

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## MARCH 11, 2018

### LIVING GOD'S WORD

We don't always "come toward the light" (John 3:20). Sometimes we prefer the darkness. We might fear being condemned if our deeds are brought to light or we may simply be unable to find our way in the dark. We need the light of Christ to help us believe once more in God's merciful love.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 12, 2018

Monday, March 12  
12:10PM NO MASS  
Tuesday, March 13  
8:15AM Bob & Mary Friess by John  
Wednesday, March 14  
10:30AM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor  
Thursday, March 15  
NO MASS  
Friday, March 16  
8:15AM Cleo Gross  
Saturday, March 17, St. Patrick  
5PM Pat Kickham by Willie  
Sunday, March 18  
9AM For the Parish

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK MARCH 11 THRU MARCH 18

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| Sunday    | 9AM Mass<br>PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM<br>10:30AM-2PM Fried Chicken Lunch to benefit 2018 Spring Gala at K of C Hall<br>2PM Lenten Penance Service at Ruma Motherhouse   |
| Monday    | 12:10PM NO MASS<br>10:15AM Presbyteral Meeting at Chancery, Belleville<br>11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon<br>Vegetable Soup/Chicken Salad Sandwich<br>7PM Lenten Penance Service at Red Bud  |
| Tuesday   | 8:15AM Mass   |
| Wednesday | 10:30 Mass at Three Springs<br>1-5PM Preschool/Daycare Registration in School Library<br>7PM Lenten Penance Service at Mary Help of Christians-Joint Service with St. Mary Divine Maternity, Ellis Grove<br>7PM First Communion Meeting in School Library |
| Thursday  | Fr. Gene's Day Off  |
| Friday    | 8:15AM Mass (K-2 Liturgy)<br>2:50PM Dismissal-NO BUS  |
| Saturday  | 5PM Mass  |
| Sunday    | 9AM Mass  |

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:** What must it have been like for the Israelites to learn that they were free to go home from their exile? No questions asked. All debts forgiven. A new beginning. If we can imagine their joy and gratitude perhaps we can understand more deeply the tremendous gift we have been given in baptism-God's mercy gives us the courage to leave our self-imposed exiles and come home.

### TITHE WEEK OF MARCH 4, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$6,955.00  
\$631.50 Cemetery; \$237.50 Sr. Anne; \$25.00 Donation;  
\$50.14 Child Env.; \$9.00 Votives  
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00  
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,762.52  
Fiscal Year Week: 36  
YTD Actual Giving: \$243,450.50  
YTD Budget Need: \$252,000.00  
YTD Budget Difference: (\$8,549.50)  
YTD Weekly: (\$237.49)

**SERVERS SCHEDULE** for March 17 & 18: 5PM, Claire Deterding, Isaac Jany; 9AM, Madison Kribs, Gene Bicket, Elseah Congiaro

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus.

**SPRING FORWARD!** Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour. Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 11.

**SPRING GALA DINNER AUCTION:** There are a few seats still available for the dinner auction. Contact Ron Korando (618-615-2509) to reserve your seats!

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** We have collected \$1,750.00 in raffle ticket sales. Only four weeks left to sell your tickets! Please return your sold tickets in the collection or the boxes in the back of church.

**AUCTION DONATIONS:** It would be very much appreciated by the Auction Committee if you could e-mail a picture of your donation to Brian Niermann at [brianniermann@yahoo.com](mailto:brianniermann@yahoo.com) or text the picture to 618-708-1381. Thank you very much!

**CHICKEN FRY LUNCH** to support the Spring Dinner Auction will be held at the K of C Hall this Sunday, March 11, from 10:30AM-2PM. Carry outs available.

**FRESHMAN REGISTRATION** at Gibault will be Monday, March 12, and Tuesday, March 13, from 5-8PM. Contact Becky Ramlose at [bramlose@gibalthawks.com](mailto:bramlose@gibalthawks.com) or call 618-939-3883 to set up an appointment.

**SMS PRESCHOOL/DAYCARE** registration for the 2018-2019 schoolyear will be Wednesday, March 14, from 1-5PM in the school library. Please call Eleanor Clendenin (826-2134) St. Mary's Preschool/Daycare Director for more information. We look forward to meeting you!

**K OF C FISH FRY** Friday, March 16, from 4:30-7PM. This week's fish fry will benefit Toys For Tots. On March 23 the fish fry will be for Cardinal Glennon.

**CSMA:** Thank you to the parishioners that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister, and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so.

**EASTER FLOWERS** in memory of family, living or deceased, an offering of \$15.00 for each flower.

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BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**EARLY AND OFTEN:** God acts with compassion. With mercy. With grace (and is grace). Early and often and always. What love! How will I love like Christ today? To whom will I show compassion? How will I be gracefully merciful?

**YOU'RE INVITED:** Sunday, March 11, St. John the Baptist, Smithton, 1PM Bingo; Sunday, March 18, St. Joseph, Prairie du Rocher, 1PM Bingo; Sunday, March 25, St. James, Millstadt, 1PM Bingo