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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

From the Pastor's Desk

Holy Week and Easter are fast approaching: Because of the ongoing pandemic, there will still be some modifications to what we have been doing over the years.

Palm Sunday: Pick up your blessed palms at the back pews and take them back to your homes after mass as the sacramentals they are.

Chrisn Masses: The Bishop will bless the Holy Oils (of the Catechumen, the Sick, Chrisn) at Chrisn Mass at South Bend and Fort Wayne Cathedrals on March 29 and 30 respectively at 7.30 p.m. Because of the pandemic, they will not be open to the public but can be followed through live-streaming.

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Last Supper will be at 5.00 p.m. We shall forego the Parish dinner this year before Mass. There will be washing of feet. We will need 12 individuals to participate in washing of feet. Please contact the parish office to volunteer. There will be solemn adoration after Mass till 9.00 p.m. Please consider spending at least one hour in adoration.

Good Friday ceremonies: Stations of the Cross will begin at 12.00 noon and will be followed immediately by the Liturgy of the Passion of Christ and adoration of the Cross. Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. There will be no Stations of the Cross on Wednesday before it.

Holy Saturday : Easter Vigil Mass begins at 9.00 p.m. on April 3.

Easter Sunday: Mass at 9.00 a.m. Because of accommodation limitations, the mass can also be followed from the Church Hall (through live-streaming) and Holy Communion will be brought over there for people.

Extra Parish Directories: We have some extra Parish Directories. If your family did not get any yet, you may get one from the Parish Office (from the Pastor's or Secretary's Office) just for a \$5 donation. It helps you to know and put names of fellow parishioners' faces.

Thanks to the Parish Council: I thank the Parish Council that met on Monday, March 8. It was fully attended and there was evidence of dedication and love for the parish by all participants. Everyone had great ideas and suggestions on growing the parish.
Fr Lawrence

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: \$119

Envelopes: \$805

Building Fund to Date: \$54,994.65

Community Outreach:

Please note the local food pantry continues to take your donations of non-perishable items that can be placed in the bin below the bulletin board in back of church.

Additionally, there is a second basket in the entry way of the church. This "second collection" is to help offset the costs of the bimonthly Community dinner put on by 3 of the local churches in our community. They have seen the needs they serve explode recently and could use some additional help to continue to serve the needs of our community. If you would like to volunteer or know someone who would benefit the next dinner is Thursday, March 18th, from 5-7pm. It is currently drive thru only due to Covid restrictions.

Rekindle the Fire Men's Conference:

Sadly, the 2021 Rekindle the Fire Conference has been cancelled. Please don't fret the men of Rekindle will be premiering a FREE, 30 minute video every 3rd Sunday of the month. We will introduce a video every month leading up to the 2022 conference in Ft. Wayne. Please join us on [rekindlethefiremen](https://www.facebook.com/rekindlethefiremen) or the RTF Facebook Page. Our first video will be at 7pm on February 21st, with a personalized talk from Tim Staples of Catholic Answers and a reflection from St. Monica's, Fr. Jacob Meyers. If you have any questions please email us at rekindlethefiremen@gmail.com or message us through Facebook.

Readings for 4th Sunday of Lent:

Reading 1 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Reading 2 Eph 5:8-14
Gospel Jn 9:1-41

Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:

Saturday, March 13, +Fr. *Chuck Herman*
Sunday, March 14, 4th Sunday of Lent

9:00 *Our Parish Family*

Following Mass Religious Education

Following Mass Reconciliation for RE(open to parish)

Monday, March 15, **Is 65:17-21** Jn 4:43-54 No Public Mass

Tuesday, March 16, 8:00 **Ez 47:1-9, 12** Jn 5:1-16 +Fr. *Chuck Herman*

Wednesday, March 17, 8:00 **Is 49:8-15** Jn 5:17-30 *Intention of Celebrant*

6:00 Soup

7:00 Station of the Cross

Thursday, March 18, 8:00 **Ex 32:7-14** Jn 5:31-47 *Our Parish Family*

Friday, March 19, Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

8:00 +Fr. *Chuck Herman*

Saturday, March 20, *Our Parish Family*

Sunday, March 21, 5th Sunday of Lent

9:00 *Intention of Celebrant*

Following Mass Religious Education

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, March 20, at 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Anne Hill & Sandy Miner

Lector: Angie Burkhart

Server: N/A

Sunday, March 21, at 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Wendy Bridegam & Tracy Gaunt

Lector: Eric Weeks

Server: N/A

Upcoming Events:

March 17 Soup and Stations of the Cross 6pm

March 18 Free Community Dinner 5-7pm

April TBD Donuts and Coffee Following Mass

April 12 Parish Council Meeting 7pm