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Fourth Sunday of Lent | March 19, 2023

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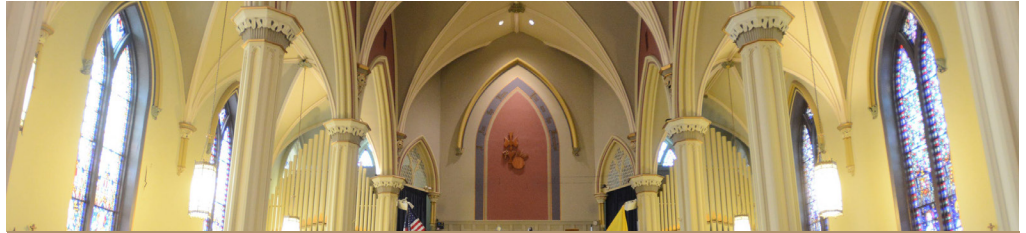
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 19 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

4:30 p.m. Mass (Activity Center) for † Ginny Long

7:45 a.m. Mass (Activity Center) for † George Niggemyer

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Activity Center)

9:30 a.m. CCD (Parish Center)

11:00 a.m. Mass (Activity Center) for the People of the Parish

Monday, March 20 – Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Scripture Readings: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

9:00 a.m. Mass (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for † Ephraim Heil

Tuesday, March 21

Scripture Readings: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

9:00 a.m. Mass (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for † Laurel Burkhart

7:00 p.m. Lenten Evenings of Faith & Fellowship (Activity Center)

Wednesday, March 22

Scripture Readings: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

11:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel)

Noon Mass (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for the Living & Deceased Members of the Frederick Scheltz Family

1:00-8:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel)

5:30 p.m. Rosary (Activity Center)

Thursday, March 23 – Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, Bishop

Scripture Readings: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

9:00 a.m. Mass (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for † Geraldine Kuhn

Friday, March 24

Scripture Readings: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (St. Thomas Facebook Page)

Saturday, March 25 – Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Scripture Readings: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

3:30-4:15 p.m. Confessions (Activity Center)

Sunday, March 26 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Scripture Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

4:30 p.m. Mass (Activity Center) for † Jean Baughman

7:45 a.m. Mass (Activity Center) for † Martha Carpenter

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Activity Center)

9:30 a.m. CCD (Parish Center)

11:00 a.m. Mass (Activity Center) for the People of the Parish

LENTEN EVENINGS OF FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP:

Join Father Sullivan on the Tuesday evenings of Lent at 7:00 p.m., in the Activity Center, as we consider Bishop Robert Barron's *Light from Light: A Theological Reflection on the Nicene Creed*. Each evening will consist of a video by Bishop Barron, Questions for Reflection and Discussion, and an opportunity to grow in the Catholic Faith with one another. The Nicene Creed was authored by the Bishops of the Catholic Church gathered at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. The Creed was written to proclaim the Catholic Faith, in its essentials, concerning the Incarnation of the Eternal Word of the Father, made flesh in the Virgin's womb, and the nature and relationship of the Blessed Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Nicene Creed is a statement of faith that all believing Christians profess. In 2025, we will celebrate the seventeen hundredth anniversary of its promulgation. Father Barron's book was a Christmas gift from Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish to everyone who attended Mass here in celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. Almost 400 books were distributed. A few remain. Please feel free to pick one up after Mass. Father Sullivan will facilitate each Tuesday evening session. Come join other parishioners as we grow in faith and understanding during this year's Lenten journey.

CRADLE OF THE FAITH: THE FORLORN SHEEP:

The roots of the Catholic faith in Ohio began with the persistent requests of Jacob Dittoe for a priest to administer the sacraments to Catholics living in the wilderness near Somerset, Ohio. Archbishop John Carroll, S.J. of Baltimore answered those requests by sending Father Edward D. Fenwick, O.P., who offered the first Mass in Jacob Dittoe's log cabin in September 1808 and who dedicated St. Joseph Church, Ohio's first Catholic church at Somerset on December 6, 1818. Peter Thomas and William Noll will jointly present the story of how the Catholic faith took root in Ohio. Peter Thomas, a direct descendant of Jacob Dittoe, is the caretaker of the First Mass Memorial site and is promoting the cause for sainthood for Father Edward Dominic Fenwick, O.P., William Noll is the principal and administrator of Holy Trinity Schools in Somerset. Sponsored by the Catholic Record Society, the presentation will occur at the Catholic Foundation, 257 East Broad Street in Columbus, on Sunday, March 26, 2023. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. and presentation will begin at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Record Society Chairman Mike Finn at 614-268-4166 or FCoolavin@aol.com.

2023-2024 OPEN TEACHING POSITIONS:

The Catholic Schools of Zanesville is searching for a teacher for Grade 5 (Social Studies and English), two teachers for High School English and two teachers for High School Upper Level Math. For more information or to apply, please contact Kelly Sagan at ksagan@cddeducation.org. You may also complete the application online at <http://education.columbuscatholic.org/careers>.

FISH FRY:

Fish dinners will be offered by the K of C each Friday throughout Lent. For \$10.00, you will receive fish, french fries, cole slaw, and a dinner roll. The hall is located at 275 Sunrise Center Drive, Zanesville and will open at 5:00 p.m.

SHARING SUCCESS

Most people in Turkana, Kenya raise livestock, and a few are farmers. But the hot and dry climate makes this work difficult and climate change is making it even harder. Rebecca and Lotiang participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that installed a water well and taught them new farming techniques. They can support their family with their crops and are teaching others in their community what they learned. How can you use your skills and knowledge to help others? Visit csrricebowl.org to learn more.

Parish Lenten Penance Service**Monday, March 27th****Beginning at 7:00 pm****Reconciliation Monday****Confessions April 3rd****From 5:00 - 7:00 pm****No Appointment Needed****STEWARDSHIP**

(Our fiscal year is July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023)

March 12, 2023

Mass Collection	\$	9,495.00
EFT	\$	5,460.00
Online/Direct Gifts	\$	0.00
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YTD Collected	\$	359,248.46
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CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON:

Join us Friday, April 14 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Shawn Kenney, Director of the Museum of Catholic Art & History, about the Museum. Please note that because the First Friday of April is Good Friday, April's luncheon is on the second Friday of the Month. If you are interested in sponsoring this luncheon or another luncheon, contact Jim Gernetzke at jimgernetzke@noslumine.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Mr. Kenney's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next luncheon is Friday, May 5, 2023, and will feature a talk by Fr. Ty Tomson about the Traditional Latin Mass.



As you prepare for Easter, remember the 40 days and nights that Christ spent in the desert without food or water, praying and preparing for His sacrifice on behalf of all mankind. Your small sacrifice can make a big difference in the lives of others.

Proceeds will benefit both our food pantry and other local pantries. Place items around the Gifts Table in the Activity Center or bring them to the parish office M-Th 8am-3pm

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GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 7 ☞ 3 PM
CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



EASTER VIGIL

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 ☞ 8:30 PM



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Sunday, 11:00 a.m.	Thornton Family Paul Hoffman	Anthony Codispoti	Luci Green	Choir

The Fourth Week of Lent

PROCLAIMING CHRIST

Meditations for the Season of Lent

“The Holy Spirit helps us to view others with fresh eyes, seeing them always as brothers and sisters in Jesus, to be respected and loved.”

— POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER



Spiritual Sight

John 9:1–41

In today's Gospel Jesus gives sight to a man who was born blind. As the man repeatedly tells the story of how Jesus healed him physically, there is a gradual change in the man's understanding of who Jesus is. He sees Jesus first as a man, and then as a prophet, and then as someone who came from God. Finally, he falls to his knees and worships Jesus as the Lord. This man went from being blind to receiving physical sight to seeing through the eyes of faith.

The religious leaders who were questioning this man had physical sight, but they had no spiritual sight. They were blinded by prejudice, pride, fear, and animosity toward Jesus.

Spiritual sight allows us to recognize the presence of God in our

FOR REFLECTION

- › How have you experienced spiritual sight?
- › Are there things in your life that make you spiritually blind?
- › What can you do during Lent to follow more closely in the footsteps of Christ?

lives and in the lives of people around us. We strive to love unconditionally as Christ loves.

Spiritual sight is a gift that flows from our relationship with Christ and our deep desire to follow in his footsteps. Once we have received the gift of spiritual sight, nothing is ever the same.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Making the sign of the cross with holy water when entering a church is a renewal of our baptism and a cleansing of venial sin.
- *Laetare Sunday*, which is today, marks the halfway point during Lent. Priests wear rose-colored vestments as a reminder that Easter is coming.
- The feast of the Annunciation is March 25.



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What Do You See?

It's only the Fourth Sunday of Lent. You still have three weeks to bring your spiritual sight into sharper focus. Maybe you need to forgive someone. Maybe you need to seek forgiveness. Maybe you need to experiment with new prayer forms. Are there virtues you need to cultivate? Vices you need to tame? Good intentions that need to be acted upon? We are all called to follow more closely in the footsteps of Jesus. What does that mean in your life? What sacrifices will it entail? How will you begin?



CatechismCONNECTION

“The Lord asks us to love as he does, even our *enemies*, to make ourselves the neighbor of those farthest away, and to love children and the poor as Christ himself.”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1825

Family Focus



Help your children understand that many children are less fortunate. Light a candle at church this week for children who are sick or hungry. Take the kids grocery shopping and bring the food to your parish pantry or a local food bank. Clean out closets and donate gently used items. Search “Catholic Missions” on the internet. Then pick one mission and decide as a family how you can help by sending money, clothing, or supplies.

Reaching Out to Those in Need



Our greatest temptation when faced with people in need is to look away. But when we look away, we turn our backs on Christ himself. Jesus assures us that when we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit the prisoner, we do these things for him (see Mt 25:31-41).

We all know people who have suffered a death in the family, serious illness, divorce, a job loss, or some other personal tragedy. We have heard shocking stories of violence, oppression, poverty, prejudice, and abuse in our communities and in our world. Maybe you know of people who have been affected by twists of fate, natural disasters, accidents, or injuries. We can't stop bad things from happening. But we can find ways to reach out to people in need. Promise yourself that for the remainder of Lent you will go out of your way to help someone every day.

Lenten Prayer

Our prayer this week is a reflection from St. Teresa of Avila:

“Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless his people.”

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