March 27 – Fourth Sunday of Lent



Jesus, are you a prodigal son? Did you waste your life on us?

Or:

God, are you the prodigal father, overflowing with love, who runs to meet us, embraces, and kisses us, killing the fatted calf for us?

Prodigal Son, Prodigal Father, and Prodigal Holy Spirit, we are filled with awe and wonder at the love you squander on us.

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Living, Loving in the Here and Now

It is good that we are here—joined in community for Sunday worship, here, in this moment of prayer.

Our lives are so hectic and fast-paced that it's often hard to enjoy just being in the present moment with God. It's not just the pressure of work, but the added responsibilities of home. You know the routine...getting the kids to school; getting to work on time; leaving from work; running a few errands; preparing dinner; going back out to pick up the kids from practice; then back home for dinner, dishes, laundry, homework; and then finally to bed on time so you can get up early and start again.

But just stop! Take the time to enjoy the grace of the Eucharist, to rejoice in one another and savor Christ who reveals his love to you. Give yourself this gift. Each moment has power, poetry, and grace. Each instant is a gift from God, and each moment is an opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ. It's an occasion to return within ourselves and turn back to our Father who is eagerly waiting for us.

It's good to be here—not somewhere else, not in another time when we were happier, healthier, or life was easier and simpler. Right here, right now, right where God has you is where he is revealing his love. It may not be easy, but this is where God is, and it's good to reflect on the graces each moment presents. (Fr. Mark Haydu, LC)

SANCTUARY LIGHT

March 27 – Bertha Wagner April 3 – Lawrence and Lillian Lustig April 10 – In Honor of Rocky and Susie White

MASS INTENTIONS

March 26 – Lucille Simon
March 27 – Living and Deceased Members
of the Ben Lamping Family
April 2 – Julie Eckstein
April 3 – Walter Hermesch

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Saturday - April 9 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Judy Steuri

Gifts: Mike and Cathy Wagner Eucharist Minister: Roseann Wirth

Sunday - April 10 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: David Hardesty, Arlene Gehl Passion Narrator: Susan Schutte Speaker: Cindy Weisenbach Gifts: Steve and Ann Wagner

Eucharist Minister: Amanda Schutte

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2429.00	
Children's Envelopes	\$ 5.66	
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 344.00</u>	
Total Collection	\$2778.66	

MONTHLY REPORT - FEBRUARY				
Electronic Giving for February	\$2,015.00			
Total Sunday & Holy Day Collections (7/1/21 - 2/28/22)	\$128,311.42			
Amount Required to Meet Budget (7/1/21 - 2/28/22)	\$120,060.00			

THANK YOU FOR THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF ST. MAURICE PARISH!

<u>HANDS-ON REFLECTION</u> — While preparing props for a church photo shoot, I had to make a crown of thorns. In the woods, I found a long, wild, prickly plant that seemed promising. Just cutting a bit to bring home proved difficult, making me quickly question my decision to do this project sans gloves.

Once home, I worked the vines so they'd be flexible and not break when curved into a circle. That required finding multiple spots to grasp. Again, numerous finger pricks ensued. It wasn't until I formed the vines into a crown, however, that thorns started sinking into my skin and taking hold. Each shock of pain was an accident, but my focus remained intentional: I purposely tackled this endeavor bare-handed to glimpse what Jesus suffered on my behalf. The torn skin on my fingers was nothing compared to the gashes on my Savior's head. Working with thorns for a few minutes reminded me to be humbly grateful for what Jesus sacrificed to win my eternal salvation. (Julie Lee)

SOUP SUPPER – Thank you to our Faith Formation Team, Jack Ferkinhoff, Jane Pictor, Carolyn Richards, Tara Ricke, and Marge Thole, for preparing a fine soup supper event. Thank you, too, to Mark Wirth for the music.

<u>UKRANIAN REFUGEES</u> – If you have not done so, you are encouraged to bring items for the refugees of Ukraine. Place them around the cross of Jesus. The last weekend for this will be April 9-10, the weekend before Easter. Suggested items: lotion, toothpaste, toothpaste brushes, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, etc.; paper products; first-aid items; linens; and baby items.

WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER – (Parishioner's Reflection) We can be the Lord's hands and feet, being there for each other. This extends to all our fellow human beings, not only in our own backyard, but also around the world. Each of us is our brother's and sister's keeper.

DONUTS AND COFFEE – After hearing from parishioners, donuts and coffee after the 10:00 AM Mass will be offered twice a month, on the first and third Sunday of each month. This will begin in May. So on May 1 and May 15, parishioners will gather to enjoy not just donuts, but also, and more importantly, the company of one another.

Prayer for Fourth Week of Lent
God our Father,
Your Word, Jesus Christ,
spoke peace to a sinful world
and brought the gift of reconciliation.
Teach us, the people who bear his name,
to follow the example he gave us:
may our faith, hope and charity
turn hatred to love, conflict to peace,
death to eternal life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

<u>ADORATION</u> – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Friday, April 1, 8:00–12:00 noon.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Friday, April 1, **6:00 PM**, with the reception of Holy Communion.

<u>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</u> — Children in Preschool through Grade 5 will have class on Wednesday, March 30, 6:45 PM. Grades 3-5 will participate in a Penance Service, and Grade 2 will approach this sacrament for the first time.

Junior High and High School will meet for class on March 27 and April 3.

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.

<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u> – Committee #4 with Chairperson Jamie Nobbe will be cleaning church for the month of April. We thank the ladies for keeping our church neat and clean!

<u>BLOOD PRESSURE</u> – You can get your blood pressure checked next week in the St. Anne Room following the Masses. Shannon Kuntz and Katie Spreckelson will be there to assist you.

<u>THE LORD'S LAUGHTER</u> – Sign seen in a convenience store: "Live bait. Our worms catch fish, or die trying." (Rev. Dale Schoening, The Joyful Noiseletter)

March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
		SHROVE TUESDAY	Mass – 7:00 PM RE Classes (Mass) Fast and Abstinence	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 Abstain From Meat	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)			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 Abstain From Meat	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 Abstain From Meat	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 Abstain From Meat	Mass 4:00 PM (Confession Before and After Mass)
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