



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
March 5, 2023

Tues.	(1 st & 3 rd)	3:30 pm	Meadow Lane, Bad Axe
Wed.	March 8 th	11:30 am	Parish Center Chapel
Thur.	March 9 th	Cancelled	St. Columbkille
Fri.	March 10 th	9:00 am	St. John
With Adoration following Mass until 4:00pm			
Sat.	March 11 th	4:00 pm	St. John
Sun.	March 12 th	8:30 am	St. Joseph
Sun.	March 12 th	10:30 am	St. Columbkille

Confessions this Week

Wednesday	11:00 am – 11:20am	in Fr.'s Office
Thursday	After 7 pm Mass	St. Columbkille
Saturday	3:30 pm (ask Fr. at the door)	St. John

Readings for the Week

Monday, March 6

Daniel 9:4-10 Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 7

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 8

Jonah 3:1-10 Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, March 9

Jeremiah 18:18-20 Matthew 7:7-12

Friday, March 10

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28 Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 11

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 12

Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42

In This Sunday's Readings

“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.” Genesis 12:1
 Certainly not in the same way that God called Abram to leave his family and home, but God does call all of us. God calls us to set aside things that separate us from Him. It can be difficult to move away from materialism, wealth and societal status to live in ways that are better pleasing to God. We need to trust that God will show us the way.

Generous Stewardship - Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection \$4628.00

Loose - \$457.00

Building Fund - \$500.00

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

109 envelopes used

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

February 27 – March 5, 2023

Saturday: St. John site: +Richard Peruski

Sunday: St. Joseph site: +Frank Lasceski

Sunday: St. Columbkille site: +Good Shepherd Parishioners

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

March 6 – March 12, 2023

Saturday: St. John site: Good Shepherd Parish

Sunday: St. Joseph site: +Edward Seebaldt

Sunday: St. Columbkille site: +Michael T. Sweeney

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Counters:

March 6: Kathy Beaver, Carol Beaudin, Charlotte Baker

March 13: Diana Briolat, Judy Messing, Ann Ypma

March 20: Luci Kubacki, Barb Roggenbuck, Rose Maikrzek

4:00pm Saturday Mass March 11th St John site

Lector: Del Czewski

EMHC: Debbie Osentoski

Altar Server: Kylie Keller, Summer Franzel

Sacristan: Del Czewski

Ushers: Tom Murray, Whitey Pawlosky, Allen Peruski, Jim Czewski

8:30am Sunday Mass March 12th St. Joseph site

Lector: Paul Guza

EMHC: Paul Guza

Greeter: Lisa Briolat

Sacristan: Steve & Lisa

Ushers: Bill Izydorek, Gordon Farrelly, Kerry Grifka

10:30am Sunday Mass March 12th St. Columbkille

Lector: Kevin Romzek, Sarah Romzek

EMHC: Jerry Sweeney, Jerry Fischer

Altar Servers: Broden Peruski, Brayden Sweeney

Greeters: Kubacki Family

Gift Bearers: Klee Family

Ushers: Myah Peruski, Camden Peruski, Dan Cregeur

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Knights of Columbus

Ubyl/Sheridan Council #12850

Next Meeting: We will meet at 7:00pm at the Parish Center on Wednesday, March 8. We are always looking for New Members – call Jeff Maurer @ 989-553-4224. Our food pantry is available for anyone in need, located in Ubyl. This is completely confidential and anonymous –

Call Jerry @989-550-9664.

Jeff Maurer Grand Knight-Ubyl/Sheridan Council-12850

Faith Formation

The Faith Formation education program of Good Shepherd Parish will meet on March 8th & March 15th

St. John Ubyl site: 5:30-7pm

Sheridan Corners site: 6-7:30pm

Youth Group

We will be meeting 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

5-7:00 pm in the Parish Center

The youth group is for all 7-12th grades & there is no cost.

Thumb Veterans Organization

Pancake Breakfast

March 5, 2023, 8:00am-12:00pm

T.V.O. HALL 2153 Bingham Street, Ubyl, MI

Adults - \$8.00, Children (6-12) \$4.00, 5 & under free

Take outs available – call Steve 989-315-1226

Proceeds to support area veterans.

“Help us help them.”

Good Shepherd Christian Mothers

Announcements

- **Next Meeting: March 14, 2023, 4:00pm**
- **College textbook fund:** Applications are available to all parish high school graduating seniors by stopping by the parish office or by calling 658-8824 and getting it emailed to you! Deadline to return application is April 27, 2023, at 3:00 pm Recipients will be announced at Mass.

"Soup & Spirituality"

You're invited to encounter Jesus in fellowship, and grow in your spiritual life, Lenten Thursdays:

5:30pm: Soup & bread (Parish Center)

6:15pm: New video series called: "Fearless", a series on fear that will accompany your Lenten journey, featuring Catholic Evangelist Chris Stefanick

7:00pm: Stations of the Cross (St. John Church)

Rosaries

Join us for the Rosary 20 minutes before each weekend Mass:

3:40pm at St John site

8:10am at St Joseph site

10:10am at St Columbkille site

2023 Lenten Season Schedule

Stations of the Cross during Lent

St John – 7:00pm Thursdays

St Columbkille – 7:30pm Wednesdays

Individual Reconciliation

Upcoming dates/times will be posted in bulletins

April 6th – Holy Thursday

7:00pm – St Columbkille, Sheridan Corners

April 7th – Good Friday

2:00 pm – St John, Ubyl

April 8th – Holy Saturday

8:30 pm Vigil – St John, Ubyl

April 12th – Easter Sunday

8:30 am – St Ignatius, Freiburg

10:30am – St Columbkille, Sheridan Corners

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS AND RICE BOWLS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL CHURCH ENTRANCES

EUCHRE PARTIES



DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA CIRCLE

Sunday March 5, 2023, at 1:00pm

Bad Axe Senior Center on Nugent Road

Admission \$8.00

RUTH K OF C HALL

Sunday March 12, 2023, at 1:00pm

K of C Hall Ruth, MI

Admission \$6.00

K OF C – 4TH DEGREE – BAD AXE

EUCHRE PARTY DATES

Come to play: Mar. 19

Admission is \$6.00 Begins at 1:00pm

K of C Hall in Bad Axe

Sponsored by: Bishop Babcock Assembly

Questions contact Don at 989-975-7378

All Euchre Parties

Include a light lunch and prizes

(Must be present to win)

Come out for a fun afternoon!

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Women's Lenten Silent Retreat

Theme: Then Their Eyes Were Opened
Kindling Eucharistic Faith
Spiritual talks, Meditation time, Confession, Mass,
Rosary, Stations of the Cross
Led by Fr. Andy LaFramboise
Saturday, March 18, 2023
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Center for Ministry/Diocese of Saginaw
5800 Weiss Street, Saginaw
\$27 (in advance) includes lunch
RSVP to Rita Maher at 989-635-7072 by March 13
Sponsored by: Saginaw Diocesan
Council of Catholic Women

Saginaw Catholic Men's Conference

Putting on the Armor of God
Saturday, March 25, 2023 8:30am – 5:00pm
Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption
Bishop Gruss, Peter Herbeck, Deacon Harold Burke
Please contact: www.thecatholicmen.com
thecatholicmensaginaw@gmail.com
989-341-3303

Focus on Life Benefit Dinner

Thursday, March 16 – 6:30pm doors open
7:00pm dinner and program
The Huron County Right to Life is hosting their annual
Focus on Life dinner at:
Knights of Columbus Hall –1036 Van Dyke, Bad Axe
Our guest speaker is Trevor Pollo. He offers a
passionate, logical and irrefutable defense against the
injustice of abortion. Mail your dinner reservation
today or the flyer can be found at Huronrtl.org or for
reservations call Jeanne Gusa (989)670-3315.

Teen Rally – Tri-County PRO-LIFE

Free - All High School & Junior High kids welcome!
Food, Fun, Prizes,
Praise & Worship Band, Breakout sessions.
Sunday, March 12th 2:00pm-5:00pm
Open Door Missionary Church
770 W. Sanilac Road, Sandusky, MI
For any questions call:
Jeanne Gusa
989-670-3315

Lay Ecclesial Ministry Application Period -

February 1 – May 15 - Do you want a deeper
relationship with God? Do you want to learn more
about your Catholic faith? Do you feel you are being
called to more? Have you felt a need for some Adult
Faith Formation? Perhaps God is tugging at your heart.
The Lay Ecclesial Ministry Formation may be the answer
to your call! **The application period for the 2023-2024
academic years for Lay Ecclesial Ministry Formation is
from February 1 through May 15.** Seminars meet
monthly, September through May. The seminars are on
Friday evenings and all-day Saturday, one time per
month, so it is perfect for most working people. We also
offer overnight lodging. For more information and any
questions, please contact the Coordinator of Lay
Ecclesial Ministry Formation, Deb Popielarz, at
dpopielarz@diosag.org or call 989.797.6660.

Earthquake Relief Needed - Thousands of people in
Turkey and Syria are reeling from deadly earthquakes
that struck the morning of February 6. In northwest
Syria, our teams have been able to work since the early
hours to respond to this influx because we already had
a presence in the region. To support this relief effort,
you may make a donation using your weekend
collection in an envelope marked for "Turkey & Syria
Earthquake Relief," or mailing a donation directly here
to the diocese. Checks should be made payable to "The
Diocese of Saginaw" and may be sent to: Diocese of
Saginaw, Attention: Earthquake Relief, 5800 Weiss
Street, Saginaw, MI 48603. To donate online, visit
saginaw.org.

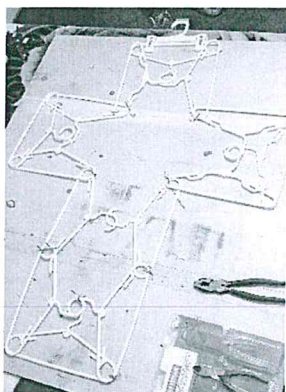
Parish Mission, Caro

St. Christopher Parish, the Mission speaker is the
popular EWTN host **Fr. Bill Casey, CPM** of the Fathers of
Mercy who will provide sound catechesis on: The
foundation of the Catholic Church; the biblical and
historical foundation of the Mass and Holy Eucharist;
the power of prayer, our Blessed Mother and much
more! The Mission will be at:
Sacred Heart Church - 910 W. Frank Street, Caro
March 13th - 16th Mission Talk every night 7 pm
Fr. Casey will also be offering all the Weekend Masses
March 11th and 12th in Caro and Mayville. **A great
occasion for personal spiritual growth and renewal.**

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"Rescued People... Rescue People"

Fr. Nate's Update



Dear Saint-in-the-Making, Blessed Lent!

This picture is of a craft a parish family member is making: a cross made out of hangers!

Some Holy Humor...

Look for God's humor this week!

Notes from last teaching on the Holy Sacrifice...

Liturgy of the Word: "STORY-TELLING"

- **Ambo:** Special podium where the Liturgy of the Word takes place. "In the Mass is spread the table both of God's Word and of the Body of Christ, and from it the faithful are to be instructed and refreshed." (GIRM 28)
 - **Readings:** Boring? Vatican II teaches, "In the sacred books the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them." [2x] He wants to talk to you!
 - *Invitation: As the lector is walking to the ambo, pray, "Father, help me to hear you speak to me personally!"*
 - **1st Reading:** Our "family stories" from the Old Testament. Stories of the Jews are OUR stories since spiritually we are all Jewish
 - Posture: we sit for our family stories
 - **Responsorial Psalm:** The Psalms are "love songs" we sing to God, that God gave us, to enable us to praise Him and thank Him!
 - The Book of Psalms was the family prayer book of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
 - It's called a "Responsorial Psalm" because we sing the response, and the cantor sings the verses, back and forth, similar to Jewish and early Christians worship
 - **2nd Reading:** Our family stories from the New Testament: stories of early Christian Adventures, instructions on how to follow Jesus and spread His saving Gospel
 - **Gospel Acclamation:** Outside of Lent, it's 'Alleluia'. *Invitation: As you sign yourself before*
- *the Gospel, pray, "May the Word of God be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart"*
 - **Gospel:** The Gospels "proclaim the words and deeds of Jesus. They reveal to us the Kingdom of God and his mercy" (from Time for Mass)
 - They are true accounts of Jesus' life from four different perspectives: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
 - Posture: We stand because Jesus is proclaiming the Gospel through the voice of His priest or deacon
 - *Invitation: As the priest or deacon proclaims the Gospel, CLOSE YOUR EYES and imagine that it is Jesus Himself proclaiming it!*
 - **Time of Silence:** to meditate on what we heard
 - *Invitation: to help us meditate in the time of silence, ask, "Jesus what are you saying to me? What word or phrase jumped out at me, challenged me, comforted me?" Write it in your Mass Journal and re-read it throughout the week*
 - **Homily:** an "exhortation to accept this Word as what it truly is, the Word of God, and to put it into practice." (CCC 1349)
 - It helps us to be "more faithful to Christ's call to grow in holiness." (USCCB)
 - **Profession of Faith/Creed:** "In response to God's word, we profess our faith." (from Time for Mass)
 - The Profession is the whole faith, "in a nutshell". There are two ancient professions: the Nicene Creed, and the Apostles Creed, recommended for the Lenten & Easter Seasons
 - **Universal Prayer/Prayer of the Faithful:** "In response to God's word, we pray for the salvation of all people" (from Time for Mass)
 - *Invitation: Listen carefully to the prayers and remember, "I am praying for the salvation of all people"*

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



**Personal
Testimony:
Barb Harburg
(Mother of Fr. Nate)**

*"They defeated [the devil] by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony" -
Revelation 11:12*

*[My mom was preparing to share this testimony with you, dear parish family members, at the end of Masses, but our Lord had other plans. So I am sharing this *draft* posthumously]*

I was raised in a Christian home where we went to the Episcopal church every week. We always said grace. My mom told me she had read the whole Bible. When I was 16 I was supposed to get a ride home with some girls that were at a Girl Scout meeting with me. At the last minute I ended up going with another friend. That night my 3 friends were hit by a car by a drunk driver who was the father of the guy I sat next to in Chemistry class. My friend Karen was killed instantly. My friend Linda died the next day. My other friend Carol was in the hospital for 6 months with almost every bone broken. To say the least I was sick with grief for a week or more.

I realized that if I had been in the car and died that night I was sure I was not ready to meet the Lord. I thought I wasn't good enough. The next year a man came to our church who taught the high school Sunday school group. The man talked about giving your life to the Lord, praying everyday and reading the Bible. I started reading the Bible every night.

I graduated and I began that summer the University of Michigan summer music

school up north at Interlochen. One day I was in a student lounge and saw a pamphlet in which the title was "The Way to Eternal Life." The pamphlet seemed to light up and I took it to my dorm room and read it. I said the prayer that was in the pamphlet which was to give your life to Jesus. I shut my eyes and said the prayer. When I opened my eyes I saw a bright light shaped like a person. I quickly shut my eyes again and was terribly afraid. I told the Lord that I DID believe in him and that he didn't have to appear to me again for me to believe.

I continued to read the Bible and pray. I went to the orientation later that summer for the University of Michigan. I met a girl there who told me about gifts of the Holy Spirit including speaking in tongues. In the fall I moved to the University of Michigan into a dorm. There I met some Christians who were attending a prayer meeting at St. Mary's student chapel on campus. They invited me to attend. I began attending and began the Life in the Spirit seminar. I was baptized in the Holy Spirit and my life was never the same after that. I attended the prayer meetings which were part of The Word of God community. The Word of God community was made up of primarily University of Michigan students at that time.

The summer after my freshman year I was invited to be in an evangelism household. Our purpose was to go out 2 by 2 and evangelize people on campus. In the evenings we would have dinner together and pray together. We would also attend The Word of God prayer meetings and events. One day I met some people on campus who were part of a cult called The Children of God. They talked to me and said if I really wanted to be a Christian I needed to be a part of

their community. I went with them (telling no one) thinking I would visit them and see what they were all about.

I ended up staying and I would say I was brainwashed. Some of my friends from The Word of God told my parents where I had gone which I am eternally grateful for that. My Dad came with some big adult men and literally picked me up and took me out of the building in Detroit where I was staying with The Children of God. My Dad had told me he would take me back to the cult as long as I spoke with some other people about The Children of God and to be sure that is what I wanted to do with my life. My Dad and Mom took me to counselors, ministers etc. to try to help me see the error of my ways.

Finally my Dad took me to The Word of God prayer meeting and one of the leaders came over and prayed with me. I was planning on returning to the cult the next day. After the leader prayed with me it was as if scales fell from my eyes and I could see the truth. I saw the lies that the Children of God were telling me. One of those lies was that everyone including my Christian friends and parents were from the devil and evil unless they were a part of the Children of God. After the prayer I saw that my parents and my brothers and sisters in The Word of God were NOT evil or from the devil. I still am eternally grateful that my Dad and my friends rescued me from The Children of God Cult. Later many bad things happened to people in that cult unfortunately.

I went back to living with the girls in the Evangelism household that summer. Another significant event happened that summer in July. One day I was taking my prayer time at a place called the Douglas Chapel on the U of M campus. I was by

myself praying and all of a sudden I sensed I was with all of the angels and saints in heaven praising God. It was one of the most significant prayer times I ever had since I had given my life over to the Lord.

That night I went to a wedding of a couple who were a part of The Word of God. In the middle of the wedding someone came over to me and said my mom had been in a bad accident and I needed to go home immediately. A friend offered to drive me home. My Dad said my mom had been driving up north to pick up some Girl Scouts from a camp and the van slid off the road near Cheboygan, Michigan during a violent thunderstorm. No one saw the van slide down a large ravine. The woman with my mom came to and crawled up the hill and flagged down a car. It happened to be a doctor on vacation.

He ran down the hill and picked up the van because my mom was trapped under it. He then got my mom to the hospital. My mom lived for 6 hours and then her brain started hemorrhaging and the hospital decided to transport my mom to the University of Michigan hospital. She died during the transport. I know that during the prayer time God was giving me a glimpse of heaven to prepare me for my mom's leaving this earth to go to his heavenly kingdom.

Eternal rest grant unto my mother's friends who died in the car accident, to her mother, and to my mother, and to all our beloved deceased, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, through the mercy of Your Son Jesus Christ...

What Churches Can do to Promote Life

Get Involved

Provide an opportunity for a representative from the local Right to Life of Michigan Affiliate to give an update about their work in the community and share how volunteers can become involved in embracing life.

Youth Oratory Contests

Encourage youth to participate in local Right to Life of Michigan oratory contests and acknowledge teens who have participated. One idea is to recognize participants in a special way and possibly allowing them to give their speeches in front of the congregation.

Prayer

Pray a prayer of blessing for a family who is expecting a child. This shows that every child is welcomed by your faith community before he/she is born enforcing the humanity of the unborn and recognizing a precious and irreplaceable child.

Sunday School

Have an adult Sunday school class focus on life issues. Our website, RTL.org has many resources to use as a focus, including prolife Bible verses on the Faith page.

Prolife Books

Add a prolife book to your library and promote it in the bulletin or newsletter.

Church Bulletins

Include items from Right to Life of Michigan's monthly Faith & Life e-newsletter in your bulletin. They provide news and educational information to help others stay up-to-date on life issues.

Community Awareness

Send a representative from your faith community to a local Right to Life of Michigan Affiliate meeting in your area. This will heighten awareness of local happenings and help keep your community engaged and informed with local activities.

Diaper Drive

Increase your congregation's awareness of the needs of local crisis pregnancy centers by having a diaper drive. A local Right to Life of Michigan Affiliate can help organize an awareness campaign. Baby items help to assist local families faced with an untimely pregnancy.

Newspapers

Have copies of prolife publications like the Right to Life of Michigan News at your information desk. Contact us at (616) 532-2300 to place a small regular order for free.

Memorials

Create a cross/flag display to memorialize children lost in your community to abortion. The local Right to Life of Michigan Affiliate can help plan the display.

Presentations

Use a prolife PowerPoint presentation during a service, or other group meeting. "Created in the Image of God" is designed for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday in January (also available in Spanish). All PowerPoint presentations and scripts are free and accessible from the Educational Materials page at RTL.org.

Preparing the *Bride* of Christ



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DECKERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

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Call with questions: Judith 810-705-1302 or Joann 904-571-0156



MORNING SESSIONS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 10:00 AM

DAVID RIFFEL

Retired Chiropractor • Spiritual Teacher



SUN., MARCH 19

EVENING SESSION 6:00 PM

JUDITH DARLINGTON

Founder
Under His Thumb Ministries



WED., MARCH 22

EVENING SESSION 6:00 PM

FR. ADAM MAHER

SVSU Chaplain



MON., MARCH 20

EVENING SESSION 6:00 PM

PASTOR SCOUT HESTER

Upper Peninsula
Multi Congregation Pastor



THURS., MARCH 23

EVENING SESSION 6:00 PM

MARK GARAVAGLIA

Pastor, Sandusky/Yale
Presbyterian Churches



TUES., MARCH 21

EVENING SESSION 6:00 PM

JUSTIN FARENBRUCH

Founder & Faith Leader,
Kingdom Fire Ministries



FRI., MARCH 24

EVENING SESSION 6:00 PM

MARK SEPPO

Leader, Vassar Victory Center



The February meeting of Council 12850 of the Ubyl-Sheridan Knights of Columbus was called to order at 7:05 by the Grand Knight. When called to order the Grand Knight led the group in the Lord's Prayer and the pledge of allegiance. There were 11 members present for the meeting. After the roll call the last month's minutes were approved. The Treasures report was given and approved.

Bills were presented to the trustees. Motion made by Joe Radomski with support from Clarence Wolschlager to turn bills over to be paid. Motion was accepted.

Old business was discussed.

In new business the Grand Knight reported that the State Convention will be held on May 24th, 25th and 26th. It was also reported on the upcoming Right to Life programs. There is a teen rally scheduled for March 12th. There is also a Right to Life dinner at the K of C hall in Bad Axe. A table will be reserved by the council at a cost of \$200. A motion to pay for the table made by Kevin Romzek with support by Ray Maurer. The Motion carried.

The District Deputy reported that the Diocese is still looking at programs in support of right to life. Sweatshirts to be donated for the kids to Queen of Angels retreat center. A motion to pay \$200 for a table at the event was made by Kevin Romzek with support from Ray Maurer. The motion carried.

Kevin Romzek reported on upcoming programs. The Spelling Bee winners were announced. Awards have been handed out at the school. The poster contest has been cancelled at the higher grade levels. We will continue to do it at the local level as it has been a huge success through our council. A Cornhole tournament for the youth group is scheduled for February 26th at the parish center.

The Financial Secretary reported that we are in good standing with the Supreme council. He also reported that Kenneth Hurd will be helping with some Insurance needs along with Tim Messing.

The District Deputy reported that he had a meeting in Caro. The main topic was about recruitment. The campout scheduled for Harbor Beach has been cancelled.

In 4th degree news they are making cheese balls again this year. Orders to be in by March 3rd. They will be made March 11th. Nut or plain can be purchased for 6.50each. A 4th degree exemplification will be held in Bay City April 29th. Card party to be held in Ruth on February 12th. Ruth Sausage sales coming soon.

Kevin Romzek was named as Knight of the Month.

Prayers for the good of the order. Carl and Barb Keller, Betty Tracy, Ed Sweeney, Pam Sweeney, Leon Lashinski, Richard Bredow, John Harburg, Joslyn Essenmacher, Natalie Morgan and the victims of the earthquake. Also prayers were given for repose souls of Greg Maurer, Barb Harburg, David Neu, Rachel Bronson and Bonnie Goretski.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 8th @ 7:00PM