

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 18, 2018

LIVING GOD'S WORD

Loving God, give us a new heart in these final days of Lent, a heart that carries within it your loving imprint, that we may always know your will and yield to it, even when it calls for a dying of some kind. In such dying, may we trust that you will bring forth new life.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 19, 2018

Monday, March 19, St. Joseph
12:10PM Dorothy Ebers by Bill & Linda Smith
Tuesday, March 20
8:15AM Jim Prost by Mike & Janet Vasquez
Wednesday, March 21
10:30AM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor
Thursday, March 22
NO MASS
Friday, March 23, St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
8:15AM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor
Saturday, March 24
5PM Dean Lochhead by Rudell Figiel
Sunday, March 25
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK MARCH 18 THRU MARCH 25

Sunday	9AM Mass PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM
Monday	12:10PM Mass 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Baked Ham/Fried Chicken
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass
Thursday	Father Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass 4:30-7PM K of C Fish Fry
Saturday	5PM Mass with Blessing of Palms
Sunday	9AM Mass with Blessing of Palms

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: The practice of covering the crosses and other images (such as statues, but not stained glass windows or the Stations of the Cross) has been a practice of the Church for many centuries. While there are a few early practices that may have contributed to this custom, the most likely origin is the tradition in the Middle Ages to cover the beautiful pieces of artwork depicting images of the mysteries of our faith and the representations of the saints. Just as we fast in other ways during the Lenten season in preparation of the Easter celebration, the Church would offer this "fast" for the eyes that is broken with our adoration of the cross on Good Friday and celebration of Easter of the new life Christ won for us and in turn those who are enjoying their fruits of their participation in the life of Christ. Customarily, violet/purple cloths have been used to cover the images. The practice today still follows the custom since the 17th century of covering the images during "Passiontide," the last two weeks of Lent prior to Easter.

TITHE WEEK OF MARCH 11, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$6,723.00
\$658.00 Improvement Fund; \$647.00 Catholic Relief Services; \$30.00 Sr. Anne; \$20.00 Cemetery; \$2.00 Child Env.; \$10.00 Votives
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,761.45
Fiscal Year Week: 37
YTD Actual Giving: \$250,173.508
YTD Budget Need: \$259,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$8,826.50)
YTD Weekly: (\$238.56)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for March 24 & 25: 5PM, Koby Jany, Kolton Jany; 9AM, David Grau, Luke Miller, Gage Hopkins

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Following Jesus sometimes requires great sacrifice. But through prayer, our resolve will be firm and like Jesus, we will know our purpose. God will give us the strength to accomplish it.

NEW TIMES FOR DINNER AUCTION: Please note the new times for this year's dinner auction on April 7. Doors will open at 4:30PM, dinner will be served at 5:45PM, and the live auction will begin at 6:30PM. Mark your calendars so you don't miss out!

RESERVE YOUR SEATS: Call Ron Korando (615-2509) and reserve a seat for the Gala Auction & Dinner on Saturday, April 7.

RAFFLE TICKETS: We have collected \$1,880.00 in raffle tickets sales. Please return your sold tickets in the collection basket or the boxes in the back of church.

K OF C FISH FRY Friday, March 23, from 4:30-7PM. This week's fish fry will benefit Cardinal Glennon. On March 30 the fish fry will be for St. Mary's School.

QUARTERLY MEETING of St. Mary's Sodality will be Monday, March 26, at 6PM in the K of C Hall. Among other items, we will discuss going to the Munny this summer.

WEST VICARIATE SPRING DAY OF RECOLLECTION will be held on Thursday, April 5, at St. Pius V, Walsh. The morning speaker will be Deacon Douglas Boyer. We will attend Mass before lunch. The afternoon speaker will be Rev. Vincent Mukasa. The cost of the day will be \$9. For more information contact Joan Derringer (618-534-6697).

PLEASE SUPPORT the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. There is still time to give to the CSMA. Any amount, great or small, would be appreciated. May God bless you for your generosity.

SIU KNIGHTS GOLF SCRAMBLE: Information concerning the 11th annual Golf Scramble to be held on Saturday, April 28, at the Red Hawk Golf Club can be found on the bulletin board in the back of church.

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

NAME: _____

BY: _____

GRADE YOUR MARRIAGE: Marriage is not a test that you either pass or fail. It is an ongoing process of learning about each other and how to accommodate differences so that both of you can feel satisfied and grow in love for each other. Marriage is not a competition in which one person wins at the expense of the other. To assess where you are in your marriage, go to www.foryourmarriage.org. This assessment can add up to a blueprint for deepening your marriage and helping you reach your full marriage potential. Give thanks to God our Father for the gift of marriage: the bond of life and love.

ABOUT DYING: Many are already thinking of spring planting and waiting for bulbs to show and then flower. Dying seeds. Dormant bulbs. Plentiful produce. Beautiful flowers. As Lent winds down, what still needs to die in me? As Easter draws near, what needs to flourish? How will I remain obediently faithful?