

The Pastor's Corner

Anyone who has had surgery is likely familiar with a certain set of steps through the process. There is something that is identified that is wrong, and the doctor or surgeon instructs us it needs corrected. We go through the surgery or procedure, and immediately there is pain that follows the procedure- sometimes seemingly more than before. However, after some time, the pain finally subsides, and we find ourselves not only healthy, but even healthier than before. We may have to endure some additional pain from the procedure for a time, but then we find ourselves in a place that was far better than before by trusting our doctors and their instructions.



The Gospel this weekend follows the theme of a verse that we have heard very many times: 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." While this is an encouraging statement, it is followed by John waxing and waning on how the light (Christ) came into the world, and people preferred darkness. It is intriguing- how could one prefer the darkness over the light? One of the primary reasons is this: to transform into light requires sacrifice. It requires one renounce self-indulgence. Sometimes there is pain in the transition. Yet, it is such a necessary moment, and not one that simply happens once and then is done forever, but one that happens time and time again as we advance on our spiritual journey.

None of us would refuse surgery simply because it is uncomfortable. We want the healing that comes afterwards. As we journey through Lent, may we experience this simple transformation, moving from the darkness of old and wounded ways, and into a life filled with light and healing.

-Fr. Belken

Readings for Next Sunday

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

Jer 31:31-34

Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-33

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TUESDAYS ON TABOR

Adoration at St. Denis Parish
from 7:30-10:00pm on Tuesdays
Confession from 7:30-8:00pm

Come away from the busyness and rest a while with our Lord!

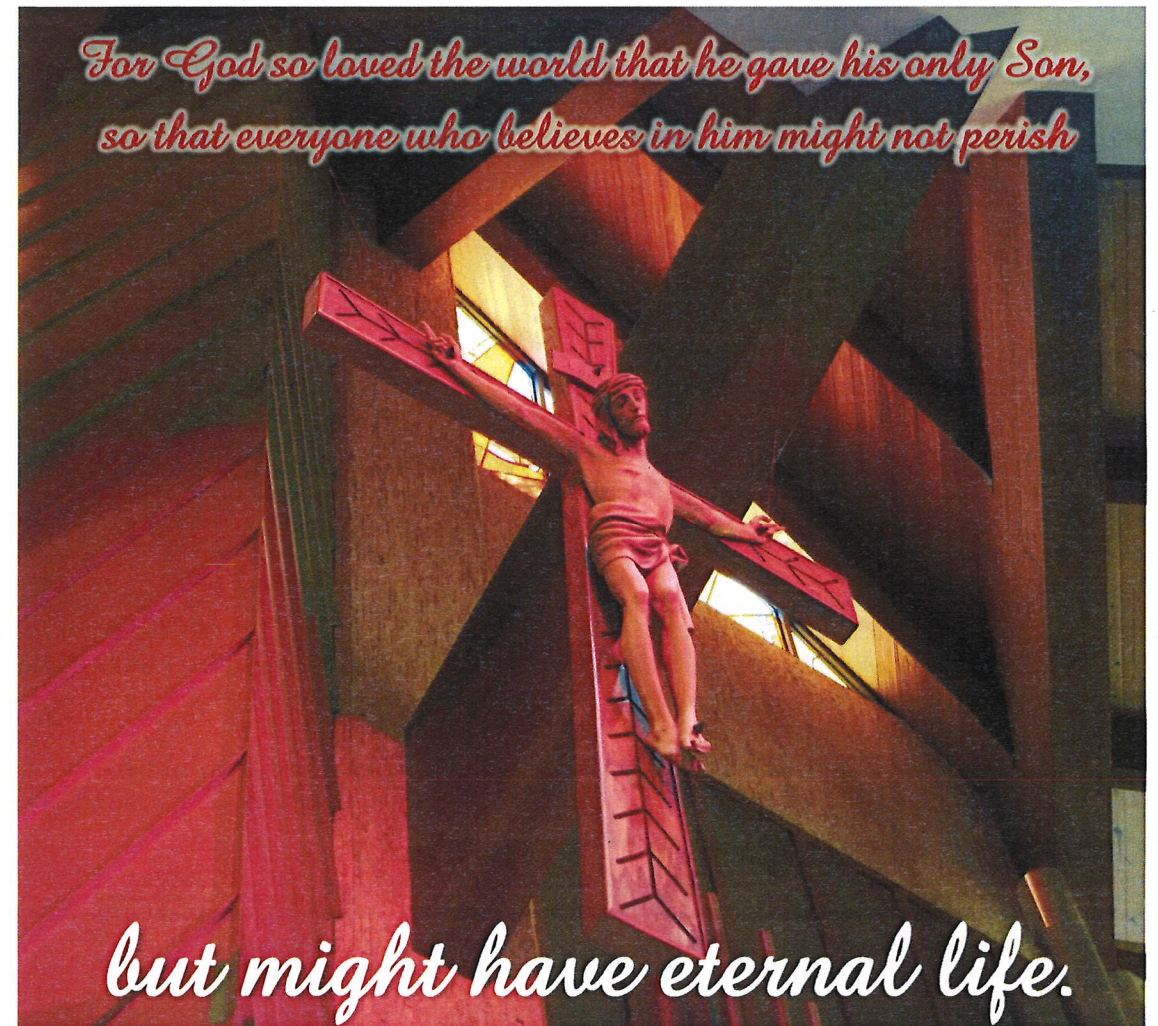
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT · MARCH 10, 2024



Saint Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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4th Sunday of Lent
March 10-16, 2024
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Mass Schedule

Sat. Mar 9 4PM	Liv/Dec mbrs of Lawrence & Clara Heuring	Thu. Mar 14 7AM	Shelby & Charlene Steger
Sun. Mar 10 8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri. Mar 15 7AM	Mavin & Lillian Westrich
Mon. Mar 11	No Mass	Sat. Mar 16 4PM	Felix Enderle
Tue. Mar 12 6PM	Darryl Westrich	Sun. Mar 17 8:30AM	Parish Family
Wed. Mar 13 7AM	Joseph & Laura Bucher		

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. MAR 10-Coonie Essner, MAR 17-Mary B. Glastetter, MAR 24-Terri Stuckey, MAR 31-Norma Seyer.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS, FATHER BELKEN WILL MEET WITH ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF OUR PARRISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) PROGRAM. ALL PARENTS & STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE REMAIN IN CHURCH AFTER MASS.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

March 3, 2024: Loose \$153, Envelopes \$2708, Total: \$2861.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15th, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Franklin & Cindy Glueck

Josh & Sonya Glastetter, Alice Gosche, Steve & Jackie Griffith, Chris & Sherri Grojean.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15th, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15th, MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS. Stations at 6:30PM. Follow the mother of Jesus as she walks the road to Calvary, where Jesus was crucified, emphasizing her sense of surrender: "I knew it had to be, so I walked on silently." Everyone is invited to attend!

SUNDAY MARCH 17th, MEN'S BREAKFAST. In the Parish Center after Mass. All men of the parish are invited to enjoy a morning breakfast, prayer and fellowship! Short meeting to follow, Officers are already selected for the upcoming year. Please encourage all men of the parish to attend.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd, LIVING STATIONS. All are invited to join our High School youth for their presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross! Starts at 6:30PM, regular time for Stations on Fridays.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th, RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC. 11AM-Noon. \$12 shots at the New Hamburg ballpark pavilion behind the old school. Dr. Brian Heuring and Cape Small Animal Clinic will administer the discounted pet vaccines. Debit/credit cards accepted, cash, or check please.

FRIDAY'S OF LENT SCHEDULE. Stations of the Cross at St. Denis at 1PM and 6:30PM at St. Lawrence.

Lector & Communion Distributor :	Sat. Mar 16 4PM	Frank Glueck
Organist/Cantor:	Sat. Mar 16 4PM	Cheryl Kern/Kari Bickings
Gift Bearers:	Sat. Mar 16 4PM	Mr./Mrs. Rodney Dock
Servers:	Sat. Mar 16 4PM	Leeland Duenne/Kynli Duenne/Drew Essner
Ushers:	Sat. Mar 16 4PM	Steven Loveless/Doug Lynn/Steve Lynn/Shayn Mabury

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sun. Mar 17 8:30AM	Stephanie Burger
Organist/Cantor:	Sun. Mar 17 8:30AM	Cheryl Kern/Mary B. Glastetter
Gift Bearers:	Sun. Mar 17 8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. Travis Dirnberger
Servers:	Sun. Mar 17 8:30AM	Oliver Beck/Paxton Beck/Bennett Essner
Ushers:	Sun. Mar 17 8:30AM	Tim Landewee/Kerry Wayne Lasters/Ethan Lee/Samuel Long

LENTEN FISH FRY. It is once again time for the Scott City Knights of Columbus to hold their Lenten fish fry's. They will be every Friday and ending on Friday, March 22nd. Serving will be from 4:30-7PM in their upper hall located at 28745 US-61 Scott City, MO 63780. Menu will be fried fish, fried chicken, shrimp, hushpuppies, french fries, slaw, and baked beans along with tea and water. Prices: Adult \$13, Children ages 6-11: \$7 and 5 and under free. All carryout's will be \$13. **St. Lawrence Parish is scheduled to work March 15th, Volunteer signup sheet is in the back of church.**

ORAN JAYCEES FISH FRY. Every Friday during the Lenten season from 5-7PM. Pond raised catfish \$16, all you can eat. \$14 carry out.

CEMETERY NOTE. The cemetery will be cleared of all grave decorations placed on the ground around the graves for the April thru October mowing season to allow for access for mowing and trimming. Decorations attached to the top or the sides of gravestones off the ground and not in the way of mowing or trimming may remain.

EASTER FLOWERS. To remember someone this Easter, put an offering of \$10 in an envelope, write "Flowers in Memory ofby.....(one name or family per donation) and put in the collection basket.

CHOIR PRACTICE. Please join the choir as we prepare for the Easter Triduum on the following dates: Tuesday, March 12 and Tuesday, March 19 immediately following the 6PM Mass.

THANK YOU. Everyone who helped in anyway with the brown bag dumpling meal. Thanks to the workers, those who made donations to help with expenses, those who donated the cookies and who washed the dish rags. GREAT CREW. You were all appreciated. God Bless you all.

SECOND COLLECTION. THIS WEEK FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF.

Grounds Committee. We are looking for individuals who would like to help with the upkeep of our parish grounds, which would include meeting to help discuss potential projects and suggestions with Fr. Belken, as well as working to help complete them. If you are interested, please contact the parish office to join the group as it is being formed.