March 11, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Lent (John 3:14-21) ~ Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's Gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark". Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to act. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to 'sit in the dark' and when to 'turn on the lights'.

- 5th Annual "Honor St. Patrick"** Wednesday, March 14 from 6-10 PM at Hennessy's Irish Pub & Restaurant (885 Jefferson) with guest bartenders Fr. Matt Barnum & Fr. Chuck Schwartz. Come help them raise a "Pot of \$Gold\$" for our Baby Pantry.
- Mark your calendars!** As we continue our Lenten journey, the Diocese of Grand Rapids will once again offer a special opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. "**The Light is ON for You: An Evening of Penance**" will be held on Thursday, March 15 from 5-8 in most parishes in our Diocese. Check your parish for accurate details.
- St. Patrick's Day Party** on Saturday, March 17 from 5-7:30 PM at KofC Hall (2915 Fairfield Street) cost \$8. The fun starts after the dinner with music and Irish beverages. Wear your green, prizes for best costume. **Public welcome ~ take outs available.**
- KofC Holy Rosary Council #13579 invites you to St. Mary's Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Movie** on Sat, March 17 with dinner at 6 PM and Disney Classic "Darby O'Gill and the Little People" at 6:30 PM. Menu: Corned Beef Cabbage boil, Irish soda bread, dessert and coffee/punch. Cost \$8 per person or \$24 per family. Tickets can be purchased after Mass at St. Mary or OLG office. Checks payable to "KofC Holy Rosary Council #13579"

LENT FISH FRYs

- St. Thomas Pike Perch Dinner** every Friday from 5-7 p.m.. Dinner includes: baked potato or fries, mac & cheese, coleslaw, roll, dessert and punch. Cost \$10 adults, children \$7 ages 5-10 and family 2 adults & 3 children \$30. Sponsored by KofC 13035.
- Lenten Fish & Shrimp Dinner** every Friday during Lent from 4:30—7:30 PM at Knights of Columbus #706 (2915 Fairfield). Enjoy delicious hand breaded *real wild caught* Lake Perch Filets, Shrimp or combo, choice of potato, coleslaw, dessert & beverage. Adults \$12.50, Seniors \$10.50. **Take outs available ~ all welcome!**
- MCC Fish Frys** on Friday from thru March 24 from 4:30—7 p.m. Lake Perch, breaded butterfly shrimp or combo or baked whitefish with choice of fries or baked potato or fries, homemade coleslaw, garlic bread, dessert or applesauce and drinks \$10, senior \$8, children meal \$4 (ages 5-12 includes perch, cheese pizza or mac & cheese); family meal—2 adults & 2 children \$25 or family meal—2 adults & 3-4 children \$30. Original Doo Drop Inn onion rings \$6. **Take outs available. Proceeds support MCC Facilities and General Fund. Make it a Dinner Theater Experience** on Friday, March 16 and March 23 presenting Beauty & the Beast with a box office opening party on March 3. **Musical tickets must be purchased in advance. Call the school office for details 755-2201.**

Catholics in Muskegon Holy Week Schedules

<p><u>Holy Thursday</u></p> <p>7:00 p.m. Prince of Peace 7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart 7:00 p.m. St. Mary (bilingual) 8:00 p.m. St. Francis</p>	<p><u>Holy Saturday</u></p> <p>10 am Blessing of Food & 11 am Easter Egg Hunt at Prince of Peace 12:00 p.m. Blessing of Food at St. Michael</p> <p><u>Easter Vigil</u></p> <p>8:00 p.m. St. Francis 8:30 p.m. St. Mary (bilingual) 9:00 p.m. Prince of Peace 9:00 p.m. St. Thomas</p>
<p><u>Good Friday</u></p> <p>1:45 p.m. Stations Prince of Peace Noon Stations St. Francis 1:00 p.m. Sacred Heart 2:00 p.m. St. Francis 2:00 p.m. St. Michael 3:00 p.m. Prince of Peace 3:00 p.m. St. Mary (bilingual) 3:00 Divine Mercy St. Michael 3:00 p.m. St. Thomas</p>	<p><u>Easter Sunday</u></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Prince of Peace 9:00 a.m. Our Lady of Grace 9:00 a.m. St. Mary (Spanish) 9:00 a.m. St. Michael 9:00 a.m. St. Thomas 10:30 a.m. St. Mary 11:00 a.m. Sacred Heart 11:00 a.m. St. Francis 12:30 p.m. St. Mary (Spanish)</p>

ALL ARE INVITED ~ PLEASE JOIN US!

The Discalced Carmelite Nuns of Ada (Parnell) joyfully announces the Religious Profession of First Vows of Sister Mary Christina of the Holy Eucharist, OCD (Caley Eileen Nolan)

on Sunday, May 6 at the 10:00 AM Mass
at the Carmelite Monastery
4300 Mt. Carmel Drive NE Ada (Parnell) Michigan
Sister will receive visitors after the Mass and from 1:00—5:00 PM on Sunday, May 6.
We continue to pray for all religious vocations.

Catholic Charities West Michigan (CCWM) ~ (231)726-5341 or www.ccwestmi.org

- Food Pantry** current needs are canned meats, canned fruits and peanut butter. Any non-perishables are always welcome!
- Baby Pantry is in URGENT need of clothes (new or gently used) for boys and girls** size 24 months—6, socks, shoes and boots. We can also use children's books, baby wash, baby lotion, wipes, **diapers LARGE SIZES 4-6**, pull ups all sizes, baby food all stages, and baby formula. **Please note: We cannot accept adult clothing or Baby/Toddler car seats.*
- Monday volunteers are needed from 8—11 am to pick up food at Feeding America in Grand Rapids and bring back to the pantry in Muskegon. Volunteers are also needed on Tuesday and Thursday to help unload donations as they arrive between 10 am—12:30 pm. Ability to lift 30 lbs. is required.** Please contact Holly Salas, Volunteer Coordinator 726-4735 or hsalas@ccwestmi.org.

•**Hope & Healing for Couples in Crisis:** Being in a troubled marriage at any time is difficult. Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting or shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse? Rediscover healing and love and find hope by attending a Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi). The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. **The next**

Retrouvaille weekend begins March 23. Don't wait ~ register by calling (616)752-8004 or visit www.retrouvaille.org

•**St. Michael Church, Coopersville presents Sheri Wohlfert on March 24 at 6 PM** as she discusses how we can focus on the Cross, Suffering, The Eucharist and Easter Glory and how we can use those things. Sheri is a well known motivational speaker in the Diocese of Lansing. She presents a great sense of humor with an amazing spirituality.

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(231) 755-2201 or www.muskegoncatholic.org

•**Registration for 2018-2019 academic school year** has begun thru Friday, March 2. As last year, we are offering incentives for early registration. If you need assistance or have questions about Catholic Education, contact Carmen Tetzlaff at (231) 291-0344 or ctetzlaff@muskegoncatholic.org.

•**MCC Theatre Department presents "Beauty and the Beast"** on March 16, 17, 23, & 24 at 7 p.m. and March 18 at 1 p.m. in MCC Nugent Auditorium. Tickets \$10 for all ages. Reserve your tickets today by calling 755-2201 x3980.

•**Want to learn more about becoming a host family for two German exchange students for one year?** Call Peg Alexander (231) 755-2201 x3270 to learn more.