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Cluster Newsletter Lent 2026

A NOTE FROM OUR PARISH DIRECTOR DEB HAMM

As we prepare for a new season of Lent, let us take some intentional time to think about the ways we need to change in order to become better disciples of Christ. We all have them...habits and character flaws with which we have learned to live, but do not pay much attention to anymore. Maybe we gossip, are impatient or selfish. Perhaps we hold grudges or take little time for God. Maybe we make excuses for not attending Mass. We might be lazy and fail to help those in need.

This Lent, I invite each of you to join me in taking more time to be silent, to listen to God's call and then to put God's call into action. If we take more time for prayer and reflection, perhaps we may experience a resurrection and become better followers of Christ come Easter Sunday.

I thought this might be a great opportunity to remember some words from the late Pope Francis.

IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS

- **Fast from hurting words and say kind words.**
- **Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.**
- **Fast from anger and be filled with patience.**
- **Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.**
- **Fast from worries and have trust in God.**
- **Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.**
- **Fast from pressures and be prayerful.**
- **Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.**
- **Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.**
- **Fast from grudges and be reconciled.**
- **Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.**



Ash Wednesday and Holy Week Schedule



Wednesday, February 18

9 am* at Random Lake

*Please note the time change
to accommodate the students
from DSCS.

6 pm at Holy Cross



Saturday, March 28

4:30 at Holy Cross

Sunday, March 29

8:15 am at Random Lake

10:00 am at Holy Cross

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 1

6:00 pm at Random Lake

Good Friday, April 2

1:00 pm at Holy Cross

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3

8:00 pm at Holy Cross

Easter Sunday, April 4

8:15 am at Random Lake

10:00 am at Holy Cross

11:00 am at Dacada

HERE ARE SOME EVENTS AND RESOURCES YOU CAN USE THIS LENT FOR PRAYERS, RENEWAL AND TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH.



Lenten Soup with Substance Series

People on the Margins...

Please join us on Tuesday evenings, February 24, March 3 and March 10 for Mass, a simple soup meal and presentations by our own Fr. Steve Lampe and Fr. Don Thimm.

At Our Lady of the Lakes

6:00 pm Mass in the chapel
6:30 pm Soup Meal in the gym
7:10-8:00 pm Presentation in the Community Room

February 24: Misfortune or Sinners - People on the Margins in Scripture. Fr. Steve Lampe

Who were the people on the Margins in Biblical times? How were they treated? Were there safeguards in place to protect them? What does our faith have to contribute to their plight?

March 3: People on the Margins in Today's Society. Fr. Don Thimm

Do you know anyone living on the margins? Have you ever lived on the margins? Why would anyone notice or search for those living on the margins? How would you find them? How do you/we look at those living on the margins – with friendly eyes? Hostile eyes? Indifferent eyes?

March 10: Back from the Margins: From Sin to Grace Through Reconciliation.

Fr. Steve Lampe

Join us for this refresher on the great value of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Why do Catholics place such value on this Sacrament of forgiveness?

How has the Sacrament of Reconciliation changed since Vatican II?



Random Lake Ecumenical Lenten Prayer Services 2026

PEOPLE OF THE PASSION

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM

February 25: Pontius Pilate
St. Paul's ELCA Lutheran, Random Lake

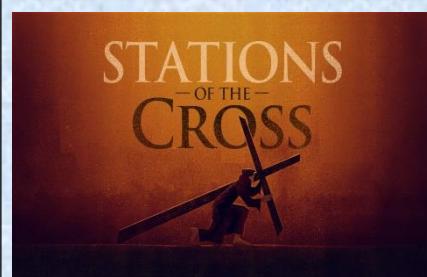
March 4: Mary, Mother of Jesus
Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic,
Random Lake

March 11: Peter
New Horizon UCC, Boltonville

March 18: To Be Determined
St. John's UCC, Random Lake

March 25:
Good Thief
Zion UMC,
Batavia

Our cluster parishes are providing **Lent in a Bag** and **Lenten Reflection Books** in the back of our chapels. There is one of each available per family. Please take them home and use them as guides for your Lenten prayer.



St. Nicholas Chapel,
Dacada
1:00 pm every
Sunday in Lent
Feb 22 through
March 29.

Consider checking out these online resources to help your Lenten prayer:

Catholic Bible Online
PrayerLit
Jesuitresource.org

Hallow (Pray40)
Dynamic Catholic

Do not forget our cluster online subscription to FORMED.org!

Divine Savior Catholic School

DSCS had a wonderful Catholic Schools Month celebration. We had the entire month to highlight Divine Savior Catholic School again this year! Our students and staff celebrated what makes Catholic education so special and we let everyone know how Divine Savior Catholic School lets our light shine! A very special "thank you" must go out to all who supported DSCS during our Sponsor a Classroom and our Day of Giving Back event. The generosity of our cluster parish and school families is amazing! We were able to collect over \$14,000 to help support classrooms. We were also able to raise \$5,170 on our annual Day of Giving Back to help pay for field trips. We are so blessed to have so many special people who believe in our mission and who help us to let our light shine!

It is hard to believe that Lent is just around the corner. Lent gives us a chance to slow down and reflect on all that God has done for us. We will once again put the "Alleluia" away for another season of Lent and we will begin our journey. On Tuesday, February 17, we will celebrate Fat Tuesday with pancake races and a strawberry Belgian waffle sale to help raise money for Sister Jo and her work in Texas. On Wednesday, February 18, we will travel to Our Lady of the Lakes for Ash Wednesday Mass.

This year our Lenten theme is Heroes of Lent. We will get to know Jesus better one day at a time as He journeyed to the cross leading us to celebrate his rising on Easter Sunday. This year, each week we will focus on a new Bible hero. As we learn about our Bible hero, it will help us grow closer to God. We will also be participating in the Stations of the Cross, a Lenten retreat and much more. Giving is always an important part of our Lenten journey, so this year we will be collecting new and gently used t-shirts that will be donated to Bob's Under the Bridge.

Don't forget that Divine Savior Catholic School is now enrolling for the 2026-2027 school year. Make the choice to have your child become an important member of our faith-filled school family. We are happy to schedule individual tours. You can contact the school office to set one up today at 262-692-2141. Come and see what Divine Savior Catholic School has to offer! If you have financial concerns, please do not write Catholic education off without having a conversation with our staff. Our tuition is very affordable. Our goal is to make Catholic education affordable to all who want it, and I know we can make it happen for you!

Yours in Faith, Principal Lynn Sauer



**Pictures of
DSCS
students in
action**

*See page 5 for
details on the
DSCS fish fries
and bowling
fundraisers.*



Cluster Youth Faith Formation News

How quickly these liturgical seasons go by. It seems that by the time we're finally finished fishing for needles out of our furniture, we're accepting ashes as atonement for our spiritual ailments. But all alliteration aside, the new year has fast approached and the season of Lent is here.

Now if you're like me, your New Year's resolutions last all of two weeks, but when it comes to Lent, I have a different motivation for making changes in my life. The word "Lent" gets its original meaning from an Old English word "*lencten*" which means the lengthening of days or "springtime." When I think of springtime, I think of spring cleaning and starting out fresh and new. Lent is my time to declutter the items in my life that take my attention away from God. It's the time to reorganize my priorities. Lent is the time to clean my heart of sin, so that I can truly feel God's presence in my life. When you empty your lives of the things that don't matter, you have much more room for God to move in.

So far this year, the younger students have been learning about the nine fruits and seven different gifts of the Holy Spirit in their prayer services, and about the role of the Holy Spirit in their lives. They've also learned about the need to call on their guardian angel daily to help protect them from making wrong choices and guide them toward Jesus.

The older students have continued to learn about salvation history, including the fall of Lucifer and the angels, but also our hope in Christ's death and resurrection. We were honored to have Archbishop Grob come out in January and give a talk to the families that bookended this theme. He talked about his experience with exorcism, demonology, and how to protect ourselves. He told the students that Satan is like a vicious dog on a chain. If you stay away from the dog, you are fine. If you are curious and approach, you'll probably get bit. If you don't think the dog exists, the consequences could be devastating. But there was great reassurance that as long as we remember God has power over darkness and we stay in the light of God, we need not worry.

The Mission Trippers are continuing to prepare for their trip to Knoxville, TN. This year we'll be sharing a bus with St. John XXIII in Port Washington to help cut costs. They also have a few more fundraisers coming up with a stock sale the weekend of February 21 and 22 (at all Masses) and a Pancake Breakfast on March 8 at Holy Cross. We are always thankful for the generous support we receive for these life-changing trips.

In March, the 2nd graders will have their Bread Day Retreat to help get them ready for their First Communion. In April, the Confirmation students will be making their weekend retreat to Holy Hill. Please continue to pray for our youth during this time of preparation and discernment.

We are also happy to announce that we will be doing VBS again this summer (contingent on volunteers). If you'd like to be part of the VBS team, please contact me at either parish office.

Wishing you a Lenten season of renewal, hope and a strengthening of faith.

Peace and blessings, Terri Riesselmann, Director of Cluster Youth Faith Formation





DINE-IN, CARRYOUT, CURBSIDE FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

February 20



March 20 - Matching funds date
4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

DINE-IN ONLY

**Thank you for
your support!**

50/50 RAFFLE \$5 TICKETS

Winner picked after fish fry
need not be present to win

**3 PC. FISH DINNER - \$16
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT - \$22**

Dinner comes with fried or baked cod,
French fries or baked potato,
cole slaw, rye bread/butter.

Beer, Soda, Homemade Desserts
available for an additional charge.

GRILLED CHEESE DINNER - \$7
Dinner comes with potato and applesauce.

CURBSIDE PICKUP
MUST CALL AHEAD AFTER 4:00 P.M.
262-692-2141

while supplies last

Hosted by the DSCS PTA Hope to see you there!

Dairy products
donated by:

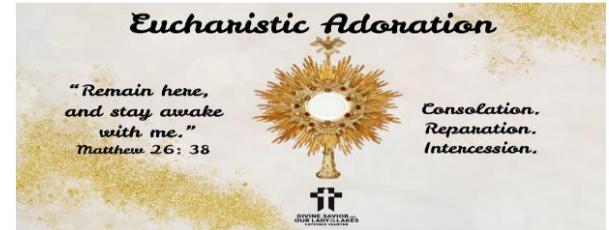
Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

Spend time with Our Lord in prayer during Lent on Thursdays from 5 pm through 7 pm in Random Lake and First Mondays from 2 pm through 5 pm in Fredonia.

On the last Thursday of the month, we will be turning the lights off at 6:45 pm for the last 15 minutes of Adoration in Random Lake. Come and experience the peace of our Lord in candlelight, free from all distraction.



LET'S STRIKE UP SOME FUN!



9 PIN TAP TOURNAMENT

Get your team of 4 ready for a day of strikes and spares at the 3rd Annual Globe Lanes & DSCS 9 Pin Tap Bowling Tournament. Join the fun & help raise money for Divine Savior Catholic School PTA

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 & SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

Globe Lanes, Random Lake

SATURDAY SESSIONS 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

SUNDAY SESSION 12:00

\$30.00 PER PERSON

REGISTRATION COMING SOON

50/50 Raffles, Game Raffles & More!

**Join our TMIY
Men's Group**



Join our Men's Group

every Wednesday morning

at 6:00 AM at Holy Cross now through April 22 for our Spring semester. There's a light breakfast and coffee available starting at 5:45 am and the group finishes by 7:00 am. All men are welcome to come to one session or as many sessions as they wish.

This year's program, Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart, involves dynamic Catholic speakers and small group discussion as we learn and discuss the four leadership roles and the five personal traits necessary to fulfill authentic male leadership. The spring semester will help us grow in our understanding of how Christ perfectly fulfilled the leadership roles of man and will help us establish a spiritual plan for life.

Commit just one hour each week this Lent for God, your wife, your children, and yourself. Contact someone you know that attends or Tim Shininger at tjshininger@gmail.com Cell# 262-623-2086 for more information.

Prayer for Humility

*"Father, teach me to serve with humility,
to love without condition, and to
forgive without hesitation."*

Planting Seeds Harvesting Hope

The annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) has begun. Watch your mailbox or see recent bulletins for more information. The CSA video can be viewed on our cluster website at dsoll.org. Please prayerfully consider how you can help. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Watch future bulletins for information on Divine Savior Catholic School's Flower Sale coming soon!



FORMED: Our cluster has signed up for a cluster-wide online subscription to FORMED, a platform of Catholic resources. To sign in, go to www.FORMED.org and click on the sign-up tab. Then click on the "Sign up as a parishioner" tab. Type in the zip code for Fredonia (53021). Click on Divine Savior Parish and hit next. Enter your name and email, and click on sign up. You will then have access to a wide variety of Catholic resources.



Prayer for Compassion

"Lord, open my eyes to the needs of others. Teach me to serve with joy and love as You have served me. Amen."



Spring Blood Drive

The OLL Human Concerns Committee will hold a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross on April 27 from 1:00 - 6:00 pm in the Parish Center. Please consider giving the gift of life.

You can register at

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>.

There is no foot too small that it cannot make an imprint on the world.

Behold Your Child is a ministry for couples who experience the loss of a baby due to miscarriage, stillbirth or early childhood death. Please contact Deb Hamm if you any need for this ministry or if you want more information. You can also see the Pastoral Column in the February 22, 2026, bulletin for an update.

Eucharistic Adoration

- Every Thursday from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at OLL, Random Lake.
- Every first Monday from 2:00 to 5:30 pm at St. Rose Chapel
- Second Sunday of every month (not in winter) April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 12, November 9, at St. Nicholas Chapel, Dacada from 1:30 pm to 3:30



St. Patrick's Mass at St. Patrick's Chapel, Adell, on Sunday, March 15, at 3:00 pm

Pastoral Council nominations for both parishes are due Monday, April 20, at noon in your respective parish offices.

Confirmation Sunday, May 17 at 2 pm at OLL with Bishop Haines

First Communion dates are Sunday, April 26, at 10 am at Holy Cross and Sunday, May 3, at 8:15 am at Our Lady of the Lakes.

Have You Ever Attended the Vincentians' Way of the Cross?



Please join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul as Fr. Don Thimm leads us in the Vincentians' Way of the Cross at St. Peter Claver Parish, 1439 S. 12th St., Sheboygan, on Friday, March 6, at 5:30 pm. The Stations reflect our service and our journey as Christians who love Christ and seek to serve him in the poor. Vincentians from across the County will attend. A fish fry dinner in the church hall is available for purchase immediately after the Stations. All are welcome! Please join us!

Hygiene Products

OLL Hygiene Drive

The OLL Human Concerns Committee and St. Vincent De Paul group will be collecting hygiene products for St Ben's and Sheboygan County friends in need from March 1 – March 15.

St. Ben's gives out hygiene products to the less fortunate and offers free showers and supplies to the homeless.

Our St. Vincent de Paul group helps the poor and homeless in Sheboygan County.

Items to be collected include: soap, body wash, dish soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, single toothbrushes, dental floss, deodorant, lip balm, shaving razors, Kleenex, feminine sanitary products, toilet paper, washcloths, baby wipes, hand lotion, paper towels and laundry soap. Please return items to the bins at the church entrances or to the back porch of the OLL Parish Office by March 15. Here's an opportunity to help the poor during Lent. Thank you for your generosity.



OUR LADY OF THE LAKES CATHOLIC CONGREGATION

THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

THANK YOU to all who have stepped forward in support of this campaign! The parish retains 80% of funds raised between goal and 125%, and the parish retains 100% of funds raised above 125% of our goal. You may still pledge, if you haven't yet and wish to.

Parish Case Statement

1. Worship Sites Improvements \$130,187
2. St. Mary's Chapel Roof \$85,000
3. Strengthen Ministries \$75,000

<u>Campaign Progress</u>	
As of: 1/31/2026	
Parish Goal:	\$483,645
Total Pledged:	\$598,040
Percent to Goal Pledged:	124%
Parish 60% Share:	\$290,187
Parish 80% Share:	\$91,516
Total Parish Share:	\$381,703
<i>THANK YOU!</i>	
<i>OLL has exceeded goal!</i>	
<i>loveoneanothermke.org</i>	

For LOA information concerning a stock transfer, qualified charitable distribution or questions concerning a pledge or a gift, please contact: Bob Pfundstein / Milwaukee Archdiocese at (414) 769-3583 or by email at pfundsteinb@archmil.org.

Statement of Activity:

Total parish share of pledged:	\$381,703
Cash distributed to parish to-date:	<u>\$259,034</u>
Remaining pledge balance:	\$122,669

OLL Love One Another Capital Campaign Summary		
1/31/2026	Distributions from Archdiocese as of 1/31/2026	\$259,034.29
6/6/2023	St. Mary's Chapel new entrance doors: Quality Door & Hardware	(\$10,922.50)
6/11/2023	Repair & Tuckpointing	(\$5,375.00)
2/28/2024	Parish Center Community Room installation of 2-split level pumps: All American HVAC, LLC	(\$8,152.00)
3/12/2024	Parish Center Community Room electrical work for split levels: DnD	(\$939.14)
6/30/2024	St. Mary's Chapel raise exterior steps to level joints & cracks: RaiseRite Concrete Lifting Inc.	(\$2,250.00)
12/20/2024	Parish Center new boilers: All American HVAC, LLC	(\$35,000.00)
9/10/2025	Lisbon Creek Systems, LLC: St. Mary's Chapel audio upgrade	(\$21,369.42)
9/30/2025	N/R Asphalt: RL parking lot - crackfill, sealcoat & striping	(\$10,500.00)
1/31/2026	Interest income as of 1/31/2026	\$1,873.27
	Balance	\$166,399.50

Baptism Class: If you are a new parent or expecting a child, and it has been three years since your last child was baptized, you need to take a class before having your child baptized. Consider taking the class while you are pregnant. Contact Deb Hamm to set up a class.

Hospital Visits: Please remember if you or an immediate family member is hospitalized and you'd like the parish to know, you should call your parish office. The privacy laws make it very difficult for us to know if someone is in the hospital. Even if someone at the hospital says they will notify your parish, they don't always do so.

Adult Sacraments: If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic, maybe now is the time! Also, if you never received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** as a teenager, you could still do that. **Contact Deb Hamm for information on what is entailed in completing these Sacraments.**

Our Lady of the Lakes, Random Lake, is looking for a full-time **OUTREACH COORDINATOR**

The Outreach Coordinator is tasked with leading Our Lady of the Lakes Parish's evangelization and outreach efforts by working to bring new members to the parish and former members back to the parish, by encouraging current members who participate only occasionally in parish activities to be more active, and by focusing the energy of participating members on steps to revitalize and grow the parish. The Coordinator will also seek to improve the connection between Our Lady of the Lakes Parish, other area Catholic and ecumenical congregations, and the broader community.

In pursuing these goals, the Coordinator will schedule, plan, and supervise outreach and evangelization events. The Coordinator will serve as a liaison between the parish and relevant Archdiocesan offices, social agencies, and community organizations.

The Coordinator will work with the parish pastor/administrator/parish director, other parish staff and lay leaders of the parish's various stewardship, outreach, evangelization, and human concerns activities to foster increased parishioner involvement. This position reports directly to the pastor/administrator/parish director.

For a complete job description, call the parish office at 920-994-4380.

Interested applicants should forward their resume and cover letter to Deb Hamm at dhamm@dsoll.org.



DIVINE SAVIOR CONGREGATION

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Parish Case Statement

1. Worship Sites Improvements \$163,774
2. Holy Cross Chapel Roof \$100,200
3. Strengthen Ministries \$75,000

Campaign Progress

As of: 1/31/2026
 Parish Goal: \$564,956
 Total Pledged: \$525,875
 Percent to Goal Pledged: 93%
 Parish 60% Share: \$315,525

*Do you wish to make a pledge,
 click the link below?*

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Statement of Activity:

Total parish share of pledged:	\$315,525
Cash distributed to parish to-date:	<u>\$242,027</u>
Remaining pledge balance:	\$ 73,498

Case Statement progress:

- Audio/video upgrade at Holy Cross & St. Rose Chapels. Cost: \$46,037
- Parking Lot upgrade at Holy Cross Chapel. Cost: TBD

DS Love One Another Capital Campaign Summary

12/10/2025: Distributions from Archdiocese as of 12/10/2025	\$242,027.31
01/31/2024: St. Rose Steeple repair: Krause Konstruktion Co.	<u>(\$101,070.00)</u>
08/23/2024: St. Rose Chapel Naïve painting: J&B Painting	<u>(\$5,780.00)</u>
10/01/2024: St. Rose Chapel sanctuary carpet: Wilk Furniture	<u>(\$3,343.01)</u>
12/03/2025: Holy Cross Chapel audio upgrade down payment: Lisbon Creek Systems, LLC	<u>(\$20,036.68)</u>
01/31/2026: interest as of 01/31/2026	\$1,197.74
	Balance
	\$112,995.36



Prayer for Repentance

"Lord, search my heart and cleanse me from all that draws me away from You. Help me walk in Your truth and love."



Don't forget to order your SCRIP for all your shopping needs. Don't be shy about supporting Divine Savior Catholic School. SCRIP is ordered every other week, but

there are plenty of vendors in stock. There is also the option for a mobile app to download "e-cards" if that is easier for you. If you would like directions on the mobile app, please reach out to Jen Stern by phone at 262-689-8825 or email at jennifer.huiras@yahoo.com. There are Scrip order forms at the back of Holy Cross Chapel. We look forward to filling your order!

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