



First Sunday of Lent

Feb 21, 2021

Wed.	Feb. 24 th	11:30am	St. John
Thurs.	Feb. 25 th	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	Feb. 26 th	9:00am	St. John
Adoration following Mass until 11:00am (4:00pm on the First Friday of the Month)			
Sat.	Feb. 27 th	4:00pm	St. John
Sun.	Feb. 28 th	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	Feb. 28 th	10:30am	St. Columbkille

Confession

Wednesday 11:00-11:25am St. John
Saturday 11:00am -12:00pm St. Columbkille

**Whenever school is cancelled due to weather,
weekday Masses/Adoration/Confessions are
cancelled & office is closed or will open late.**

Readings for the Week

Monday, Feb. 22nd

1 Peter 5:1-4 Matthew 16:13-19

Tuesday, Feb. 23rd

Isaiah 55:10-11 Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday, Feb. 24th

Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, Feb. 25th

Esther C12, 14-16, 23-25 Matthew 7:7-12

Friday, Feb. 26th

Ezekiel 18:21-28 Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday, Feb. 27th

Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday, Feb. 28th

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-18 Romans 8:31b-34
Mark 9:2-10

Rosary

Rosary at St. Columbkille Church prior to 10:30 Mass
on Sundays.

**Black books & Rice Bowl are available at
the entries of each church.**

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Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$3,697.00

Loose - \$65.00

Building Fund - \$20.00

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

85 Envelopes use

Mass Intentions for Weekend of Feb. 20 & 21

Saturday St. John Good Shepherd Parishioners

Sunday St. Joseph: + Elmer & Beatrice

Micklash

Sunday St. Columbkille: + Barb Sweeney

Donation:

In memory of Elmer Micklash by Gus & Lucy Recker

In loving memory for Gary Franzel Happy 57th Birthday
by Mom & Dad

In memory of Elmer Micklash by Bernie, Jaye & Matt
Janowak

In memory of Elmer Micklash by Ron & Marge Tyll

In this Sunday's Reading

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God." - Mark 1:14
Think about how difficult and scary it was for Jesus to come into Galilee. He was coming in to teach the same message that John the Baptist did - and John had just been arrested for that same type of preaching. It must have taken great trust in and love of God - to know that God would give Jesus the strength and tools to do his work. God calls us also to love and trust Him - to do our work

Station of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held at St. John site on
Wednesday @ 7:00pm during lent.

All are welcomed.

Hunger in our World:

Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger - it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Religious Education/Faith Formation

Please pray for all who come together for our programs. Tuesday & Wednesday program includes:

Kindergarten through 6th grade.

Argyle: 6-7:30pm Tuesday (Feb. 23)

Ubly 3-4:30pm Wednesday (March 3, 10, 17, 24)

Sheridan Corners: Wednesday (Feb. 24)

Youth Group

Youth Group will be this Sunday Feb. 21, 2021 in the Parish Center @ 5:00-7:30pm.

Youth group is for all 7th thru 12th graders.

All are welcome and there is no charge.

First Reconciliation

Reconciliation is on Saturday February 27th at 2:30pm @ St. John's Church Ubly.

Scripture Study

Our Scripture Study sessions will begin on Monday, March 1st. We will be gathering at St. Columbkille Church from 6:30 - 8PM. March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 & 12. We will be studying "Biblical Women in Crisis, Portraits of Faith and Trust." By Jeanne Kun. For questions please call Valerie Fischer 989-553-3088 or Lori Osantoski 989-375-4281.

Social Distancing and Masks are required.

Christ's Mission Appeal 2020

Our Parish is conducting the annual Christ's Mission Appeal. Our goal for this year is \$56,548 as of this week our Parish has pledged \$45,118. Please be generous to the Christ's Mission Appeal by sharing your gifts and blessings. Your contribution to Christ's Mission Appeal is a way of serving our brothers & sisters throughout the diocese and continuing the saving work begun by Jesus.

Work of Mercy Project

Spend your lent doing a work of mercy at your leisure and help the homeless at the same time. There will be a workshop at the Parish center gym (for social distancing) to cut & tie plastic bags. Bring your bags for folding, scissors & cutting, mats for measuring & making loops. Also your hands for tying loops into balls for crocheting. We will be meeting on Tuesday February 23rd from 10:00am - 11:30am.

VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

Counters:

Feb. 22: Rose Maikrzek, Judy Messing, Ann Ypma

March 1: Geraldine Peruski, Kay Peruski, Evelyn Peruski

March 8: Charlotte Baker, Kathy Beaver, Del Czewski

4:00pm Saturday Mass Feb 27th St. John

Lector: Bev Pawlosky

EMHC: Bev Pawlosky

Ushers: Jim Czewski, Tom Murray, Glen Peruski

8:30pm Sunday Mass Feb. 28th St. Joseph

Lector: Denise Kubacki

EMHC: Denise Kubacki

Ushers: Steve Briolat, Gordon Farrelly, Bill Izydorek

10:30am Sunday Mass Feb. 28th St Columbkille

Lector: Debbie Powell

EMHC: Dana Irion

Ushers: Todd Gingrich

Attention all parishioners: End of year statements are now available. Please call the office if you would like yours. We are trying to conserve paper and ink and will only print statements for those who request them. Thank you ☺

2021 Lenten Season

Mass Schedule

Individual Reconciliation Services

Thursday, March 11th 5:00-6:00pm – St John, Ubly

Tuesday, March 23rd 7:00-8:00pm – St. Joseph, Argyle

Fr Nate with visiting priest

April 1st – Holy Thursday

7pm – St John, Ubly

April 2nd – Good Friday

2 pm – St John, Ubly

April 3rd – Easter Vigil

8:30pm Vigil – St John, Ubly

April 4th – Easter

8:00am – St Joseph, Argyle

9:30am – St. Ignatius, Freiburg

11:00am – St Columbkille, Sheridan Corners

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Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

Will you quench His thirst? --- Fr. Nate's Update

Recent sidewalk chalk drawing of a crucifix by a parishioner's 5 year old daughter. It was spontaneous, not directed by her parents (but by the Holy Spirit!). Below: Liturgical decoration for Lent at our St. John church by Kevin Kubacki. Please say a prayer of thanksgiving for him!



Dear Reader, fellow **Saint-in-the-Making**, Happy 1st Sunday of Lent!

First, some humor:

John Smith was the only Protestant to move into a large Catholic neighborhood. On the first Friday of Lent, John was outside grilling a big juicy steak on his grill. Meanwhile, all of his neighbors were eating cold tuna fish for supper. This went on each Friday of Lent.

On the last Friday of Lent, the neighborhood men got together and decided that something had to be done about John, he was tempting them to eat meat each Friday of Lent, and they couldn't take it anymore. They decided to try and convert John to be a Catholic. They went over and talked to him and were so happy that he decided to join all of his neighbors and become a Catholic.

They took him to Church, and the Priest sprinkled some water over him, and said, "You were born a Baptist, you were raised a Baptist, and now you are a Catholic." The men were so relieved, now their biggest Lenten temptation was resolved.

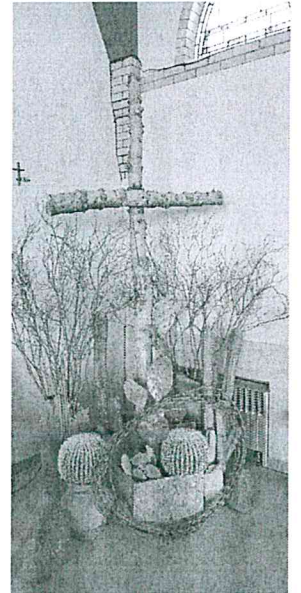
The next year's Lenten season rolled around. The first Friday of Lent came, and just at supper time, when the neighborhood was setting down to their tuna fish dinner, came the wafting smell of steak cooking on a grill. The neighborhood men could not believe their noses! WHAT WAS GOING ON?

They called each other up and decided to meet over in John's yard to see if he had forgotten it was the first Friday of Lent. The group arrived just in time to see John standing over his grill with a small pitcher of water. He was sprinkling some water over his steak on the grill, saying, "You were born a cow, you were raised a cow, and now you are a fish."

Fasting and Abstinence in Lent:

"Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence [from meat]. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards." -USCCB.org

Those who are excused from fast or abstinence besides those outside the age limits: "those of unsound mind, the sick, the frail, pregnant or nursing women according to need for meat or nourishment, manual laborers according to need, guests at a meal who cannot excuse themselves without giving great offense or causing enmity and other situations of moral or physical impossibility to observe the penitential discipline." -ewtn.com/Expert/answers/fast_and_abstinence.htm



What does IHS mean?

You may have noticed the letters IHS on my vestments or on the altar paraments. This stands for the first three letters of the name Jesus in Greek, which is IHΣΟΥΣ. This "Christogram" was used in the second century as a secret code to mark a Christian's grave or home. It was secret because of violent persecution. St. Bernardine of Siena (1380-1444) and his student St. John of Capistrano (1386-1456) used IHS to spread devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. (I have a personal connection to the IHS Christogram. My ordination day, May 20, is the feast day of St. Bernardine of Siena, and my birthday, Oct. 23, is the feast day of St. John of Capistrano!)

These two priests carried wooden signs with IHS surrounded by sun rays. When they blessed the faithful with these Christograms, using the name of Jesus, many miracles were reported. They also encouraged people to put the Christogram on their doorways to show their devotion to Christ. The IHS is also the symbol of the Jesuit order. The Holy Names of Jesus and Mary bring the peaceful presence of the people they represent! *This week, spend some time slowly and lovingly repeating the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary in prayer.*

Please Take the Disciple Maker Survey (February 17-March 22): Look for a paper copy coming soon, or take online- link on parish website. It will MAKE you a better disciple (student) of Jesus, and help you to go and MAKE disciples!

Exodus 90 Lenten Journey: a 40-day spiritual exercise: A NEW journey for men from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday from Exodus. Sign up at [Exodus 90](#)

Pray Morning Offering for Lent... and Entire Life: I encourage every Christian to begin their day with the Morning Offering. This short prayer lets us offer all we do and experience as a sacrifice united to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It releases many graces for people throughout the world in desperate need. Jesus came to "seek and save the lost" and the Morning Offering allows us to cooperate with Him in doing so. His Heart burned with love for all souls when He mounted the cross and offered Himself as the saving sacrifice for their salvation.

There are millions of elderly that ask every day, "God why am I still here?" I have often told people who ask me that question that their mission is to pray for their families and offer their sufferings for the salvation of souls. I encourage you to share this Morning Offering prayer with an elderly person who may be asking this question, and I urge you to pray it every morning:

**O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day
for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart,
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world,
for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians,
and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month. Amen.**

(1844- Fr. François-Xavier Gautrelet; Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, pg. 48)

Let Us Pray: (*Pope's Feb. Intention*): Let us pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded by all, Lord hear our prayer!

God loves you, I love you, I pray for you, please pray for me! -Fr. Nate Harburg

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Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15 | 1 Pt 3:18-22 | Mk 1:12-15

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Even amid the forced slowdown of a pandemic, distractions abound: Netflix bingeing, online shopping, even positive pursuits like home organizing and personal fitness. I confess I indulge in all of these (except for home organizing). Lent challenges me to let go of the unnecessary distractions and dare to make friends with solitude, which can be a daunting proposition because it means keeping company with my own thoughts. Jesus, our human and divine Savior, faced the desert and was tempted by Satan. But he also emerged *from* the desert, and announced himself and the Gospel to the people of Galilee. He goes on to accept his death on a cross for the sake of our salvation, the fulfillment of the covenant between God and his people. As we enter Lent, as we enter *our* desert, we pray for the fortitude to forego temptation, opening our hearts to God's will for us, and ready to proclaim it to the world.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

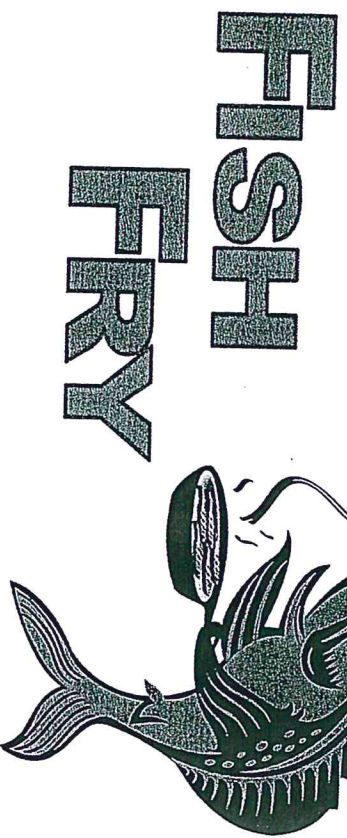
What are you doing for Lent this year? I ask our kids that every Ash Wednesday around the dinner table, and one or more of us often scramble for a plan. "Umm ... candy! I'll give up candy except Snickers." "No Netflix!" Or we take the "do good" route: "I'll pray more." "I'll help with chores." "I'll volunteer or donate to charity." All good things. Whatever "the plan," however, today's Gospel challenges me to be quiet and listen. While a plan gives us accountability and can lead to growth, sometimes less truly can be more. This year, I'd like to spend less time planning and more time listening for God's voice in the silence, which I find personally challenging. For others, the desert may look quite different. However we decide to approach Lent, let us pray that these 40 days bring us closer to God and our lives more in line with his will for us.

PRAY "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." The verse before today's Gospel caught my attention. What can I pare away from my daily life to make room for the word of God? For those of us whose minds tend to wander when praying silently, perhaps listening to the daily readings can be a good way to start or end the day.



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Fox Hunters



Friday, February 26th

3:30 pm - ?

\$11 per meal

Take Out Only | Drive thru pick up | No phone orders

Fish, Scalloped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Macaroni Salad, Coleslaw, and Homemade Bread & Butter

43rd Annual

Bernstein Dinner



Sunday, February 28

Serving 11:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Zion Lutheran School
299 Garden Street - Harbor Beach

*****CARRY-OUT ONLY *****

Pick up in alley at gym door. Enter alley from School St. and exit on Garden Street. If you live in town & want your meal delivered call ahead of time.

All Meals are

\$12.00

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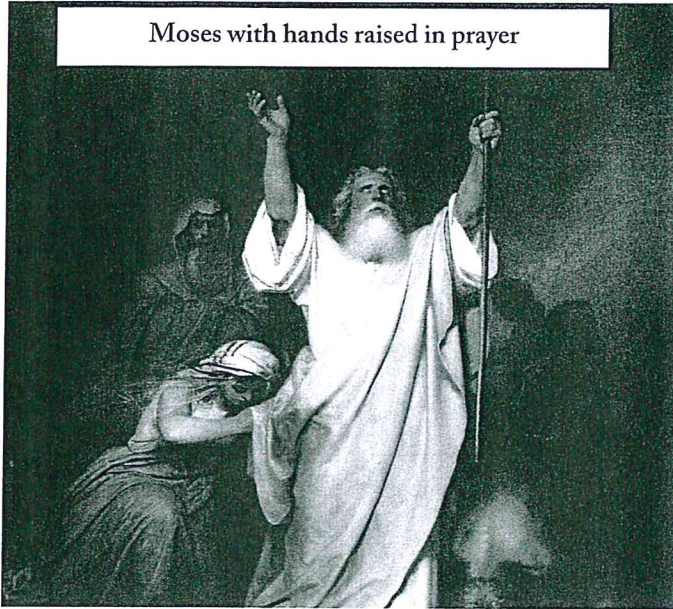
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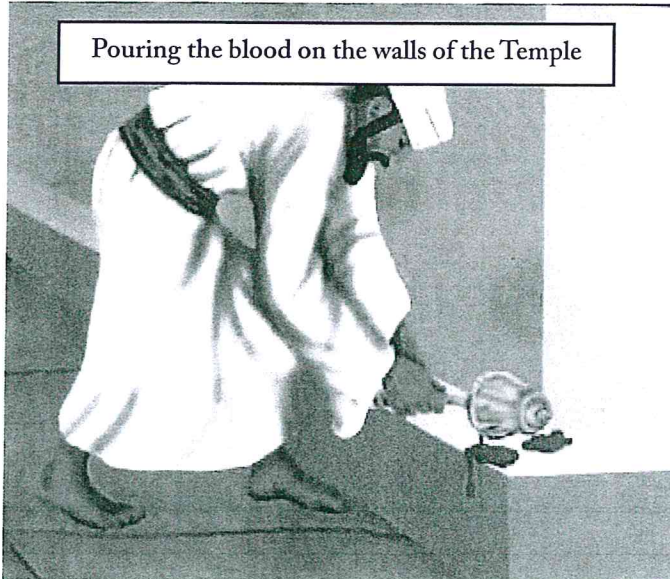
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Our Jewish Roots

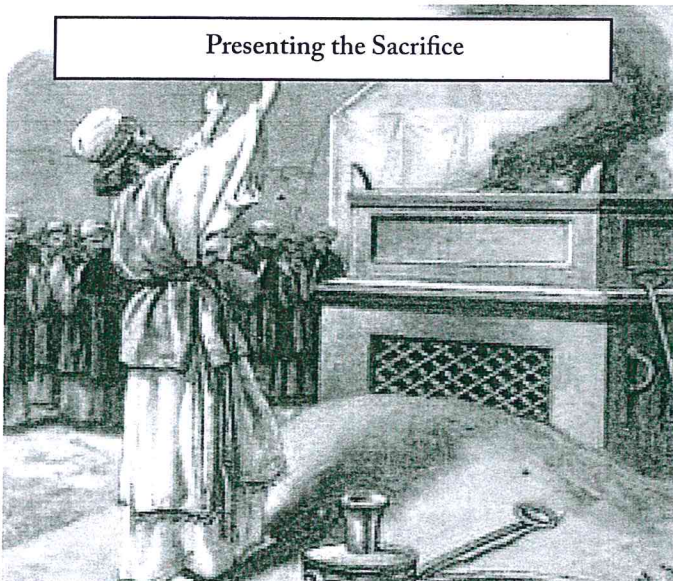
Moses with hands raised in prayer



Pouring the blood on the walls of the Temple

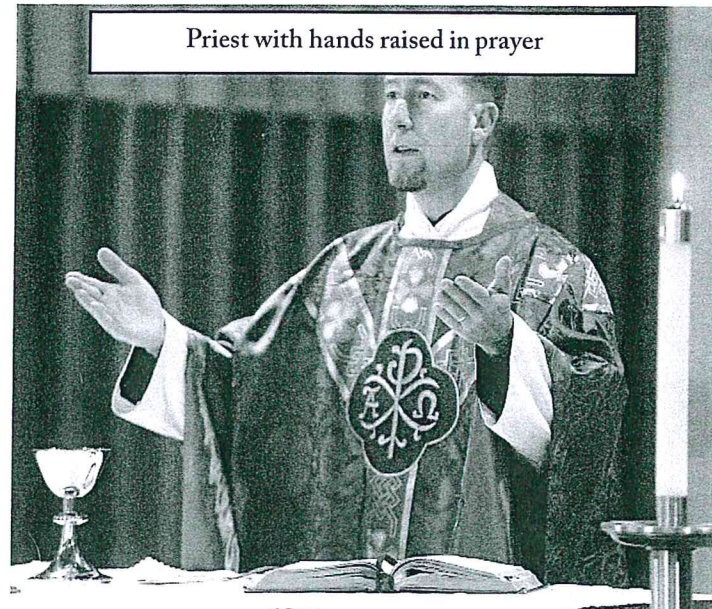


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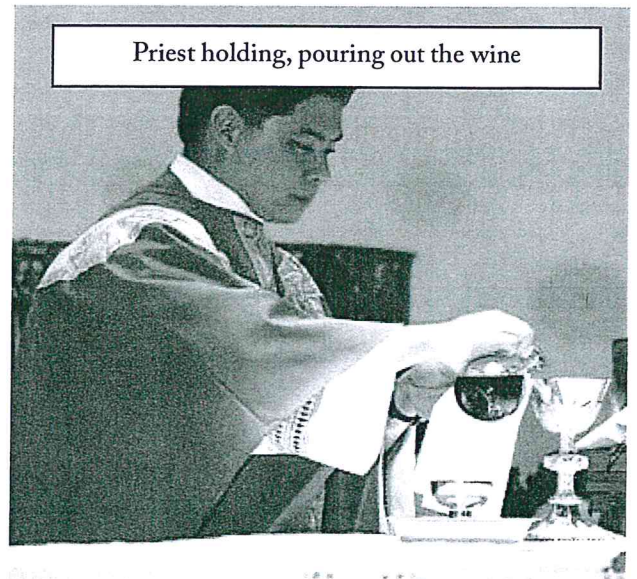


Our Catholic Faith

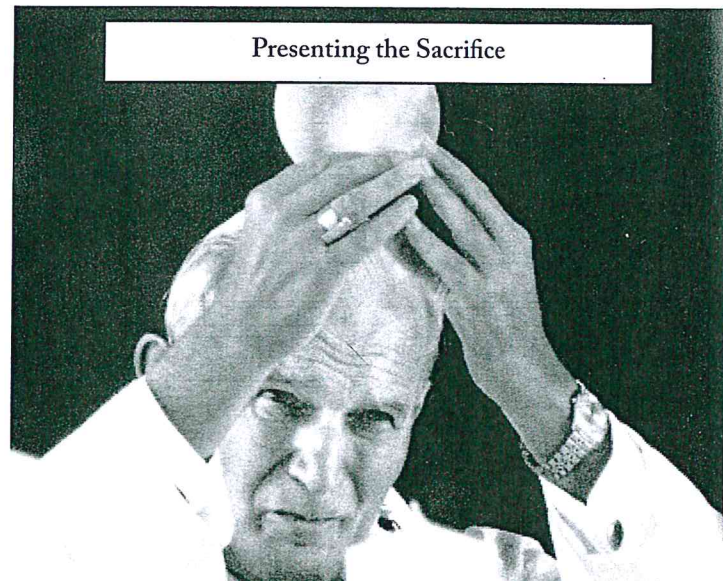
Priest with hands raised in prayer



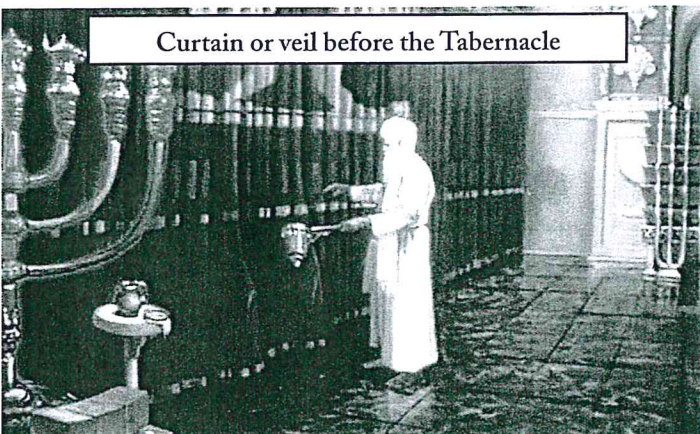
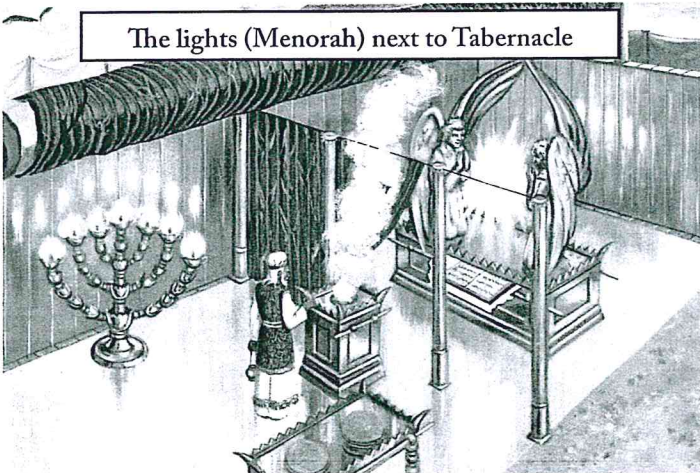
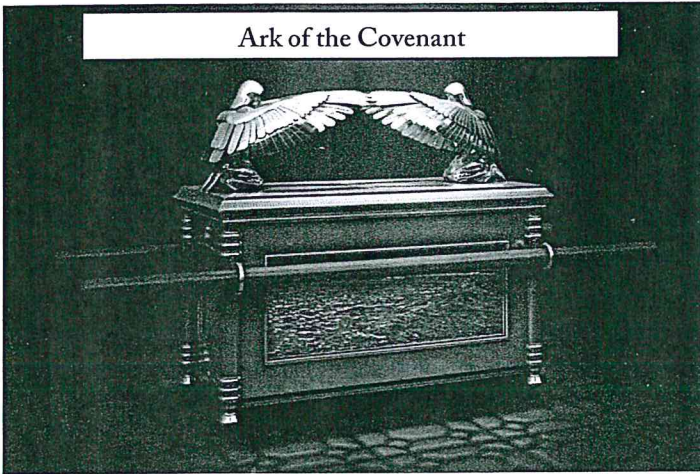
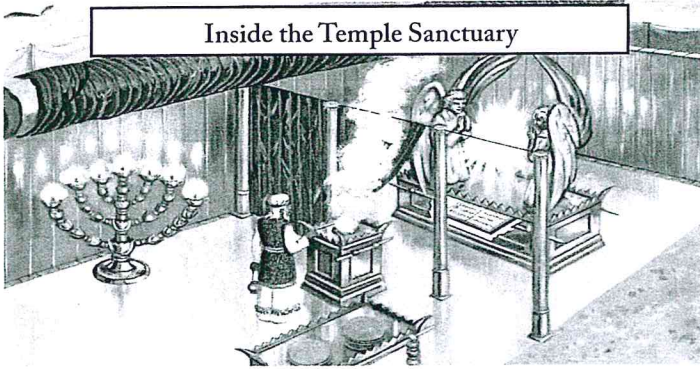
Priest holding, pouring out the wine



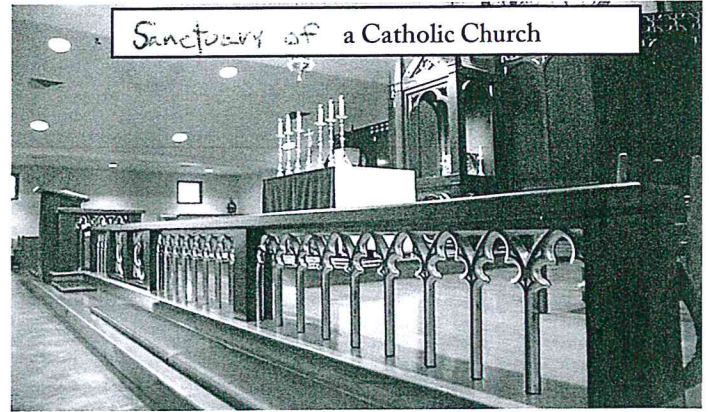
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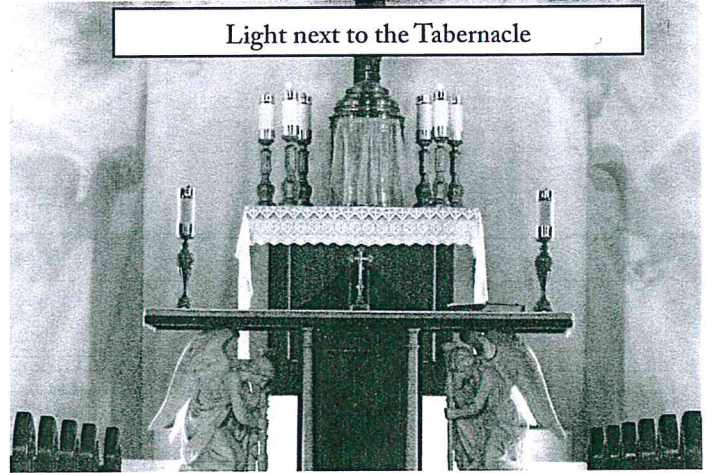
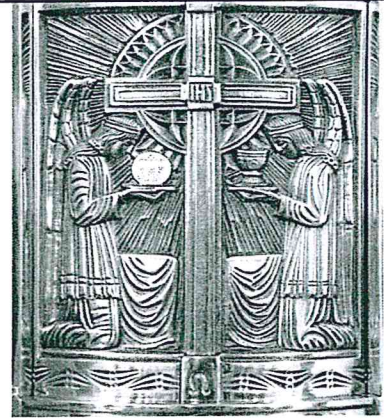
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Tabernacle with Angels



Veiled Tabernacle (Veil optional)

