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MASS SCHEDULE

TUE: 6:00 PM at St. Maurice
WED: 8:00 AM at St. John
THUR: 6:00 PM at IC
FRI: 8:00 AM at St. John
SAT: 8:00 AM at St. John
(Holy Hour One Hour Prior
to All Masses Listed Above.)

SATURDAY VIGIL
4:00 PM at St. Maurice
5:00 PM at St. John

SUNDAY OBLIGATION
7:30 AM at St. John
9:00 AM at IC
10:00 AM at St. Maurice

ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY

9:00 AM-12:00 PM at St. Maurice
12:00 PM-3:00 PM at IC
3:00 PM-6:00 PM at St. John

ROSARY

Mondays 10:30 AM
at Immaculate Conception

CONFESSION TIMES

ST. JOHN: Friday 3:00-4:00 PM
Saturday 4:45 PM

IC: Thursday 5:10 PM-5:25 PM
After Sunday Mass

ST. MAURICE: 15 minutes before
weekend Masses

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY - MARCH 28

Immaculate Conception - 6:00 PM
St. Maurice - 6:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29

St. Maurice - 9:00 AM (Stations of the Cross)
St. John the Baptist - 3:00 PM
St. Maurice - 3:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 30

St. Maurice - 6:00 PM
St. John the Baptist - 7:00 PM

EASTER - MARCH 31

St. Maurice - 10:00 AM
Immaculate Conception - 8:30 AM
St. John the Baptist - 10:30 AM

+ **Baptism** is scheduled by appointment. Call your parish office for information about sacramental preparation.

+ The Sacrament of **Marriage** requires at least six months of preparation. Call your parish office before setting your wedding date.

+ The Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request. Please call your parish office to schedule a visit.



February 25, 2024 – Second Sunday of Lent
*That we may answer, “Here I am, Lord,” whenever, wherever and
 however God calls us to serve Him.*

Future Gazing

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Some spiritual writers and psychologists tell us how important it is to live in the present. Still, many of our decisions are made with an eye toward the future. Life commitments are always future oriented. Each newborn child carries promises for the future. Because we are part of the emerging universe, we are always called into the future. Today's readings also carry implications for the future.

Isaac was not only Abraham's beloved son; he was Abraham's legacy and future dynasty. Isaac's death would have put an end to Abraham's memory in the future. Consequently, this was more than a test of obedience. Abraham was presented with a choice: Choose Isaac and all that the future might bring to your family and memory through him. Or trust that the promise God made—that your descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky—would be fulfilled even if Isaac dies. God asked Abraham to place his future in God's hands. Some scholars believe that the real meaning of Jesus' transfiguration lies in its effects on the disciples who witnessed it. In this experience they came to see Jesus in a significantly new way. They saw that he had somehow associated with Moses, an agent of the law, and Elijah, a great prophet. In other words, Jesus was somehow associated with the very core of Jewish religion. The disciples did not understand how, nor did they grasp what “rising from the dead meant.” Still, they placed their future in his hands. †

A Word from Pope Francis



We are called to experience the encounter with Christ so that, enlightened by his light, we might take it and make it shine everywhere. Igniting little lights in people's hearts; being little lamps of the Gospel that bear a bit of love and hope: this is the mission of a Christian.

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Reflection Questions:

- Do you believe that God has a plan for you?
- Do we trust God's plan more than our own?

PRAYER

*So that we may be witness to
 the light of God's love and the
 sacredness of this life, we*

pray—Lord, let us be like you.

AMEN

The Redemptorists



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

“Here I am!” he answered.”- Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, or when

we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often, we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Second Sunday of Lent Bulletin Reflection: *In today's First Reading, we hear about Abraham's obedience to God. Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Service: We, too, are called to be at service to God- we can practice that by being at service to our neighbor. Is there anyone around you (family, friends, neighbors) who can use your assistance in something? Perhaps you can offer to take an elderly friend to Mass or to the grocery store (or even do their shopping for them). Perhaps you can just be an ear for someone who needs to talk.*

For those who are lonely. We pray to the Lord..

Collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

You may wonder how is this collection different from those that provide funds for disaster relief, food, shelter and safe drinking water? Despite the physical needs of people in Africa, the Church has nearly tripled in size in the last 30 years. That growth means more pastoral leaders are needed to meet the social, spiritual and psychological care of individuals and families.

Please be as generous as possible on March 3 to carry out this mission.



March 3, 2024 – Third Sunday of Lent
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The Long Arm of the Law

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Eventually, you're going to get caught. That is how most people understand law—as something that hems them in and, if disregarded, will catch them in the end. But that is not how Israel understood its law. Today's verses from Psalm 19 insist that the law refreshes the soul, rejoices the heart, enlightens the eye, is more precious than gold, and is sweeter than honey. The people cherished the law because it outlined for them how they were to live as God's Chosen People. Those who want to run a marathon, learn to fly a plane, or join a club, are eager to take on the directives that will enable them to accomplish their goal. That is how Israel viewed the law outlined in today's first reading. It's as if God said, "If you want to be my people, this is the way you should live."

Whenever the law of Israel seems to be criticized (as is often the case in St. Paul's writings), it is not really the law itself but the inappropriate attitude toward it that is censured. As important and precious as the law might be, it is only a means to an end. It is not the end itself, any more than the instructions for flying a plane are. From the Bible's point of view, the long arm of the law is meant to direct and support us, not intimidate us. †

A Word from Pope Francis



Does the Lord feel at home in my life? Do we allow Him to "cleanse" our hearts and to drive out the idols, those attitudes of cupidity, jealousy, worldliness, envy, hatred, those habits of gossiping and tearing down others? Do I allow Him to cleanse all the behaviors that are against God, against our neighbor, and against ourselves...?

ANGELUS, ROME, M

Reflection Questions:

- Of the Ten Commandments, which are the most difficult for you?
- Which Commandments help you live with integrity?

Lenten Reflection:

Sister Mary Ann Barnhorn, SNDdeN

God loves each of us unconditionally. He yearns for us to come to Him — to give Him our heart. Take a look inside your own heart.

Find out what you treasure in your heart, what you love. Then look to God's word and Jesus' life to find what Jesus loves and treasures. Make this Lent special, let it move you closer to Jesus' heart and ways.

On Ash Wednesday, the cross on our forehead reminded us that we are entering a time of prayer and penance. We are broken and need repair. We need to turn from our self-centeredness and turn toward the God who loves us.

Whatever your usual prayer practices are, find ways to enhance those experiences. Perhaps you can go to daily Mass or at least read the Gospel of the day each morning. This can help keep you grounded in who Jesus is and what He does.

You can sign up to have the daily gospel sent to your email or you can read it online at www.usccb.org. Be attentive to God's Word. Listen to Him.



So that we may live lives of integrity, free to be generous, compassionate, and loving, we pray— Lord, let us be like you.

The Redemptorists



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times, they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

Parish Support

February 11 Weekly	2,239.00
February 18 Weekly	1,771.00
Central & Eastern Europe	340.00
Votive Candles	393.00

MASS Intentions

Mass Intentions Available. Please stop in the parish office, mail, call or drop in the collection basket to have a Mass said for your loved ones. Mass stipends are \$10

Sat	Feb 24	8:00 AM	Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Feb 24	5:00 PM	Emily Mathes
Sun	Feb 25	7:30 AM	Randy Simon
Wed	Feb 28	8:00 AM	Helen Amburger
Fri	Mar 01	8:00 AM	Margaret Effinger
Sat	Mar 02	8:00 AM	Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Mar 02	5:00 PM	Becky Ogle
Sun	Mar 03	7:30 AM	For the Parish
Wed	Mar 06	8:00 AM	Special Intention
Fri	Mar 08	8:00 AM	Special Intention
Sat	Mar 09	8:00 AM	Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Mar 09	5:00 PM	Nathan Burch
Sun	Mar 10	7:30 AM	Todd Holzer

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Rosemary & Idona Newhart	1st Week
Ted Wissel & Mary Jane Hunter	2nd Week
Sue Gridley & Margaret Jarvis	3rd Week
Mary Ann W & Susan Banta	4th Week

Thank you all for your time and hard work!

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

✠ STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS OF LENT

St. John and St. Maurice: 6:00 PM

Immaculate Conception: 7:00 PM

✠ CONFESSION

ST. MAURICE: Before/After Masses on 3/9 & 3/10, 3/16 & 3/17, 3/23 & 3/24

IC: Penance Service March 13, 6-8PM



Roy F Miller - We would like to express our sincere sympathy to the family of Roy Miller who passed away on February 20th. Grant to him eternal rest and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	March 2	March 3
Coordinator	Sharon Voegeli	Mary Ann W
Greeter	Bob Voegeli	Ron Miller
Lector	Jill Jansing	Jessica Gorman
Eucharist	Jill Jansing	Jessica Gorman
Wine	Susan B/Doug W	Bill M/John K
	March 9	March 10
Coordinator	Ron Miller	Ted Wissel
Greeter	Jill Jansing	Steve Mathes
Lector	Jill Jansing	Gary Payne
Eucharist	Stephanie Green	Jessica Gorman
Wine	Ron E/Kris T	Melissa & Bob Grable

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Any food and household cleaning items.



Love is Blind

- ♥ I told my wife she should always "embrace her mistakes". She promptly gave me a hug.
- ♥ A 4 yr old boy said: "Dad, I've decided to get married!" "Wonderful, Do you have a girl in mind?" "Yes! Grandma", the boy exclaimed! "Grandma said she loves me and I love her. She's the best cook and best sotryteller in the whole world!" "That's nice," said the dad, "but we have a small problem here. She happens to be my mother! How can you marry my mother?" "Why not?" asked the boy. "You married mine!"

Together in Holiness Mariage Conference

Married and engaged couples ae invited to the second annual marriage conference on April 27 from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at St Jude Catholic Church in Indianapolis IN.

For more information visit togetherinholiness.org org

Please Remember in Prayer:

Mary K Chambers	Elliott Elkins	Peggy Fear	Paul Graf	Amy Graham	Sam Conroy
Todd Holzer	Keith Jarvis	Larry Kendall	Mark Meister	Teresita Noah	Tom Noah
Eileen Ogden	Pavi Pathak Fam.	Louise Rohrig	Dolores Simon	Darin Toops	Peggy Wagner
Active Service Deployment					
🇺🇸 Ben Zigan & Aaron Greiwe					