

March 18 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

He Offered Prayers and Supplications

Jesus, you knew fear.

*You called for help
with loud cries.*

*Your tears knew
our worst pain.*

*Yet you pick us up,
you hold us, and you weep with us.*

*We give great
thanks to you,*

*Savior,
Friend.*

SET
YOUR
FAITH
ON FIRE

PARISHIONER RESPONSES

...The experience of silent retreats, prayer, and the time spent in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament have enabled me to grow in my relationship of reciprocal love with Christ and helps to keep the fire of faith burning.

...People featured in some of the stories in the Criterion Archdiocesan paper who see refugees and immigrants as children of God, and have stuck their necks out to help them settle in our country, the greatest melting pot in the world.

...When a little grandchild says, "I want to grow up like God."...this sets my faith on fire.

PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., March 21 7:45 AM Morning Prayer
Fri., March 23 7:45 AM Morning Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., March 17 4 PM Art Young
Sun., March 18 10 AM Richard Wagner
Sat., March 24 4 PM Myrna Kohlman
Sun., March 25 10 AM Ruth Gehl

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – March 24 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Bill and Janet Deller
Gene and Jenny Moorman
Servers: Macey Moorman, Kara Merkel, and
Cloey Simon
Cantor: Scott Simon
Lectors: Dottie Hellmich, Elizabeth Hermesch
Passion Narrator: Jack Ferkinhoff
Passion Speaker: Terry Harmeyer
Euch. Ministers: Janet Wagner, Gene Moorman
Roseann Wirth, Judy Steuri

Sunday – March 25 at 10:00 AM

Greeters: Dennis and Flo Wagner – *back*
Mark Wagner – *back*
Steve and Ann Wagner - *side*
Servers: Caleb Simon, Lilly Simon, and
Brady Borgman
Cantors: Gene and Patty Simon
Lectors: Doug Stier, Jane Pictor
Passion Narrator: David Hardesty
Passion Speaker: Amanda Schutte
Euch. Ministers: Susan Schutte, Cindy Weisenbach
Katie Spreckelson, Rita Kress

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$3069.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 12.12
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 296.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$3377.12
Catholic Relief Services	\$628.00

May God Multiply your Giving!



STEWARDSHIP – "If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what way is Jesus inviting *me* to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn March 18 through March 25 for Otto Walke.

ADORATION – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held Wednesday, March 21, from 7:00-8:00 PM, and Friday morning, March 23 from 8:00 until 12:00 noon. **PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO Adoration on Wednesday, March 28. Instead it will be the following evening, Holy Thursday, March 29, after Mass until 8:00 PM.** And, of course, there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Good Friday morning.

WAY OF THE CROSS – The Way of the Cross with Communion will be held on Friday, March 16, 6:00 PM, at St. John Church. The K of C will also have a fish fry that evening, 4:30 - 7:00 PM.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY EVENING – All couples married 40+ years should have received an invitation in the mail by now. If for some reason you did not receive your invitation, please call the office at 852-4237 or Terry Harmeyer at 852-4064. **The committee is asking that all reservations be in by Thursday, March 22.** We will also honor our Sacramental Ministers and their years of priestly service that evening.

SPRING SMORGASBORD – Our smorgasbord will be here very soon, Saturday, April 14, serving from 4:00 to 7:30 PM. Please mark this on your calendar! Please help us advertise by picking up papers in back of church and taking them to your place of work.

RELIGIOUS ED – Preschool through Grade 5 will have class this week, Wednesday, March 21, 6:45 PM. A meal will be served. The last night to bring your pennies in is April 4!

There will be NO classes next week for Grades 6 through 11. Classes will resume April 8, 8:30 AM.

MAINTENANCE MEETING – A meeting was held last Monday and the following items were discussed: the East Parking Lot Project; the Rectory Driveway; Church Lighting within the Sanctuary; Church Microphone System; Cleaning of Parish Hall Floor; Rectory Front and Back Porch. Needless to say, we had a full agenda.

MEETINGS – Anniversary Committee Meeting on Wednesday, 6:00 PM; and Faith Formation Committee meeting on Thursday, 4:30 PM.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – Boudreaux walks into a bar and orders three beers. The bartender raises his eyebrows, but serves Boudreaux three beers, which Boudreaux drinks quietly at a table, alone. This happens for several nights.

Finally, a week later, the bartender says "Boudreaux, I don't mean to be nosey, but everybody around here is wondering why you always order three beers at one time?"

Boudreaux replies, "You see, I have two brothers. One moved to Texas and de udder one to Mississippi. We promised each other dat we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keepin up de Boudreaux bond."

Then, one day, Boudreaux comes in to the bar and orders only two beers. The bartender pours them with a heavy heart. This continues for the rest of the evening ... Boudreaux always orders only two beers. The word flies up and down the bayou. Prayers are offered for the soul of one of the Boudreaux brothers.

The next day, the bartender says to Boudreaux, "People on the bayou and I want to offer condolences to you for the death of your brother. You know - the two beers and all."

Boudreaux ponders this for a moment, then replies, "You'll be happy to hear dat my two brothers are alive and well. It's jus dat me, myself, has decided to give up drinkin' for Lent." (Happy Catholic)

*"Repentance, prayer, sacrifice – these are conditions of peace, for they are the means by which man is remade."
~ Fulton Sheen*

