

ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

6894 N. Walnut Street
Monterey, Indiana 46960

Lord's Day Mass
Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Reconciliation
First Saturday of the month
3:00-3:45pm

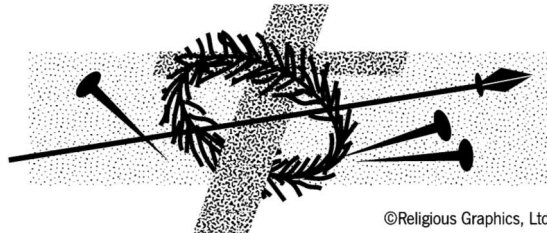
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Sunday, March 31, 2019

The 4th Sunday of Lent



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Mar. 30
† Joe Penksa Sr.

Saturday, Apr. 6
† Lena Zehner

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Regular	\$621
Building	\$10
Easter Flowers	\$95
Catholic Relief Services	\$5

Thank you!

VOLUNTEER CLEANERS

For the week of Mar. 31 & Apr. 7: Jim & Renita Potthoff
For the week of Apr. 14 & 21: Bill Keller & Birdena Pearce

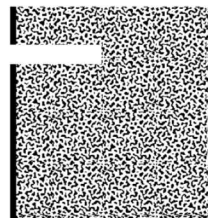
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Mar. 30: Byron Walters & Warren Penrod
Apr. 6: Angie Loehmer & Phyllis Thomas

READINGS FOR MASS

Next Sunday's readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11. You can also find the daily Mass readings at www.stannechurchmonterey.org.

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EASTER SUNDAY MASS

Mass for Easter Sunday, April 21, will be at 10:00am. There will be no Mass on Sat, Apr. 20 that weekend.

Monterey, Indiana

From Father Mike

This week we hear proclaimed at Mass the long yet familiar story of the Prodigal Son. Frankly, I have never liked that title for this parable because it ignores the older brother, who is just as important in the story. Maybe I am oversensitive to this person in the story since I myself am the oldest to my three younger brothers. Regardless, an even better title to this parable is the Merciful Father as it helps us focus on what this story is teaching us about God. The father who has been insulted by his son has a very different reaction to his return than we would expect and probably have ourselves. Not only does he talk to his son when he comes back home, and not only does he run out to greet him as soon as he sees he coming in the distance (which, in Jesus' day, is very unlike what one would suspect would happen from a Jewish man), but he then throws a huge party. If this seems like an overreaction, then you are beginning to understand the point that Jesus is trying to convey in the parable. We like to think that it is easy to understand God's love for us, but it is only in the reality of our sin do we see our need for his mercy. Even then, we have difficulty believing just how unconditional that love of the Father is for us. Perhaps this is why this story is so familiar to us because we need to hear it over and over for the truth of God's mercy to really sink in.

CONFESSIONS

Remember the first Saturday of the month is next week, so confessions will be heard 3:00-3:45pm in the church confessional.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the Lenten Season, come pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 5:00pm in the church.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Penance Services offered this Lent at St. Joseph, Rochester on Tue, Apr. 9, 7:00pm.

UPCOMING RETREATS

The St. Joseph Retreat Center in Tipton IN has the following opportunities to experience prayer and God's presence.

Apr. 9: Get Away for a Day

May 1: St. Joseph the Worker Day of Reflection

May 31-Jun. 2: Women's Silent Retreat

Contact Samir Azer at sazer@dol-in.org or 765-551-9570

Visit www.stjosephretreat.org.

RETREAT SCHOLARSHIP

Are you interested in spiritual growth but afraid you cannot afford to attend a retreat or workshop? Contact Fr. Mike for information about scholarship money that is available to assist with the cost of anything that enhances your faith formation and spiritual development.

INDIANA COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN RETREAT

All women are invited by the Indiana Council of Catholic Women to a retreat entitled "Everyday Sanctity—The Simple Way of God" at the St. Joseph Retreat Center on Wed, May 8, 8:30am-3:30pm. Day includes presentations, Mass, rosary, and lunch. National President-Elect Jean Kelly is the main presenter. Cost \$70. RSVP by Apr. 23. Contact St. Joseph Center 765-551-9570.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Mary Lee McFarlane, Matt Crist, Dick Kruzek, Ed Fleury, Dick Keller, Carol Earnest, Ellen Walsh, Amber Wilson, Brie Armstrong, Don Beech, Marsha Crist Gearhart, Shelagh Wise, Gloria Kontor, Kelly Hiatt, Janet Schutter, Cyndy Raymond.

Call the St. Joseph Parish Office with any changes to the prayer list. at 574-223-2808. Please specify St. Ann Parish and leave a name and phone number for follow up.