

**MARCH 12th, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**



MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday **4:30** p.m.

Sunday **9:30** a.m.

Reconciliation

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
on Saturdays

WEEKDAY MASS:

Mon - Fri 12:05 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

12:30 p.m. Thursday to **12**
noon on Friday

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Parish Mission Statement

We, the faith community, accept the call of God to participate in the mission of Jesus Christ by proclaiming the Gospel and living the reign of God among us as disciples.

Today's readings on this third Sunday of Lent present us with the theme of "thirst" and show us that a stewardship way of life can both satisfy our spiritual thirst for Christ and help us to satisfy Christ's thirst for souls.

Our first reading, from the book of Exodus, begins with the words, "In their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses." What little faith and lack of trust they show after all God has done to free them from slavery. But Moses cried out to God for help, and sure enough, God provided generously to satisfy their thirst. He continues to provide generously for us these many centuries later.

Our Gospel passage from John recounts the life-changing encounter Christ has with the Samaritan woman at the well beginning with His words to her, "Give me a drink." Then, He adds, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

Christ is speaking the very same words to us today. These two verses encapsulate the call to stewardship. Christ asks us to "give him a drink" by sharing what we have with Him and with others for His sake. Yet, it is Christ Himself who provides the water — the living water that is His grace.

God has chosen to include us in His plan for bringing all people to salvation through Him. We live out our part in His plan through a stewardship way of life. This Lent, let us resolve to respond to His call with passion and commitment. Let us do our part to quench His thirst.

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION:

3:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. on Saturdays

BAPTISM:

Infants / children – Parents Preparation class is required. Contact the parish office to register.

Adults – Contact the office to register for RCIA

MARRIAGE:

Please contact the parish office for preparation of marriage, allowing at least 6 months.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK OR COMMUNION:

Because of privacy laws, parishoners need to notify us if going to the hospital

Remember to request Anointing of the Sick before surgery – please call the rectory:

907-262-4725























Homebound individuals wishing to receive the Eucharist need to contact the parish office.

FUNERALS:

Contact parish office immediately after the death.



Please submit articles for the weekly bulletin to Kathryn by noon **Wednesdays** to:
akolphsecretary@gmail.com

Monday, 3/13/2023	
Readings:  2KGS 5:1-15AB  PS 42:2,3; 43:3,4  LK 4:24-30	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centering Prayer 8:15 a.m. in the Church Community Room Daily Mass 12:05 p.m. Choir practice 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 3/14/2023	
Readings:  DN 3:25,34-43  PS 25:4-5AB,6and7BC,8-9  MT 18:21-35	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:15 a.m. Daily Mass 12:05 p.m. RCIA 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (Kenai)
Wednesday, 3/15/2023	
Readings:  DT 4:1,5-9  PS 147:12-13,15-16,19-20  MT 5:17-19	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:15 a.m. Daily Mass 12:05 p.m. Daily Mass 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, 3/16/2023	
Readings:  JER 7:23-28  PS 95:1-2,6-7,8-9  LK 11:14-23	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:15 a.m. Daily Mass 12:05 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (24hrs) Renew Lenten Group 1:00 p.m.
Friday, 3/17/2023	
Readings:  HOS 14:2-10  PS 81:6C-8A,8BC-9,10-11AB,14and17  MK 12:28-34	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Group 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 7:15 a.m. Adoration until noon Daily Mass 12:05 p.m. Stations of the Cross 5:30 p.m. St. Patrick's Day dinner 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, 3/18/2023	
Readings:  HOS 6:1-6  PS 51:3-4,18-19,20-21AB  LK 18:9-14	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconciliation 3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Mass 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, 3/19/2023	
Readings:  1SM 16:1B,6-7,10-13A  PS 23:1-3A,3B-4,5,6  EPH 5:8-14  JN 9:1-41	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoration 8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Mass 9:30 a.m.

March 12 th - March 19 th 2023	
Mop and Bucket Crew	David Cole Family
Collection Counters	3/12 Myrna and Pat 3/19 Sherrie and Stephanie

Jesus said to them: ~ “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work.”

John 5:34

Saturday

4:30 p.m.

March 18th, 2023

Lectors:

Diane Doser-Baker
Emily Hall

Eucharistic

Ministers:

Michaleen Gross
Tim Moore

Altar Servers:

Dammeyer Brothers

Sunday

9:30 a.m.

March 19th, 2023

Lectors:

Pat Cowan
Alex Zerbino

Eucharistic

Ministers:

Ralph Burke
Rob Quelland

Altar Servers:

Caleb Wohlers
Danny McIntosh

THE MONTH AHEAD

March 12th - K of C breakfast – Quilt drawing - NO FF
March 13th – Choir practice at **4:00 p.m.**
March 15th - Mass **5:30 p.m.**
March 17th – Stations **5:30 p.m.** Corned beef St. Patricks Day dinner **6:30 p.m.**
March 19th – NO Faith Formation
March 20th – Choir practice
March 22nd – **NO Mass at 5:30 p.m.**
March 26th – Second collection for Black and Indian Missions
Retreat begins with **5:30 p.m.** mass
March 27th - 28th – Retreat continues **5:30 p.m.**
March 29th – Mass **5:30 p.m.**
March 31st – Stations **5:30 p.m.** Fish Fry **6:30 p.m.**



FAMILY ENRICHMENT

Lent is here!! Take a look and make a plan with Hallow and FORMED to help support your family's growth in holiness this Lent!

Remember, Hallow is **free** until Easter Sunday and FORMED is **free** for parish members.

Sign-up for a free FORMED membership: enter the parish 99669.



Sign-up for a free Hallow membership through Easter Sunday enter 99611



BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS

The Black and Indian Mission Collection (**March 25th, 26th**) exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground.

EASTER VIGIL

After the reception into the church of our two catechumens, Alan Warwick and Syrenna Vanbruggen, at the Saturday Easter Vigil we will celebrate with a dessert potluck in Fireweed. (Bring your favorite to share!) Please plan on joining us for the festivities and welcome them into our church family.

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday (April 6th): No Noon Mass - Liturgy at **7:00 p.m.** followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration, immediately after Mass until Midnight in Fireweed Hall. Signups for adoration times individually or with different groups may be found on Ministry bulletin board.

Good Friday (April 7th): No Mass; Stations of the Cross around town (approx. 2 hours) leave O'Neill Hall at **noon**; Stations of the Cross **3:00 p.m.** in church. Liturgy at **7:00 p.m.** with Veneration of the cross.

Holy Saturday (April 8th) Easter Vigil: **8:00 p.m.**

Easter Sunday (April 9th) **9:30 a.m.** with pancakes and potluck breakfast in Fireweed following mass.

MASS SCHEDULE

During Lent to provide more opportunity to attend daily mass, Father will celebrate an additional **Wednesday** mass at **5:30 p.m.**

We will have Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross each Friday. Soup supper will begin at **5:30 p.m.** and stations to follow at **6:30 p.m.**

Dates are:

March 17 NO SOUP NEEDED (St. Patrick's Day meal, \$20/person) at **6:30 p.m.** – Stations at **5:30 p.m.**

March 27

March 31 – NO SOUP NEEDED Fish Fry by K of C at **6:30 p.m.** - Stations at **5:30 p.m.**

ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the community room prior to each Sunday mass from **8:15 – 9:15 a.m.** during Lent.

EASTER LILLIES

Easter Lilly Remembrance envelopes may be found in the foyer to remember your loved ones during the upcoming Easter Season. The Easter lily is especially appropriate because the bulb of the plant, which reminds us of the tomb and the beautiful flower which arises, are symbolic of the season. We ask a donation of \$20/flower and the name be put on the envelope, until Palm Sunday, **April 2nd**.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT



St. Therese's Camp invites you to the second-annual young adult (18-35 years old) retreat, **May 19-21, 2023**. This year's focus is an Ignatian-style preached retreat led by Father James Claver of the Servants of Christ Jesus.

The Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola turns men into incredible saints: St Francis Xavier, who converted much of India and Southeast Asia; St Peter Canisius who converted much of Germany back to Catholicism; St Isaac Jogues, who suffered martyrdom in North America. In following Ignatius' exercises, we will seek to know Jesus Christ more, follow Him more closely, and love Him more intimately. Come experience a crash course over this weekend and get set afire for the Kingdom!

Cost is \$104 per person before Easter Sunday (**April 9**), \$114 after Easter Sunday.

Some financial aid is available; contact Rudy at 907 232 2066 or campdirector@stthereseak.com for more information.



See you at camp!

CHOIR PRACTICES

Choir practices at **4:00 p.m.** tomorrow, **March 13th** and **20th** will be specifically geared toward the ministry of Cantering. If you are interested in doing this or needing some encouragement to do so, please see Mark/Diane Baker or Marlys.

It's a great opportunity! Come and check it out! We welcome anyone to join us for this liturgical season.

LENTEN RETREAT

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Matthew 11:28-30

On Sunday, **March 26th**, we will begin our Lenten Retreat with Father Madison Hayes. After Mass at **5:30 p.m.** presentation at **6:15 p.m.**, there will be a PARISH POTLUCK in Fireweed Hall, around **7:00 p.m.** Please bring your favorite dish to share. On Monday and Tuesday evenings after the presentation, adoration and reconciliation will be available.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

St. Paul emphasizes that this communion exists not only among ourselves but also with those who came before us. In addressing the Church at Corinth, he praises them for holding fast to the traditions, just as I handed them on to you (1 Cor 11:2). Later, he highlights the Eucharist as a sacred tradition handed on by Christ to the Apostles, and in which we now share: For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you (1 Cor 11:23). During every Mass we are united with all the holy men and women, the saints, who have preceded us. The obligation to attend Mass each Sunday, the Lord's Day, on which we commemorate the Resurrection of Jesus, and on other holy days of obligation, is therefore a vital expression of our unity as members of the Body of Christ, the Church. 41 It is also a manifestation of the truth that we are utterly dependent upon God and his grace. A third-century instruction on the life of the Church points out one of the consequences of willful absence from Mass: "Let no one deprive the Church by staying away; if they do, they deprive the Body of Christ of one of its members!" St. John Paul II, writing of Sunday as "a day which is at the very heart of the Christian life," further asserts, "Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human." We have been reborn in Baptism and nourished by the Eucharist so that we may live in communion with God and one another, not only today but also in the fullness of the heavenly Kingdom. To worship God on Sundays, then, is not the mere observance of a rule but the fulfillment of our identity, of who we are as members of the Body of Christ.

Participation in the Mass is an act of love.

The Mystery Of The Eucharist In The Life Of The Church, USCCB



THANK YOU

Thank you for those individuals who stripped, waxed and buffed the floor in Fireweed Hall! Pat and Dennis Murray, Margaret and Ron Stanley, Rob Quelland, Drew O'Brian.



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