

February 28, 2016

Lent

Third Sunday



A Time For Repentance A Time For Mercy

Jesus by referring to two violent incidents points out in today's gospel that this is the time for looking within ourselves and at God. Instead of trying to assess the guilt of others and assign punishment, as some of Jesus' contemporaries did, it is time to thank God that we still have time to reform our lives. For Jesus, repentance means accepting his message of God's kingdom. The parable of the fig tree reinforces the challenge to repent.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 2
8:00 a.m. Donald Michalec
Thursday, March 3
10:30 a.m. Shady Oaks – Claude Jalufka
Friday, March 4
8:00 a.m. The Steinocher Family
Saturday, March 5
6:30 p.m. Betty Martinez
Sunday, March 6
6:30 a.m. For The Welfare of the Parish
9:30 a.m. Ella & Frank Kloesel Family

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Fourth Sunday of Lent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible. (*Cycle A Readings*).

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Responsorial Psalm: 23
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41

Remember the sick in your prayers, especially
Lalie Bartos, Irene Gold and Brandon Smolik.

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Dorothy & Laddie Maresh.

Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner Today



Come out and support the ladies – they do so much for the Church. Raffle tickets available for a quilt and other prizes.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

8:30-9:30 – Doris Foster, Sharon Etlinger
9:30-11:00 a.m. – Anna & Michael Fishbeck
11:00-11:30 a.m. - *Adorers Needed*
11:30-12:00 p.m. – Gussie Machalec, Nancy Sivyer
12:00-12:30 p.m. – Nancy Sivyer, Eleanor Wagner
12:30-1:00 p.m. – Eleanor Wagner, *open*
1:00-2:00 p.m. – Mary Ann Wenske, Lisa Rothbauer
2:00-2:30 p.m. – *Adorers Needed*
2:30-3:00 p.m. – *Adorers Needed*
3:00-3:30 p.m. – Linda Pilat, *open*
3:30-4:00 p.m. – John Wenske, Linda Pilat, Cathy Wenske
4:00-4:30 p.m. – Rose Rothbauer, *open*
4:30-5:00 p.m. – Mike Janecek, Rose Rothbauer
5:00-5:30 p.m. – James Wenske
5:30-6:00 p.m. – Scott Wenske

Come spend some time in prayer before the Lord.

ORIENTATION

The Mid-Point of Lent

We are nearing the mid-point of Lent – a good time to reflect upon our Lenten journey thus far. On Ash Wednesday we were invited to grow in our relationship with God through Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. At this half-way mark we ask ourselves: “Are we faithful in praying, fasting and giving to the poor? Are we spending more time in prayer and doing so more devoutly? Are we steadfast in what we gave up and more diligent in doing good deeds? Are we turning away from sin and increasing in the love of God?”

We still have time to reform our lives.



THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
WEDNESDAY – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
THURSDAY – KC Bingo, KC Hall
FRIDAY – First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Family Room
– Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m., Church
– Fish Fry, serving begins at 5 p.m., Parish Hall
– Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Office at any time.

Bulletin Sponsors Needed: March 6, 13 & 20
Sanctuary Light Bookings Available: March 20 & 27

REFLECTION

The Urgency of Conversion and God's Patience

We sometimes catch ourselves dreaming of why certain crimes are not immediately punished by God or sometimes interpreting the misfortunes of others as punishment for their sins. We must not forget that God is never in any way the author of misfortune; he offers only life; he does only good.

The two tragedies mentioned in the gospel (the Galileans slaughtered by Pilate while they were engaged in the very act of ritual sacrifice so their own blood mingled with the blood of the animals they were offering, and the collapse of the tower at Siloam on innocent people) were both devastating and so sudden that the victims had no chance to prepare for their deaths. Many of Jesus' contemporaries supposed that was God's just punishment for sins. Jesus however warned against such assumptions, calling the dead no more guilty than those still alive. Instead of imputing guilt, Jesus offered these tragedies as a wake-up call by suggesting that anyone could meet with a similar sudden demise. Therefore, preparedness is the order of the day - a preparedness that is shaped by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As Jesus put it; reform. To illustrate his point even further, Jesus offered the parable of the fig tree that had repeatedly failed to produce fruit.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Feb. 29 – Linda Machacek
Mar. 1 – Doris Foster, Donald Rothbauer,
Georgia Roznovsky
Mar. 3 – George Cinadr, Lilia Hernandez
Mar. 4 – Eugene Kresta
Mar. 5 – Stephanie Fojtik

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Mar. 5 – Roberta & Daniel Mejias

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.
Feb. 29 – After School Program (K-2nd Grade)
Mar. 2 – After School Program (3rd – 6th Grade)
– 9th -11th Grade C.C.D
Mar. 5 – 6th Grade Leads The Saturday Evening Rosary
Next Sunday – C.C.D.

Pray for the repose of the souls of
Alexander Andrew (Buddy) Kotzebue
Silvestra (Betty) Martinez
and the comfort of their loved ones.
May they rest in peace.



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The Third Sunday of Lent

God Answers

We all want to have our prayers answered. We think that would make life easier. But sometimes God answers prayers in ways we don't expect, making life more challenging.

Young Moses was minding his own business, tending the flock of his father-in-law, when God decided it was time to answer some prayers. For years the chosen people had been held in Egypt as slaves. They longed to return to their own land, the land that God had given them. They prayed for release.

God answered their prayers by appearing to Moses in a flaming bush that was not consumed. God asked Moses to lead the people out of slavery into freedom. This was probably not the answer Moses had in mind. Moses would have been content to let someone else lead the people to freedom. He wanted an end to slavery as much as anyone else, but he never envisioned that he would lead the exodus. God was answering his prayers, but in a way that caused anxiety for Moses.

When we want something done, God hears from us. When God wants something done, we hear from God. It may come as a surprise, but God may have us in mind to answer someone else's prayer.

Second Collection – Rice Bowl: Use your Rice Bowl envelope help make a difference in someone's life.
Be generous

Easter Flowers: It is the tradition in our parish to have Easter Lilies for our Easter celebration. Use the attached envelope to make your donation in memory of your loved ones. Drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail slot at the rectory.

Easter Eggs: We need 15 dozen eggs for the baskets to the homebound and the Easter Egg Hunt. Donations of individually wrapped candy for plastic eggs are also welcome. To make a donation, contact the Parish Office.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for an hour after Mass for adoration and personal prayer on Fridays of Lent and all-day on the First Friday of the month.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent, 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Food Drive: Leave your canned goods for the needy at the main entrance to Church.

Lenten Fish Fry: Next Friday's Menu - Fish, Hush Puppies, Red Potatoes, Beans, Dessert. \$8.00 per plate.

We thank Irene & Steve Nieto for their \$25 donation to the Fish Fry.

MEN'S A.C.T.S. RETREAT – MARCH 10-13

Registration forms are available at the entrance to church.
For more information contact Kevin Bartos or Mike Janecek