

# March 11 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

## Jesus, the New Temple

*Cyrus, the great anointed king of Persia, ordered a temple built for God's presence in Jerusalem.*

*Jesus, the anointed Son of God, is raised up to be the new temple of God's living presence for every believer. He is the healing sign of salvation by faith, our "gift from the God of infinite richness."*

*His flourishing cross is "God's work of art created in Christ Jesus," the vine on which we can be the branches that bud and flower during Lent.*

*Will we receive Him  
- with His cross -  
joyfully?*

## SET YOUR FAITH ON FIRE

### PARISHIONER RESPONSES

...A group of people who inspire my faith are the parents of people who are seriously handicapped in some way, who defy those who tell them to put their child in an institution, but who lovingly care for their handicapped child at home, baby through adulthood.

...Christian music has helped me to remember the many Bible stories and promises God made to His people.

...Someone who has helped set my faith on fire is a person who really takes the Beatitudes seriously which exhorts us to visit those in prison, who faithfully visits in Indiana prisons.

### PRAYER SERVICES

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| Wed., March 14 | 7:45 AM | Morning Prayer |
| Fri., March 16 | 7:45 AM | Morning Prayer |

### MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat., March 10 | 4 PM  | Thomas Merkel  |
| Sun., March 11 | 10 AM | Caleb Kramer   |
| Sat., March 17 | 4 PM  | Art Young      |
| Sun., March 18 | 10 AM | Richard Wagner |

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### Saturday – March 17 at 4:00 PM

*Greeters:* Ken and Terry Harmeyer  
John and Linda Wagner  
*Servers:* Cloey Simon, Kayla Simon  
*Cantors:* Joe Wagner, Sarah Wenning  
*Lectors:* Elizabeth Hermesch, Cathy Wagner  
*Euch. Ministers:* Bill Deller, Janet Deller  
John Wagner, Katy Schmidt

#### Sunday – March 18 at 10:00 AM

*Greeters:* Mike and Janice Simon – *back*  
Ken and Janice Fry – *back*  
David and Jodi Meister - *side*  
*Servers:* Logan Cobler, Machaela Cobler  
*Cantor:* Rachel Toops  
*Lectors:* Amanda Schutte, Sharon Miller  
*Euch. Ministers:* Vicki Wagner, Dana Newhart  
Scott Simon, Patty Simon

### PARISH SUPPORT

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| Adult Envelopes          | \$4480.00 |
| Children's Envelopes     | \$ 17.07  |
| Loose Collection         | \$ 295.00 |
| Total Regular Collection | \$4792.07 |
| Capital Improvement      | \$680.00  |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$30.00   |

### **Believe in the Mercy of God!**

*"You must get on with your work, you say. That, my dear people, is where you are greatly mistaken. You have no other work to do except to please God and to save your souls. All the rest is not your work. If you do not do it, others will, but if you lose your soul, who will save it?"*

*~ St. John Vianney*

**STEWARDSHIP** – All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** – The sanctuary light will burn March 11 through March 18 for Joan Menchhofer.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES** – You are asked to help support CRS this weekend. Monies from this help support living conditions for the poor and for victims of war and natural disasters. Please drop your envelope in the regular collection.

**PENANCE SERVICE** – The Parish Cohort Lenten Penance Service will be held **TODAY, Sunday, March 11, 1:30 PM**. Fathers Bill Ehalt, Frank Eckstein, John Geis, and Bill Turner will be present for individual confessions. Let us come before our merciful God, who offers us unconditional love!

**OFFICE** – Sr. Shirley will be out of the office this coming weekend attending meetings at the Motherhouse.

**MAINTENANCE MEETING** – Members of the Maintenance Committee will meet this Monday, March 12, 7:00 PM in the St. Francis Room.

**PARISH COUNCIL** – The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **this Thursday**, March 15.

**FOOD FOR THE POOR** – Thank you for welcoming Father Robert White into our midst. He commented to me how welcoming you were to him. Let us reach out to the poor and homeless in whatever way God asks of us.

**ADORATION** – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held Wednesday, March 14, from 7:00-8:00 PM, and Friday morning, March 16, from 8:00 until 12:00 Noon. Come for the whole time or stay for just a few minutes. Allow Jesus to gaze upon you with love!

**WAY OF THE CROSS** – The Way of the Cross with Communion will be held on Friday, March 16, 6:00 PM, at St. Maurice Church.

**LADIES MEAL** – The St. John's Osgood ladies organization has invited the St. Maurice ladies to their supper/meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 5:30 PM. They are having chili & desserts! If you would like to attend, please call Arlene, 852-4394, or let Sister Shirley know by Tuesday morning.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** – There are **41 couples** in our parish who are celebrating 40+ years of marriage. We want to thank these couples for their faithfulness to God and to one another, and so we are having an anniversary party on Sunday, April 8, 5:30-8:00 PM. All couples will receive an invitation the week of March 12. If you don't receive one, please let us know. Our Sacramental Ministers will also be invited and recognized for their many years of priestly service.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** – Our hope is that you will receive the directories shortly after Easter.

**RELIGIOUS ED** – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, March 14, 6:45 PM. A meal will be served.

Classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, March 18, 8:30 AM.

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – Overnight success takes a long time. (Steve Jobs)

### **SUNDAY REFLECTIONS**

**Our nation was founded and flourished as we declared, "In God we trust." As we turn away from God, trouble begins within our lands. It has happened before.**

**The hand of God is traced in the great events of history. In 589 B.C.E., King Nebuchadnezzar of the Babylonian empire destroyed Jerusalem and leveled the Temple. The Jews were taken to Babylon and placed in captivity. They grew old, dreaming of their lost land. After half a century, the Lord anointed Cyrus, the King of Persia, grasping his right hand. In 539 B.C.E., Cyrus marched toward Jerusalem. There, he took and rebuilt the city. He restored the Temple, fulfilling the words of the prophet Jeremiah. God still sends messages to us today. (Deacon Dick Folger)**