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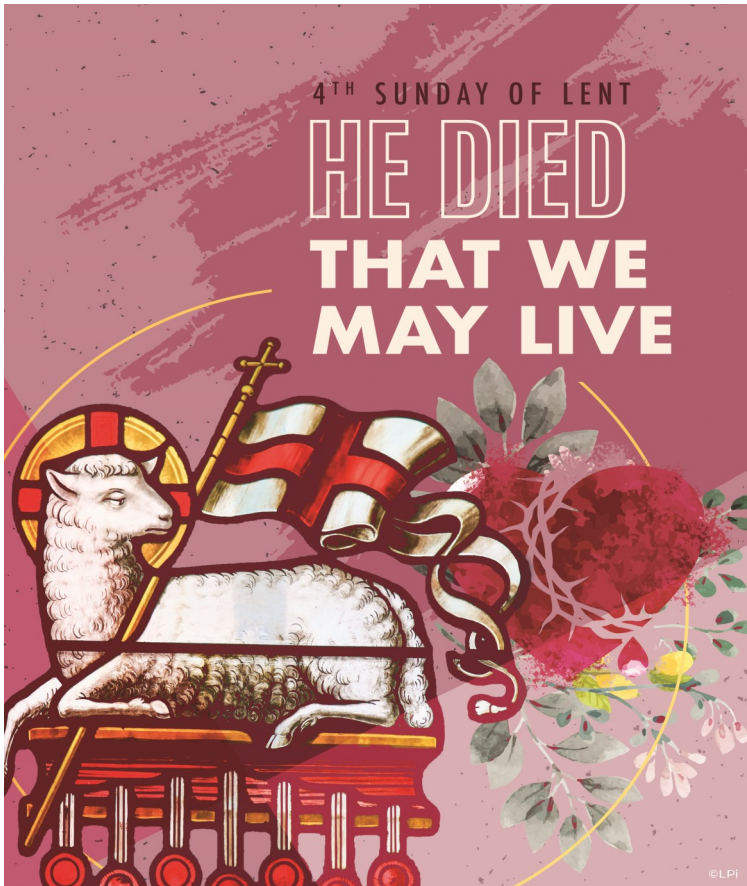
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Our Mission Is To Go and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ March 10, 2024



The Word of the Laird



Today's Gospel from John presents Nicodemus, a member of the Sanhedrin, coming to Jesus by night, probably fearful of being recognized as a follower of Jesus. The conversation that ensues between Jesus and Nicodemus engages figures such as light and darkness, life and death, flesh and spirit, earth and heaven. Also a theme that is reiterated several times throughout John's Gospel is that of looking upon Jesus "raised up." In today's selection, reference is made to the serpent in the desert raised up by Moses. In this Gospel, the reference is to Jesus raised up on the cross but also raised up in His resurrection. All of this touches us for deepening our faith and our relationship with Jesus through our life of prayer and participation in the sacraments.

Nicodemus will make another appearance in John's Gospel in Chapter 19 where he will assist Joseph of Arimathea, also a Sanhedrin member, in burying Jesus' body after the crucifixion. There Nicodemus provides an abundance of myrrh and aloes for anointing the body before burial.

I want to let all of you know that Bishop Matano has sent a letter to me and all of you expressing his appreciation for our having passed our quotas from the Catholic Ministry Appeal (CMA).

Thanks be to God.

Readings and Hymns

Readings 818

Hymns:

Entrance..... 280

Offertory..... 694

Recessional..... 721

Folk Mass

Entrance..... 333

Psalm..... 153

Offertory..... 529

Recessional..... 278



Saturday, March 9

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Don Ehmann (Bob & Margie Enright)

Sunday, March 10—4th Sunday of Lent

St. Mary's 8:30 am —For the People of this Faith Community

St. Matthew 10:30 am—Eleanor Agati (Dave & Mary Jo Dussault)

Monday, March 11

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Alex Recchio (Friends)

Tuesday, March 12

St. Mary's 9:00 am—Jim Fitzsimmons (Joan & Family)

Wednesday, March 13

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Lucy Agati (Family)

Thursday, March 14

St. Mary's 9:00 am—Steven Tricamo (Sharon Brown)

Saturday, March 16

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Mary Iten (Mary Alice Goering)

Sunday, March 17—5th Sunday of Lent

St. Mary's 8:30 am —Andrew & Audrey Ceglinski (Bob & Joan Madigan)

St. Matthew 10:30 am—Leslie Lewis Wambold (Family) and for the People of this Faith Community

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This Week in Our Faith Community

Monday, March 11

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

NOON: BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE FOR MARCH 17

Tuesday, March 12

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Mary's—9:30 am Euchre

St. Mary's—11:30 am Rosary Group

St. Mary's—6:30 pm Fund Raising Committee

Wednesday, March 13

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

St. Matthew—9:30 am—1:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

St. Matthew—12:30 pm—Hearts & Hands

St. Mary's—5:30 pm—Stations of the Cross

St. Mary's—Soup Supper immediately after Stations

Thursday, March 14

NOON: BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE FOR MARCH 24

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Mary's—10:00 am Eucharistic Revival Small Group

Friday, March 15

St. Mary's—10:00 am-Noon Clothing Closet Open

Saturday, March 16

St. Mary's—10:00 am-Noon Clothing Closet Open

St. Matthew—3:30 pm—4:00 pm Reconciliation

St. Matthew—4:30 pm Folk Mass

Sunday, March 17

St. Mary's—8:30 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Matthew—10:30 am Mass

Weekly Offertory

St. Mary's

*Collection—03/03/2024 **\$1,679.62**

*Includes Electronic Offering of \$199.62

St. Matthew

*Collection—03/03/2024 \$6,673.00

*Includes Electronic Offering of \$1,657.00

What our churches need per week to meet our budget:

St. Mary's	\$2,052
St. Matthew	\$5,600

Figures in red indicate weekly budget was not met

Attendance— 03/03/2024

St. Matthew—4:30 pm	114
St. Mary's—8:30 am	83
St. Matthew—10:30 am	168

In Memory of Loved Ones

Contact your Parish Office to remember a loved one. A donation of \$50/year is requested.

In Memory Of

Amanda Coble	Dan & Shirley Mulvaney
Elizabeth Klapak Coble	Linda Murphy
Pat Conlon	Jay Nowakowski
Jerry D'Hont	Richard O'Connor
Lucille DeClerck	Robert & Mary Oelwang
Jule DeClerck	Paul & Martha Pfuntrner
Joseph & Betty Eberwein	Joe Rausch
Joe Gianni	Patrick L Guenther
Leo Iten	Frank & Estelle Rodman
Paul Jones	Nan Ryan
Beverly Luther	John Scherberger
Ralph & Rocco Messura	Michelle Stefano
Betty West	Bernice Yerger
Leo & Mary Ann Morsch	Lois Cicero
Lenny & Marie Shumway	Debra Czudak
Al Stockslader	James Sheehan
Patrick Argentieri	Anita Stefano
Mark Gargano	James Ferris
Willis Johnson	Kathie Regelsberger
Bart Johnson	Joseph Carusotti
Ofc. Anthony P. Mazurkiewicz	Joan Shattuck

Deceased Members of the following:

Chuck and Cathy Schwalenstocker Family
 Helinski and Ellison Families
 Giuliani Family
 Jones Family
 Muscato Family
 Culotta & Hendrick Families
 Enright & Yatteau Families
 Kurtz, Martin & O'Neil Families
 Kucich & Juriaco Families
 Quinn, Donato & Lewis Families
 Gilbert & Somers Families
 Paul & Martha Pfuntrner
 Baier, Root and Shaw Families
 Mazurkiewicz and Rumfola Families
 Moeller & Fritzen Families

Praying for Those Who Are Ill

Florence Ahl, Diane Backus, William Beeley, Teresa Burritt, Gloria Cote, Catherine Couture, Kevin DeCillis, Hazel Delaney, Crystal DeMay, Joseph Dispenza, John Fisher, Mary Sarah Hanna, Mary Ann Hipp, Bob Horning, Elaine Housecamp, Dan Jones, Peggy Knight, Jean Long, Mark (Whitmore) Maltese, Shoshana Margolin, Rose Mazurkiewicz, Nina Monteleone, Katie Boldt Norton, Richard Nowakowski, Christina Palella, Dakota Pickett, Mia Rafanelli, Ann Marie Redman, Norm Schrader, Mary Sheehan, Bill Sidlauskas, Erin Siracusa, Kathleen Smith, Jim Stefano Sr., Margaret Stuver, Marlene Tears, Ed Wendelgass

Would You Help Us Out?

Please review the list. If you requested a name to be added and the person no longer needs to be on the list, let us know so we can take the name off to add others. **As a reminder**, we need the permission of an **immediate** family member or the person themself to place a name on the prayer list.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 10

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/ Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 *Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33



Catholic Charities is seeking a mission-centered, strategic and results-oriented individual to serve as Executive Director of our agency serving Steuben and Livingston counties. More details can be found here: <https://ccdor.org/join-our-team/>

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MARCH 16 & 17

4:30 pm—Altar Servers: Juliette & David West; **Communion Ministers:** S. Shaw, J. Ellison; **Lector:** Chuck Schwalenstocker; **Sacristans:** C&C Schwalenstocker

8:30 am—Altar Servers: B. Gleason, J. Parshall; **Communion Ministers:** L. Thomas, D. Whitmore; **Lector:** J. Beno; **Greeter/Ushers:** D&B Whitmore, C. Andres; **Sacristan:** L. Thomas; **Live Stream:** C. Andres; **Announcer:** B. Missell

10:30 am—Altar Servers: C. Coriddi; **Communion Ministers:** J. Kahn, J. Patel; **Lector:** D. Sykes; **Sacristan:** J. Kahn



FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD—BOTH CHURCHES AFTER SUNDAY MASS

Faith Formation

St. Mary's—3/10/2024—after 8:30 Mass

St. Matthew—3/10/2024—9:15 am

Crossroads

St. Matthew—3/10/2024—6:30 pm

First Communion Family Prep

St. Matthew—3/16/2024—10:00 am

A NOTE FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

Dear Church Family,

This weekend we celebrate the **4th Sunday of Lent**, and our readings contain much of the same message, but in varied ways.

For example, our first reading from Second Chronicles is an account of the sinfulness of the people of Judah which results in God (who through compassion for his people) sends messengers with dire warnings to basically shape up! And of course, the message wasn't heeded. Now, some 3000 years after this passage was written, we are still learning the importance of listening to God. Similarly, the next two readings reiterate this with messages of God's mercy and love.

The second reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians begins with these beautiful words, **"God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —"** By grace we have been saved! God's grace abounds in our lives if we just take the time to notice. We are gifted daily with God's assistance in all that we do, say, and feel. Still, it's up to us to acknowledge both the

grace and the love of God. As this week's responsorial psalm proclaims, **"Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!"** God is present in all that we do. God sits with us in good times and not so good times. God "graces" us with his mercy and love – which brings me to the gospel passage.

In today's reading we hear one of the most shared passages from the Bible – **"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."** We are gifted with eternal life through God – so that we may share that life (even more intimately than we do now) WITH GOD! That is what heaven is – spending eternity with God in glory. How amazing is that? How utterly incredible that our God loves us so deeply that he we are graced with "living in God's light" forever.

As people of God, there are times we need to be humble enough and strong enough to accept help. I spent many years of my life praying for everyone except myself. It wasn't until about 7 years ago that I was able to cry out to God to help me ease a terrible burden that I was carrying. Until then, I couldn't hand my burdens over to God, but once I did – I realized that it's okay to not just listen to God but to also ask for what is needed. Jesus is strong enough to carry our burdens – the heartaches, and fear, and pain. After all, he carried ALL of that and more as he carried his cross to Calvary.

I was out of work for 2 weeks because of some health issues, and I spent a lot of time with God. And you know what happened? People reached out and prayed for me and asked how they could help. I am grateful for every message and every prayer. I'm grateful to my youth group kids that took the time to remind me that I was valued and loved. That came from all of you, but it began with God's love – living in all of us we continue toward the light because **"whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."** Thank you for sharing your light with me.

Blessings & Love, **Jeanette**

Our Sacramental Life Together:

Sacrament of Baptism:

Call either parish office for arrangements.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:00 pm at St. Matthew or call either parish office for an appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Please notify either parish office six months in advance of desired date.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please notify either parish office if someone is sick at home, in a nursing facility or the hospital.

Holy Orders:

If you're interested in serving the People of God as a priest, please visit ROCpriest.org.



We keep all those currently serving in our Military, as well as those who have previously served, in our prayers always.

Wednesday, March 13, 5:30PM



Stations of the Cross
with Fr. Laird

immediately followed by an **extra special**
Lenten Soup Supper



**Get your Irish on,
we're 'Dublin' the fun!**

at 6:00PM
in St. Mary's Parish Center

Enjoy St. Paddy-inspired soups,
bread, treats, and a few raffle surprises!
(bring a little "green" 🍀 to test your luck)

Sign up sheets at the entrance of both churches.



**Hearts & Hands
Knitting Group**

Group meets every Wednesday,
12:30 pm at St. Matthew.



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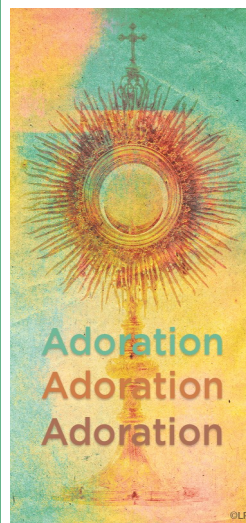
Notice for Volunteer Opportunities:
We need one more player on the
church soccer team. Ask yourself:
"Am I my brother's goalkeeper?"



**CATHOLIC RELIEF
SERVICES**

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need.

This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



During this season of Lent, prayerfully consider spending some time with Our Lord in front of the Most Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic Adoration . The amount of time you are able to spend is up to you! Even short moments of sitting in the silent presence of Our Lord is a precious treasure. For in this time of silence , "we can reflect on

God's love for us , silencing our hearts to hear Him speak." Eucharistic Adoration is held on Wednesdays from 9:30 am -1 pm at St. Matthew.



St. Mary's Coffee Hour

Please join us today for coffee,
tasty treats
and fellowship
immediately following Mass.



St. Mary's
Diane Hawes (Chair), John Lloyd
Ann Bauer, Olga Leonard, Pat McRae

Trustees: Mike Dobbertin & Nancy Andres

St. Matthew
John Quinliven, Judy Couture
Christie Whitman, Pat Williams

Trustees: Lynn Maginn & Julie West