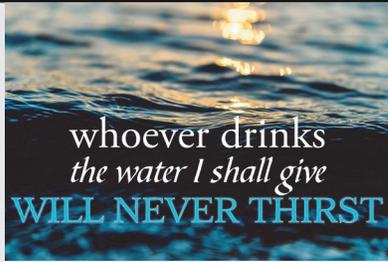


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ARREPENTANCE



SUNDAY, MARCH 24– Third Sunday of Lent

7:30am For the Parish
 10:00am For the Friends: Dave Chesak, Mel Clites, Don Kreilkamp, Ted Mathew, Jerry Hughes, Michael Fogarty & Families

MONDAY, MARCH 25

8:00am Communion Service followed by Stations of the Cross
 8:30-2:30pm Eucharistic Adoration (following Stations)

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

5:30pm Bob & Tennis Walter

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27– Mass at the Care Center

10:00am Bill & Mary Putts

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

8:00am Living/deceased of the Russell & Sorg Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

8:30am Terry Craig

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

5:00pm For the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 31– Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30am Mary Dunlap Knight
 10:00am Curt Mingear

Minister Schedule for March 30 & 31

Saturday:

5:00PM Greeters: G. Messman
 Lector: D. Hollerman
 Ministers: B. Hollerman, R/P Hueser, J/J Mercer
 Servers: Ary & Zane Nelson

Sunday:

7:30AM Greeters: N. Shide, P/D Schulenburg
 Lector: S. Blasky
 Ministers: G/B Post, M Rodibaugh, R Geleott, B Warren
 Servers: Jacob Rodibaugh, Cass & Caulden Pulver
 10:00AM Greeters: K/E Faker
 Lector: E. Faker
 Ministers: M/ML Debb, P. Weigand, R. Brooks, K. Dobson
 Servers: Reegan, Rylan & Reesa Leeper

Care Ministers for March 24-31

March 23/24– ML Debb; March 25– C. Hanna;
 March 26– None; March 27– Fr. Don; March 28– D. Myers;
 March 29– R. Koebcke; March 30/31– G. Schenk

Birthdays List

March 23 None
 March 24 Janet Warne, Vanessa Barrientos
 March 25 Scott Deno, Riley Todd, Juan Calero
 March 26 Kalyn Deno
 March 27 Sarah Kaufman, Beth Dunlap, Jose Calero
 March 28 Byron Jansky, Anthony Steinke, Caleb Oliver
 March 29 Krista Kanne, Aubrey Geleott, Wyatt Geib
 March 30 Patricia Herrera



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Lent, but today also marks the first time the Church celebrates the feast day of St. Oscar Romero who was canonized October 18, 2018. His leadership as Archbishop of San Salvador, El Salvador, was in line with a long tradition of raising up the plight of the poor stretching back to Bartolome de Las Casas and the Virgin of Guadalupe. He took seriously the challenges of the Latin American bishops and of the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World. On the Third Sunday of Lent, March 9, 1980, St. Oscar Romero commented

The great need today is for Christians who are active and critical, who don't accept situations without analyzing them inwardly and deeply. We no longer want masses of people like those who have been trifled with for so long. We want persons like fruitful fig trees, who can say yes to justice and no to injustice and can make use of the precious gift of life, regardless of the circumstances.[1]

Romero saw violent and hushed deaths at the hands of a corrupt government that was unfortunately bankrolled by the United States. That did not deter him in sharing life with those he was called to serve. He knew, he believed the Church was not the institutions and hierarchy, but the Church is the People of God. God's children are not only the rich and powerful, but the poor and oppressed. Those who are unloved and outcast bear the image of Christ.

How often do we experience something as ugly and dying and we turn away? Aren't we called to cultivate and fertilize, to share the good news? Nothing and no one is beyond redemption. This is Jesus' promise to us today. We are forgiven not because of our merits, but because Jesus loves us. It really is that simple. Who or what needs our love, needs to be raised to his or her proper dignity? Let us together raise the dignity of all we meet; let us acknowledge we are brothers and sisters to one another.

St. Oscar Romero, pray with us that we might stand up to the injustices infecting our world today.

~ Tony Butler, Director of Religious Education

Stewardship

Total for 3/10/19	\$ 9781.75
Envelopes/checks & Loose Collection	\$ 4350.00
Automatic (Online) Giving (weekly average)	\$ 601.75
Total for 3/17/19	\$ 4951.75

We need \$ 7,010.00 to meet our weekly budget goals.

Thank you for your generosity!



Second Collection– March 31st

For more than 75 years, CRS has been providing expertise and compassion to the very poorest of our brothers and sisters in more than 100 countries. But we can't do this lifesaving work without your help. When you give, you help fill the bellies of young children; you help prevent trafficking; you help mothers and babies around the world receive nutritional care and health exams. Refugees find safety and receive emergency assistance and trauma counseling. Farmers learn innovative ways to plant and grow crops despite drought or disease. And women find dignity in opportunities for savings and training. When you give, you change lives, families and communities.

You have a wonderful Catholic heritage. Pass it on!

Just as we insure financial health for our families, we must plan for the health of our faith families. Your planned gift to the St. Augustine Catholic Parish Fund will provide financial support forever. You have a wonderful Catholic heritage. Pass it on!

Parish Activities



RCIA Update

Pictured above from left to right are Jake Zager, Bishop Timothy Doherty, and Tony Butler following the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion on March 10th. Jake is preparing to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on April 20. Please pray for Jake's continuing formation. We are excited to welcome him!

Unplanned

The Office for Family Life is glad to share the movie **UNPLANNED**. The movie Unplanned will be showing at Eastside 9 in Lafayette from March 29 to April 3.

This wonderful movie is the story of Abby Johnson who was a center director and spokesperson for Planned Parenthood. She converted to pro-life and has been a fervent advocate for pro-life issues since. Do not be put off by the R rating; there is no nudity, profane language, or sex. Ironically, the violence of abortion is what gained the movie the R rating which means no one under the age of 17 can attend the film without a parent, though in most states a woman under 17 can have an abortion without her parent's consent! A legal advisor for the film said that the rating is good as it is a movie that every mother should take her teenage daughter by the hand and march to the theater with her. It is a true, up-lifting, inspiring story that anyone who is pro-life should see.



Join Us for Wednesday Evening Parish Meals!

Join us for food and fellowship prior to Wednesday evening programs. Dinner begins at 5:45 pm in the basement. All parishioners are welcome! Free-will donations are appreciated. Upcoming Menu: 3/27 No Meal due to Spring Break April 3rd- Spaghetti



Friday, April 5th (9 AM – 5 PM) - Fill a Grocery Bag for \$3.00
 Saturday, April 6 (9 AM – Noon)- Fill any size bag or box for \$1.00
 Donated items can be brought to the church basement starting Monday, April 1 and absolutely NO LATER THAN NOON on Thursday, April 4. PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANYTHING BEFORE MONDAY, APRIL 1. To help with the sale, contact Carol Sue at 219-819-1765.

Lenten Lunches

The Rensselaer Area Ministerial Association (RAMA) invites the community to join in Lenten Luncheons. Each luncheon begins at 11:45am and concludes at 12:45pm. The recommended donation for each lunch is \$6.00, with funds going towards the general account of the Helping Hands program.



Upcoming lunches:

- March 27th– Saint Augustine Catholic Church
- April 3rd– First Presbyterian Church
- April 10th– Brushwood United Methodist Church

If you can help lead a meal, please contact Arlene Castogna or the church office.

Spring Social Raffle Tickets

Spring Social Raffle Tickets are now available in the school office. Each ticket has 3 chances to win. One chance for \$10 or all three for \$25. Grand Prize is \$1000 or SAS Tuition for the 2019/2020 school year. Second Prize is \$750 dollars and Third Prize is \$500. Get yours today!

Mark your calendars for March 27th and join us at St. A! We will be serving soup ,sandwich and a variety of salads.

If you would like to donate a salad ,a dozen cookies or brownies, please contact our luncheon chairperson, Nancy Walter at 219-863-0904.

Musical Items Needed!

The Spring Social Committee is looking for old records or small musical items to be used as props/decorations at this years spring social. Please call the school office if you would be willing to let them use these items.



CHURCH CLEANING

**Monday, April 8th (3-7pm)
 Tuesday, April 9th (8-12am)**

Please bring extra rags and buckets.

Many hands are needed to get our Lord's house ready for the Easter Season. If you can't make it at these times, **just call**, we will have a **designated area** for you to clean at your convenience. All ages are welcome! Mary Lee Debb 219-394-2055

Knights of Columbus Friday Fish Fry!

Plan on joining the Knights for a Fish Fry at the Hall every Friday of March. Serving takes place from 5:00–7:00 pm. Featuring Pollack, Tilapia (baked and Fried) , Shrimp & Chicken Strips, All you can eat salad bar. Take-outs are available by calling 866-9938.



The Knights will be collecting donations of food at all Fish Fries during Lent. Patrons are asked to bring canned and boxed items which will then be distributed to the Good Samaritan Food pantry

Tickets on Sale Now!

Get yours from a K of C Member before they're gone!

Knights of Columbus Council #1881

"CASINO NIGHT"

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Happy Hour - 5:00 – 6:00
 Gaming - 6:00 – 11:00

Club 1881 Inc.
 325 E Vine St.
 Rensselaer, IN 47978

\$30.00 per ticket (only 225 available)

Includes: Raffle entry, food, snacks, draft beer, wine and pop

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BISHOP OF NIGHT FISH FRY OR ONLINE THROUGH MYSCRIPWALLET.COM

Prize Payout 1st = \$750 2nd = \$500 3rd = \$250
(Additional \$250 if 1st prize winner present at drawing).
 Must be 21 yrs. old to enter

SASBUCK\$ News: We're entering the final push to earn your \$50 for the school using SAS Buck\$ cards, so if you're traveling during spring break, you might as well use MyScripWallet.com to your advantage. With MyScripWallet downloaded on your phone, you can order on the go from over 250 ScripNow brands: electronic gift cards delivered in minutes and redeemable by showing the barcode on your phone to the cashier for scanning. MyScripWallet allows you to order physical gift cards as well as e-cards, so you might want to consider using it for your routine shopping as well as shopping on the go. Questions about SAS Buck\$? Call the school (866-5480) office.

March Winners for 50/50 Raffle

\$100-Stephanie Casey; \$75- Lynn Meeks
 \$50- Peg Gehring; \$25- Chris Scheurich
 Every month four lucky people win! Contact the school office at 866-5480 to join the fun!