

March 14- Fourth Sunday of Lent

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD...

Nicodemus came to Jesus at night.
His heart ached to know more about God.
So Jesus explained to him and to us,
how God loved us first.

*For God so loved the world that
He gave his only son.*

We know how much it cost the Father.
In the story of Abraham and Isaac
we can see how Abraham felt
before God said to stop.
Now we know how God felt
when offering his Son.

God loved us that much.
God loved us first.

He knew we needed Jesus,
Whom we can see and touch and love.

Thank you, God for love incarnate.

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SANCTUARY LIGHT

March 14 – Sister Alice Retzner
March 21 – Theodore and Matilda Mistler
March 28 – Timothy Walke

MASS INTENTIONS

March 13 – Timothy Walke
March 14 – Dale Tunny
March 20 – Glenna Schuler
March 21 – Caleb Kramer
March 27 – Lucille Simon
March 28 – Wayne Schutte

WAY OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 19, 6:00 PM at St. Maurice Church
Friday, March 26, 6:00 PM at St. John Church

2/23/21-3/8/21 PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$6840.00
Catholic Relief Services Collection	\$ 75.00
Church in Africa Collection	\$ 55.00
Central & Eastern Europe Collection	\$ 50.00
Capital Improvement Donations	\$ 697.00
Black & Native American Collection	\$ 304.00
Religious Ed Collection	\$ 70.00
Gary Stier Memorial Donation	\$ 250.00
Glenna Schuler Memorial Donation	\$ 100.00

MONTHLY REPORT - FEBRUARY

Electronic Giving for February	\$2,065.00
Total Sunday & Holy Day Collections (7/1/20 - 2/28/21)	\$116,129.85
Amount Required to Meet Budget (7/1/20 - 2/28/21)	\$119,000.00

Thank You For Your Faithful Giving!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (March 21)

“THE HOUR HAS COME FOR THE SON OF MAN TO BE GLORIFIED”

In today’s gospel Jesus proclaims, “When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” Even though Jesus’ body will eventually be “lifted up” on a cross, a tool of torture and death, in John’s gospel the crucifixion is the moment of Jesus’s complete glorification. Each day we draw closer to the holiest days of our year when we live in a particular way Jesus’s passion, death and resurrection. Let us also prepare ourselves to give glory to our crucified and risen Lord who draws everyone to himself.



Joseph Most Chaste – Chaste love requires that one wills the good to another, taking the other to oneself as one’s own. To Joseph was entrusted the Divine Child and His fairest Mother. Chaste in body but also in heart, Joseph loved freely, which created the interior tranquility of order in the Holy Family.

HOLY WEEK – *Holy Thursday*, 6:00 PM at St. Maurice Church; *Good Friday*, 4:00 PM at St. John Church; *Holy Saturday*, 4:00 PM at St. Maurice Church; 6:00 PM Mass at St. John Church. (This will be an Easter Mass.) On *Easter Sunday*, a 10:00 AM Mass will be celebrated at St. Maurice.

BLOOD DRIVE – The Community Blood Drive has been rescheduled for Monday, March 15. Appointments times are from 12:00 PM until 6:00 PM. You can schedule an appointment online at www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon, or call Arlene Gehl at 812-852-4394. All donors will receive a St. Partick's Day T-shirt!

CONFIRMATION – The candidates will meet on March 21, and their topic will be the Way of the Cross. To prepare for their Confirmation, the candidates have approached the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Sister Shirley is interviewing each candidate as to their understanding and desire to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit.

AUCTION – The auction has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 11!

BLESSED SACRAMENT – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on all Fridays during Lent, 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – NO classes on March 17 and 24. Enjoy your spring break!

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – The next class will be Sunday, March 21, 8:30 AM.

RUMMAGE SALE – The Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for **May 7 and 8**. Look for nice used items around your home to donate.

THANKS – We give thanks to Ron Wagner, Carl Lunsford, and Ben Harlemert for making it possible for you to view the Mass from home.

LENTEN TALK – Sunday, March 21, 5:00 PM, at St. Mary's, Greensburg. Fr. Dan Bedel will present a session on "Seven Last Words of Christ." Don't miss this Lenten treat! Fr. Dan is an excellent speaker.

FISH FRY – Millhousen Knights of St. John: All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry on March 26 and April 2, 5:00 – 7:30 PM. Dinners are \$10.00 for White Fish, French Fries, Coleslaw, and Applesauce. Carry Out with limited seating.

CHICKEN DINNER – St. Peter's Ladies Society will hold a Drive-Thru Fried Chicken Dinner on Saturday, March 20, 4:00 – 7:00 PM. The cost of the dinner is \$12.00. For more information, call 812-623-2878.

HELP NEEDED – The Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, are in need of:

Nurse Assistants - Evening and Night Shifts – Part Time and Full Time
Day Shifts – Part Time
You do not have to be a CAN to be a Nurse Assistant
Shift differentials for late shifts

LPN/RN – Evening Shift – Part Time and Full Time
Night Shift – Part Time
Shift differentials for late shifts

If you are interested in applying, contact Connie Luers by phone at 812-933-6402 or by email at cluers@oldenburgosf.com.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS – "Jesus says he is the real instrument of the Father's mercy, who goes to encounter everyone, bringing consolation and salvation, and, in doing so, he manifests God's justice. The blind, the lame, the lepers, the deaf regain their dignity and are no longer excluded because of their disease." (September 7 General Audience)

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – "I wasn't allowed to say anything until today, but it's now okay for me to share that I have volunteered for the COVID-19 vaccine trials that a local Hospital are running in partnership with Pfizer. It's important that we all do our part to beat this virus.

"The vaccine is the one that has been developed in Russia.

"I received my first dose this morning 6:20 a.m., and I wanted to let you all know that it's completely safe, with no side effects whatsoever, and that I feelshki я чувю себя немного стрно и я думаю, что вытл осные уши. чувствую себя немго страо." (via Bishop David Francoeur, Palm City, FL, The Joyful Noiseletter)

Happy Saint Patrick's Day

*May love and laughter light
your days, and warm your
heart and home.*

*May good and faithful
friends be yours, wherever
you may roam.*

*May peace and plenty bless
your world with joy that
long endures.*

*May all life's passing
seasons bring the best to
you and yours.*

WALKING WITH CHRIST – This Lent, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will join together to reflect on the Scriptural Stations of the Cross that were celebrated by Pope John Paul II. Each episode will be hosted by a priest from the archdiocese. New “Walking With Christ” podcasts will be uploaded every Tuesday and Thursday of Lent, and can be found by searching for “Walking With Christ” on the Apple Podcasts and Spotify apps, or by following the link to SoundCloud at <https://soundcloud.com/sean-hussey-904281910>.

Additional Lenten resources can be found at www.archindy.org/Lent2021.

Storm the Castle – Wednesday, March 24th

Calling all high school men to join us for our “Virtual Storm the Castle”. Would you like to meet our seminarians, tour the Castle, and learn about seminarian life? Join us Wednesday, March 24th from 5:30PM-7:30pm. To register go to HearGodsCall.com.

Bishop Bruté Days – July 5th-7th

Young men going into 9th-12th grade are invited to come to Bishop Simon Bruté Seminary in Indianapolis for a retreat to grow closer to Christ, and who may be open to the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood. For more information and to register go to HearGodsCall.com or email vocations@archindy.org.

Bishop Bruté Days Jr. – July 7th

Young men going into 7th & 8th grade are invited to come to Bishop Simon Bruté Seminary in Indianapolis for a retreat to grow closer to Christ, and who may be open to the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood. For more information and to register, go to HearGodsCall.com or email vocations@archindy.org.

Race for Vocations – May 8th

"I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." – 2 Timothy 4:7

Join us to participate in the annual Race for Vocations, part of the Indianapolis 500 Mini-Marathon and 5k Race. Help us pray for and promote a culture of vocations in Indiana! For updates and to register, go to either <http://HearGodsCall.com/2021-race-for-vocations/> or <http://raceforvocations.org/>.

The Fast Life

*Fast from judging others.
Fast from fear of illness.
Fast from words that pollute.
Fast from discontent.
Fast from anger.
Fast from pessimism.
Fast from negatives.
Fast from bitterness.
Fast from self-concern.
Fast from suspicion.
Fast from gossip.
Fast from problems that overwhelm.
Fast from anxiety.*

*Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
Feast on the healing power of God.
Feast on speech that purifies.
Feast on gratitude.
Feast on patience.
Feast on hope.
Feast on encouragement.
Feast on forgiveness.
Feast on compassion.
Feast on truth.
Feast on purposeful silence.
Feast on prayer that sustains.
Feast on faith.*