

March 10 – First Sunday of Lent



**JESUS WAS LED BY THE SPIRIT
INTO THE DESERT FOR FORTY DAYS.**

*Holy Spirit,
lead us, please, to Christ's desert.
Speak straight into our hearts.
Be our only nourishment.
Source of all energy.*

Fill us.

*Fill us up with yourself.
Bring good news for the poor.
As you did with Jesus.*

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To God You Shall Return

The Traditional Ash Wednesday words "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return" might seem depressing. But in our often death-denying culture, some might find it refreshing to hear the frank statement that we can do nothing to save ourselves, physically or spiritually - that, no matter how we try to avoid sin, we can't untangle ourselves from self-interest. How liberating, then, to know we don't have to! God loves us as we are and sent Jesus to break sin's power over us.

A pastor described Ash Wednesday as the point you can pinch in the middle of a long piece of ribbon, such that when you lift it high, the two ends – one symbolizing our baptism and the other, our funeral – meet and touch. We come from dust and will return to dust, but *we also come from God, and will return to God.* Lent reminds us that we're always safe in God's love. So let us **ACT IN LOVE** this Lenten season!

PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., March 13 7:45 AM Morning Prayer
Fri., March 15 7:45 AM Morning Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., March 9 4 PM Richard Wagner
Sun., March 10 10 AM Ron Moorman
Sat., March 16 4 PM Art Young
Sun., March 17 10 AM Caleb Kramer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – March 16 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Gene and Jenny Moorman
Carl and Joni Lunsford

Server: Macey Moorman

Cantors: Sarah Wenning, Joe Wagner

Lectors: Judy Steuri, Cathy Wagner

Euch. Ministers: John Wagner, Gene Moorman
Judy Steuri, Katy Schmidt

Sunday – March 17 at 10:00 AM

Greeters: Mark and Lorrie Gilland - *back*
David and Jenny Hardesty - *back*
Nick and Jenny Simon - *side*

Servers: Nick Miller, Katie Miller

Cantor: Scott Simon

Lectors: Amanda Schutte, Jane Pictor

Euch. Ministers: Joyce Muckerheide, Dana Newhart
John Muckerheide, Leslie Hicks

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2632.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 8.50
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 218.25</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$2858.75

\$3,335.00 needed weekly to meet budget.

Special Collections	\$875.00
+ Criterion - \$775.00	
+ Capital Improvement - \$35.00	

Peace and All Good!

"We lose our souls not only because we do evil things, but because we neglect to do good: the buried talent, the unmarked second mile, the passing by the wounded. How often in the Gospel condemnation follows because 'we did nothing' (Matthew 25:42-46)." ~ Fulton Sheen

STEWARDSHIP – Today’s first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today’s Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn March 10 through 17 for Floyd and Erma Harlemert.

REST IN PEACE – St. Maurice parishioners extend sympathy to the family of Gary Stier, whose Mass of Resurrection was celebrated on Saturday, March 2; and to the family of Roy Bohman, whose Mass of Resurrection was on Monday, March 4. May they rejoice with the Lord as they celebrate their Eternal Easter!

From the family of Gary Stier: "The family of Gary Stier would like to thank the St. Maurice parishioners for the prayers and kindness given to us during the loss of our husband, father, and grandfather, Gary. Special thanks to Sr. Shirley, Fr. Bill, Susan Schutte, Mark Wirth, Scott Simon, and all other ministers of the beautiful funeral Mass. We are also grateful to those who provided our meal. The food you so generously prepared nurtured body and soul as we ate with beloved family and friends. We are very blessed to be part of the St. Maurice parish!" Gratefully, The Family of Gary Stier

THANK YOU – Mark and Roseann Wirth wish to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, and prayers upon the death of her father, Anthony Hilbert. Your kindness was greatly appreciated.

LITURGY COMMITTEE – Thank you for all your hard work in preparing our church for the Lenten Season!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, March 13, 6:45 PM. A meal will be served: Ravioli. Also, "Pennies for Posterity" begins this week. Start saving your pennies!

Classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, March 17, 8:30 AM. Gary and Caleb Payne will be there to speak to the Confirmation class.

FIRST WEEK OF LENT HAPPENINGS

Wednesday, March 13, 7:00–8:00 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Maurice

Thursday, March 14, 7:00 PM
Parish Council Meeting at St. Maurice

Friday, March 15, 8:00 AM–12:00 Noon
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Maurice

Friday, March 15
6:00 PM – Way of the Cross at St. John
4:30-7:30 PM – Fish Fry at St. John

Saturday, March 16, 9:00 AM–12:00 Noon
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament at St. John

Sunday, March 17, 8:30 AM
Board of Education Meeting at St. Maurice

SPRING SMORGASBORD – Our spring smorgasbord will be held Saturday, April 6, in our parish hall. Help is needed to debone turkeys on Thursday, April 4, and cook beef on Friday, April 5. Also, on the day of the smorgasbord, help is needed to prepare food and set up, serve, and clean up. We need everyone's help to make this a success!

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – A pastor recently received a card which said on the front: "GOD LOVES YOU." On the inside were the words: "And it never hurts to have friends in high places." (The Joyful Noiseletter)



COFFEE TALK
“THE MINISTRY OF CAREGIVING”
SUNDAY, MARCH 24
3:00 PM
SPEAKERS:
COURTNEY MEYER **JIMMY COLLINS**
Registered Nurse *Chaplain, Our Hospice*
Case Manager *of South Central Indiana*

****They are eager to share information with us on the important topic of caregiving.****