

March 6 – First Sunday of Lent

**CHRIST, PLEASE TAKE US
BY THE HAND AND LEAD US.**

*Holy Spirit, lead us,
please, to Christ's desert.
Speak straight into our hearts.
Be our one nourishment.
Source of all energy.*

*Fill us with your love.
Help us to resist eco-injustice, racism,
and our disinterest in others.*

*Instead, let us always
bring good news to the poor,
as you did with Jesus.*

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Learning From Jesus' Temptations

Every Lent, priests, nuns, monks, and many laypeople pray the following: "Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for [someone] to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Jesus encountered this truth in his temptations in the desert, another place in his ministry where he experienced the struggle of humanity.

The temptations begin, "If you are the Son of God...." All our temptations begin by doubting and challenging Jesus to prove himself. Although Jesus is all-powerful and all-good, we struggle to make sense of suffering and tragedies.

The temptations continue as Jesus is invited to satisfy himself, impress others, and skip suffering. But Jesus responds repeatedly in humility. In the desert he doesn't turn stones into bread. He later does something far greater; he turns bread and wine into himself. When tempted, we cry out to him to soften the hard realities of our lives. And Jesus does just that. He suffers in his passion, dies, and rises again to become life-giving bread for us. He becomes manna in our desert.

When we wish for power, Jesus promises we will reign with him if we also let him suffer for us and we with him. The devil would have us take matters into our own hands, doubt God, and make him prove himself by our measures. Yet if we listen to Jesus, look at his answers, and learn from his life, then true power will be ours. + (Fr. Mark Haydu)

SANCTUARY LIGHT

March 6 – Carl and Patricia Mistler
March 13 – Henry Schwering
March 20 – Bertha Wagner

MASS INTENTIONS

March 5 – Mark Eckstein
March 6 – Richard and Dolores Wagner
March 12 – Walter and Annabelle Bush
March 13 – Tom and DeAnn Bauerle

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – March 12 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Terry Harmeyer
Gifts: Dennis and Flo Wagner
Eucharist Minister: Judy Steuri

Sunday – March 13 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Amy Kinker, Donna Harlemert
Gifts: David and Jenny Hardesty
Eucharist Minister: Leslie Hicks

Saturday – March 19 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Judy Steuri
Gifts: Mark and Rosie Lunsford
Eucharist Minister: Terry Harmeyer

Sunday – March 20 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: David Hardesty, Julie Stephens
Gifts: Ken and Janice Fry
Eucharist Minister: Amanda Schutte

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$3184.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 17.90
Loose Collection	\$ 297.00
Total Collection	\$3498.90
Religious Education	\$105.00
Utilities	\$20.00
Criterion	\$40.00
Capital Improvement	\$666.00
Central and Eastern Europe	\$100.00

**WE BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES FOR
HIS ABUNDANT GIFTS!**

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." ~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST – Congratulations to **Beckham Clay Prentice**, the son of Jarrod and Amy Prentice, who was baptized on February 27. May he walk with the Lord all the days of his life!

BENEFIT – **TODAY, March 6, 3:00 to 6:00 PM**, a **drive-thru** chicken dinner with all the trimmings will be held at the Knights of St. John Hall for the benefit of Craig Simon. Cost is \$15.00 (cash or check only) We remember and pray for Craig and his family.

WATER DAMAGE – Yes, the repairs in the rectory and church basement are completed. Thank you very much to everyone who assisted in any way with these repairs, especially David and Jenny Hardesty. Our insurance company was wonderful in their positive and swift response. All the equipment in the parish basement is brand new! I am still waiting to hear from Hirt & Ellco concerning the possibility of a sump pump.

VOLLEYBALL TEAM – Our CYO volleyball team came in 3rd place this season. A great job was done by all. Thank you to Shaylee Volz, who did a wonderful job coaching our team, and thanks to all the team members for representing St. Maurice Church! See you next year.

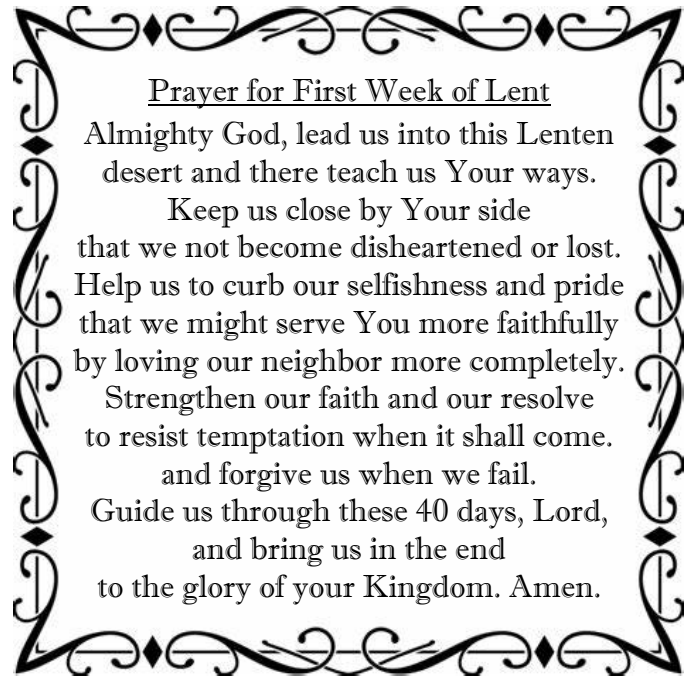
PARISH COUNCIL – Members will meet on Thursday, March 10, 6:30 PM.

ADORATION – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held this Friday, March 11, 8:00 to 12:00 noon.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Friday, March 11, 6:00 PM, with the reception of Holy Communion.

SOUP AND SALAD – Let's celebrate the gift of community and unity as we come together on **Sunday, March 20, 4:00 PM**, for a Prayer Service followed by a Soup and Salad meal. This Lenten event is sponsored by our Faith Formation Committee. **We will always be better "together" in God's Love.**

DONUTS AND COFFEE – Donuts and coffee will be served on the first Sunday of each month following the 10:00 AM Mass.



EUCCHARIST MINISTERS – You no longer need to wear a mask when taking Communion to the hall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Preschool through Grade 5 will have religion class on Wednesday, March 9, 6:45 PM. "Pennies for Posterity" project begins.

Junior High and High School will meet for class on Sunday, March 6 and 13, 8:30 AM.





HEALING SERVICE – Join Fr. Whittington for a Eucharistic Healing Service on Tuesday, March 15 at St. Nicholas Church in Sunman. Confessions begin at 6:30; praise & worship music at 6:45; and the Holy Hour and Healing Service at 7:00 PM. Receive Soaking Prayer for your personal intentions.

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN – All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry on March 4 and 18, April 1 and 15, 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Dine In or Carry Out.

ST. MARY'S KINDERGARTEN – If you are interested in registering your child for St. Mary's, Greensburg, Kindergarten class, please see the information on the bulletin board in the vestibule of church.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – Jesus promised his disciples three things: that they would be completely fearless, absurdly happy, and in constant trouble. (G.K. Chesterton)

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.	