

March 20 – Third Sunday of Lent

Prayer for Third Week of Lent

God of all compassion, Father of all goodness...

*We acknowledge our sinfulness,
our guilt is ever before us.*

*When our weakness
causes discouragement,
let your compassion fill us with hope
and lead us through
a Lent of repentance*

to the beauty of Easter Joy.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Appreciating God's Patience

God is very patient, but his patience doesn't last forever.

In the Old Testament, after God spoke to Abraham and Lot's subsequent rebellion, some 500 years passed before God revealed himself again—this time to Moses. God takes the first step toward Abraham and, when his descendants turned away, he steps back. He reached out again to Moses and revealed his name so that Moses could enter into a personal relationship with him and explain his name to others. God wants to be known by his people and by you!

So here we learn that with this revelation of God comes a responsibility. He unveils his mysterious face, but he also desires a loving response and for us to witness about him to others.

Saint Paul makes it clear that God eventually ran out of patience with the Chosen People in the desert. After freeing the Israelites from Egypt with signs and wonders, giving them his law, and feeding them in the desert, they complained against him. Like the fig tree in the Gospel, he gave them ample time and multiple encores of his love and mercy. Yet eventually, his love took the form of tough love—forty years of desert wanderings.

Lent is another expression of God's patience toward us. He is once again sowing the seeds of conversion, hoping for the fruits of our change of heart—fruits of love, forgiveness, repentance, and renewal.

He gives time for his cultivating efforts to take effect and for fruit to appear, but our life on earth is finite, so that time isn't unlimited. (Fr. Mark Haydu, LC)

SANCTUARY LIGHT

March 20 – Timothy Walke

March 27 – Bertha Wagner

April 3 – Lawrence and Lillian Lustig

MASS INTENTIONS

March 19 – Timothy Walke

March 20 – Caleb Kramer

March 26 – Lucille Simon

March 27 – Living and Deceased Members
of the Ben Lamping Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – March 26 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Jack Ferkinhoff

Gifts: Ken and Terry Harmeyer

Eucharist Minister: Roseann Wirth

Sunday – March 27 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Amanda Schutte, Grace Truesdell

Gifts: Greg and Amy Kinker

Eucharist Minister: Vicki Wagner

Saturday – April 2 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Tara Ricke

Gifts: Dennis and Flo Wagner

Eucharist Minister: Judy Steuri

Sunday – April 3 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Julie Stephens, Amy Kinker

Gifts: Ron and Donna Harlemert

Eucharist Minister: Cindy Weisenbach

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2313.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 4.50
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 242.00</u>
Total Collection	\$2559.50

Church in Africa	\$305.00
Capital Improvement	\$65.00
Black and Indian Missions	\$40.00
Lenten Offering	\$95.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TREASURE AND YOUR SERVICE TO THE PARISH!

*"The spiritual life is merely ordinary life lived with
God at its center. And when God is at the center,
ordinary is ordinary no more. It is divine!"*

THANK YOU – To all who helped in any way with the funeral Mass for Craig Simon, thank you! It was a beautiful celebration.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH – The Knights of Columbus honored **Mark** and **Roseann Wirth** as the Family of the Month for their service to the Church – a most deserving honor. We are proud that they are parishioners of St. Maurice parish.

UKRANIAN REFUGEES – Join us as a parish in collecting items for the refugees of Ukraine. Place your items around the Lenten cross in the sanctuary, and as you do so, utter a prayer for those who will use these gifts. Items will be collected until and including the weekend of April 16-17.

SECOND COLLECTION – Next weekend's second collection is for the good works of Catholic Relief Services. CRS is on the ground ready to provide shelter, food, and safe transportation to the people of Ukraine. For more than 75 years, they have responded to world disasters, hunger, poverty, and immigration. It is because of your goodness that they are able to be Christ to and for others. Please give as you are able.

ADORATION – There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Friday, March 25, 8:00–12:00 noon.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Friday, March 25, 6:00 PM, with the reception of Holy Communion.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Preschool through Grade 5 will not have religion class on Wednesday, March 23, Jac-Cen-Del Spring Break. Enjoy! Their next class is March 30. Grades 2-5 will participate in a Lenten Penance Service.

Junior High and High School will NOT meet for class on Sunday, March 20, 8:30 AM, Spring Break. Their next class is March 27.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS – EASTER EGG HUNT for children 8 years of age and younger – SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 10:00 AM.

****SPRING TURKEY DINNER on SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 4:00-6:00 PM.**

****RUMMAGE SALE on MAY 6-7.**

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL – I am happy to report that we have surpassed our UCA goal by \$702.00 in pledges. All has been paid except \$183.00. That's wonderful!

CONCERT – Saturday, March 26, 6:00 PM, by the Purdue Musical Organization, "Heart and Soul." This concert will be at St. Mary Church, Greensburg.





LENTEN PROGRAM – "Be Still and Know That I Am God": Talk by Fr. Dan Bedel on March 27, 5:00 PM, at St. Mary Church, Greensburg.

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN – All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry on April 1 and 15, 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Dine In or Carry Out.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS – Fasting, prayer and almsgiving...express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity. (Lenten message for 2021, November 11, 2020)

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – We went to a wedding for a friend who was a Marine. When the bride and groom knelt at the altar, the entire congregation roared with laughter when they saw that the Marine's mischievous friends had painted "HELP" on the sole of one of his shoes, and "ME!" on the other. (Paul Samra, Brooklyn, NY, The Joyful Noiseletter)

March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
			<i>Ash Wednesday</i> Mass – 7:00 PM RE Classes (Mass) <i>Fast and Abstinence</i>	Mary and Martha Circle Meeting 6:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM – Noon Way of the Cross with Communion 6:00 PM <i>Abstain From Meat</i>	Mass 4:00 PM (Confession Before and After Mass) Pick Pocketers
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
RE Classes 8:30 AM First Sunday of Lent Mass 10:00 AM (Confession Before and After Mass) Pick Pocketers			Religious Education Classes 6:45 PM	Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM – Noon Way of the Cross with Communion 6:00 PM <i>Abstain From Meat</i>	Mass 4:00 PM (Confession Before and After Mass)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
RE Classes – 8:30 AM -Confirmation Interviews- Second Sunday of Lent Mass 10:00 AM (Confession Before and After Mass) DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME			NO Religious Education Classes	St. Patrick's Day 	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM – Noon Way of the Cross with Communion 6:00 PM <i>Abstain From Meat</i>	 FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH Liturgy Committee Meeting – 9:00 AM Mass – 4:00 PM (Confession Before and After Mass)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
NO RE Classes – Spring Break Third Sunday of Lent Mass 10:00 AM (Confession Before and After Mass) Soup and Salad Supper 4:00 PM			NO Religious Education Classes – Spring Break		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM – Noon Way of the Cross with Communion 6:00 PM <i>Abstain From Meat</i>	Mass 4:00 PM (Confession Before and After Mass)
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
RE Classes 8:30 AM Fourth Sunday of Lent Mass 10:00 AM (Confession Before and After Mass)			Religious Education Classes 6:45 PM Penance Service		 <u>The Pope's Prayer Intentions this Month:</u> Christians Facing New Bioethical Challenges. May they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.	