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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

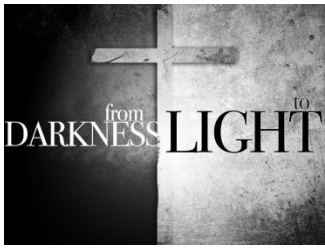
EASTER - MARCH 31

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.



March 10, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Lent
We either choose Jesus and the extraordinary way of life that he has outlined for us, or we go along with the movements of society.

You Decide

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

We normally take great pride in making our own decisions. When we did this as children, it was a sign we were growing up; as adolescents, it was a proclamation of independence. Now as adults, when making decisions, we demonstrate we are self-directed. The problem doesn't seem to lie in decision-making itself, but in the options given to us. And there is the rub. Often these options are not of our choosing. This can cause decision-making to be very difficult.

Today's Gospel is all about making decisions. Options are placed before us. We either choose Jesus and the extraordinary way of life he has outlined for us, or we go along with the movements of society. This could include making money at any cost, denying hospitality to those who knock on our door, or harboring an attitude of superiority over others. We either choose to live in the light with the insights our faith provides, or we simply accept the values that bombard us each day through the media, namely: Me first. What's mine is mine. What's in it for me? Not in my back yard.

If we look carefully, we will realize the way of life Jesus promotes is based on the dignity of each person, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Actions that dismiss, demean, damage, or destroy human life are contrary to the teaching, life, and example of Jesus. Accepting his way brings forth a new society called "the reign of God." Rejecting it will likely keep society as is. Which will it be? **You decide.** †

A Word from Pope Francis



The coming of Jesus into the world leads to a choice: whoever chooses darkness will face a judgment of condemnation; whoever chooses light will have a judgment of salvation.... This is what we are called to do with greater dedication during Lent: to welcome the light into our conscience, to open our hearts to God's infinite love....

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 14, 2021

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest.

How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts.

That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

Reflection Questions:

- Have you ever compromised your religious values in order to get by in life?
- Might God be asking you to choose something new?

PRAYER

So that in all that we say and do, we may choose to witness to God's love for all life, we pray— Lord, let us be like you. AMEN

The Redeptorists



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." – John 3:16

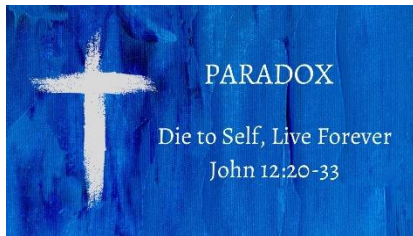
Collection to support the Catholic Relief Services

March 17, 2024

Your support for this collection provides emergency assistance to victims of war and natural disasters; assists migrants and refugees who need housing and specialized legal assistance; and supports travelers and others whose livelihoods require special pastoral support to access sacraments.

Because of your generosity drought-stricken Kenya receives funds for food and water programs; parish volunteers are being trained to help refugees from Ukraine and Venezuela adjust to life in the United States. Your support for this collection makes a difference for so many around the globe.

This Lent the Archbishop urges you to "Reveal Christ's Love" by giving as generously as you can to the Catholic Relief Services Collection.



March 17, 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Lent
Our faith assures us that there is no comparison between this life and the wondrous transformation that awaits us.

Do I Have to Die?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Who has not asked this question, at least to oneself? It's a valid question, because at the core of every living person is the desire to live. Jesus also must have asked this question. Today's Gospel account implies this in John 12:27, "I am troubled now." Despite his passion for living, Jesus was more passionate about the transformation that would take place later.

The example of the grain that must die if a harvest of wheat is to be produced is a perfect metaphor to make this point. Just as the grain is insignificant compared with the possible harvest, so—our faith assures us—there is no comparison between this life and the wondrous transformation that awaits us. And yes, in order to move from this life to that splendid future, we will have to die, just like the grain.

Our Lenten meditations will focus on the suffering and death of Jesus. However, to concentrate solely on suffering and death is like examining the death of the grain without any thought of its transformation and the bountiful harvest that will come. We must not minimize Jesus' suffering. However, it was precisely by means of his having been lifted up on the cross in suffering and death that he was lifted up in glory and exaltation. This is why we claim that death is not the end of life, but the gateway to new life. So as difficult as it might be to leave the life we love, like Jesus, we must die in order to enter new life. †

A Word from Pope Francis



Many people...would like to "see Jesus," to meet him, to know him.... We too must respond with the witness of a life that is given in service, a life that takes upon itself the style of God—closeness, compassion and tenderness.... It means sowing seeds of love, not with fleeting words but through concrete, simple and courageous examples....

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 21, 2021

Reflection Questions:

- Can you give God your little problems to prepare to do likewise with bigger matters?
- What can you do to avoid regret when this life ends?

Lenten Meditation:

Fr Joseph Mary Wolfe, MFVA

Sr Genevieve of the Holy Face, the older sister of St Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, painted an image of the Holy Face of Jesus based on photographs taken of the Shroud of Turin. A remarkably clear image of the Shroud had recently been discovered by photographer Secondo Pia.

The Carmelites produced a holy card with Sr Genevieve's painting and this prayer of St Therese: "O Jesus, your Face is the only beauty that delights my

heart." As we continue to make this Lenten journey together, let's make this prayer of St Therese our own.

In today's Gospel, some Greeks came to Philip with the request: "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." How can we see Jesus? How can we get a glimpse of the beauty of His Face that St Therese perceived.



So that we may live fully and become the person God created us to be, we pray—Lord, let us be like you.

The Redemptorists



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

Parish Support

February 25	Weekly	3,296.00
March 3	Weekly	2,487.00
Central & Eastern Europe		25.00
Catholic Relief Services		5.00
Church in Africa		400.00
Votive Candles		130.00

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	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
Wed	Mar 13	8:00 AM	Gary Patton, Sherri Wanstrath
Fri	Mar 15	8:00 AM	Fred & Brenda Allen & Family
Sat	Mar 16	8:00 AM	Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Mar 16	5:00 PM	Br. Felix Maria (Josiah Taylor)
Sun	Mar 17	7:30 AM	Roy Miller
Wed	Mar 20	8:00 AM	Fred & Brenda Allen & Family
Fri	Mar 22	8:00 AM	Agnes Bauer
Sat	Mar 23	8:00 AM	Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Mar 23	5:00 PM	Randy Simon
Sun	Mar 24	7:30 AM	Bill & Eddie Purdy

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 & St Maurice 6:00 PM

Immaculate Conception 7:00 PM

✠ CONFESSION

ST. MAURICE: Before/After Masses on
March 9-24



Herman Wenker - We would like to express our sincere sympathy to the family of Herman Wenker who passed away recently in Florida. 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 16	March 17
Coordinator	Sharon Voegeli	Ted Wissel
Greeter	Bob Voegeli	Jill Jansing
Lector	Jennifer Tunny	Jessica Gorman
Eucharist	Ron Ebinger	Jessica Gorman
Wine	Kris T/Doug W	Roger M/Bill M

	March 23	March 24
Coordinator	Sharon Voegeli	Ron Miller
Greeter	Bob Voegeli	Steve Mathes
Lector/Voice	Sharon Voegeli	Jill Jansing
Narrator	Jennifer Tunny	Jessica Gorman
Eucharist	Bob Green	Ron Miller
Wine	Susan B/Ron E	Melissa/Bob Grable

	March 29 – Good Friday 3:00 PM
Coordinator	Ted Wissel
Greeter	Ron Miller
Lector/Voice	Jessica Gorman
Narrator	Gary Payne
Eucharist	Jessica Gorman
Wine	Kris T/Doug W

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Any food and household cleaning items.




Together in Holiness Marriage Conference

Married and engaged couples are 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

Funny Bits

~ I stood waving to my neighbor for ten minutes before realizing she was cleaning her windows.
~ Chocolate is vital for our survival. Dinosaurs didn't have chocolate and look what happened to them!
~ If it is true that stress brings on weight loss, why am I not invisible?

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					