March 18, 2018
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday, March 19 at St. Peter
8:00 A.M. +Paul Sommers by Mary Pratt

Tuesday, March 20
NO MASS

Wednesday, March 21 at St. Joseph
8:00 A.M. +Harry J. Roth by Bill & Peach Roth

Thursday, March 22 at St. Joseph
8:00 A.M. +Fr. John Wilson by Kevin & Monica Whiteman

Friday, March 23 at St. Peter
8:00 A.M. +Fr. Bert Woolson by Carol Vires
4:00 P.M. Way of the Cross at St. Joseph
7:00 P.M. Way of the Cross at St. Peter

Saturday, March 24
4:00 P.M. at St. Peter
+Leona Kinnaman by Barb Knarr
6:00 P.M. at St. Joseph
+Delbert Cloud by Family

Sunday, March 25
8:00 A.M. at St. Francis
+Doug Fox by Kay Allen
10:00 A.M. at St. Peter
+Our Cluster Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, March 24 at 4:00 P.M.
(St. Peter)
Reader: Don Clouser & Mike Jany
Ministers: Carol Vires, Jane Rausch and Bill Girton
Servers: Bonnie Budd & Caitlyn Ottow
Ushers: VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, March 24 at 6:00 P.M.
(St. Joseph)
Reader: Paul Gilsinger & VOLUNTEER
Ministers: Cindy Scott, Shelley Werner and Peach Roth
Servers: Randy Roth & Brody Roth
Ushers: Christian Mothers

Sunday, March 25 at 8:00 A.M.
(St. Francis)
Reader: Dillar & Pat Ames
Ministers: Carl & Rusty Federer
Servers: Jonathan Ottow

Sunday, March 25 at 10:00 A.M.
(St. Peter)
Reader: Bob Klitzman & Dan Murphy
Ministers: John & Denise Downing and Phyllis Czech
Servers: Danni Jo Rausch & Bianca Huizar
Ushers: Bob Powers, Val Powers, Dave Leonard and Chuck Rebeck

Oh, by the way…

Remaining Reconciliation services in our Deanery

19 March: All Saints, Logansport @ 7:00 p.m.
19 March: St. Joseph, Reynolds @ 7:00 p.m.
21 March: St. Charles, Peru @ 7:00 p.m.
22 March: St. Patrick, Kokomo @ 7:00 p.m.
22 March: Our Lady of the Lakes, Monticello @ 7:00 P.M.

Business Office closed!

The Business Office will be closed Thursday afternoon, 22 March, and Friday. All priests, Administrators, Business Managers and secretaries have been apprised (command attendance) of a Webinar concentrating on the upcoming FRUITFUL HARVEST campaign. In other words, phones and/or door bells will not be answered. (Thinking this is better than all the driving…just sit at the computer!)Thank you for your understanding.

The days of Lent are the final Period of Purification and Enlightenment leading up to the Easter Vigil. Lent is a period of preparation marked by prayer, study, and spiritual direction for the Elect, and prayers for them by the parish communities. The Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation takes place during the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday when the Elect receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Now the person is fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The theme of the period of Purification and Enlightenment is that repentance and conversion of heart help to "enlighten the minds and hearts of the elect with a deeper knowledge of Christ the Savior". This is understood within the context of the final weeks of preparation before initiation into Christ's Paschal Mystery. During this period, the three Scrutinies help to "complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ" through Scripture readings and prayers. The final step is the celebration of the sacraments of initiation which take place, most appropriately, at the Easter Vigil. The journey of coming to the faith culminates in these sacramental celebrations, when the elect are fully initiated into the Paschal Mystery and the life of the Church. Though this is the culminating step, the journey does not end but continues afterward with a period of Mystagogy or Postbaptismal Catechesis in which the neophytes continue to deepen their understanding of the mystery of God and connect with the faith community.

This Period of the Post Baptismal Catechesis, which is also called Mystagogy, continues at least until Pentecost. During the period the newly baptized members reflect on their experiences at the Easter Vigil and continue to learn more about the Scriptures, the Sacraments, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. In addition they reflect on how they will serve Christ and help in the Church's mission and outreach activities. Eric continues his journey as do we!

All you husbands, treat your wife to a great meal…no cooking, no clean up! Take a leisurely drive down 119 to Pulaski. Next week-end is the annual (and delicious) **Chicken Noodle Dinner** sponsored by the St. Joseph Christian Mothers. 10:30a.m.-1:00p.m. There's a Bake Sale and quilt raffle. Carry outs available.

The annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection is taken up in every Catholic parish around the world. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you are instruments of peace in a troubled land.

■During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The readings remind us of our special connection to the land where this great story unfolded.

■Supporting the church in the Holy Land is an historic mission. Since the time of St. Paul, who urged his missionary Churches not to forget the needs of the Church in Jerusalem, Christians worldwide have understood the responsibility to support the land where Jesus walked.

■It has never been easy to be a Christian in the Holy Land. In these challenging times in the Middle East, Christians are experiencing unique hardships. We have an opportunity to help them through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection.

■Christians in the Holy Land face special challenges – many of which we hear about in the daily news. The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. Supporting the Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers hope to the Holy Land Christians.

■Who are these Christians? Christians living in the Holy Land today are descendants of those who first believed and lived the Christian faith. It is important that Christians continue to live, work and pray in the Holy Land.

■The Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region.

■What has been accomplished? Last year's Pontifical Good Friday Collection:

- Supported 29 parishes, four homes for orphans, three academic institutions
- Helped keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students
- Supported 120 men preparing to be priests or brothers
- Helped rehabilitate 80 homes for Christian families
- Provided senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth
- Created 1,500 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians
- Preserved 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets

Thank you for supporting the Pontifical Good Friday Collection

With spring break beginning this coming Friday, some will be out of school, some out of County, some out of State. Unfortunately, spring break is also Holy Week this year. Holy Week is the holiest week of our faith journey. Our spiritual life is every day…never a break! My prayer is that everyone, those here and away, **make** time to worship the SON during the TRIDUUM and not just the sun!

Meanwhile, on the way to Calvary… fr. K

Quick one-liners for you:

■In preparation for the TRIDUUM, the Eucharist and Holy Oils will be removed from our Cluster churches next week-end.

■St. Peter's will have a second collection next weekend to benefit the Cemetery Fund. Envelopes may be found in the pews for your convenience. Thank you for your continued support.

■In readiness for the Chicken and Noodle Dinner at St. Joseph's on Palm Sunday, we will be cleaning the basement on Wednesday, March 21st at 6:00 pm. Please plan to help.

■The Christian Mothers of St. Peters will hold their annual Easter Bake Sale on Saturday, March 31st from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon at the Winamac Fire Station. Please plan to stop by and pick up your delicious baked goods just in time for Easter Sunday! The ladies will be calling soon for donations, thank you for your continued support each year!

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Cluster News!!!!

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please keep the following individuals in your prayers: Richard Alber, Randy Baker, May Baunach (Barbara Mau's Mother), Judy Berger, Marie Brown (sister-in-law of Lois Heater), Shelia Buczek, Will Cheverette, Tom Fanning, Rose Marie Garcia (friend of Theresa Logan), Shelia Garling, Marsha Gearhart, Dain Hayworth (Kay Hayworth's son), Fr. Mike Heppen, Christi Hoffa, Mary Ann Johnson, Ralph Kiser, Joseph Knouff, Marie Kraft, Greg Loehmer, Theresa Logan, Andy Meyer, Robert Meyer, Tom Murray Sr., Patricia O'Donnell, Joe Pesaresi, Floyd Podell, Patti Jo Rausch, Miles Shidler (grandson of Betty Wallace), Gloria Staples, & Graham Vollmer

Please remember in your prayers all of our Cluster family and friends who mourn the loss of a loved one, all who have no one to pray for them, those who have died through violence or natural disasters and all who have died recently.

If you have someone to add to the prayer list, notify the Cluster Office. Please keep in mind, your request will remain on our list for four weeks unless we hear back from you that they should remain on the list. Thank you!

Please notify the Cluster Office at 574.946.4906, if a loved one is admitted to the hospital, rehab center, nursing home, or is homebound. fr. K CANNOT make calls to people that he is NOT AWARE OF. Thank you!

Cluster Weekly Activities

Wednesday, March 21

5:30 P.M. RE Classes at St. Peter

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St. Francis

March 11, 2018
General Offerings: $120.00
Loose Collection: $25.00
CRS Collection: $105.00

St. Joseph

March 10, 2018
General Offerings: $998.00
Loose Collection: $71.00
Catholic Moment: $22.00
CRS Collection: $636.00

St. Peter

March 10 & 11, 2018
General Offering: $1,382.00
Loose Collection: $297.00
Children's Offering: $19.51
Votive Lights: $23.00
CRS Collection: $484.00
Catholic Moment: $96.00
First Offering: $5.00