

March 4 - Third Sunday of Lent

The Temple of the Body

Christ,
give us your love,
within your Abba's house.

Let us enter the temple of your body,
O God of our souls,
O Channel,
O our passing over into
divine love.

Make us trust in your love.
Show us the signs that
you are doing now
in this very day.

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SET YOUR FAITH ON FIRE

PARISHIONER RESPONSES

...Some who inspire my faith are the youth of our parish who help teach religion, and those who volunteer to help with projects such as decorating the church for various seasons of the church year. They are cheerful and helpful, and they work hard - they don't just stand around talking or looking at their phones. Even if it is a requirement for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, they still do it with good grace, and are really helpful.

...Setting my faith on fire means learning to focus on God and trust Him in everyday things instead of allowing worry and stress to make me unhappy.

PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., March 7	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer
Fri., March 9	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., March 3	4 PM	Carl Wolter
Sun., March 4	10 AM	Irene Barnhorst
Sat., March 10	4 PM	Thomas Merkel
Sun., March 11	10 AM	Caleb Kramer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – March 10 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Joe and Janet Wagner

Gary Wagner

Server: Macey Moorman

Cantor: Sharon Miller

Lectors: Judy Steuri, Jack Ferkinhoff

Euch. Ministers: Terry Harmeyer, Roseann Wirth
Beth Simon, Jane Pictor

Sunday – March 11 at 10:00 AM

Greeters: George and Mary Bultman – *back*

Daniel and Becca Harlemert – *back*

Paul and Dolly Stirn - *side*

Servers: Seth Weisenbach, Caleb Simon

Cantor: Scott Simon

Lectors: Students

Euch. Ministers: Joyce Muckerheide, Patty Simon
Leslie Hicks, Cindy Weisenbach

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2733.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 12.08
Loose Collection	\$ 212.00
Total Regular Collection	\$2957.08
Capital Improvement	\$630.00

Believe in the Mercy of God!

"The Gospel challenges us in ways that are difficult but profound. Time and time again, we are called to give something up, but only so that we can become more perfectly who God created us to be. It is just one of the ways that Christianity invites us into a paradox. It is by giving that we receive, and even more so, it is by giving that we become." ~ Matthew Kelly

STEWARDSHIP – "You shall not covet" is perhaps a different commandment to keep in our consumer-oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that *all* is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn March 4 through March 11 for Dana (Simon) Montgomery.

FOOD FOR THE POOR – We welcome **Father Robert White** to the parish as he celebrates our Masses and speaks to us of the work of Food for the Poor, a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. May God bless all who work with the poor in any capacity.

BLOOD PRESSURE – This weekend after the Masses, you can get your blood pressure checked in the St. Anne Room following the Masses. Katie Spreckelson and Kara Huff will be there to assist you!

ADORATION – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held Wednesday, March 7, from 7:00-8:00 PM, and Friday morning, March 9, from 8:00 until 12:00 Noon. Come for just a few minutes or for a longer period of time. Jesus waits patiently for us!

WAY OF THE CROSS – The Way of the Cross with Communion will be held on Friday, March 9, 6:00 PM at St. John.

PENANCE SERVICE – The parish Lenten Penance Service will be held on 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, a God who offers us unconditional love!

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

TIME CHANGE – A reminder next weekend, before you go to bed, set your clocks forward one hour!

SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

Drivers all know that a stop sign means stop. But, because we are clever at bending the law, we can soon convince ourselves that if there's no traffic cop watching, and if we're in a hurry, it's OK to just slow down.

In today's first reading, the Ten Commandments are delivered to us. And, because we are clever, we start bending those commandments to fit our needs. For example: "If it's under a dollar in value, it is not really stealing." Or any of the other ways we sometimes stretch the commandments.

Some "rule twisters" may feel guilty when they hear the responsorial psalm: "The law of the Lord is perfect." (Deacon Dick Folger, Celebration)

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY – Three weeks ago, the directory proof was sent to us. The committee found a number of mistakes, and so we met with a representative from the company. The necessary changes were sent back to the company. Our hope is that the directories will be sent to us shortly after Easter.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES – Next weekend, you are asked to help support the Catholic Relief Services. Monies from this help to improve living conditions for the poor and for victims of war and natural disasters. Please drop your envelope in the regular collection.

RELIGIOUS ED – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, March 7, 6:45 PM. A meal will be served. Don't forget your pennies!

Classes for Grades 6 through 12 next Sunday, March 11, 8:30 AM. Also, next weekend, the 7th and 9th grade classes will participate at the Sunday morning Mass.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – I know a guy who's a Jehovah's Witness. They don't celebrate birthday parties. When I asked him why, he said it's because the only birthday party in the Bible cost John the Baptist his head. And here I am moaning that my son's birthday cost me an arm and a leg. (Philip Gulley, Front Porch Tales)