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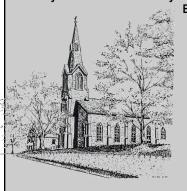
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needs of all. **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE** Saturday—5 PM Sunday-8 & 10:30 AM **SACRAMENT OF** RECONCILATION SATURDAY 4-4:30 PM

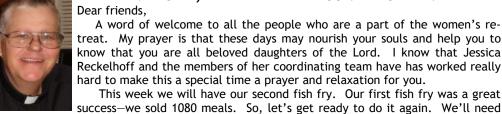
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### MARCH 3, 2024 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



help on Wednesday preparing all the vegetables. We'll start at 1 pm in the cafeteria. Thursday at 9 am we will make the potato salad, and then we'll make and package the slaw starting at 4 pm. Friday at 1 pm we will make the cornbread. We'll get things ready to fry fish at 3 pm and also getting everything set up in the meeting room so we will be ready to start packaging meals at 4 pm. We had a great turn out for our last fish fry...so let's do it again. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to come and enjoy the est fish dinner in the area!

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This Sunday we encounter an angry Jesus throwing out the money changers and merchants in the temple. When Jesus said, "Get these birds out of here," it's a clue to the source of Jesus' anger. The ordinary people had to sacrifice to be right with the priesthood and the



temple. They sacrificed oxen and sheep, but the very poor were allowed to offer doves. Mary and Joseph had to give doves when they brought the infant Jesus to the temple (Luke 2:22-24). Jesus knows that this religion is not taking care of the poor; in fact, it's stealing from the poor, and making them give even the little they have to feel they are right with God. Jesus is angry about this. But note that he's violent toward things, not toward people. He's liberating animals and trying to liberate the poor from their oppression.

Could anger be a good thing? Fr. Richard Rohr reflects that anger is good and very necessary to protect appropriate boundaries of self and others. In men's work, we call it the "good warrior" archetype. On the

other hand, anger becomes self-defeating and egocentric when it hangs around too long after we have received its message. But conscious, visible, felt anger is a gift to consciousness and to community. We need it to know who we are and what boundaries must be defended, along with the depth of hurt and alienation in ourselves and in others with which we are dealing.

Theologian Dr. Barbara Holmes says this about anger: Many spiritual traditions warn us against anger. We are told that anger provides fertile ground for seeds of discontent, anxiety, and potential harm to self and others. This is true. However, when systems of injustice inflict generational abuses upon people and communities because of their ethnicity, race, sexuality, and/or gender, anger as righteous indignation is appropriate, healthy, and necessary for survival.

Jesus expressed righteous indignation when he encountered the unjust systems of religious and Roman authorities, yet Christian theologies shy away from the integration of anger into their teachings. How can churches continue to ignore anger and still be relevant during this era when everyone is angry about everything?

A theology of anger assumes that anger as a response to injustice is spiritually healthy.... A theology of anger can help us to construct healthy boundaries ... [and] the healthy expression of righteous anger can translate communal despair into compassionate action and justice -seeking.... The question is whether or not we will recognize our wounds and the source of our anger so that we can heal ourselves and others.

If we take a theology of anger seriously, first we come together, then we grieve together, then we consider where we are and where we are going. If there is opportunity, we engage in deep considerations of cause and effect, and we listen for the whispers of the Holy Spirit.... Our health and wholeness require that we take off our masks of Christian piety and do the difficult work of acknowledging our anger, our vulnerability, and our pain. It is this contemplative work that moves us toward forgiveness, for when we recognize our own human frailty, we can more easily forgive the fragility and failings of others.

Leaning into the journey of life

Fr. Gene Schroeder

## OUR SECOND FISH FRY IS THIS COMING FRIDAY, MARCH 8

SERVING 5-7 PM DRIVE THRU ONLY \$14/DINNER



We can use your help ¶ at the following times. No need to

sign up beforehand, just come and help. WEDNESDAY 1 PM: Help preparing all the ingredients for the potato salad and slaw.

THURSDAY 9 AM Make the Potato Salad 3 PM Prepare and Package Slaw

FRIDAY 1 PM Make the Cornbread

3 PM Fry Fish

4 PM Package dinners

7 pm Cleanup

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO **ENJOY THE BEST FISH DINNER AROUND!** 



## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM: For the People of the Parish, John December (1878), Anthony Ehrbacher (1886), Irena Foerstel (1890), Anthony Zeggeling (1899), Valentine (1953) & Lena Schenk, Ruth (2003) & Philip Duncan

SUNDAY, MARCH 3 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM: Ivan & Lila Simon, Aloys &

Marie Elpers Family, Killian & Irene Baehl Family, Wilma & Joe Gumbel, Jorhdan Wood, Timothy Joseph Hagerty 1030 AM: Joseph & Florentina Spahn Schmitt Viola & Ollie Goebel, Darlene Hertel, Raymond, Alvin, Urban and Francis Schmitt Elisabeth Frohlinghausen (1865), George Sebastian (1865), Catherine Enlow (1953), Gerald Niemeier (1997)

MONDAY, MARCH 4 LENTEN WEEKDAY

**6:30 PM:** Diane, Warren & Lorene Dunkel, Joseph Gobel (1867), Christian Lunkenheimer (1938)

TUESDAY, MARCH 5 LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 AM: Berhardian Tepole (1876), Gertrude Klee (1899), Gertrude Elpers (1937), Barthol (1987) & Erma Rexing

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 LENTEN WEEKDAY

**7:30 AM:** Anna Rockemeyer (1881), Peter Denninger (1891), William (1971) & Mary Kissel, Olivia (1984) & Frank Voelker, Norman Moutoux (2014)

# THURSDAY, MARCH 7 LENTEN WEEKDAY

NO MASS: Anthony Linnemann (1859), Infant Meier (1863), Infant Baumgart (1863), Maria Goebel (1878), Anna Lunkenheimer (1879), Fredericus Lunkenheimer (1879), Thomas (1907) & Mary Effinger, Mag (2015) & Joe Eickhoff, Jenny Collins (2021)

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 8 LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 AM: Herbert (1975) & Mary Geuss, Victor (1987) & Carolyn Huck, LaVerne (1992) & Mary Fehrenbacher, Fr. Roman Heerdink (19th Pastor of St. Joe, 1955)

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 9 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

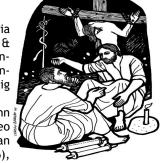
**5:00 PM:** For the People of the Parish, Margaret Fisher (1857), Adam Meister (1877), Nicolas Mossberger (1996), Robert Angermeier (2019)

# SUNDAY, MARCH 10 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM: Marcellus & Valeria Elpers Family, Marilyn, Henry & Pauline Deig, Steve, Patty, Bonnie, Kate, Marge & Max Bruggenschmidt, Mike Brothers, Craig Hummel,

1030 AM: June Weiss, John Straub, Paul D. Curtis, Cleo Spitzer (1865), Maria Sebastian (1865), Ludovicus Urich (1866),

Lee Ann Heidt (1968), Jonathan Koester (1993)





Please remember in your prayers *Marilyn Deig* the aunt of Matt Deig, who died recently. May God grant her eternal rest and may His peace be with her family.

#### STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

"You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that all is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.



February 25, 2024	\$ 8,740.00
February 29, 2024	\$ 2,408.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 14,650.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 521,070.00
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 512,750.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 25.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 25.00

Thanks to our young stewards: Avery Frankenberger and CJ Martin

May we continue to be blessed by your faithful financial support to our parish and to our outreach ministries. Remember that you can SEND YOUR COLLECTION THROUGH THE MAIL:

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Your monthly packet of collection envelopes now includes a "Rebuilding our Church Campaign" envelope which you can use to make your pledge contributions.

# PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOMES

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Eric McDonald, Natalie Schuble, Zach Turi MAR. 5: Jim Helmer, David Hertel, Michael Raben

MAR. 6: Madison Coomes, Melissa Dalrymple,

Katie Luigs, Mark Messal, Donna Niemeier, Hank Schuble, Brook Spaetti, Bryan Wolf

MAR. 7: Candy Butler

MAR. 8: Greg Elpers, Eric Jones

MAR. 9: Lee Barkley, Mike Clark,

Alvin McIntosh, Jr., Olivia Paul

MAR. 3: Greg & Susie Head MAR. 5: Clay & Denise Allison MAR. 6: Mark & Schelly Weidner HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**HAPPY** 

**EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS** Once again we are inviting you to remember your loved ones at Easter. Send your contribution along with the names of the people you want to remember to the parish office (through the collection or through the mail) by April 3rd. The names will be published in the Easter Bulletin.





#### *In this year of Eucharistic* Renewal, we continue reading Pope Francis's teaching letter (encyclical) entitled Laudato Si-Caring for Our Common Home



Together with Mary, in the holy family of Nazareth, the figure of Saint Joseph stands out. He cared for and defended Mary and Jesus with his work and his generous presence, and freed them from the violence of the unjust by taking them to Egypt. In the Gospel he appears as a just, hardworking, strong man. But a great tenderness also emerges from his figure, which is not proper to those who are weak but to those who are truly strong, attentive to reality in order to love and serve humbly. For this he was declared guardian of the universal Church. He too can teach us to care, he can motivate us to work with generosity and tenderness to protect this world that God has entrusted to us.

#### **BEYOND THE SUN**

In the end we will meet face to face with the infinite beauty of God and we will be able to read with joyful admiration the mystery of the universe, which will participate with us in the endless fullness. Yes, we are traveling towards the Sabbath of eternity, towards the new Jerusalem, towards the common home of heaven. Jesus tells us: "Behold, I make all things new". Eternal life will be a shared wonder, where each creature, luminously transformed, will occupy its place and have something to offer to the definitively liberated poor.

In the meantime, we unite to take charge of this house



that has been entrusted to us, knowing that what is good in it will be taken on in the feast of heaven. Together with all creatures, we walk on this earth looking for God, because if the world has a beginning and was created, it looks for who created it, looks for who started it, he

who is its Creator. Let's walk singing! May our struggles and our concern for this planet not rob us of the joy of

God, who calls us to generous dedication and to give everything, offers us the strength and light we need to go forward. The Lord of life who loves us so much remains always present in the heart of this world. He does not abandon us, he does not leave us alone, because he is definitively united with our land, and his love always leads us to find new paths. Praise be to him!

Almighty God, who are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures, pour the strength of your love into us so that we take care of life and beauty. Flood us with peace, so that we live as brothers and sisters without harming anyone. Help us to redeem the abandoned and forgotten of this land who are worth so much in your eyes. Heal us so that we protect the world and not plunder it, so that we sow beauty and not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who seek only advantages at the expense of the poor and of the earth. Teach us to discover the value of everything, to contemplate with amazement, to recognize that we are deeply united with all creatures on our way to your infinite light. Thank you because you are with us every day. Please support us in our struggle for justice, love and Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, on 24 May, in the year 2015, the third of my Pontificate. Franciscus

## Likurgica) L: (Lector)

**WEEKEND OF MARCH 2-3** 5 PM MASS: L: Toni Askins EM: Donald & Brandon Werner, Eric & Karen McDonald

EM: (Eucharistic Ministers) 8 AM MASS: L: Tom Blythe EM: Joan Inkenbrandt, Michael Elpers, Randy & Kathy Fehrenbacher

10:30 AM MASS: L: Julie Forcum EM: Rachel Schnaus, Becky Dosher, Steve Jung, Amy Cody **WEEKEND OF MARCH 9-10** 

5 PM MASS: L: Mike Reffett EM: Donald & Brandon Werner,

Mary Kay Fehrenbacher, Donna Niemeier

8 AM MASS: L: Dave Schmitt EM: Bryan & Ann Craney, Chick Duncan, Lisa Cook 10:30 AM MASS: L: Shane Wessel, EM: Al Debes, Kitty Deig, Doris Taylor, Cecilia Koch

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### HELP US GET OUR CEMETERY READY FOR THE LAWN MOWING SEASON

To help us get ready for our lawn mowing season, we ask that you remove any decorations around your cemetery tombstones that might get in the way of our lawn mowing crews. Remember that flowers and plaques must be attached securely to the tombstone or flower vases. Shepherd's crooks, statues, balloons, and the like are not permitted as they are a hazard to our mowing crews.

We believe it is important for all those who are placing flowers on the graves of their loved ones to periodically check them. We have found that some people will place artificial flowers on the grave and then never come and check on them. In the meantime. the flowers get faded and shredded and begin to disintegrate thus causing bits of flowers to be scattered all over the cemetery. Thanks for your help in keeping our cemetery a place of honor and

respect as well as a safe place for our lawn mowing crews.



We're still looking for people to join our lawn mowing crews, especially our big mower crews. Maybe you could be one of these peo-Call Randy Tenbarge (812-205-5139) to offer your help or for more information. You'll help our parish save money, and you'll help keep our grounds looking nice.

### COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This month we are invited to participate in the special collection for Catholic Relief Services. If you find yourself wondering what a person can do in the face of so much suffering in so many parts of the world, supporting this collection is a great way to help.

Catholic Relief Services is the way that the Catholic Church in the United States reaches out to those who are suffering in Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Sudan, Yemen and so many other places throughout the world where people are suffering. Learn more by visiting their website: ww.crs.org

There is an envelope in your monthly packet of envelopes which you can use to make a contribution. Or you may drop your offering in the collection or send it to us in the mail.



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