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Third Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2025

Staff

Pastor: Rev. Santiago M. Hoyumpa
Secretary: Maryanne Ladensack
Maintenance: Richard Troyer

Weekly Mass Schedule

Sunday—Rosary 8:25am
Mass 9:00 am
Tues, Thurs, Fri—Rosary 8:25 am
Mass 9:00 am followed by
Adoration on Fridays
Wednesday—Rosary 4:25 pm
Mass 5:00 pm
Saturday—Rosary 3:25 pm
Mass 4:00 pm

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8am—3:30pm

Faith Formation

Sundays after Mass

Sacraments

Preparation classes with Pastor

Marriage

6 months prior to setting date

Reconciliation By appointment or:

Weds: 4:00—4:25 pm
Saturday: 3:00—3:25 pm
Sunday: 8:00—8:25 am

Bulletin Deadline: Monday

“...I shall cultivate
the ground around
it and fertilize it;
it may bear fruit
in the future.”



MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday—March 25

8:25 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
+Deceased Members of the Boris Family
(Connie Boris)

Wednesday—March 26

4:00-4:25 pm Reconciliation
4:25 pm Rosary
5:00 pm Mass
Offices of Catholic Human Services
5:30 pm Reconciliation

Thursday—March 27

8:25 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
+Benjamin Padilla
(Husband of Shreda Padilla)

Friday —March 28

8:25 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass followed by
Eucharistic Adoration
+Ron Owen (Betty Owen)

Saturday—March 29

3:00-3:25 pm Reconciliation
3:25 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Mass
+Timothy LeBlanc
(Dana & Sharon LeBlanc)

Sunday—March 30

8:00-8:25 am Reconciliation
8:25 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
+Robert Peters
(Cathy Brown-Kuba)

PRAYER LIST

Pat Campbell, Maria Williams, Ray & Marcia Botkin, Bernie Kann, Jim, Aiden Trudell, Chris and daughter, Deb Money, Thomas Schoensee, Barb Street, Alejandro Bacon, Chris Horger, Paul Pasternak, Mia McGregor, Beth, Becky Sidebottom, Gary Babcock, Dan Thorpe, Zachery, Chris Campbell, Sue Eichman, Brian Urbanski, Carol Garvey, Sue Dawes, Pope Francis, Pat McArdle, Sandy Gehringer-Handrich, John Trudell

Sun: Rev. Joseph Blasko

Mon: Rev. Lawrence Boks Tues: Rev. Anthony Citro

Wed: Rev. Michael Class Thurs: Rev. Nicholas Cooper

Fri: Rev. Raymond Cotter Sat: Rev. Matthew Cowan

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS

Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:00 pm.

CCW Ladies collecting donations for Easter flowers. There is a jar in the narthex—\$340.00 collected so far.

Kitchen Needs Update

Our first tour is April 5th so we still need cookies for that and upcoming tours. Would you please bake an extra dozen or so when you next do your baking? Thank you so much. Please put them in the hall marked accordingly.

So far, we have 2.5 co-managers for the kitchen (one of them can help only during the winter months). This will make this a much less demanding position so if that might change your mind on co-managing, please let us know! We would like 1 more co-manager. You will be helping organize and prepare funeral meals & tour meals as well as other events around the parish.

We have many helpers but would like 1 more co-manager to ease the work. For more details, check with the office (989) 826-5509 or talk to our Kitchen Director, Debbie Banks at (989) 464-8550

Picture Directories are Ready for Pick-up!

Pick up your copy after Mass.

A HUGE thank you to both Sharon LeBlanc and Kris Babcock for the many hours (more likely days or even weeks) that they spent to take and collect pictures and information and then put it all together for our 2025 Photo Directory.

Second Collection Next Weekend

See the insert this weekend for more information regarding this collection for Catholic Relief Services. Make checks payable to St. Mary Parish.

Exercise with Prayer Class

Formerly known as SoulCore, meets Friday at 11:00 am. All stages and ages are welcome. We learned that SoulCore is copyrighted so we cannot use the name, but the premise is the same. Come check it out! The class is lead by parishioner Mary Klein.

Stewardship Report

Average Monthly Operating Budget:	\$	17,500.00
Loose, Envelopes & Misc.	\$	2,324.00
Coffee and Donuts	\$	-0-
Candles	\$	13.00
Mass Intentions	\$	-0-
March Income to Date	\$	9,172.56

Fish Fry at Holy Family in Klacking Creek

continues through April 18th. 4-7 pm
Adults \$14; Children \$10

Fish Fry Menu: Fish, fries, choice of side (cottage cheese, coleslaw, or applesauce) roll, drink & dessert.

Fish Fry at St. Francis of Lewiston begins March 7th and continues through April 11th. 4-8 pm
Adults \$15; Children \$10; Soup & Salad Bar only \$10.

All meals include beverage, soup and salad bar and homemade dessert.

Fish Fry Menu: Baked or Fried Fish, Fried Shrimp, Grilled Cheese, mac & cheese, fries, baked or mashed potatoes, soup, salad and dessert.

CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF VOLUNTEERS. THEY WILL RESUME IF HELP IS FOUND.

Shrine Corner

I want to start with a quick note on the Anniversary Event. A reminder that day was one of the worst, snowy days of winter. The question arose—do we cancel? I made the decision to continue and I waited for phone calls and was very concerned. Richard and I just kept moving the snow. Only two couples were unable to attend and the event went well.

I was concerned about the two couples who did not attend because they both have a lot of years of marriage and they deserved the blessing. I talked with Fr. San to honor these two couples: Ray and Mary Ann Skonieczny with 69 years of marriage were unable to attend the upcoming scheduled date, so Fr. San did the blessing this past Saturday. They were very appreciative. Peter and Mary Ann Freel with 61 years are scheduled for **March 29 at the 4:00 pm Mass**. For those that attended the event, it was noted that only

We have \$51,039.76 in our restoration account.

1/10th of 1 percent of all marriages are blessed to be able to accomplish this many years of marriage.

The report on the Irish Event. There was a lot of effort and work that went into developing the event. Since it was new, nobody knew what to expect. We planned for 60 people with tickets pre-sold so we could better plan the food. Ann M. and Carol D. had a lot of anxiety over the food prep that would properly represent the Irish tradition. For those that thought it was going to be corned-beef and kraut, you were wrong. Whatever reason, it did not turn out to be a popular event pre-sale, with only 36 people in attendance. The interesting part was 4 were from Lewiston, 4 were from Oscoda, and 4 were given away as a promotion for the event. The rest, not all, basically had some attachment to the people working the event.

This was an event that was designed to be a “fun” break from winter, when the weather is not always the best. I am not going to elaborate on what went on at the event, because you will have to ask those who did attend. I asked the visitors from Oscoda if it was worth their time and the reply was an instant “absolutely.” The food was excellent, not just good, but excellent. Mashed potatoes with homemade gravy; Bangers were the entrée; Baby Reubens; peas in a way people were asking for seconds; a whole table of appetizers; Irish crème coffee; real plates and silverware. Just

Amazing! Great job ladies! Ann, Carol and all the kitchen people that were recruited—THANK YOU! Can’t forget Scott, who did the technology program and Monte who was the presenter. I was really pleased, and am looking forward to next year!

For those who said it was too expensive, go to a restaurant and get coffee for \$3.99 or an omelet for \$12-\$14. I was disappointed at the lack of Parish involvement because this was a fundraiser for the Shrine Restoration. There was a lot of time, effort and anxiety put into this event. For those that attended, it was a fun event, a break from winter with good, clean, live and visual entertainment. For those that did not attend, it was your loss.

Just an FYI, in 2024 on March 15, the Restoration Account had \$38,566.00. March 15, a year later in 2025, we have \$50,284.76.

God Bless, Jim L.



Left: Ann Mariani proudly “wearing of the green”
Right: Gregg Hisson grilling the bangers on his Blackstone grill

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You can also access it at: dioceseofgaylord.org, ‘Find a Parish’, then find us on the map or list—click on our website.