

Nativity B.V.M. March 19, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LIVE AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT, FOR LIGHT PRODUCES EVERY KIND OF GOODNESS

Sometimes doing God's will can seem strange, foolish, or even wrong to others. Jesse assumed his youngest son couldn't be the next king, so David was left to care for the sheep when Samuel came. The pharisees thought Jesus sinned by healing on the sabbath. Are we preoccupied with what others will think, or are we focusing on doing God's will?



PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Slade Lochner, Robert Cade, Anthony Porpiglia, Tom Peresich, Barbara Gary, Colton Vollmuth, Eileen Donovan, Joy Tucei, Josh Sniffen, Trent Hartzog, Dan Scott, Derrel Netter, Sienna Anderson, Mary Parker, Sr. Jackie Tarrant, Amy Elizabeth Wheeler, Keaton Morano, Charlie Arguelles, Robert Moniot, Susan Gary Sigurnjak, Lee Slater, Paul Vitale, Steve Lyons, Michael J. Kessler, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Sondra Fox, Tommy Ardoline, Robert McClellan, Ansley Gilich, Adonna Creel Currie, Jackie Clark, Ivan Kovacevich, Peter Skrmetta, Kay Samski, Kevin Kavanagh, Carolyn Urbanoto, Buck O'Gea, Nick Pass, Sue and Gene Daudelin, Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Lehwmon Skrmetti, Annette Luther, Macklyn Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Tiffany Whitehead, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Mickey Bradley, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr. and all of our Homebound Parishioners.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The SVdP provides assistance each Tuesday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. For those wishing to make regular contributions, envelopes are located in the vestibule. We also value your one time gift! Your continued support helps to ensure SVdP is able to provide support for those in need.



HEAR MASS WITH CLARITY

Do you have trouble hearing or distinctly understanding Mass? If so, we have a treat for you. Our Cathedral parish has the hearing loop system for use by all persons who wear hearing aids, have cochlear implants or are hard of hearing. Pick up a receiver in the back of the church from an usher and be surprised at how clearly you can hear.

EASTER FLOWER DONATION

Please consider sending in your Easter Flower donations along with names of your loved ones. We will pray for each one this Easter.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Mar 20	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22, Mt 1:16, 18-21 or Lk 2:41-51a
Tue	Mar 21	Ez 47:1-9, 12, Jn 5:1-16
Wed	Mar 22	Is 49:8-15, Jn 5:17-20
Thu	Mar 23	Ex 32:7-14, Jn 5:31-47
Fri	Mar 24	Wis 2:1a, 12-22, Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat	Mar 25	Is 7:10-14, 8:10, Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38
Sun	Mar 26	Ez 37:12-14, Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	12,163.45
Maintenance	\$	644.00
Capital Improvement	\$	580.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	576.00
Miscellaneous	\$	847.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	14,810.45

Thank you for your generous contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon.	Mar 20	Adoration, Chapel at 7:00 -7:55 a.m. Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m.
Tues.	Mar 21	Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m. RCIA, 6:00 p.m., SHC
Wed.	Mar 22	Cleaning TEAM D CCD 5:30 p.m.
Thur.	Mar 23	Adoration, 6:00 p.m.
Fri.	Mar 24	Station of the Cross, 6:00 p.m.

OUR HEAVILY ANTICIPATED SURGE OF THE HEART PARISH MISSION IS JUST A WEEK AWAY!

We encourage everyone of the parish to join us for a life changing experience with nationally known Catholic speaker, best-selling author and radio host, Jon Leonetti on **Sunday, March 26th from 6:30 until 8:00 pm & Monday, March 27th from 6:30 until 8:00 pm.** Jon will give us both practical and effective ways to live, know and grow in our Catholic faith. Sharing powerful stories of the martyrs and saints Jon will inspire and challenge us in our call to holiness. Jon has been featured on the nation's top Catholic websites, blogs and radio shows and we're excited to host him here.

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL - 2023

The Gospel today reminds us that in our humility, we open ourselves up to a deeper relationship with the Lord and reveal our complete dependence on Him and His grace. When we help others who are on the margins of our society, we act in humility by acknowledging everything we have is a blessing from God, and are called to share them with others. Our Catholic Sharing Appeal is great way to help those in most need in our communities. Please consider a gift of any amount!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Mar 25 <u>4:00 pm</u> Sondra Ahern	Mar 25 <u>4:00 pm</u> Bill Lawson	Mar 25 <u>4:00 pm</u> McKinzy Lawson Dalton Bounds
Mar 26 <u>7:00 am</u> Linda Stewart	Mar 26 <u>7:00 am</u> Jim Compton	Mar 26 <u>7:00 am</u> Wyeth Stewart Alex Stewart
<u>9:00 am</u> Belinda Corley	<u>9:00 am</u> Nativity Elem.	<u>9:00 am</u> Harper Corley Banks Ellis
<u>11:00 am</u> Gary Naab	<u>11:00 am</u> Don Marie	<u>9:00 am</u> Brady Barhonovich Victoria Barhonovich Madison Price
<u>5:30 pm</u> Teresa Ballinger	<u>5:30 pm</u> Nativity Yourth	<u>5:30 pm</u> Olivia Codella
	CANTORS	<u>11:00 am</u> Elizabeth Cobb
	Mar 25 <u>4:00 pm</u> KC Arnold	Mar 25 <u>4:00 pm</u> KC Arnold
	Mar 26 <u>9:00 am</u> Michael Kessler	Mar 26 <u>9:00 am</u> Michael Kessler
	<u>11:00 am</u> Elizabeth Cobb	<u>11:00 am</u> Elizabeth Cobb
	CATHEDRAL CHOIR	CATHEDRAL CHOIR
	<u>5:30 pm</u> Sabree Puzz	<u>5:30 pm</u> Sabree Puzz

NATIVITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Nativity BVM Catholic School is now enrolling for the 23-24 school year. Applications for ACE Scholarships, which pay up to half of the tuition, are now open. To schedule a tour or to receive additional information, please contact Principal Traci Kessler at tkessler@nativitybvm.org or at 228-432-2269.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are observed every Friday in Lent at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Church. Come and walk with Jesus on his way to the cross in Lent.

NATIVITY'S LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Nativity's Lenten Penance Service will be on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are a recently registered new parishioner or if you are interested in joining our community – we extend a very warm word of “Welcome!” to you. We would love the opportunity to speak with you! Please contact the Rectory Office at 228 374-1717 and leave your name and contact information and Deacon Keith Gibson and/or a member of our “Welcome to the Parish” Team will contact you to aid you in learning more about us and we about you. We are delighted that you are with us! Also, do not hesitate to speak with a clergy or staff member of the Cathedral for further information as well!

BINGO MANIA

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday March 21, 2023. Following families are scheduled for March 21, 2023: Chereskin (Alan & Jamie), Cloud (Brandon & Emily), Codella (Armondo & Renae), Codella (Rachel), Collins (Shelly Ann), Conway (Joshua & Victoria) and Cook (Clifford & Shannon). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

6:30 AM

8:00 AM

Mon Mar 20	Chester Balias Family	Victor Mavar
Tue Mar 21	Tucei Family	Morgan D. (S.I.)
Wed Mar 22	Earl Hammond	Collins-Sim Family
Thu Mar 23	Aaron Easterling	Roy Ebberman, Jr.
Fri Mar 24	Jeanette Capuano	Herbert & Bertha McDonnell
Sat Mar 25	Audrey Wilkes	4 Gabe & Doris Kasovich
Sun Mar 26	7 John Biggy	9 FTP
11:00	Jeanette Capuano	5:30 Victor Mavar

Hymns/Sacred Songs for Saturday, March 18th - 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 19th – 9, 11 am & 5:30 pm Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Lent:

Opening Hymn:	“We Remember”	# 509
Offertory Hymn:	“Open My Eyes”	# 406
Communion Song:	“There Is A Balm in Gilead”	# 470
Recessional Song:	“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”	# 599

Cantors:	Saturday	4 pm	Dennis Burke
	Sunday	9 am	Michael Kessler
		11 am	Elizabeth Cobb
			Cathedral Choir
			Nativity BVM Elementary Children's Choir
			5:30 pm Sabree Puzz

WELCOME “ITALIAN MASS” GUESTS/VISITORS: Our parish warmly welcomes all guests and visitors to our 11 am Sunday Mass in which we observe our Italian Mass celebration. This Mass is led today by the Fourth Grade Class of Nativity BVM Elementary School and by the combined forces our Cathedral Choir and Elementary School's Children's Choir.

THE SEVEN LAST WORD OF CHRIST: On Sunday, March 26th at 3:00 p.m. – we will offer a very powerful concert program that will take us through the crucifixion of Jesus and the seven “utterances” – statements he makes from the cross. Do you know them? In the musical setting – the “Fourth Word” of Jesus is: *“God, my Father, why hast Thou forsaken me?”* This pain filled statement is portrayed in the music as a baritone solo sung by our very own Dennis Burke. The “Fifth Word” of Jesus is *“I am athirst!”* The anguish of Jesus is presented with the backdrop of the angry crowd taunting and hurling insults at Jesus as He is dying on the cross. These two words/settings of music are portrayed with chorus and duets & trios between soloists. All the while we are favored to have a small Chamber Orchestral Ensemble to accompany the presentation.

NATIVITY BVM CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, March 19th at 11 am:

Nativity Elementary School will celebrate the Italian Mass. Our Children's Choir will join forces with the Cathedral Choir for this celebration. The Mass will be offered by the Fourth Grade. Our Children's Cantors will be Shanielia Collins & Claudia Smith.

MUSIC MINISTRY – CHORAL PROGRAM:

“Gloria In Excelsis”: We continue our rehearsals on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:45 p.m. in the Youth Ministry Hall. We are currently preparing Theodore Dubois' “The Seven Last Words of Christ” to be shared on Sunday afternoon, March 26th at 3 pm in our Cathedral.

“The Cathedral Choir”: We continue our rehearsals on Wednesday evenings on the stage of the SHC at 6:30 p.m.

“YOUTH CHOIR”: Our Youth Choir welcomes new members at any time throughout the year. We rehearse on the stage in the SHC at 4:30 pm and sing for the 5:30 pm Mass every Sunday evening.

All choirs/ensembles listed here are in need of new members and welcome any interested singers to join us at any time throughout the year! All that's needed is a desire to try and a willingness to share and give! God will do the rest!