

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PARISH (GSCP)

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March 20, 2022

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, March 21		
8:00am	Katie Ocken+	Arcadia
8:30am	Rosary @ St. Augustine Church	Halbur
Tuesday, March 22		
8:00am	Adrian & Marcella Snyder+	Arcadia
8:00am	L/D Members of the Ray & Rita Schettler Family	Breda
5:30pm	Sacr. of Reconciliation & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Halbur
Wednesday, March 23	Optional Memorial of Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, Bishop	
8:00am	Leone Buelt+	Arcadia
8:00am	Betty Halbur+ & Lori Handlos+	Templeton
8:30am	Rosary @ Holy Angels Church	Roselle
5:00pm	FB live-streamed Evening Prayer	Fr. Fred
Thursday, March 24		
8:00am	Alice Schroeder+	Arcadia
8:00am	Leone Buelt+	Breda
5:00pm	FB live-streamed Evening Prayer	Fr. Fred
Friday, March 25	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	
8:00am	Otmar Bierl+	Arcadia
8:00am	Fr. Gerald Hartz+	Templeton
5:00pm	FB live-streamed Evening Prayer	Fr. Fred
Saturday, March 26	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
5:30pm	Pro Populo: For the People of GSCP	Breda
Sunday, March 27	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
8:00am	Janet Sander+	Arcadia
10:00am	Aggie Grossman+	Templeton

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is AVAILABLE 1/2 HOUR BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES or BY APPOINTMENT

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FROM THE PASTOR: THIS Sunday/TODAY, March 20, I hope many of you are able to enjoy the Annual Pancake Breakfast at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, serving from 8:30am-12:30pm. Fr. Merlin Schrad will preside at an 8:00am Mass in OLMC as part of this annual event; everyone is welcome to attend.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend this DELICIOUS breakfast. After Mass in Templeton, I have a baptism of a baby girl in Halbur. I then will slip over to Mapleton to see my Mom and Dad.

Special Lenten Times for the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

- **Before Daily Mass** in Breda & Templeton (7:15-7:45+); even if you can't stay for Mass, you might be able to drop in for this sacrament.
- **Before weekend Masses** at St. Bernard and at St. John the Baptist, usually **at least 45 minutes before Mass for 30+ minutes** (timing is tighter at Sacred Heart, but as soon as possible after 9:30 until 9:50).
- At **St. Augustine Church, Tuesday, March 22, 5:30-6:30pm**, with simple **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**.
- **April 1, during Eucharistic Adoration (6:00-7:00pm)** at **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church**.
- By appointment, if needed.

REMINDER of the schedule for Holy Week:

- **Palm Sunday, April 9-10**, regular weekend schedule.
- **Holy Thursday, April 14, 5:30pm**, St. Bernard, Breda.
- **Good Friday, April 15, Noon**, St. John the Baptist, Arcadia & **3:00pm**, Sacred Heart, Templeton.
- **Easter Vigil, April 16, 8:30pm**, St. Bernard, Breda.
- **Easter Sunday, April 17**, regular Sunday schedule.



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (R. “The Lord is kind and merciful.”); 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

The Hebrew text of God’s initial self-revelation to Moses is tighter than our translation: “I am God of your father, ... God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob” (not “your fathers”, and no use of “the” before “God”). This voice from the unburned burning bush (!) assures Moses that God is God of the history of the Israelites (descendants, named after Jacob, who was renamed Israel, “... because [he had] contended with divine and human beings and [had] prevailed.” Genesis 32:28). God is still God of the Israelites, for God has heard their cry due to the affliction they are experiencing at the hands of “their slave drivers.”

Moses, however, doesn’t feel qualified to go to Pharaoh and lead the Israelites out of Egypt (these verses are left out of our reading). God assures Moses that he will be with him. Moses still thinks that he needs a more specific name than the above formula. So God says to Moses, “I am who am,” which is at once clear and mysterious. In Hebrew, the verb “to be” is not often used; when it is, it points to activity, that is, to **doing** who and what one is. Armed with this name, God tells Moses, “This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you. ... The LORD, God of your fathers, God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, has sent me to you.” This full formula would say to the Israelites that God, “I AM”, who acted in their history, is now acting on behalf of his people enslaved in Egypt. — As I noted in past reflections, Hebrew for the divine name, “I AM”, is not said out loud in the Jewish tradition; rather, they say “LORD” or “*ha SHEM*” (= “the NAME”). So our translations use LORD or GOD when the divine name is used in the Hebrew text.

St. Paul recalls some of the actions of the LORD God in the wilderness: passing through the sea; *manna* from heaven; water from the rock. Paul says the rock followed Moses and the people—perhaps because it is mentioned in Exodus 17:6 and Numbers 20:11, or perhaps due to a “rabbinic legend [that] amplified this into a spring that followed the Israelites throughout their migration” (Cath. Study Bible, note at I Cor 10:4). For Paul, this is God’s continuing to work among his people, for this rock points to Christ. The LORD God, “I AM”, continues to be active among his people. Jesus Christ is “I AM”, which is especially made clear in John’s Gospel where Jesus often refers to himself as “I AM”.

The people who speak to Jesus about the murderous acts of Pilate (does that remind you of any modern tyrant?), who used their blood to defile their sacrifices, are wondering about what God, “I AM”, is doing. Jesus uses that event and the tragic, but accidental, deaths of those upon whom the tower of Siloam fell, to note that this is not about the people’s guilt and God’s punishment. Some of them may have thought that was the case. Rather, such events are reminders of the need to repent and to be prepared for when the Son of Man comes (cf. Luke 12:35-40)—even though we do not know the hour.

Jesus moves on to a parable about the Kingdom of God, that is, about how God reigns (how “I AM” acts, rules). The parable reflects the Psalm response: “The LORD is kind and merciful.” An owner of a vineyard in which there is also a fig tree (not uncommon) is fed up because he has come to the tree for three years and still has found no fruit (btw, fresh figs in the Holy Land are delicious, IMHO). How old is the tree? Just three years? A fig tree might produce fruit in two years, but sometimes it may take as long as six years (Google it!). So, has the owner been patient, or is he condemning the tree too soon? Normally we would think that owner of the vineyard is the image of God in the parable. He has not, however, done any of the work to raise the tree. His gardener has done all the work.

The gardener shows himself to be both patient with and having a soft spot for the tree. He refuses to cut it down, but rather, proposes that for another year he “shall dig around it and throw in manure” (= literal translation; we Iowans don’t need to be protected from the word “manure”!). In that, we see the gardener’s patience,

which he appears to extend in the next phrase, “it may bear fruit in the future.” The expression, “in the future,” isn’t limited to one year, but seems to point to a longer time. Now the gardener shows his love for the tree: Even if it does not bear fruit, he tells the owner, “you can cut it down”! The gardener wants to give the tree more time, and he will not be the one to cut it down. The gardener is the active one, he is “kind and merciful”; the gardener is a far better image for how God acts and reigns than the owner.

The parable does not invite us to take God’s kindness and mercy for granted. Rather, like the Psalmist, we can praise God for those qualities; we can live in faith, hope and joy because of them, for God, “I AM” is kind and merciful in his actions with us. Like the gardener, with this help from “I AM”, we, too, can be kind and merciful toward others and toward the work entrusted to us by God. Nevertheless, “in the future”, there will also judgment. We do not know the day or hour, but we do know, that now, in this season of Lent, we can repent and be prepared! We can make that vigilance part of our entire lives—not out of fear, but out of great trust that “The LORD is kind and merciful.”

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Carroll Knights of Columbus, Baby Bottle Ultrasound Initiative.

The Veil Removed is a short film that shows us how Mass participates in the eternal life of heaven. Join the film’s producer, Chris Magruder, as she explains the film and the significance of the Eucharist in our lives. This presentation will take place at **St. Ann Church in Vail on Sunday, April 3 from 2-3pm.**

UPCOMING FISH FRIES:

Carroll Knights of Columbus—Dine-in and drive thru; serving fried fish, baby red potatoes, bun, and cookie for \$12

- March 25th at St. Lawrence—Collison Hall, 5-7:30pm

- April 8 at Holy Spirit—Greteman Center, 5-7:30pm

Arcadia Fire Department—March 25th from 5-8pm: Drive thru—Arcadia City Hall (approach from the west on Front Street) \$13



Kuemper Job Openings:

- The following teaching positions are available for next school year: Kindergarten, 4th, 5th, 7th grade Science & High School Spanish. Apply for all teaching positions at <https://iowa.schoolspring.com/>.
- Looking for substitute Teachers and Teacher Associates, substitute Secretaries, Custodians and Cooks. Contact Kim Miller 712-792-3596 or kjmillier@kuemper.org.
- Looking for bus drivers and substitute bus drivers. Contact Katie Riesberg at 712-792-3596 or kjriesberg@kuemper.org.
- Looking for full time Food Service worker. Contact Sue Kennebeck 792-3313 or sakennebeck@kuemper.org.

Tuesday, March 22 at 2pm marks the official launch of Kuemper’s **FAITH FORWARD** capital campaign—a critical effort to directly and positively impact our efforts to upgrade and enhance our facilities, and grow our funds for teacher salaries and tuition assistance. Please join us in the Kuemper Catholic High School cafeteria (enter through the west doors) on Fr. Kuemper’s birthday. We will have birthday cake and other refreshments, and you will have the opportunity to learn more about the campaign goals and projects. Campaign leaders and volunteers will be available before and after the kickoff event to answer any questions. If you are unable to join us in-person, go to www.kuemper.org/faithforward to access the live stream.

A Knight of Hope: This year’s Friends of Kuemper Ball will be held on April 30, at the Kuemper Fieldhouse from 5:30p-12:30a. Meal tickets are \$45, vehicle raffle tickets \$100, and Ag raffle tickets are \$50. ****New this year**** **Thanks Mom & Dad Match Challenge.** Kuemper Alumni, Brian & Patty (Huegerich) Hannasch both

from the class of 1985 decided to thank their parents for investing in their Catholic education! The Hannasches have generously determined they will be matching all Ball gifts over the \$600,000 ball goal! "Thanks to our parents-Marvin '61 & Betty (Hackfort '62) Huegerich, Joan (Rupiper '60) and the late Dale Hannasch for our wonderful faith based education at Kuemper!" - *Patty & Brian Hannasch* There is still time to get your tickets! We offer many ways for donors to make their donation/purchases: Online at www.kuemper.org/ball, Venmo (to Kuemper's business account @Kuemper) or call Kuemper's Alumni Office at 712-792-2212 for a physical form! Thank you for your continued support!

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, ARCADIA

Stations of the Cross will follow the 8am Mass on Wednesday's.

Now Available (12' x 10') double cemetery lots in the New Addition of **St. John the Baptist Cemetery** in Arcadia selling for \$600. Single lots selling for \$300. Call parish office at 712-689-2595 (Monday & Friday mornings) for more information!

Coffee/Rolls will be held on **Sunday, March 27** following the 8am Mass in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome!! Hosted by the Vogl Family.

Prayer Chain: If you would like to request prayers for someone or you want to have your name included in the **St. John's Prayer Chain**, please call Bev Vonnahme (689-2211) or call/text her at 712-249-1308.

MINISTERS-March 27

Reader: Sheila Higgins

Servers: Mason Hoffman, Ryan Igou

Ushers/Greeters: Margaret Gruba, Michelle Schuette

EMHC: Jean Eischeid

Stewardship for March 13

Adult \$1,195.00; Loose \$34.00; TAO Payback \$490.00

ST. BERNARD, BREDA

Thank you very much, Connie Weber, for the extra lighting at the north and south entryways to the church. — Connie did this in memory of her son, **Eugene**. Continued prayers for him, for Connie, and for all who miss and grieve him.

Thank you very much, Myrna Snyder and all who contributed to the memorial for **Clair Snyder**. St. Bernard received a total of \$2,435.49. Much of this will be used for the 2023 Missalettes, and for patching the carpet in front of the sanctuary. — Please continue to pray for Clair, for Myrna, and for all who miss and grieve him.

Scrip Cash & Carry: Joan Halbur will be selling Scrip in the back of St. Bernard's church on the first Saturday of the month following the 5:30pm Mass. Pick up Hy-Vee, Fareway, or Walmart Scrip. Rebates benefit St. Bernard's Parish.

Total raised for Mardi Gras was \$5,205.00. Thank you for your generosity and support!

MINISTERS-March 26

Rosary Leader: Pat Koster

Greeters: Harry/Mary Kay Uhlenkamp

Reader: Jennifer Koster

Servers: Owen & Morgan Masching

Ushers: Rich Mueggenberg, Jasen Tiefenthaler

Gift Bearers: Brian/Kayla Tiefenthaler

EMHC: Pat Schwarzkopf

March \$\$ Counters: Joan Schettler, Muriel McDermott

Stewardship for March 13

Adults \$1,105.00; Loose \$91.00; Kuemper Support \$25.00; Aid to Global Churches \$5.00; Endowment \$25.00; Choir \$75.00; TAO Payback \$841.00

SACRED HEART, TEMPLETON

Congratulations to Jeffrey, Jr. and Kristen (Blum) Halbur on the baptism of their daughter, **Hannah Marie**, at Sacred Heart Church on March 13. **Hannah**, welcome to the Catholic Church and Good Shepherd Parish!

Condolences and prayers for the family and friends of **Duane Irlmeier**. — *Saints of God, come to his aid! Come to meet him, angels of the Lord! Receive his soul and present him to God most high!*

General Church Cleaning will be held on **Saturday, April 9, 9am**. Men & women are welcome to help.

MINISTERS-March 27

Reader: Gene Langel

Server: Grace Wolterman

Usher/Gift Bearer: Volunteers

EMHC: Diane Meiners

Church Cleaners: Bill/Karen Prebeck, Dave/Carol Ramsey

Stewardship for March 13

Adults \$1,905.00; Youth \$4.00; Loose \$245.00; Friend of the Church \$50.00

ST. AUGUSTINE, HALBUR

Congratulations to Aaron and Kyle (Knoke) Klocke on the baptism of their son, **Rush Lane**, at St. Augustine Church on March 12. **Rush**, welcome to the Catholic Church and Good Shepherd Parish!

REMINDER: Sacrament of Reconciliation with simple Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, on Tuesday, **March 22, 5:30-6:30pm**.

Thanks to all who remembered me with a card, call, gift or visit for my 90th Birthday. The card verses, special messages and best wishes were heart warming and greatly appreciated. Thanks to my family for hosting the wonderful party. Great to Celebrate 90! My blessings are many! Thanks to all for sharing with me.

God Bless, Marilyn Eischeid

Stewardship for March 13

Adult \$550.00

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, MOUNT CARMEL

Condolences and prayers for the family and friends of **Lucille Julich**. — *Saints of God, come to her aid! Come to meet her, angels of the Lord! Receive her soul and present her to God most high!* — The **funeral** will be tomorrow, Monday, March 21, at 10:30am, with Fr. Gary Snyder presiding.

Stewardship for March 13

Adults \$1,465.00

HOLY ANGELS, ROSELLE

PERSONS WISHING TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, whether baptized in another faith or unbaptized and over the age of seven [7], may contact Fr. Friedrichsen at any time of the year to begin the process known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC).

BAPTISM CLASS is offered to couples who are having a child baptized for the first time in one of the churches of Good Shepherd Catholic Parish. —New parents, CONGRATS! PLEASE email Fr. Friedrichsen so a day and time for the class can be scheduled with you (there might be more than one couple attending, which is a good thing!).

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: It is advisable to begin this at least 9 months before the wedding day. If either the bride or the groom was previously married and has not yet done the annulment process, that will be necessary before marriage preparation can begin. Please contact Fr. Friedrichsen so that all preparations may be completed in time for the wedding and marriage. Remember, the wedding is just a day, while marriage is a LIFETIME!

NEW PARISHIONERS may register in the parish of their choice by visiting the website (<http://gscpcarrollco.org/parish-registration>), choosing the “ABOUT” drop-down menu, clicking on Parish Registration, and completing the form. WELCOME!

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