

April 3 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

**LET YOUR PATIENT GRACE
COME TO LIFE IN US.**

*They brought out a law about adultery
from somewhere and you
ignored them, and wrote on the ground,
“I’m doing something new.”*

*They said, “Kill her.”
“Fine,” you said.*

“The sinless one should throw the first stone.”

No one did.

“Go and sin no more,” you said.

Lord, have mercy on us.

*Then let us be your mercy to all others
on the planet and to the planet itself.*

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Our Lord Defends Sinners

We may feel that Jesus is more of an accuser than our Savior. He’s there to point out what we should do in the future, didn’t do in the past, or aren’t doing in the present. This isn’t the Jesus the Gospel presents. He stands to defend sinners before their accusers. Even to those who so blatantly hurt him, Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34).

Sometimes it is hard to let go of an erring view of God. It can be comforting to have someone to blame or fear. Look at St. Paul: He was a zealous persecutor of Christians until he found Christ. He then let go of his erroneous view of God and let Jesus come to his defense. He let go of the guilt of his sinful past and his desire to save himself through his own works. He considered it all trash to be discarded and forgotten as he held on to faith in Jesus.

We need to take our evil deeds to his merciful heart and leave them there. The sacrament of reconciliation offers the best opportunity to do so. Let him stand at the door of your heart, defending you from those sinister accusers of your past who would haul you back into the darkness.

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SANCTUARY LIGHT

April 3 – Lawrence and Lillian Lustig
April 10 – In Honor of Rocky and Susie White
April 17 – Ambrose and Elizabeth Volk

MASS INTENTIONS

April 2 – Julie Eckstein
April 3 – Walter Hermesch
April 9 – Clara Marie Wagner
April 10 – Sheila Tunny

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – April 9 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Judy Steuri
Passion Narrator: Jack Ferkinhoff
Passion Speaker: Terry Harmeyer
Gifts: Mike and Cathy Wagner
Eucharist Minister: Roseann Wirth

Sunday – April 10 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: David Hardesty, Arlene Gehl
Passion Narrator: Susan Schutte
Passion Speaker: Cindy Weisenbach
Gifts: Steve and Ann Wagner
Eucharist Minister: Amanda Schutte

Holy Thursday – April 14 at 6:00 PM

Lectors: Ron Bauerle, Jane Pictor
Gifts: Ken and Janice Fry
Eucharist Minister: Terry Harmeyer

Good Friday – April 15 at 4:00 PM

Lectors: Terry Harmeyer, Judy Steuri
Passion Narrator: David Hardesty
Passion Speaker: Arlene Gehl
Eucharist Minister: Vicki Wagner

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2399.50
Children’s Envelopes	\$ 7.01
Loose Collection	\$ 300.50
Total Collection	\$2707.01
Capital Improvement	\$734.00
Ukraine	\$1460.91

**THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR GIFT OF
TREASURE WITH THIS CHURCH AND PARISH!**

*“God is truth, and whoever seeks the truth is seeking God,
whether they know it or not.” ~ Edith Stein*

REST IN PEACE – St. Maurice parishioners extend sympathy to Tammy Meister upon the death of her father, Lawrence Grow. May he be given Eternal Peace!

UKRANIAN REFUGEES – **Bring your gifts next weekend!** Place them around the cross of Jesus. Suggested items: lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, etc.; paper products; first-aid items; linens and baby items. They could be purchased at Dollar General in Napoleon!

WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER – (Parishioner's Reflection) When we pray for the Refugees leaving Ukraine and their men whom they leave behind to fight and defend, we are *Together in His Love*; when supporting Craig Simon and his family and when we are sharing with others what God has given us, we are *Together in His Love*; when we are united with all Christians as we meditate on "Remember that you are dust and to dust we shall return," we are *Together in His Love*, and when we smile at the ones we do not know and not judging others, we are *Together in His Love*.

DONUTS AND COFFEE – Donuts and coffee will be offered twice a month, on the first and third Sunday. This will begin in May. So on May 1 and May 15, parishioners will gather to enjoy not just donuts but also the company of one another.

ADORATION – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Friday, April 8, 8:00–12:00 noon.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Friday, April 8, 6:00 PM, with the reception of Holy Communion.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Children in Preschool through Grade 5 will have class on Wednesday, April 6, 6:45 PM.

Junior High and High School will meet for class on April 3 and 10.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE – Mass of the Lord's Supper – Thursday, April 14, 6:00 PM
+ Passion of the Lord - Friday, April 15, 4:00 PM
+ The Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 16, 4:00 PM
+ The Resurrection of the Lord – April 17, 10:00 AM



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS – The Cross of Christ bears the suffering and sin of mankind, including our own. Jesus accepts all this with open arms, bearing on his shoulders our crosses and saying to us: "Have courage! You do not carry your cross alone! I have overcome death...I have come to give you hope, to give you life." (Way of the Cross with Young People, July 26, 2013)

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – After a little boy attended his first wedding, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?"





"Sixteen," the boy replied.

"How do you know that?" his cousin asked.

"Easy," the boy replied. "All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said, four better, four worse, four richer, and four poorer." (via newsletter of Ewart (MI) United Methodist Church, The Joyful Noiseletter)



March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
			 Ash Wednesday Mass – 7:00 PM RE Classes (Mass) <i>Fast and Abstinence</i>	Mary and Martha Circle Meeting 6:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM – Noon Way of the Cross with Communion 6:00 PM <i>Abstain From Meat</i>	Mass 4:00 PM (Confession Before and After Mass) Pick Pocketers
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
RE Classes 8:30 AM First Sunday of Lent Mass 10:00 AM (Confession Before and After Mass) Pick Pocketers			Religious Education Classes 6:45 PM	Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM – Noon Way of the Cross with Communion 6:00 PM <i>Abstain From Meat</i>	Mass 4:00 PM (Confession Before and After Mass)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
RE Classes – 8:30 AM -Confirmation Interviews- Second Sunday of Lent Mass 10:00 AM (Confession Before and After Mass) DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME			NO Religious Education Classes	St. Patrick's Day 	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM – Noon Way of the Cross with Communion 6:00 PM <i>Abstain From Meat</i>	 FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH Liturgy Committee Meeting – 9:00 AM Mass – 4:00 PM (Confession Before and After Mass)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
NO RE Classes – Spring Break Third Sunday of Lent Mass 10:00 AM (Confession Before and After Mass) Soup and Salad Supper 4:00 PM			NO Religious Education Classes – Spring Break		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM – Noon Way of the Cross with Communion 6:00 PM <i>Abstain From Meat</i>	Mass 4:00 PM (Confession Before and After Mass)
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
RE Classes 8:30 AM Fourth Sunday of Lent Mass 10:00 AM (Confession Before and After Mass)			Religious Education Classes 6:45 PM Penance Service		 The Pope's Prayer Intentions this Month: Christians Facing New Bioethical Challenges. May they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.	