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Third Sunday of Lent March 12, 2023

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8;
John 4:5-42

11:00 AM -12:30 PM – Faith Formation 7-12

Monday March 13, 2023

2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30

11:00 AM – Larry Eichenberg Funeral - SPN

1:00 PM -2:00 PM – Al-anon

5:00 PM - RCIA

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Daniel 3:25, 34-43

10:00 AM - Parish Life Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

1:00 PM –3:00 PM – Ladies Bible Study

6:00 – 7:30 PM – Faith Formation K-6

6:15 – Stations of the Cross

Parish Office Closed

Thursday, March 16, 2023

Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 17, 2023

St. Patrick

Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

9:00 AM – Mass – Rectory

†John & Mary Derbowka

by Jerry & Cecile Slywka

Saturday, March 18, 2023

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

4:00 – 4:30 PM Reconciliation – St. Philip Neri

5:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri

†Ron Baker by Barb Baker

Faith Formation

This weekend we celebrate the first of three scrutinies with our Elect, Ian Kailing. “To scrutinize is to uncover, then to heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, and then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of Satan, to protect them against temptation, and give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life” (RCIA 141).

To an extent the Church asks all the baptized, the Order of the Faithful, to do this during the Lenten season. We are asked to examine the way we are living our lives. We are asked to reflect on our relationship with the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Gospel this weekend is about Jesus and the Samaritan women at the well. This week at the RCIA gathering we talked about this Gospel reading. We reflected on Christ as Living Water and the images of baptism. “Imagine a spring of water welling up, bubbling up, inside you. What feeling do you connect to this experience? How thirsty are you for Christ’s living water? What dryness in your life do you hope it will quench?” (Journey of Faith).

In the waters of baptism we in a way begin our formal relationship with God the Father. Original sin is washed away, a share of the Holy Spirit is given and we become adopted sons and daughters of God. Reflect on that for a moment! Those of us who are baptized are getting ready to renew our vows of baptism at the Easter. How is that going for you? Do you ever take time to reflect and ponder your relationship with God the Father? Maybe this week would be a good week to do so.

Please continue to keep Ian in your prayers as he has begun the final journey to the waters of baptism.

Prayers also the families who have lost loved ones lately. Four funerals a row is a lot for this faithful community. We have many people grieving the loss of their loved that were not part of this faithful community also.

In the Spirit of Lent, Beth Dake, Director of Faith Formation

Knights of Columbus



Msgr. Victor Gallagher Council 12668

*Committed to living Catholic values while
serving our parish community*

Interesting Facts about Lent

Lent is the 40 weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

Sundays aren't included in the 40-day count.

Since Sundays aren't included, Lent technically lasts 46 days.

Why is Lent 40 days? The number 40 is a significant number for Christians. Jesus spent 40 days in a desert. Noah had to wait 40 days for his ark to float. And Moses traveled through the wilderness for 40 years before reaching the Promised Land.

The tradition of Lent began around the year 325, during the Council of Nicea, but it has spread through other Christian denominations; Western Orthodox Churches, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, and Anglicans.

Lent comes from the Middle English word "lente," which means springtime.

In the Catholic tradition, followers should not eat meat during Lent. This rule has been relaxed to not eating meat on Fridays.

Violet is the official color of Lent, as this represents mourning for Jesus dying on the cross while also celebrating his resurrection with the colors of royalty.

Mass Time Change

The Saturday Mass for St. Philip Neri Church will be at 5:00 PM starting March 18th. (Next Saturday) Reconciliation will be at 4:00 PM.

Thank you

In Sympathy

Please remember Larry Eichenberg, brother to Tom Eichenberg and brother in-law to Maynard Bluhm. Larry passed away March 4, 2023.

May he and all the faithful departed rejoice in entering into the presence of our loving Lord.

*"Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon him."*

Area Lenten Fish Fry Locations

Here are a few of our neighboring churches that will be offering fish fry's this Lenten season:

St. Mary's, Big Rapids: 4:30 – 7:30 PM

Christ the King, Howard City: 4:30 – 7:00 PM

St. Michael, Remus: 4:30 – 7:00 PM

St Anne, Baldwin: 4:00 – 6:30 PM



Thank you

Thank you to all who have donated to funeral lunches. Please check downstairs for your dish.

Collection Report Feb 25 and March 4, 2023

St. Philip Neri/St. Anne

Envelopes	(78)	\$4,630.00
Loose		<u>398.00</u>
		\$5,028.00
Haiti		\$447.00
Wkly. Budget:		<u>\$3,365.39</u>
O/ (U) Budget:		(\$1,702.78)
YTD Budget:		\$121,153.84
YTD Total:		\$104,040.00
		<i>(\$17,113.84)</i>

Schedule of Ministers March 18, 2023 5:00 PM

Eucharist:	Tom Fabus
Word:	Susan Fabus
Hospitality:	Harriet Lenahan
	Betty Yost
	Larry Wisniewski
	Volunteer Needed
Altar Servers:	Ava/Lena