

St. George Church
March 13th & 14th
Fourth Sunday of Lent

SHARING OUR TREASURE

-- WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 1st – 7th

\$6124

The total building fund campaign to date for 2021

\$11,025

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

--PRAYER LINE - PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Rita Barrett; Richard & Sue Bergan; Mary Borgan; Scott Brassea; Lindsay Blanchette; Mary Bucher; Joe Delmore; Carl Erickson; Mario Fiorenzo; Carter Fortin; Tim Gates; Patricia Glaeser; Cheryl Govert; Denise Hannig; William Hilton; Christine Kaul; Ken Kaul; Judy Kinder; Fred Mancuso; Bobby McRath; Michael McClain; Maxine Nyc; Steve Meredith; Marie Pelletier; Marilyn Poces; Dana Rasmussen; Jim Saindon; Judy Sanders; Catherine Schulz; Kenneth Shugart; Ann Marie Smiley; Georgia Smith; John Tatarczuch; Chris Thornton; Carl Tosi; Carol Wilson; Renee Whitehouse; John Zandy; Dave Zico; Special Intention

THE PRAYER LINE WILL BE CLEARED MARCH 15TH

--REMINDER To add OR remove a loved one to the Prayer Line please call the Parish Office:
815-939-1851

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 17th

8am *Stephen Schmidt (Tom & Paula Wasser)

Friday, March 19th

8am *Antonio Chihuahua (Tom & Paula Wasser)

*Joseph Annunziata (David & Susan Surprenant)

Saturday, March 20th

6:00pm- *Pat Burns (The Mark Walsh Family)

Sunday, March 21st

8:00am *Helen Metke (The Knickrehm Family)

*St George Parishioners

10:15am *Denny Shear (Jackie Bournique)

*To schedule a mass for a loved one please leave the envelope in the collection basket at mass or call the office.

WEEKLY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat 6:00 pm MAR 20

LEAD: Annie Edwards

READER/EM: Curt Saindon

GREETER Chk-in: Annie Edwards

USHERS: Marty Knight, Mike Voss

GREETER Spray: Gracie Edwards

EM CHURCH Frnt/Choir: Linda Mancuso

EM HALL Park/Hall: Deacon Milt & Juliet Leppert

Sun 8:00 am MAR 21

LEAD: Denise Dillard

READER/EM Lou Hagemaster

GREETERS Chk-in: Denise Dillard

USHERS: Paul Hannig, Jeff Berns

GREETER Spray: Donna Kohl

EM CHURCH Front/Choir: Pam Cuchiara

EM HALL Park/Hall: Lisa Conrad

Sun 10:15 am MAR 21

LEAD: Debbie Asher

READER/EM: Jean Beck

GREETERS Chk-in: Debbie Asher

USHERS: Dave Glaser, Bobby Lampley

GREETER Spray: Mary Ann Kingsnorth

EM CHURCH Front/Choir: Marsha Saathoff

EM HALL Park/Hall:

Mike Blanchette

VIEW OUR CHURCH WEBSITE

For current information and events view our website at www.stgeorgeil.com or "like" our Facebook page **St. George Church & Family Ministry**.



ANNUAL LENT DRIVE

We have chosen to support the “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” organization as our MAIN focus for lent of 2021. This organization ensures that children in our own area do not sleep on the floor. The cost to build one bed is \$200. This includes building materials, mattress, sheets, pillows and blanket. With the support of the St. George community, we know we can make MANY children happy. Please CLEARLY mark an envelope “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” with your donation in it and place it in the baskets in the back of the church. If you send in \$200 to pay for a whole bed you will be entered into a raffle to win your \$200 back!

HOLY WEEK

Holy week mass seating will be on first come first serve basis. The hall will be open for overflow as well. Please know we will be following the guidelines from the Bishop on all Holy Week masses.

MASS TIMES AND GUIDELINES

Reservations are not required at this time. Masks MUST be worn properly while in the building. The 6pm Saturday mass will be streamed live via our YouTube channel. The link to this is on our website. You can watch that anytime. The option of coming out to the parish grounds and listening to any of the 3 masses from your car radio on 87.9fm is still available. If you wish to participate in this fashion you are invited to come up to the church steps or the parish hall to receive communion.

MEDIA MINISTRY

Our website has been given a facelift! Go check it out! As we move forward with the “Return to Me Media Ministry” we are striving to make everything technical the best that it can be!

www.stgeorgeil.com

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

Miss Allison has created 5 Children’s Liturgy videos that you can find on our website under the Children’s liturgy Tab. These are 5 short scripture readings just like what your child 4 years old – 2nd grade would hear when they attended Children’s Liturgy during mass once a month. There are packets with all the materials you need to make the crafts to go along with the video. Please make arrangements with Denise Dillard to get a packet picked up!
stgeorgere@outlook.com

ONLINE GIVING

We strongly encourage you to sign up for online giving. You can set this account up to be a monthly or weekly occurrence whatever is the most convenient for you. Go to our website at www.stgeorgeil.com you will see the link to guide you to sign up in a safe and secure website.

St. George Parish presents the Confirmation Class of 2021 may we pray for these Kids as they received the Holy Spirit Saturday, March 13th.

*Isabella Bruni (Cecilia)
Madison Bullaro (Gemma)
Gabiella Cantwell (Bernadette)
Ava Derrico (Ursula)
Sydney Erickson (Veronica)
Claire Flahive (Luke)
Ireland Kaufman (Helena)
Ajae Konik (Patrick)
Tyler Kramer (Joseph)
Delaney Kuntz (Therese)
Livia Lamie (Francis)
Laryssa Markel (Veronica)
Dominick Rabideau (Joseph)
Katherine Rogers (Thomas)
Evan Seimer (Thomas)
Jack Siemsen (Andrew)
Victoria Torres (Bernadette)
Jocelyn Zettergren (Nicholas)*

Meditations for the Fourth Week of Lent

WE THIRST FOR YOU, O LORD

Proclaiming the Faith

John 3:14-21

The events that give rise to the teachings in today's Gospel begin a few verses before when the Pharisee Nicodemus comes to visit Jesus secretly in the night. Nicodemus has heard about Jesus and is curious, but he is also afraid. He wants to believe, but he isn't quite ready to make a public commitment.

The people of the Gospels aren't so very different from us. Nicodemus

is intrigued by Jesus but unwilling to be seen publicly with him. How often have you learned that someone you've known for a long time is or was raised as a Catholic? This is particularly true of famous people who are afraid that making their faith public will harm their careers. Sometimes we fall victim to this same temptation, hiding our faith out of fear. However, we should remember that while we fear that we may be mocked or made fun of for our faith, in some parts of the world today, people

actually are being killed for their Christian beliefs.

Truly the words of John 3:16 ("For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life") are at the heart of our Catholic faith. The season of Lent is the perfect reminder that we are called to let our faith show in our daily lives — with joy and fervor!

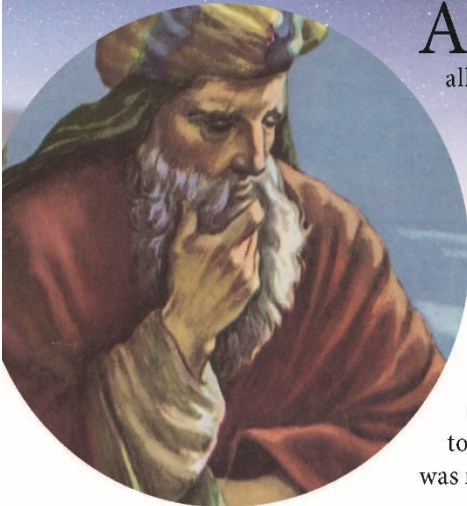
FOR REFLECTION

- › Do the people I work with, go to school with, and spend free time with know that I am Catholic?
- › Who encourages me most in my faith? Who can I encourage?
- › How can I come more closely to the light of Jesus this Lent?



OUR FAITH

A Good Pharisee



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Although the word “Pharisee” has come to have a very negative connotation, not all Pharisees were wicked. Nicodemus, the curious Pharisee in today’s Gospel, was one of those who eventually followed Jesus. Besides his secret visit to Jesus at night, he appears twice more in Scripture. A member of the Sanhedrin, he defends Jesus when the chief priests and other Pharisees are debating what to do with Jesus. And after the Crucifixion, along with Joseph of Arimathaea, he brought about a hundred pounds of myrrh and aloë to anoint Jesus’ body. Tradition says that he was martyred for the Faith.

Catechism CONNECTION

“By giving up his own Son for our sins, God manifests that his plan for us is one of benevolent love, prior to any merit on our part: ‘In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.’ God ‘shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.’”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 604

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Pretzel Prayers

Once considered the official Catholic food of Lent, pretzels date back at least 1,400 years. Because fat, eggs, and milk were part of the Lenten abstinence, these little bites of bread made only with flour, salt, and water were invented. They were wrapped in the shape of arms crossed in prayer and the three holes in the middle represented the Trinity. Traditionally, pretzels were the perfect food to share with people who were struggling for food or living on the streets because they didn’t spoil easily. Make your own pretzels as a family (find a recipe on the Internet) and share them with someone in need in your neighborhood or community.



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Lenten Prayer

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

“No one who lights a lamp hides it away or places it [under a bushel basket], but on a lampstand so that those who enter might see the light.”

— Luke 11:33

Lord, give me the courage to be a brave and bold witness to you in all that I say and do.

SIGNS OF THE SEASON

The Color Purple

The liturgical color for Lent is purple, symbolizing pain, suffering, and mourning. But why purple? Purple was the most expensive color in biblical times. Extracted from a sea snail, it took as many as 12,000 shells to get enough dye to color a handkerchief. Because of the enormous cost, only the wealthiest (almost exclusively royalty) wore purple garments. When soldiers mocked Jesus for being the “King of the Jews,” they put a purple robe on his shoulders to belittle his claim. Therefore, we use the color purple during Lent to remind us of the Passion and death of the Lord.