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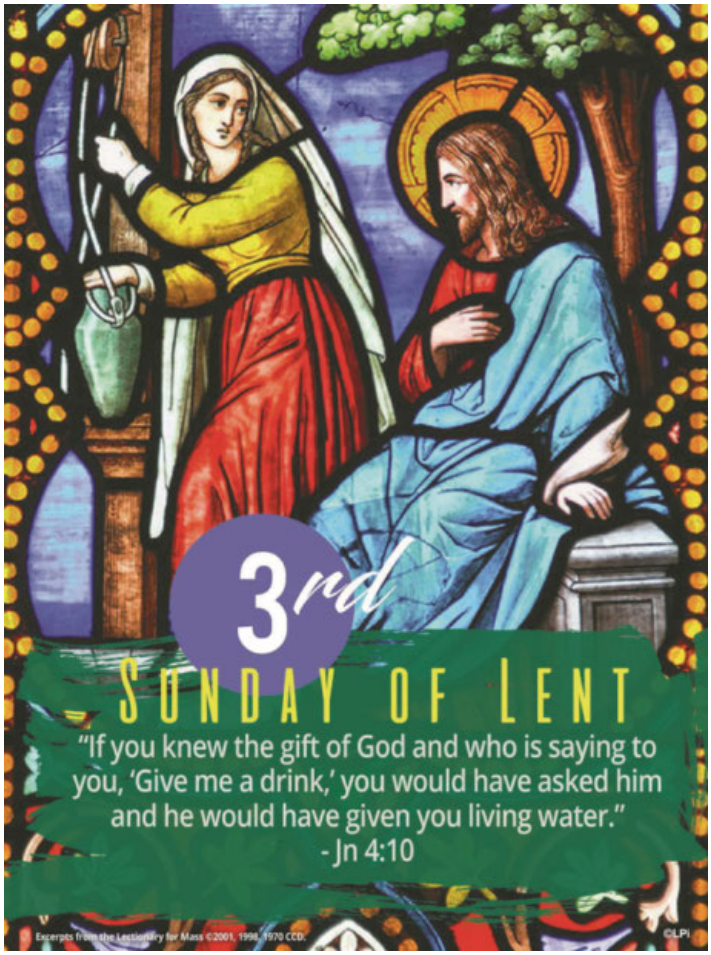

Weekly Meditation

While we were still helpless . . . (Romans 5:6)

Do you think of yourself as "helpless"? "Of course not," you might reply. "I have God-given abilities; I have family and friends to support me. I can take care of myself in lots of ways."

But this isn't the type of "helplessness" that St. Paul is talking about in our first reading. He's saying that Jesus didn't wait for us to help ourselves out of sin; he gave us his help by dying on the cross for us. He offered his mercy even before we asked for it! This sounds a bit like the father of the prodigal son in yesterday's Gospel, doesn't it?

The story of the Samaritan woman in today's Gospel shows this principle in action as well. From the outside, this woman might not have seemed all that helpless. But Jesus saw her vulnerability and powerlessness. As a woman married many times who was now living in sin, she was helpless to integrate herself into society. That's why she went to draw water at midday, when all the other women would not be there (John 4:6-7). She was helpless to explain her irregular marital situation when Jesus brought it up (4:16-17). And she was helpless against whatever fallen drives or external forces kept pushing her from one relationship to the next (4:18).

But Jesus came to her in all that helplessness and offered her the water of life. He didn't wait for her to get her act together. He didn't wait for her to seek him out. He came to her and engaged with her. He gave her hope that her life could change, that she could be saved, and that she could be restored. Simply put, in her helplessness, Jesus helped her. He can do that for you, too! Even now, Jesus wants to help you, even if you don't think of yourself as "helpless." He sees your need, and he has just the right amount of grace and love to fill that need. So let Jesus come to you and help you today.

"Jesus, I need you!"

The Word Among Us - March 2023 Edition

Global Solidarity Sunday Weekend: March 18/19

On the weekend of March 18/19, we observe Global Solidarity Sunday with the theme "…I was blind and now I see" (Jn 9:25). This theme is an invitation for all to reach out, around the world, and let our light shine for those who still hunger and thirst for God's mercy, love and healing. This is especially needed today as one of the appeals, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, is struggling from results of conflict. This appeal also supports spiritual and material needs of three other global priorities of the U.S. Catholic Bishops: Africa, Latin America and humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able and share God's light for your brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 18th @ 5:00pm
Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer
Altar Servers: Alex and Luke Millner
Eucharistic Ministers: Bren Strepp and Jeff Burkhardt
Greeter: Yvonne Schreifels
Lector: Angela Meuwissen
Sacristan: Patrick Meuwissen
Ushers: Cliff Zimmermann, Mike Zuehlke, Al Jude, and Tim Waldschmidt

Sunday, March 19th @ 8:30 am
Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer
Altar Servers: Cecelia Bachel and Dayanara Martinez Mejia
Eucharistic Ministers: Ric and Diane Fournier
Greeter: Mary Jo Logeais
Lector: Susan Oie
Live Stream: Paul Manuel
Sacristan: Diane Fournier
Ushers: Steve Logeais, Randy Latour, Peter Braun, and Jerry Elsenpeter

Sunday, March 19th @ 10:30 am
Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer
Alter Servers: Rylan Mackedanz and Presley Dwenger
Eucharistic Ministers: Roger and Karen Millner
Greeter: Al and Lori Guck
Lector: Mary Nowak
Sacristan: Shelly Naaktgeboren
Ushers: Al Guck, Josh Paumen, Craig and Traci Arends

Calendar of EVENTS

Wednesday, March 15: Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm
Friday, March 17– Sunday, March 19:
Forty Hours for Our Lord
Wednesday, March 22: Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm
Sunday, Mach 26: Donut Sunday
Wednesday, March 29: Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm
Thursday, March 30: Eucharistic Adoration
8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday
Wednesday, April 5: Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm
Thursday, April 6: Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 pm
Friday, April 7: Good Friday Service 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 8: Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil 8:00 pm
Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am
Sunday, April 16: Divine Mercy Sunday
Saturday, April 29: Confirmation Send Off Mass
Sunday, April 30: Donut Sunday
Sunday, May 7: First Communion 10:30 Mass
Thursday, May11: Confirmation
(St. Paul Cathedral) 7:00 pm

Community News

40 Hours for Our Lord

Aer you looking for a Lent activity or retreat this year? Please join the Saint Ignatius Church, Annandale and the Church of Saint Timothy, Maple Lake in a special forty hour period of continuous prayer and adoration made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition Friday, March 17 8:00 pm through Sunday, March 19 4:00 pm Mass. This is a shared event, therefore there will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament from Saint Timothy Church to the Church of Saint Ignatius at approximately 5:30 pm Saturday. Led prayer is scheduled at various times throughout this forty hour period, as well as abundant time for quiet and uninterrupted personal prayer before the Blesse Sacrament. The forty hours includes four special presentations by Father Sebastian Walshe. The forty hours of devotion closes with the Sunday, March 19 Holy Mass at 4:00 pm with Father Victor Valencia followed by a spaghetti dinner hosted by the CCWs.

For a detailed schedule and more information,
visit www.stignatiusmn.com or www.churchofsttimothy.org

Please join the procession to help light the way for Our Lord. To light the way for Our Lord's arrival from Saint Timothy to Saint Ignatius on Saturday, March 18th, we will have candles available for all to hold in the Church and the Gathering Space as the Monstrance is processed to the St. Ignatius altar. The Blessed Sacrament will arrive at St. Ignatius following the 5 PM Mass (approximately 5:45 PM).

Adoration Sign Up:

The Lord invites you to personally participate in the 40 Hours of Adoration. Prayerfully consider signing up to spend time with the Lord. The 40 hours are shared between St. Timothy and St. Ignatius, and we would like a St. Ignatius parishioner to be present for each hour at both parishes. Sign up sheets are available in the gathering space. Your presence is welcomed at more than one time slot.

Post-Secondary Scholarships from Knights of Columbus

Applications are now being accepted for the 2023 Post-Secondary scholarships
The Knights of Columbus will be awarding two, $750 scholarships for this years graduating seniors who are parish members at St Ignatius or St Timothy. Please check the parish website for the applications in the documents, or email John Northenscold at jnorthenscold@yahoo.com to request an application. The deadline to submit your completed application is Friday, April 7.

Catholic Services Appeal Foundation

Thank you to all who have given to the Catholic Service Appeal already! Your generosity is helping us to reach our goal of 100% participation. If you haven't donated yet, there is still time to make your gift, no matter how large or small. I invite you to prayerfully consider giving to the CSA to help make Jesus known and loved through ministries supported by the foundation. You can complete and return your pledge card to the collection basket, or make a secure gift online at Give CSAF– Catholic Services Appeal Foundation (csafspm.org).

Donut Sunday Volunteers

Are you or your family looking for ways to get more involved in the parish? Donut Sunday is a great way to meet people and enjoy fellowship with our parish family and visitors. It is always the last Sunday of the month following both the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses. Call the parish office with questions or to sign up for volunteering.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St. Ignatius is responsible for **April Meals on Wheels Delivery**. Shifts are Monday thru Friday, beginning at 11:15. Routes take approximately 45 minutes. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Jen Filek at 612-743-9108.

Early Bulletin Deadlines:

April 1/2 Bulletin– Submit requests by noon on March 23rd
April 7/8 Bulletin– Submit requests by noon on March 30th

Palms

The Liturgy Committee would like to assist with proper disposal of Blessed Palms. There will be a basket available in the gathering space though Sunday, March 26 for the return of last year's palms.

Print and Digital Ad Space Available

Gary Stang from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be in our office securing new ads for our church. We invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com. Call the parish office for more information.

Lenten Fish Dinner

The Church of St. Henry Knights of Columbus will be providing a Lenten Fish Dinner on Friday, March 24th. The menu includes fried fish, potatoes, cole slaw, pickles, corn bread and dessert. Dine In or Carry Out times will be 5 PM – 7 PM. Adults (13 & Older) $12, Children (12 & Under) $8 with a Family Maximum of $50. Church of St. Henry 1001 E. 7th Street, Monticello, MN 55362.

Gospel Meditation

When I became the pastor of a large parish, I soon found myself, for the first time in my life, riddled with anxiety, headaches, difficulty making decisions, and fatigue. I called a therapist friend and told her my symptoms and asked if she thought I needed a serious medical exam. She said, "How much water do you drink?" I told her, "I haven't had time to drink water lately." She responded, "You're chronically dehydrated. Drink eighty-five ounces a day and call me in a week." I started guzzling water and in a week all my symptoms went away. I felt great.

Like me, the people in the Exodus wanderings were dehydrated. But unlike me, they knew it. Their symptoms were bad. They fight with each other. They accuse God of being a monster who wants them and their children to die of thirst. Their thirst drives them to plot the bloody assassination of the man who rescued them. God responds by using Moses to strike a rock from which rivers of living waters flow to quench their thirst for years to come.

The Holy Spirit is the living water of love which flows from the pierced side of Jesus, the new Moses. What symptoms in your life suggest you're spiritually dehydrated? Anger at God? Cynicism at your leaders? Bitter rivalry and bickering with others? Don't panic. Of course we have those symptoms. Ask God to provide his water to quench your spiritual thirst, and he will. And all those symptoms will soon disappear.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Readings for the week of March 12, 2023

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Pray For...

Larry Oberg	Reanna Braun
Joseph Niznik	Barb Wiegand
Mike Meyer	Lynnae Frappier
Anna Purcell	Jaden Hanson
Lynnea Stay	Nick Mares
Katelyn Busch	Dan Schultz
Herman Wittsack	Louise Borstad
Mary Wittsack	Wayne Dearing
Mary Danielson	Ron Hoffman
Mark Johnson	Ronda O'Brien
Paul DeMars	Russ Fortner
Julie Pelarski	James Utecht
Sally Phenow	Jack Driste

Prayer requests and Mass intentions can be made through the Parish Office

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 11th
5:00 pm † Gordon Diethert
Sunday, March 12th
8:30 am † Ervin Schreifels
10:30 am Parishioners
Monday, March 13th
6:00 pm Parishioners
Tuesday, March 14th
8:00 am Parishioners
Wednesday, March 15th
8:00 am Parishioners
Thursday, March 16th
8:00 am Parishioners
Friday, March 17th
No Daily Mass at St. Ignatius. Mass available at St. Timothy's in Maple Lake (8:00 AM)
Saturday, March 18th
5:00 pm Paul DeMars
Sunday, March 19th
8:30 am James, Beatrice, and Jerry Bruns
10:30 am Parishioners

STEWARDSHIP

Projected weekly giving $5,890.00
492 parish families

Envelopes $3,626.00
Plate $557.86
Auto Deposits $2,240.00

Total $6,423.86

Easter Flowers $275.00
Youth Room Updates $150.00

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Faith Formation Information
Director: **Anastacia Schnabel** anastacia@stignatiusmn.com
Phone: 320-274-8828 ext. 105
Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., 9am-1pm - Wed., 11am to 9 pm
Youth Minister: **Bernie Gauthé** bernie@stignatiusmn.com
Hours: Wed. 2:00 pm– 9:00 pm, Thurs 8:00 am– 12:30 pm

Mass Schedule
Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses - 8:30 am and 10:30 am
8:30 Mass is live streamed on the parish Facebook page and You Tube channel

Daily Mass
Mondays 6:00 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 8:00 am (No Daily Mass on Fridays)

Reconciliation
4:30 pm Saturday (one-half hour prior to Saturday Mass)

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
Last Thursday of the month, 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

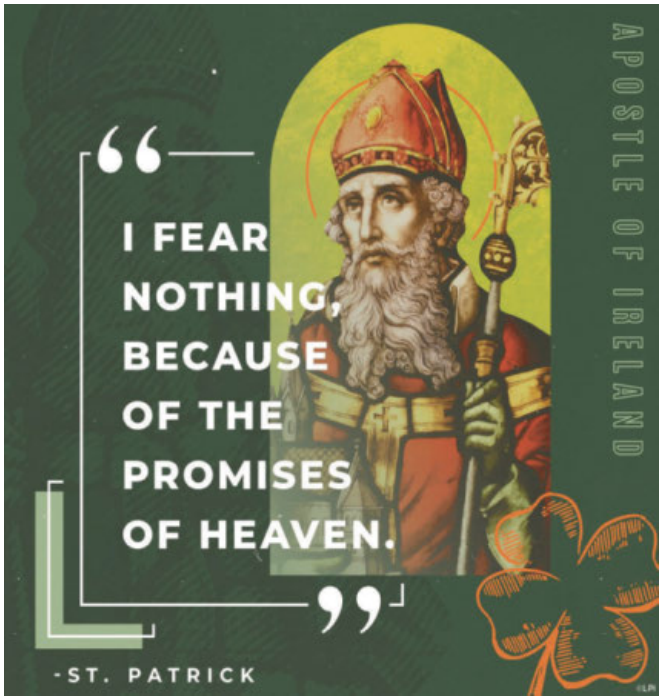
Sacraments

Baptisms
Please contact the parish at least two months in advance of the baptism. Baptismal classes are held the 2nd Tuesday of February, May, August, and November. Parents are required to attend this class before the baptism. Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office 274-8828 ext. 100

Marriage
Please contact the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date.

Homebound Ministry
If you or someone you know would like one of our home visitors to stop by your residence for companionship, prayer, or have communion brought to you, please call or email the parish to make arrangements (contact information above)

Bulletin Deadline
Submit by Tuesdays at noon, any early deadlines will be noted in the bulletin



Feast Day of St. Patrick (March 17th)

Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world.

St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ. ©LPi

Thursday, April 6: Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 pm
Friday, April 7: Good Friday Service 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 8: Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil 8:00 pm
Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am

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