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From the Pastor's Desk

Diocesan Instructions: An Update for Conducting Liturgies in the Diocese has been made and issued on January 14, 2021, and contains a lot which will be broken down in due course. In addition, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been extended for all Catholics in the Diocese until further notice. Please we are still required to observe the State, Local County and

Local government instructions and directives.

Jan 24, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Pope Francis has established the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time as *Sunday of the Word of God* drawing attention and highlighting the normative value and proclamation of God's Word.

The Optional Memorial of St Maria Katharina Kaspar, the foundress of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ who did lots of ministry in the history of the Diocese and can be kept February 1 in the Diocese was approved by the Holy See in 2020.

Lent: The season of Lent of this year begins from Wednesday, February 17, 2021, until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Ash Wednesday, as always, is a day of fast and abstinence.

The Light is on for you: Every Parish Church in the Diocese will offer the Sacrament of Penance ie Reconciliation on March 9, 2021, from 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Please, avail yourself of the opportunity while at the same time observing the proper precautions during this pandemic.

Fr Lawrence

Masses: Saturday at 4:00, Sunday at 9:00
Tuesday – Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holydays: check bulletin

Confessions: Saturday 3:00 – 3:30

Anytime by request

Communion to Hospitalized, Homebound, Nursing
Homes: please keep Father Lawrence informed.

Anointing of the Sick is available any time, let Father Lawrence know when needed.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated as needed.

One parent must be a practicing Catholic. One godparent must be a Catholic at least 15 years of age.

Contact Father Lawrence for more info and to schedule.

Marriage: Anyone contemplating marriage in the Catholic Church must be a practicing Catholic.

Father must be contacted six months prior to the wedding. Prenuptial requirements must be completed prior to wedding. Contact Father Lawrence.

Last Week's Collection:

Loose: \$176

Envelopes: \$1,333

Building Fund to Date: \$54,924.65

Readings for 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Times:

Reading 1 Jon 3:1-5, 10

Psalm Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Reading 2 1 Cor 7:29-31

Gospel Mk 1:15

Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:

Saturday, January 23, 4:00 *Our Parish Family*

Sunday, January 24, 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Times

9:00 + *Jeremy Krift 1st Anniversary*

Following Mass Religious Education

Monday, January 25, *Acts 22:3-16 Mk 16:15-18* No Public Mass

Tuesday, January 26, 8:00 *2 Tm 1:1-8 Mk 3:31-35 + Susan Turman*

Wednesday, January 27, 8:00 *Heb 10:11-18 Mk 4:1-20*

The living & deceased of the William Landrigan Family

Thursday, January 28, 8:00 *Heb 10:19-25 Mk 4:21-25 + Fr Chuck Herman*

Friday, January 29, 8:00 *Heb 10:32-39 Mk 4:26-34 + Fr Chuck Herman*

Saturday, January 30, 4:00 *Our Parish Family*

Sunday, January 31, 4th Sunday of Ordinary Times

9:00 + *Norbert Wrobel 1st Anniversary*

Following Mass Religious Education

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, January 30, at 4:00pm
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sharon DeLong & Rick Zydek
Lector: Anne Hill
Server: N/A

Sunday, January 31, at 9:00am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Fred DeLaCruz & Sue DeLaCruz
Lector: Pat Landrigan
Server: N/A

Upcoming Events:
TBD

Help Needed:

The Advent Giving Tree Project needs your assistance. We are in need of old Christmas cards. The project uses them to make gift tags for the recipient families. So please save your Christmas cards and deposit them in the basket in the back of church on the book shelf.

Roe v. Wade Memorial Service:

North Central Indiana Right to Life will host a 30min program on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 12pm on the steps of the Kosciusko County Courthouse. Speaker will be Pastor Ronnie Patrick accompanied by prayers offered by Pastor Ken Locke, Father Jonathan Norton, and Pastor Jeff Pfeifer. A prayer walk on the sidewalk around the Courthouse will follow.

The Marriage Course:

Strengthen your marriage from the comfort of your own home with The Marriage Course Online! Based on a beautiful, brand-new film series featuring "regular" couples and relationship experts from around the world, this free 8-week program will take place online over Zoom on Thursday evenings from 8:00 to 10:00 PM from Feb. 4th through March 25th. There is no group discussion, but rather, time built right into each session for you and your spouse to discuss the topic in the privacy of your own home using prompts from The Marriage Course Journal. Here are the topics covered: Strengthening Connection, The Art of Communication, Resolving Conflict, The Power of Forgiveness, The Impact of Family, Good Sex, and Love in Action. The program is hosted by Deacon Fred and Lisa Everett and will conclude with a Q & A panel discussion with other Catholic couples.

For more information or to register, please go to www.diocesefwsvb.org/marriage-course.