

March 15, 2015

4th Sunday of Lent



TEMPLE: Cyrus, the great anointed king of Persia, ordered a temple built for God's presence in Jerusalem. Jesus, the anointed Son of God, is raised up to be the new temple of God's living presence for every believer. He is the healing sign of salvation by faith, our "gift from the God of infinite richness." His flourishing cross is "God's work of art created in Christ Jesus," the vine on which we can be the branches that bud and flower during Lent.

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Pastor's Note(s):

Gospel Commentary: The Fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy's opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from John's Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

The second part of today's Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John's Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

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St. Patrick's Day Prayer! May God Grant You Always, A Sunbeam To Warm You, A Moonbeam To Charm You, A Sheltering Angel, So Nothing Can Harm You, Laughter To Cheer You, Faithful Friends Near You, And Whenever You Pray, Heaven To Hear You! Blessings! *Fr. Michael*

Holy Week Services: Holy Thursday at 7 pm. Good Friday at 12.15 pm. Easter Vigil at 8 pm. More details in next week's bulletin

Catholic Relief Services: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, in those who suffer from unjust laws, and in those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through your support with today's Collection, you help Jesus in disguise. Please be generous.

Lenten Scripture Series: Deacon Tim Egan will be providing a 5-part presentation on the Sunday Scripture selections for Lent. Presentations will be made on Thursday evenings at 7 PM and last one hour each. All parishioners are welcome as are any guests or friends they might like to bring. There is no charge.

March Food Shelf Drive: This lent our parish will have a special opportunity to donate to our local food shelf. During the month of March we will have a basket in the vestibule at all Masses with slips of paper printed with the items needed at our local food shelf. Please take one and bring the items to church the following week. Thank you!



Friday, March
20th, 5:00 p.m.

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Saturday	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	03/14/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass—Intention † Steve Risko Reader: Gloria Uremovich Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Carol Anderson & Liz Scheidt Servers: Spencer Ross	
Sunday	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT	03/15/15
9:45 a.m.	Religious Education—Grades Pre,K-4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass —Intention for All Parishioners Reader: Shannah Groothausen Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Shari Hendren & Jeannie Shaw Servers: Livy & Sid Hendren	
Monday	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	03/16/15
Tuesday	SAINT PATRICK	03/17/15
8:15 A.M.	Mass—Intention † Patricia Harrison	
5:45 P.M.	Choir Practice	
Wednesday	SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM	03/18/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass —Intention † Tom Paur	
8:45 a.m.	Holy Hour with Exposition	
6:45 p.m.	Religious Education—Grades 5-11	
Thursday	SAINT JOSEPH	03/19/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary’s, Silver Bay	
7:00 p.m.	Lenten Scripture Series	
Friday	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	03/20/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass—Intention † Steve Beyering	
5:00 p.m.	Fish Fry	
6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	03/21/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass—Intention † Steve Risko Reader: Confirmation Student Plate: Beth Egan Chalice: to be assigned Servers: Kate & Miles Thomasen	
Sunday	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	03/22/15
9:45 a.m.	Religious Education—Grades Pre,K-4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass —Intention for All Parishioners Reader: Michelle Thewis Plate: Chris Lemke Chalice: Gina Lemke & Laura Lien Servers: Anthony Lemke & Ariana Sitra	



- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Patty Broadbent, Toni Johnson, Ron Kor, Joann Ostendorf, and Ron Ostendorf.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Britt Bredow, Craig Fallgren, Jane Griesy, Vince Ojard, Bill Carlson, Patty Harrison-Isakson, and Ray Weeks.
- † **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, James Mickle, Craig Moe, Ryan Ray and Christopher Uremovich.

Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed by calling the church office 834-4659.

Youth Happenings

Check out our Youth Bulletin Board
"LiKe" us on Facebook: Holy Spirit Youth Group

Mark your Calendars!!!

Rice Bowls: There are Rice Bowls in the back of the Church. If you would like, take one, fill it and return by March 27. Thank you for your help.

Cinnamon Roll Sale: We will be selling cinnamon rolls again on April 4th & 5th. Only \$5.00! The proceeds will be going toward the purchase of new Bibles for Church School.

We have some great opportunities coming soon for our youth!

- April—Jr. High Retreat
- June—Vacation Bible School
- July—D-Week
Steubenville Mission
- August—Camp Survive

Watch for further details.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS FOR OUR YOUTH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

<i>Last Week's Contributions</i>	
Weekend Collection.....	\$2,511.25
Bldg. Fund.....	\$475.00
UCA.....	\$175.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$155.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$15.00
Poor Fund.....	\$20.00
Soup Supper.....	\$57.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$10.00



***Easter Flowers:** So that we can choose the appropriate flowers and colors for the Easter liturgies, we ask that you make an offering to the project. Donors will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin. Thank you in advance for your gift!*