

February 26 – First Sunday of Lent



First Sunday in Lent

HOMeward BOUND

On the first Sunday of Lent, we hear about Jesus preparing for his ministry by going out into the desert and being tempted by the devil. Some years ago, my middle son, upon hearing that Jesus was offered the power to turn

stones into bread, mumbled under his breath that Jesus should have taken the deal. I was shocked—not so much at what he said, but that he was listening at all. Before he could lapse back into his usual teenage taciturnity, I asked him to explain. He said, in that voice reserved for parents and idiots, that there is a lot of hunger in the world. Point well taken.

What would be so wrong with taking the deal? Three times Satan offers Jesus power. First, power over hunger: A man who can turn stones into bread need never be hungry again. He could feed the world. He could feed all those little children whose faces haunt us, stretching out their bowls for their one poor meal a day.

Second, political power over the kingdoms of the world: This is the power we long for when we say, “If I were the president.... If I were the pope....” Think of how much good you could do!

Third, power even over death and the suffering that precedes death: Don’t we all seek this power in some way?

Jesus’ response is always the same: *God is my only God*. The devil’s way is to do big things in a big way. God’s way seems to be to do the next little thing—to feed the one person placed on our path, not the whole world; to do the good it is in our power to do, not to long for more power; to accept the powerlessness of suffering and death.

The sustenance of the disciple is supposed to be the word of God. We are to devour it as a hungry child devours bread. We are to listen to the gospel like passengers stranded at an airport, on the edge of their seats, straining to hear every announcement, desperate for word of how and when they’ll finally get home. Too often, I listen to the readings as I do the stories of a garrulous old uncle—outwardly polite, but thinking of other things because, no offense, I’ve heard this story before. Or have I?

A little girl heard the parable of the sheep and goats and Jesus’ astonishing identification with the poor—what we do for the least ones, we do for him. Her startled response was, “Do other Catholics know about this?” Her question echoes the words of John Carr, former Secretary of the Department of Social Development and World Peace for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. In a talk on the social doctrine of the church, he said that this parable is the only place in the gospel where Jesus tells us what we need to do to get into heaven. (You want to go read it now, don’t you? It’s Matthew 25:31–46.)

I need Lent. I need the desert of quiet where I can hear God’s word like I’ve never heard it before. I need to listen like a weary, travel-worn passenger who wants to find her way home. (By Paige Byrne Shortal)

SANCTUARY LIGHT

February 26 – Cindy Mistler

March 5 – Floyd and Erma Harlemer

March 12 – Harriet Kunz

MASS INTENTIONS

February 25 – Harold and Virginia Reisman

February 26 – Sheila Tunny

March 4 – Ray Geis

March 5 – Dennis Schwering

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – March 4 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Allie Harmeyer, Morgan Busch

Lector: Tara Johannigman

Gifts: Dennis and Flo Wagner

EM: Roseann Wirth (*Hall*), Terry Harmeyer, Janet Wagner

Sunday – March 5 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: David Hardesty, Amy Kinker

Gifts: Ken and Janice Fry

EM: Vicki Wagner (*Hall*), Amanda Schutte, Scott Simon

Saturday – March 11 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Sam Simon, Ava Wagner

Lector: Judy Steuri

Gifts: Mike and Cathy Wagner

EM: Terry Harmeyer (*Hall*), Beth Simon, Rita Kress

Sunday – March 12 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Cindy Weisenbach, Grace Truesdell

Gifts: Greg and Amy Kinker

EM: Dana Newhart (*Hall*), Katie Spreckelson, Vicki Wagner

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2162.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 39.00
Loose Collection	\$ 423.00
Total Regular Collection	\$2624.00
Capital Improvement	\$25.00
Religious Ed	\$20.00
Eastern Europe	\$375.00

MAY GOD BE PRAISED THROUGH YOUR WEEKLY GIVING!

"Please: No dialogue with the devil! We must not enter into dialogue with temptation. We must not fall into that slumber of the conscience that makes us say: 'But after all, it's not serious, everyone does it!' Let us look at Jesus, who does not seek compromises. He does not make agreements with evil."

~ Pope Francis

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Members will meet on Thursday, March 2, 6:30 PM, for the Council meeting.

175TH MEETING – Committee members will meet in the parish hall Sunday, March 5, 8:30 AM.

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED – Children in Preschool through Grade 5 will meet on Wednesday, March 1, 6:45 PM. Their “Pennies for Posterity” will begin. All money collected will be used for programs/events/happenings connected with our 175th parish anniversary!

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED – Grades 6 through 12 will meet next week, March 5, at 8:30 AM.

YOUTH MINISTRY – The youth outing will be next Sunday, March 5, to go bowling at Greensburg. Please meet after the 10:00 Mass in the hall.

BLOOD PRESSURE – You can get your blood pressure checked next weekend in the St. Anne Room after the Masses. Kara Huff and Katie Spreckelson will be there to assist you.

CHURCH CLEANING – Karen Huff is the chairperson for Committee #3, who will be cleaning the church for the month of March. We thank you ladies for your work!

MINISTRY OF EXORCISM – Don’t miss Fr. Vince Lampert’s talk on “The Church’s Ministry of Exorcism” to be held here at **St. Maurice Parish Hall on Tuesday, March 7, 6:00 PM.** Fr. Vince received his training in Rome and is a member of the International Association of Exorcists.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION – Plans are being made to have a new Church Pictorial Directory published this fall. Pictures would probably be taken the end of July or the first part of August. The last church directory was printed in 2018.

SANCTUARY LIGHT – We have openings for the next few months for the sanctuary light. The offering is \$5.00. Just place your money and the names you would like to remember in an envelope and drop in the collection basket.

LENTEN SEASON

Adoration: The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed each Friday in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Come, let us adore Him!

Way of the Cross and Holy Communion: Each Friday of Lent at 6:00 PM.

----- *Deanery Happenings* -----

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – The Batesville Deanery is comprised of 6 counties: Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley, and Shelby. During the 6 weeks of Lent, we will offer a period of 24 hours of public Eucharistic Adoration in each particular county to pray for revival and renewal in belief and worship of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration will begin weekly on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM and go through the night and all during the day on Thursday. Adoration will end on Thursday evening at 6:30 PM with closing service, reflection, and benediction.

- + March 1-2: St. Joseph, Shelbyville
- + March 8-9: Immaculate Conception, Millhousesen
- + March 15-16: St. Mary, Aurora
- + March 22-23: St. Louis, Batesville
- + March 29-30: St. Nicholas, Sunman

*****PLEASE NOTE:** This week’s adoration is at St. Joseph, Shelbyville.

4:00 PM MASS GREETERS

- March 4 – Ken Harmeyer, Ken Hellmich
- March 11 – Paul Simon, Eric Busch
- March 18 – Brian Horan, Steve Gilland
- March 25 – Dennis Wagner, Gary Wagner


10:00 AM MASS GREETERS

- March 5 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide
- March 12 – George and Mary Bultman
- March 19 – Steve Wagner, Kevin Tunny
- March 26 – Paul and Arlene Gehl

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF – I strongly encourage you to send a donation directly to Catholic Relief Services at: **Catholic Relief Services, Turkey Earthquake Relief (include in memo line), P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090.** Online giving at <https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes>.

THE LORD’S LAUGHTER – Sign on the lawn of a Florida house: "Life is short. If you can't laugh at yourself, call me. I will." (The Joyful Noiseletter)

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
<p>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH</p>  <p>For Victims of Abuse: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.</p>			<p>RE Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Adoration 8:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>Way of the Cross and Communion 6:00 PM</p> <p><i>DAY OF ABSTINENCE</i></p>	<p>Mass - 4:00 PM</p> <p>Pick Pockets</p> <p>Blood Pressure Checks</p> <p>Confessions Before & After Mass</p>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>175th Meeting 8:30 AM</p> <p>RE Classes 8:30 - 9:45 AM</p> <p>Mass - 10:00 AM</p> <p>Pick Pockets</p> <p>BP Checks</p> <p>Donuts and Coffee</p>		<p>"Church's Ministry of Exorcism" by Fr. Vincent Lampert in Parish Hall 6:00 PM</p>	<p>RE Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM</p> <p>Penance Service for Grades 2, 3, 4, and 5</p> <p>Adoration at Millhouse begins at 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Adoration at Millhouse continues until 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Adoration 8:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>Way of the Cross and Communion 6:00 PM</p> <p><i>DAY OF ABSTINENCE</i></p>	<p>Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM</p> <p>Confessions Before & After Mass</p>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p>NO RE Classes - Spring Break</p> <p>Mass - 10:00 AM</p> <p>Confessions Before & After Mass</p> <p>Donuts and Coffee</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Begins</p>			<p>NO RE Classes Spring Break</p>	<p>Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Adoration 8:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>Way of the Cross and Communion 6:00 PM</p> <p><i>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</i></p>	<p>Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM</p> <p>Confessions Before & After Mass</p>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p>RE Classes 8:30 - 9:45 AM</p> <p>Mass - 10:00 AM</p> <p>Confessions Before & After Mass</p> <p>Donuts and Coffee</p> <p>FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH</p>	<p>FIRST DAY OF SPRING</p>		<p>NO RE Classes Spring Break</p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration at St. Louis, Batesville (See Bulletin)</p>	<p>Eucharistic Adoration at St. Louis, Batesville (See Bulletin)</p>	<p>Adoration 8:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>Way of the Cross and Communion 6:00 PM</p> <p><i>DAY OF ABSTINENCE</i></p>	<p>Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM</p> <p>Confessions Before & After Mass</p>
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<p>RE Classes 8:30 - 9:45 AM</p> <p>Mass - 10:00 AM</p> <p>Confessions Before & After Mass</p> <p>Donuts and Coffee</p>			<p>RE Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM</p> <p>Faith Formation Meeting 4:30 PM</p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration at St. Nicholas, Sunman (See Bulletin)</p>	<p>Eucharistic Adoration at St. Nicholas, Sunman (See Bulletin)</p>	<p>Adoration 8:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>Way of the Cross and Communion 6:00 PM</p> <p><i>DAY OF ABSTINENCE</i></p>	