



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

March 27, 2022

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4th SUNDAY OF LENT -- FORGIVENESS IS...

"...his father caught sight of him and was deeply moved." Luke 15:20

Some people think forgiveness means being nice to those who have offended us. Forgiveness, however, is much more than that. It means actively showing love and mercy to those who have mistreated us. Forgiveness is given before our offenders apologize, and even if they never apologize or stop mistreating us. Forgiveness is expressed affectionately. The father of the prodigal son "ran out to meet him, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him" (Lk 15:20). Forgiveness means honoring our offenders by giving them special gifts and throwing a party in their honor (Lk 15:22-23). Forgiveness is extending mercy, treating those who have mistreated us much better than they deserve.

Forgiveness by God's standards is impossible by human power. "To err is human, to forgive is divine." Because we're not divine, we can't do it. However, Jesus is divine. He can forgive, and we can let it be done unto us according to His word (Lk 1:38). In Jesus, we can forgive everyone who has ever hurt us; we can be like the father of the prodigal son. We can forgive by God's standards (Col 3:13). We can receive the miracle of forgiveness, go forth as ministers of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:18), and transform an unforgiving and merciless world into the image and likeness of Christ.

Prayer: Forgiving Father, in this Lent may I change from merely not hating my enemies into loving them.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Mar 26.....5:30pm
Janice Koetting by Leon & Mary Bohr

Sunday, Mar 27.....8:30am
Janice Koetting by Loretta Britten

Tuesday, Mar 29.....6:00pm
Janice Koetting by Loretta Britten

Wednesday, Mar 30.....**7:00pm**
Reconciliation / Penance Service

Thursday, Mar 31.....7:30am
Janice Koetting by Loretta Britten

Friday, April 01.....7:30am
Janice Koetting by Loretta Britten
6:00pm Stations of the Cross for Parish

Liturgical Ministers

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Lector: TYM
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown
Server: TYM
Rosary:

Sunday, Mar 27, 2022 at 8:30am

Lector: Nick Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler
Server: Kate and Wesley
Rosary: Nick Kuehler Family

Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 5:30pm

Lector: TYM
Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey
Server: TYM
Rosary: Bunny York

Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 8:30am

Lector: Clifton Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Joannie Kling
Server: Carrigan and Ali
Rosary: Ethan and Vero Weinheimer

Mass Schedule

Saturday.....5:30pm
Sunday.....8:30am

Tuesday and Wednesday.....6:00pm
Thursday and Friday.....7:30am

Confession:

Saturday.....4:30-5:15pm
Sunday.....7:55-8:15am
or by appointment

1st Wednesday Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament.....7:00pm-10:00pm

Information

Marriage Preparation: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

Baptism: Call the rectory for an appointment.

Communion: Anyone unable to come forward for communion, let Father Raj know before Mass. Those ill or homebound, please contact Father Raj to arrange for communion to be brought to your home. Anyone with special dietary needs for gluten free Eucharist or wine, let Father Raj know before Mass.

Parish Hall Rental: Contact Father Raj at least one month in advance.

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Pray for Our Sick

John & Emma Detten
Celeste Connelly
Bill Becker
Leonard Koetting
Anna Marie Wink
Matthew Gary Britten
Doris Britten
Shane King
George "Jiggs" Britten
Sister Louise
Schellon Major
Dianne Ollinger

Joe Winner
Arvella James
Paul Bubliss
Griffyn Schulte
Carmen Keesee
Betty Kotara
Magan Bivens
Debbie Haning
Kelvin Ollinger
Tony Dodson
Jerry Ashford

Family Chalice Program

March 27.....Barbara Homer
April 3.....Johnny & Doris Homer
April 10.....Neysa Friemel
April 17.....Alice Kuehler & Mary Lane
April 24.....Tami Keesee Family

Church Cleaning for March

Debbie Ollinger, Cara Ashford, Pam Ashford, Loretta Britten, Marla Britten, Sharon Britten, Shelley Britten, Wamyth Britten, Lorri Connelly, K'Leigh Keesee, Tami Keesee, Nicole Kuehler, Mary Treadwell, and Sherri Wieberg

Stewardship Reports

03/20/22 Stewardship Report

Individual	\$ 1,820.00
Loose	\$ 69000
TOTAL	\$ 2,510.00

03/20/22 Building Maintenance

TOTAL	\$ 170.00
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Sat, The Passion Apr 9th at 5:30pm

Lector: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister:

Server: Damon and Stephen Kuehler

Rosary: Bunny York

Sun, The Passion Apr 10th at 8:30am

Lector: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister:

Server:

Rosary: Marla Britten

Holy Thursday, April 14th at 6:00pm

Lector: Clifton Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Susan Britten

Server:

Good Friday, April 15th at 6:00pm

Lector:

Extraor. Com. Minister:

Server:

Announcements

Thank you to everyone that helped plan, cook, and clean up at our Celebration last weekend!

The TYM will serve breakfast on Sunday, April 3rd following Mass.

SYNOD 2021-2023: Our parish is hosting a deanery level SYNOD meeting (JOURNEY TOGETHER) on Saturdays April 9th & 30th 2022 in our Parish Hall from 9:30am to 12 noon. Diocesan team will be here to lead this meeting. People from Childress, Memphis, Shamrock, Wellington and Clarendon will be here. Everyone from our parish is encouraged to participate in this meeting. Our Christian Mothers will take care of drinks and snacks/finger foods.

There will be no CCD classes during Holy Week on April 13th. The last day of CCD classes will be May 4th.

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 15th at 2:00pm at The Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ located off of I-40. The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will follow at 3:00pm.

St. Mary's of Clarendon will host a Fish Fry on April 22. Dine in or carry out orders from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you have a birthday or anniversary to add to the bulletin, please email Staci or leave a list in the collection basket.

Calendar of Events:

Wednesday, March 30 ----- 7:00pm Parish Lenten Confessions

Holy Thursday, April 14 ---- 6:00pm The Lord's Supper followed by Adoration until 12am.

Good Friday, April 15 ----- 6:00pm The Passion of the Lord (Veneration of the Cross)

Holy Saturday, April 16----- 8:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 17----- 8:30am Easter

Saturday, April 23 -----5:30pm First Holy Communion

Sunday, April 24 ----- 8:30am Confirmation Mass by Most Rev. Patrick J. Zurek,
Christian Mothers to host a reception following Mass.

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." Luke 23:34:

Jesus of Nazareth is looking down from the Cross just after he was crucified between two criminals. He sees the soldiers who have mocked, scourged, and tortured him, and who have just nailed him to the cross. He probably remembers those who have sentenced him - Caiaphas and the high priests of the Sanhedrin. Pilate realized it was out of envy that they handed him over (Matthew 27:18, Mark 15:10). But is Jesus not also thinking of his Apostles and companions who have deserted him, to Peter who has denied him three times, to the fickle crowd who only days before praised him on his entrance to Jerusalem, and then days later demanded his crucifixion? Is he also thinking of us, who daily forget him in our lives? Does he react angrily? No! At the height of his physical suffering, his love prevails, and He asks His Father to forgive! Could there ever be greater irony? Jesus asks his Father to forgive, but it is by His very Sacrifice on the Cross that mankind is able to be forgiven! Right up to his final hours on earth, Jesus preaches forgiveness. He teaches forgiveness in the Lord's prayer: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us" (Matthew 6:12). When asked by Peter, how many times should we forgive someone, Jesus answers seventy times seven (Matthew 18:21-22). He forgives the paralytic at Capernaum (Mark 2:3-12), the sinful woman who anointed him in the home of Simon the Pharisee (Luke 7:37-48), and the adulteress caught in the act and about to be stoned (John 8:1-11). During the Institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, Jesus tells them to drink of the cup: "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:27-28). And even following his Resurrection, his first act is to commission his disciples to forgive: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (John 20:22-23). "Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses." Mark 11:25