

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 1, 2020

LIVING GOD'S WORD

We pray that this Lent will be a time of deeper understanding of what it means to be God's beloved child. We ask God to open our eyes to recognize those things that draw us away and to be open to how God might be drawing us closer.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 2, 2020

Monday, March 2
NO MASS - Personnel Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, St. Katharine Drexel
8:15AM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor
Wednesday, March 4, St. Casimir
10:30AM Communion Service at Three Springs
6PM Lenten Communion Service in Church
Thursday, March 5
NO MASS
Friday, March 6
8:15AM Mary Friess by John
Saturday, March 7, Sts. Perpetua & Felicity
4:30PM Rev. Charles Kribs by Joe & Gina
Sunday, March 8
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK MARCH 1 THRU MARCH 8

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| Sunday | 9AM Mass PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM Lenten Study in Library after 9AM Mass |
| Monday | NO MASS-Personnel Board Meeting 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon BBQ Pulled Pork/Fried Chicken |
| Tuesday | 8:15AM Mass (Grades 5-8) |
| Wednesday | 10:30AM Com. Service at Three Springs 6PM Lenten Com. Service in church |
| Thursday | Fr. Gene's Day Off |
| Friday | 8:15AM Mass (Grade 7 & 8 Liturgy) 2:50PM Dismissal – NO BUS |
| Saturday | 4:30PM Mass GALA DINNER AUCTION |
| Sunday | 9AM Mass |

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: Jesus was led into the desert. The Judean desert is stark. No trees offer shade. The sun beats down mercilessly. For forty days, Jesus' hunger intensified. If he had any fat on his body, it shriveled up. Three times he was tempted to take the easier path. Three times he stayed true to his mission and to his God: I will love the Lord alone! As you and I move into this season of Lent, what does it mean for us to be true to God? The world around us may tempt us to be soft: lies and posturing and deceit proliferate in our culture and even in our Church. Lent is the season to grow more holy, our time to go to the desert. This is our ascetic season. This is our opportunity to strip away the fat that weighs down our spiritual and moral life.

TITHE WEEK OF FEB. 23, 2020

Mary Help of Christians: \$5,359.00
\$698.00 Improvement; \$100.00 Donation
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,407.30
Fiscal Year Week: 34
YTD Actual Giving: \$217,848.00
YTD Budget Need: \$238,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$20,152.00)
YTD Weekly: (\$592.71)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: A new Lent is a new opportunity to examine our relationship with God and to follow the example of Jesus, who remained true to the end.

SERVERS SCHEDULE for March 7 & 8: 5PM, Ethan Colvis, Kanon Jany; 9AM, David Grau, William Grau, Bea DeGuzman

DEAR FR. GENE & Friends of St. Mary's, What a lovely gift to receive on this Valentine's Day- your check of \$588.00 for the people of St. James Parish in Camata, Bolivia! Thanks to all of you who made this donation possible! In Bolivia, the new School Year begins at this time. The children of Camata will not begin until March. Your donation will help them with much needed school supplies, books and clothes. The interim government in Bolivia seems to be bringing the people together in preparation for the elections which will now be held in April. Please continue to pray for unity and understanding for all. As the weather continues to change, let us receive with wonder and gratitude God's loving care for each of us. Very gratefully, Sister Anne Irose, ASC

RAFFLE TICKETS: We have sold \$2,188.00. Please turn in your tickets before the Gala Auction.

PARISH LENTEN STUDY begins Sunday, March 1, after the 9AM Mass. This video series, showing the seven deadly sins, will be held in the school library.

DURING LENT we will have Lenten Communion Services in church on Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, 15, and April 1 at 6PM.

DINNER AUCTION DONATION DROP OFF: Items for the dinner auction may be dropped off at the school gym on Thursday, March 5, and Friday, March 6, from 7AM-5PM. Please contact a committee member (Brandy Maes 615-7020 or Crystal Tindall 615-3274) if you need assistance with dropping off your items.

K OF C FISH FRY Friday, March 6, from 4:30-7PM. This week's fish fry will benefit the Humane Society. The fish fry on March 13 will be for Toys for Tots.

4:30PM MASS on Saturday, March 7, before our Gala Dinner & Auction. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins on Sunday, March 8. Turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday evening before going to bed. Don't be late for Mass Sunday morning!

PTO CASH & QUILT BINGO will be held on Sunday, March 15, at 1PM in the SMS gym. Doors open at 10:30AM. Lunch will be available at 11AM.

PRESCHOOL/DAYCARE REGISTRATION will be held on Wednesday, March 18, from 1-5PM in the library. First time enrollments need to provide child's birth certificate and a copy of child's immunization records. Registration fee is \$50. We offer 3 & 4 year old preschool classes from 8AM-Noon daily (includes hot lunch) and follows the regular school calendar. Children must be 3 or 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020 to attend class this fall. Full-time preschool/daycare is offered 5 days a week from 6:30AM till 5PM. If Wednesday, March 18, does not work for you, please call Eleanor Clendenin (826-2134) and she will gladly make other arrangements. We look forward to meeting you!

SAVE THE DATE: SMS Quarter Auction will be held in the school gym on Saturday, March 28. Doors open at 5PM. Visit the 8th Grade Food Stand. Shop from the Vendors. Auction will begin at 6:30PM.

YOU'RE INVITED: Sunday, March 1, St. Pius V, Walsh, 9AM-1PM Benefit Buffet Breakfast for Gerald Schulein, Freewill Offering