

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LIGHT

*The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

-Psalm 23

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ – the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

ALL PUBLIC SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MASSES ARE SUSPENDED, EFFECTIVE MARCH 18TH, **UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**. THIS INCLUDES NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS and CCD CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

TV Sunday Mass is at 10:30 am on Channel 55. REDEEMER RADIO IS BROADCASTING DAILY MASS AT 8 AM EACH DAY (EWTN MASS) ON FM 106.3.

EWTN TV Mass Schedule - daily at 8:00 am and Noon.

Visit www.youtube.com or facebook.com and search for @diocesefwsb to watch a **live stream of Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. All Masses recorded on Sundays at 10 a.m. will be available anytime thereafter for viewing.**

Pray a Spiritual Communion *“an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.”* (especially on Sundays)
“My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

March 22, 2020

Penance services are prohibited and confession times should not be scheduled. Fr. Tad will hear confessions of people who ask to receive the sacrament.

Church will be open for public prayer and adoration of the Lord in the tabernacle during the day.

REMINDER FOR THOSE IN NEED WE HAVE THE FOOD BANK AT ST PAT'S. CALL THE OFFICE TO SET UP A TIME TO COME IN.

DRIVE THRU FISH FRY IS CANCELLED on Friday, March 27.

Weddings and Funerals at this time may be celebrated within or outside Mass, but are not open to the general public.

RCIA: *Those preparing to receive the sacraments and enter the Church this Easter or in the following weeks will still be permitted to complete that process at an appropriate time once the pandemic has eased. The bishop has dispensed the elect from the preparatory rites for initiation.*

Lenten Regulations

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal on these days from all those between ages of 18 and 58 years.

Days of Abstinence: All Fridays of Lent. All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat on Fridays.

Pro-life: **Take my hand...not my Life.**

Full-Time English Teacher and Full-Time Theology Teacher needed at Bishop Dwenger High School. Contact Amy Johns at ajohns@bishopdwenger.com or 260-496-4710, if interested. Applicants must also complete the diocesan teacher application materials and required interview. Applications can be found at <http://www.diocesefwsb.org>.

An Irish Blessing

***May the Power of God uphold you,
His wisdom guide you,
His hand guard you,
His path lie before you, and
His shield protect you
As you journey today and
throughout your life.***

May the Lord bless all of you and your families.