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## **Fourth Sunday of Lent March 19, 2023**

### **Sunday, March 19, 2023**

#### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a;  
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

### **Monday March 20, 2023**

#### **St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

**1:00 PM -2:00 PM – Al-anon**

**5:00 PM - RCIA**

### **Tuesday, March 21, 2023**

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16

### **Wednesday, March 22, 2023**

Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30

**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 23, 2023**

#### **St. Turibius of Mogrovejo**

Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47

### **Friday, March 24, 2023**

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**No Daily Mass**

**Parish Office Closed**

### **Saturday, March 25, 2023**

#### **The Annunciation of the Lord**

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10;

Luke 1:26-38

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

**5:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri**

**†John Koneska by David and Karen MacKellar**

## **Faith Formation**

This weekend we celebrate the Second Scrutiny with our Elect, Ian Kailing. The readings this weekend talk about Christ as light. We hear the story of Jesus healing the man born blind. There is a great deal of controversy surrounding this healing. The question of who sinned. Blindness in those days was thought to be because someone had sinned, and God was punishing them. Jesus healed on the Sabbath, that was a no no for sure.

Jesus, so wants to bring us out of our darkness into his light. His light of love, healing, truth, and freedom. Yet, we often resist that light. What in your life do you need to be healed? What darkness or sin do you allow to continue in your life, that needs to be placed before Christ? What areas of your life are to you blind to that are sinful or broken? Do you dare place them at the feet of Jesus and ask for healing?

We are halfway through lent, how is it going? It is never to late to get on track or to take a different path. Ask our Lord to help you! Pray about it, ask our Lord to help you. I did not think this was how my Lenten journey was going to go. However, I am learning a lot and giving in to what our Lord wants me to focus on during this season of Lent.

Please remember to keep our Elect, Ian Kailing in your prayers as he is on his final journey to the waters of Baptism, having the Holy Spirit sealed with him at Confirmation and joining us at the table of the Eucharist, at the Easter vigil. I meet with our three Confirmation candidates this past weekend as well. Please keep them in your prayers too.

In peace, Beth Dake, Director of Faith Formation

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our parish community*

### **Purple**

The liturgical color of Lent—the six-week time of preparation for the celebration of Easter, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the evening of Holy Thursday—is purple.

Purple is rich in symbolism, originally associated with royalty, because it was a more expensive color to dye. It was used as an act of derision toward Our Lord when Pilate placed a purple robe on Jesus, whom he called “King of the Jews”.

*“The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. And they began to call out to him, “Hail, king of the Jews!” Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.”—  
Mark 15:16-20*

Purple thus symbolizes pain, suffering, mourning and penitence.

The fourth Sunday in Lent is called ‘Laetare Sunday’; ‘laetare’ is Latin for ‘rejoice’. It occurs after the midpoint of Lent and the deep purple color of the vestments at the beginning of Lent are lightened to a rose—the resurrection of the Lord following His death on the cross is drawing closer.

### **Easter Flower Offering Envelopes**

There are envelopes in your weekly offertory box but unfortunately there is no line to put “**In Memory Of**”. Please write it on the envelope from your box, or there are envelopes in the back of the church that you may fill out.

## **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**

**March 11, 2023**

#### **St. Philip Neri/St. Anne**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>(48)</b>	<b>\$3,001.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>		<b><u>314.00</u></b>
		<b>\$3,315.00</b>
<b>Wkly. Budget:</b>		<b><u>\$3,365.39</u></b>
<b>O/ (U) Budget:</b>		<b>(\$50.39)</b>
<b>YTD Budget:</b>		<b>\$124,519.23</b>
<b>YTD Total:</b>		<b>\$107,355.00</b>
		<b>(\$17,164.23)</b>

### **Schedule of Ministers**

**March 25, 2023 5:00 PM**

<b>Eucharist:</b>	Mary Becerra
<b>Word:</b>	Tom Eichenberg
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Jim Kaverman
	Steve Leporowski
	Ed Suckow
	Richard Karns
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Ava/Lena