



THE

# Benedictine



## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SAINT BENEDICT

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

SAINT SCHOLASTICA



St. Scholastica Parish  
17320 Rosemont  
Detroit, Michigan 48219  
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Fr. James W. Lowe CC, Administrator

### MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday through Friday	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Holydays	8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### MARRIAGE

Parish priest must be contacted six months prior to date of intended marriage.

**BAPTISMS**  
Contact Fr. James W. Lowe, CC

**CONFESSIONS**  
Tuesday-Saturday Mornings: Immediately Following Mass  
Saturday Evening Mass: 3:45 p.m. until 4:15 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:15 a.m. until 9:45 a.m.  
All other times - Call Parish Office For Appointment

**ROSARY**  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

**PHONE NUMBERS**  
Parish Office .....(313) 531-0140  
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### REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD

I suspect that the real reason we avoid the desert is because in all that monotony there are no hiding places, no paths to crawl our way behind some kink of hill, no busyness that allows us to duck beneath the rippling surface of honesty, no phone calls to undo the silence that echoes our real selves. Curious that we should be afraid of the nothing rather than of the something. Yet it is the nothing, in the end, that makes the revelation happen. Such is the unsettling power of any desert, to reveal what we most fear in life, the real self that is perhaps less known and more imposing than anyone else’s self. Deserts do that, and so we avoid them like kids dancing about their homework. Over the years we learn that it’s safer to fritter about on the fringe of Lent than to get lost in its vast and desert emptiness. We’ve grown good at frittering, at tinkering with days stripped of television or meals that have surrendered their dessert. This frittering goes on simply because when it’s all over and done we are able to go back to the lives we’ve come to enjoy and treasure and nothing has been redone, least of all our real selves.

Jesus, however, risked the desert. Never just a tinkerer, he dared to trek about the emptiness for forty days and nights. This week’s first scripture is a piece from Noah’s tale in the bobbing ark. Thus we might wonder which desert was more daunting, forty days and nights of Noah’s deluge or of Jesus’ drought. Yet both found themselves in new and different worlds, neither of which had ever before been mapped.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis  
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### LIVING GOD’S WORD

It’s time to decide in our own minds who we are and wish to be, to confess it to our God and to ourselves and to the whole world. Do not fear those places of desert; they are where you will recognize your truest self.

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## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (FEBRUARY 20/21 2021)



Baptism and repentance is the common theme in today’s Scripture passages. In Genesis, God establishes a covenant with Noah and his descendants: *that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood.* St. Peter, in his First Letter, references this story of Noah and the flood. He states: *... Eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.* The Sacrament of Baptism forgives sin and calls us to discipleship in Christ, our Lord and Savior. Baptism is the “gateway” to all of the sacraments. At the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses, we strengthen this discipleship by renewing our baptismal promises, vowing to reject Satan, his empty promises, and the glamour of evil in our lives. In St. Mark’s Gospel, the evangelist tells how Jesus *remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.* We know Jesus was successful in resisting this temptation. May we seek the Lord’s grace in times of weakness so we, too, can avoid temptation that leads to sin. During this Lenten season, participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare yourself for the Risen Christ.

From the AOD Bulletin Inserts

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### TODAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS



Gn 9:8-15

Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

1 Pt 3:18-22

Mk 1:12-15

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### HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ST. SCHOLASTICA HISTORY?

Check here each week for a history question. The answer will be given in the next week’s bulletin.



### WHEN WAS ST. SCHOLASTICA PARISH FOUNDED?

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**Tuesday, February 23, 2021**

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Jasmine Alesna (Birthday) by Evelyn Alesna

**Wednesday, February 24, 2021**

8:00 a.m. No Intention

**Thursday, February 25, 2021**

8:00 a.m. No Intention

**Friday, February 26, 2021**

8:00 a.m. No Intention

**Saturday, February 27, 2021**

8:00 a.m. No Intention  
4:30 p.m. For the Family and Friends of Fermon and Cheryl Sanders by Fermon and Cheryl Sanders

**Sunday, February 28, 2021**

10:00 a.m. For Parishioners

**COVID-19 VACCINATIONS**

The City of Detroit has the site location of the TCF Center for residents of Detroit 65 or older who want to receive the vaccinations. **Must bring with you Proof of residency**, like a Michigan Driver License. Check with them for other examples of proof. **An appointment is required.**

The vaccination is also open to the following who are employed within the City of Detroit. They are clergy, critical care workers, teachers, childcare providers, adult foster caregivers, U.S. Post Office workers, food service workers, security guards, and janitors. You must show proof of employment within the City of Detroit; an example, pay stubb, W2, badge with employer's address. **Registration is required.**

Call the following to register:

**Location: TCF Center - (313) 230-0505**

You can also check the website, <http://www.DetroitMi.gov/vaccine> for a complete list of those eligible and what type of proof is required.

Another location is Meijer in **Wayne County for 65 or older Need not be a resident.** To get on the registration list you would need to visit **Clinic.Meyer.com** or send a text to **75049** then in the "message of the text" type the word, **"COVID"**. When the vaccination becomes available, they will contact you. There is a 3 day notice when you are contacted.

In the near future, there is a possibility of Walmart and CVS to become another site.

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**



**Saturday, February 27th**

Patricia Smith  
Helen Burton

**Sunday, February 28, 2021**

Jason Smith  
Evelyn Alesna

**Saturday, March 6, 2021**

Connie Borg  
Helen Burton

**Sunday, March 7, 2021**

Jonathan Jackson  
Maria Fetizanan

**Saturday, March 13, 2021**

Connie Borg

**Sunday, March 14, 2021**

Daniel Sute  
Antoinette McDermott



We continue to pray for our sick and homebound parish members, Bruce Henderson, Elma Thorpe, Annie Laurie Shannan, Courtney Atlas, Eileen Clark, Sandra Moulton, Christopher Staff, Margaret Porath, Drew Lund, Roland Martin, Marian Hubbard, Jean Geran, Betty Kell, Gloria Seacord, Fermon Sanders, Diverna Stephenson, William Walker, Albert Jackson, Daisy Allen, Victoria Crowe, Dennis Lund, Matthew Onwudingo, Irma Gisstennar, Justin Doucette, Ellen Casey, Denise Goodine, Jonathan Jackson, Gwendolyn Dickerson, Yolanda Stephens, Suzanne Ross, Thomas Norfolk, Bennie Bailey, Julie Hacker, Michele Mooney, Robert Weed, Jerome Bies and Annie Stacherski. William Moulton

# UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

## FAMILIES OF PARISHES PRAYER

*Father in Heaven, renew your wonders in our time, as though by a New Pentecost.*

*Holy Spirit, increase your gifts in us to move boldly into Families of Parishes with confidence. Deepen our desire for every person to encounter Jesus anew, grow daily as his disciples and give witness to his love and mercy.*

*This is our mission! And we embrace it anew.*

*Grant that your Holy Church in Detroit, praying perseveringly and insistently with one mind, together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and guided by St. Joseph, St. Anne and Bl. Solanus Casey, may increase the reign of the Divine Savior, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace.*

*We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen*



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## Serving St. Scholastica Parish For Over 30 Years



As we embrace the sacrifices of Lent, let us present to God our needs and the needs of the world.

That the Church may show the world the way to God through repentance and prayer, we pray to the Lord...

That world leaders may work together to seek peace and justice for all, we pray to the Lord...

That as God made a covenant with all living things, so we His people may grow in our respect for life, and actively protect it, we pray to the Lord...

That those suffering from illness and old age may have gentle caregivers to attend to them and ease their pain, we pray to the Lord...

That the members of our parish family may renew our covenant with God through sacrifice, reconciliation, and prayer, we pray to the Lord...

That those who have died may rest in the loving presence of the saints and angels, we pray to the Lord...

For the Intentions of this Mass, we pray to the Lord...