

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Masses for the Week

Sunday, March 15

7:30 A.M. Rosemarie Mannes

10:00 A.M. Special intention: Davis/Sablic family

Monday, March 16

8:00 A.M. Special intention: Maureen

Tuesday, March 17

NO MASS

Wednesday, March 18

7:00 P.M. Special intention: Renae Haddad

Thursday, March 19

8:00 A.M. Special intention: Dee Cler

Friday, March 20 **Stations of the Cross & Mass**

6:00 P.M. Mary Swenda

Saturday, March 21

5:00 P.M. For the Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Sunday, March 22 *In thanksgiving*

7:30 A.M. Carl and Lisa Van Allen

10:00 A.M. Julia Haines

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES *March 21 & 22*

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Savannah Strack

7:30 a.m. Cindy Trahin

10:00 a.m. Tom McGovern

NOON NO MASS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 p.m. Nancy Fecher, Barb Harber, Sue Swangin

7:30 a.m. Diane Romary, B Tippmann, Ken Schaefer

10:00 a.m. Tom and Debbie Frazier, Sue Ann Harber

NOON NO MASS

GIFTS

5:00 p.m. Jason Johnson family

7:30 a.m. Dave Burelison family

10:00 a.m. Matt Frost family

NOON NO MASS

USHERS

5:00 p.m. Chris Keefer, Jim Parmelee

7:30 a.m. Stanley Arnold, Jeff Hinen

10:00 a.m. Matt Frost, John Pirrung

NOON NO MASS

SERVERS

5:00 p.m. Chris Keefer, Jim Bottone

7:30 a.m. Colin Denihan, Andy Hinen

10:00 a.m. John Pirrung, Jim Skora

CHURCH CLEANING

March 21 Abby Johnson, Nicole Germann

THIRST

*If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.*

-Psalm 95

Each time today's Gospel story is read, I can't help but think of the many television commercials I've seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts.

Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days 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.

Easter Duty Obligation: After they have received their First Holy Communion. Catholics are bound by the Obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter season. Catholics are bound to confess serious sins at least once a year.

March 15, 2020

Please be aware that Bishop Rhoades and the USCCB are carefully monitoring the spread and severity of the Coronavirus. For the time being, the same approach will be followed as for flu season; to omit the sign of peace and to suspend distribution of Holy Communion from the chalice at Mass. If anyone who is impaired by fever or other flu-like symptoms has no obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Stations of the Cross followed by **Mass** will be celebrated every **Friday evening at 6pm** during Lent. Followed by a **Soup Supper** after Mass in the parish hall. There will be **NO morning Mass on Fridays** during Lent.

WEEK DAY MASS SCHEDULE beginning in **March**. Daily morning mass will remain at **8:00 am** and Wednesday evening Mass to **7:00 pm** until further notice.

Stations of the Cross on Sunday, March 22 at 8:45 am in church lead by our 5th grade students. All are welcome.

Parish Lenten Reconciliation will be on **Wednesday, March 25** after **7pm** Mass.

Operation Rice Bowl! Rice Bowls are available at the church entrances for your use at home during Lent. Your support helps families around the world.

Pro-life: The greatest destroyer of peace is abortion.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Alice Ferguson whose funeral mass was on March 5, 2020 at St. Patrick's. Pray for the repose of her soul.

Music Ministry! Choir practice for Lent and Easter will be from **6:00-7:30 pm** on Sundays in the choir loft. All are welcome! We are looking for a musician to play piano and/or organ for our 7:30 am Masses. Please contact Sherri Gordan at 260-385-4970 or sk3508@yahoo.com if you are interested.

Holy Hour for Women on March 19th. Spend some quiet time with Jesus during adoration from **7:30-8:30 pm**. Come at any point during that time if you can't stay the entire hour. Fr. Tad will be available for confessions during the hour. Soak in God's peace and mercy this Lenten season! "The Holy Hour becomes like an oxygen tank to revive the breath of the Holy Spirit." – Ven Fulton Sheen

Knights of Columbus Meeting will be on **Thursday, March 19th at 7pm** in the old school hall.

St. Patrick's Day Party

Saturday, March 21

After 5pm Mass

Come join the fun!

Drive-thru ONLY FISH FRY on Friday, March 27 from 4:30-7:00 pm at St. Patrick's. Come and enjoy another St. Pat's Fish Fry. Full Meal Dinner \$10, All Fish \$12.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection will be taken at all the masses next weekend. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad.

Redeemer Radio Spring Sharathon – Mark your calendar for **March 20th at 12 o'clock Noon** as Fr. Tad and fellow parishioners will be on the air to help raise funds to keep Redeemer Radio at 106.3 FM on your radio and online. Please pray, pledge and listen in support of Redeemer Radio's mission to make Christ known throughout our community. You can pledge your support by going to RedeemerRadio.com/donate, text "St. Pat" to **260-436-9598**, or just call. Thank you for sharing our faith through the airwaves.

Congratulations to Cameron Joseph Tracy who was baptized on March 7, 2020 at St. Patrick's. God bless you and your family.

Mass for the Sick on Saturday, March 21 at 1pm at St. Felix Friary in Huntington.

TV RAFFLE: Knights of Columbus TV Raffle tickets are now on sale, LG 60" HDR Smart HDTV, \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Tickets may be purchased from the church office or from any Knight. All proceeds will go to Miss Virginia's Food Pantry. Drawing will be **March 21** at our St. Patrick's Day Party. We all thank our major sponsor **Kaleidoscope Floors**, 1610 Cook Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Oratory Contest on Saturday, March 28 at 9am for all high school students. Contestants are to research, write, and present an original pro-life speech on abortion, infanticide, stem cell research, or euthanasia. (5-7 minutes long) Applicants should submit an application by **March 23** and send a copy of the student's speech no later than **March 25** to abigail@ichooselife.org Visit www.ichooselife.org/contest.

EASTER FLOWERS MEMORIALS: Envelopes for donations for Easter flowers are at the church entrances. Thank you.

Nursing Professional Position opening at Saint Anne's Home and Retirement Community in Fort Wayne.