

Readings For Sunday, March 16, 2025

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Psalm: 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14
 Second Reading: Philippians 3:17 – 4:1
 Gospel: *Luke 9:28b-36*

Mass Schedule & Offerings

Monday, March 10

9:00 a.m. Mass ~ Adoration following
 †Jim Achatz (Rebecca Achatz)

Tuesday, March 11

9:00 a.m. Mass ~ Adoration following
 †Cecile Koriter (Family)

Wednesday, March 12

5:00 p.m. Mass ~ All Day Adoration from 9-5
 †Bert LaFleche (Joe & Sue Kennard)

Thursday, March 13

9:00 a.m. Mass ~ Adoration 8-9 a.m.
 †Nick Wittman Jr. (Jim & Diana Bartolomucci)

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 15

3:30 p.m. Rosary ~ 4:00 p.m. Mass – Hillman
 The People

Sunday, March 16

8:30 a.m. Rosary ~ 9:00 a.m. Mass – Hillman
 Pope Francis (Council of Catholic Women)



*For anyone in need ~ family, friends,
 or community member!*

Please call the office at 989-742-4542 or Margaret Selesky at 989-742-4333

Faith Formation / Adult Classes
 Wednesday, March 12th!

Standing In Need of Prayer

Claudette Colombo, Kevin Struzik, Myles Richardson, Chris Mutz, Dominic Tillman, Eric Tillman, Bonnie Benac, Sam Vicari, Margaret Barton, Brenda Sabol, Jack Stevens, Mary Ann Ferasin, Diane Marchlewski, RaeLynn Burger, D.J. Normile, Justin Dahal, Walter & Patricia Plohocky, Caster Family, JanMarie, Jo Dusseau, Diamond Reese and baby, Sandy Dubie, Emerick Dubie, Kendra Sherman, Jennifer Dubie, Christoffer Simpson, Ruth Rabeau, Jasmine Mouseau, Peggy Lange, Dennis Pietrykowski, Grace Franzoni, Dawn & Jagger Franzoni, Robert, Mark, Ben & Sandy Cassisi, Tammy (Nimf) Rygwelski, Rose (Davis) Standen, John Platevoet, Tina Montgomery, Kent Linesman, Pat Cronk, Quinn Mervick, Geno Franzoni, Stasia Hubert, John Schultz, Hailie Tondreau, Tammy Kelly, Scott VanPamel, Virginia Nash, Sophia Nash, Tyler Lockhart, Michele Klotz, Don Faulhaver, Judy Edmunds, Elsie Sauer, Richard Wandmacher, David Lautner, John Minaudo

Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain can be reached by calling or texting
Judy Elkie ~ 989-590-8411.

Prayers For Clergy & Religious

Sun: Rev. Kenneth Stachnik

Mon: Rev. Dennis Stilwell

Tues: Rev. Emmanuel Tizhe

Wed: Rev. Bernard Tyler

Thurs: Rev. Michael Verschaeve

Fri: Rev. Duane Wachowiak

Sat: Rev. Matthew Wigton

Stewardship

Weekend of March 2nd & 3rd

St. Augustine

Envelopes (45) Online (5)	\$4,637.00
Loose	\$ 342.07
Building & Maintenance (1) Online (2)	\$ 162.00
Votive Candles	\$ 110.00
Mass Stipend; Easter Flowers	\$ 95.00
Total	\$5,346.07

Cemetery

\$ 30.00

Jesus the Good Shepherd

Envelopes (11)	\$ 370.00
Loose	\$ 139.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 5.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 90.00
1 st Offering	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 609.00

Knights of Columbus

We are holding a **year long Bottle Drive!** Bags can be dropped off in the trailer in the corner of the parking lot. We would like to thank everyone for your support and generosity!

The CCW will meet Tuesday, March 11 at 10AM in the Parish Hall. Stay after the meeting for more fun flower crafts!

Solanus Place Gift Shop

Hours are: After Mass on
Saturday ~ Sunday ~ Wednesday ~ All Holy Days ~ and/or by request.

See us for Books, Jewelry, Statuary, Rosarys, and Father Solanus needs.

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage To Shrines of Italy & Medjugorje

September 7 – September 19, 2025

Rome / San Giovanni Rotondo Lanciano / Assisi / Medjugorje / Dubrovnik

from Traverse City (TVO) & Detroit (DWT)

Price per person in double room: \$7,000

\$500 deposit is required to reserve your spot.

Must be made before April 30, 2025.

Father Siler will be a spiritual leader, contact him with any questions.

Or Pat Verhelle at 231-881-4321 or email: patverhelle@triton.net for further interest.

Fasting

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving, the trinity of Lent. This week let us focus on fasting. There isn't much required of us, no meat on Fridays during Lent and only two days of fasting - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The requirement to refrain from meat on Friday is in place throughout the entire year, though outside of Lent one may replace another sacrifice for the meatless day. The days of fasting are regulated only for those age 17 through 59, and not for those whose physical states would be negatively affected by the fast. The actual fast is not severe; we are asked to have only one full meal on the fast day, but are allowed two additional smaller meals.

As with any choices we may make, if they are not done with a joyful heart, they have little value. God love us, and His only desire is that we love Him in return. Because of Love, He has given us free will, and grace abounding. But there is no grace if love is forced, or fasting, or prayer, or almsgiving is forced. Freely He love us, and freely He wishes to be loved in return.

Speaking of prayer, how is your prayer life going? We discovered this week that, depending on traffic and where one lives, one can recite ten to fifteen decades of the rosary on the way to Alpena. Once there, between the waiting room and the exam room, one can complete a Divine Mercy Chaplet. From the house to the car, one can ask our Guardian Angel to be with us on our journey, and during a commercial one can speak to God asking for his mercy on our government, on the shooters in Minnesota, and on those running for office. When our focus is on God in the moments of our lives, it becomes ever easier to talk to Him, to share our lives, our dreams, our wishes for our country, our world, our families. He never leaves us; we only ignore Him.

The prophet Joel tells us: *Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning. Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God...Blow the trumpet in Zion! Proclaim a fast, call an assembly; gather the people, notify the congregation; assemble the elders, gather the children and the infants at the breast...And say, "Spare, O Lord, your people..."*

What will you fast from? What needs to be **less** in your life? *Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint.* kvs

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In loving memory of our most beloved grandson and husband, †Cameron & Rich Lange. Pray for them & all family members called home by our Lord & for those of us left behind to grieve.



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OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS AND MARIAN MEDITATION

- Entrance: Prepare Daily She walks in His Footsteps.
- 4th Station: Reflect Jesus and His Mother meet.
- 7th Station: Reflect She watches Him Fall again.
- 12th Station: Reflect Her son, Jesus dies on the cross.
- Meditation Place: Consider the Mother of God, now our Mother and Mother of the Church— Our gift to her—to love her Son and walk this Path with Her.



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Meetings
2nd Tuesday of the Month
6:00 p.m. Fraternal
7:00p.m. Business

St. Augustine, Hillman
Jesus the Good Shepherd, Atlanta
Pastor: Rev. Jim Siler

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March 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent

