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Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020

WHAT ARE MASS INTENTIONS?

One part of Catholic culture that is sometimes hard to understand and very often misunderstood is the custom of offering Mass intentions. When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. Similar to how we are able to intercede for others by our personal prayers, the Church is able to intercede for us through the celebration of the Mass. However, since the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life" the Mass possess a power that our personal prayers do not. The practice of offering Mass for particular intentions is an ancient one, dating back to the early Church.

William Saunders explains, "Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the second century [give] evidence [for] this practice: for example, the epitaph on the tomb of Abercius (d. 180), Bishop of Hieropolis in Phrygia, begs for prayers for the repose of his soul. Tertullian (c. 200) attested to observing the anniversary of a spouse with prayers and sacrifices, i.e. the Mass."

This tradition is also seen in St. Augustine's Confessions (c. 397), where Monica asks Augustine, "One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of

Canon Law states, "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2).

What this refers to is a longstanding practice in the Church of offering a specified amount of money to the Church for a particular intention offered by the priest. Upon hearing this practice many people might be tempted to think it is "simony," the selling of sacred things for money. However, the Baltimore Catechism explains, "It is not simony, or the buying of a sacred thing, to offer the priest money for saying Mass for our intention, because the priest does not take the money for the Mass itself, but for the purpose of supplying the things necessary for Mass and for his own support."

While it is true that this custom has been abused in the past, the Church lays out specific rules regarding the money paid for Mass intentions. Each council of bishops determines the amount acceptable for the region, but the priest will offer a Mass for an intention even if someone doesn't have the money for it. In many places the cost of a Mass intention is \$10.

The important part is to remember that you are not paying for the graces from God (which are of infinite value and can not be paid for), but for the material things that are involved with celebrating that particular Mass. With that in mind it makes much more sense and is not something that should cause scandal.

Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!" It has immense power and countless miracles and conversions have occurred throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable.

All pastors in charge of a parish are required by Canon Law to offer one Mass each Sunday for the people entrusted to his care. This is called the Missa pro populo, or "Mass for the people."

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LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

March 22	March 29	April 5
3:00pm Baileyville	3:00pm St. Benedict	3:00pm Seneca
3:00pm Corning	3:00pm Axtell	6:00pm Sabetha
6:00pm Frankfort	3:00pm Kelly	-
6:00pm Wetmore	5:00pm Marysville	

PARISH NEWS

Lenten Fish Fry's

Knights of Columbus will have their annual Fish Fry's in the Parish Hall each Friday during Lent. Serving will be from 5 - 7pm, with carryout and in town delivery available by calling 562-7017. A different organization has agreed to help insure that each Friday is a successful community event. All proceeds will go to the St. Gregory School.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to have a Lily in your loved one's name to decorate the church this Easter, please fill out the information on the back of your Easter Flower Envelope or contact the Parish Office. The suggested donation is \$25 per plant.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Mar. 17

8:15am +Clare Luke

+Bernard Schneider

Wednesday, Mar. 18

12:05pm

+Darrell Cudney

Thursday, Mar. 19

12:05pm

+Jack and Jackie Dwerlkotte

Friday, Mar. 20

8:15am +Living and Deceased members of

Emmett & Gertrude Peschel family

Saturday, Mar. 21

5:30pm

+Tom, Tim and Mike Joyce and

Taylor White +Ken Martin

Sunday, Mar. 22

7:00am Living and Deceased members of

Charles Staab family

10:30am +Francis Wacek

~St. Gregory and St. Malachy

Parishioners

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Mar. 15

8:30am Bible Study, Parish Hall

Wednesday, Mar. 18

4:00-5:00pm **CCD**

5:30-6:00pm Confessions 6:30pm RCIA

7:00pm Bible Study, Parish Hall

Friday, Mar. 20

9:00am-12:00pm Adoration

12:30pm School Stations of the Cross 5:00-7:00pm K of C Fish Fry, Parish Hall 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar. 21

4:30-5:15pm Confessions

Sunday, Mar. 22

8:30am Bible Study, Parish Hall

THANK YOU!!!

A HUGE Thank You to the Altar Society ladies for providing workers, food and desserts for the recent funerals and Fish Fry's. Also Thank You to the Knights of Columbus wives for stepping up and helping with the Fish Fry this past Friday. These events would not be possible without each and every one of you.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelope & Plate for March 8th (\$11,254 Expected average collection needed each week) —Please remember the church in your will or trust—

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Loan Balance (as of 3/4/20)	\$906,462.07
Donations (since 3/01/20)	(\$1,521.64)
Estimated Outstanding Expenses	\$83,272.25
Total Parish Liability	\$988,212.68
Total Contributions to Date	\$7,416,661.46
(\$9,100 needed each month for loan	payment)

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of E. Eugenie "Genie" Long.

Rosary will be said on Friday, March 13th at 6:00pm with funeral services on Saturday, March 14th at 10:00am at St. Gregory Catholic Church.

> Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gene Houtz,

Husband of Kim, Father of Lindsey and Haylee. Rosary will be said on Thursday, March 12th at 6:30pm with funeral services on Friday, March 13th at 10:30am at St. Gregory Catholic Church.

AREA EVENTS

March 15 St. Michael's Annual St. Patrick's Soup Luncheon, Axtell. Homemade chili and chicken noodle soup, bread and pie served from 11am - 2pm. Games, country store and bingo with auction starting at 2:00pm. Adults \$6, Children 6-12 years \$3, Preschool \$1.

March 15 Kansans For Life Meeting/Movie on the "Value them Both" Constitutional Amendment and a free showing of *Unplanned* at 5:30pm in the Hanover Community Building. Permission forms to sign for youth under 17. Free and open to the public.

March 20 Frankfort Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. Serving Pollock, cheesy potatoes, cornbread and green beans from 5:00-7:30pm in the Annunciation Cigna Center. Free will donation. All are welcome.

March 26 Beta Sigma Phi Spring Salad Supper at 6:30pm in Parish Hall. Entertainment by K-State Tap Dance Ensemble featuring Taybor Smith from Marysville. Advance tickets for \$8 can be purchased from Tami at Alliance Insurance or by calling Brenda at 713-0296.

March 28 My Lenten Journey through Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. A Day Retreat for All led by Joe Heschmeyer from Holy Family School of Faith. 9:00am - 4:00pm at Cigna Center Annunciation Parish, Frankfort. Mass with Archbishop Naumann at 4:00pm. Stop by the Parish Office for registration form.

March 28 Annual Women's Spirituality Conference at St. Thomas More Parish Center in Manhattan from 3:30pm. Register online at bit.lv/20WomConf or stop by the Parish Office for form.

March 28 All You Can Eat Boiled Shrimp, Smoked Pork Chops and Frog Legs sponsored by Axtell Knights of Columbus. 5:00-8:30pm at Axtell Legion/Community Building. Advanced tickets are Adult \$16, Children \$8 and available at CJ Express or Hometown Lumber.

March 28-29 Living in Love Retreat for married couples hosted by Sts Peter and Paul in Seneca. Casts a vibrant and hopeful vision for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Equips couples to live the vision with practical strategies and insights, Reminds couples of their purpose and mission to be a sign of Christ's love for the Church, and Forms couples to mentor the engaged. Registration and details can be found at www.archkck.org/livinginlove.



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Preschool Preview - We would like to invite you and your child to join us for one of our two Preschool Preview nights on Tues., March 24th and Wed., March 25th from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. You will be able to see the preschool classroom, meet our preschool teacher, and your child will have the opportunity to participate in fun activities. St. Gregory's offers both a 3 year-old and a 4 year-old preschool program. To be eligible for our preschool program, children must be 3 on or before Aug. 31, 2020. Please contact the school office at 562-2831 or through email at kfarrell@stgregorychurch.org to learn more.

CELEBRATE

BIRTHDAYS

Mar. 16 Paul Broxterman, Mickey Schmitz, Mary T. Zimmerling, Bernadette Wilson

Mar. 17 Mike Clark, Ian Detimore, Erin Wright, Tom Schoenberger, Conner Lee

Mar. 18 Aaron Hoffman

Mar. 19 Rachel Rothfelder, Rosie Kirkham, Teresa McMillan, Gevene Hogan, Tish Lienemann

Mar. 20 Kloe Detimore, Randy Stech Mar. 22 Rosalie Babb, Josh Volle

NO ANNIVERSARIES

POSTPONED

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia's annual Spaghetti Dinner and raffle originally scheduled for March 15th has been postponed until a later date. Assistant director of development said, "The health of our sisters and of those attending is of utmost importance to us."

PRO-LIFE JOB POSTING

Willow Center in Beatrice is seeking an Executive Director to execute the functions of its pro-life mission to help women in SE Nebraska and NE Kansas choose life. Hours for this part time position can be set to a workable schedule for the director. Pay is up to \$18/hr depending on credentials. Provide your resume and contact info to info@willowcenter.net for further details.

School Enrollment - Enrollment for all students, Preschool through sixth grade, will be on Tues., March 31st and Thurs., April 2nd at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. At enrollment, an overview of the past school year and the upcoming school year will be given, information will be provided about school fees and fee assistance, and enrollment packets will be provided. We hope to see you here!

Spring Concert - Due to a scheduling conflict on April 29th, the St. Gregory Spring Concert will be moved to **Wednesday**, **April 22nd at 10:00a.m. and 7:00p.m.** Thank you for your flexibility!

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mallory LeSage, Lori Stohs, Liz Arth, Evelyn Anderson, Mike Watters, Doug Ryan, Betty Melcher, Steven Appel, Tony Evans, Karen Palazzola Shape Molton Teresa Reiling Bruce

Palazzola, Shane Molton, Teresa Reiling, Bruce Leonard, Doug Wende, Breckyn File, Melody Germann, Brittany Pappada, Mary Landoll, Scotty Hudson, Fr. Jim Shaughnessy, Dolores Wassenberg, Jim Nordhus, Don Cudney, Tori Dettke, Margaret Schotte, Kristi Meyer, Scott Throm, Joel Rivera, Janet Holle, Bill Mullins, Parker Price. Joleen Cohorst. Sawin. Jessie Christen Hatzenbuehler, Janet Kirkland, Mary Feldhausen, Boston Bieler, Hudson Gartner, Rosie Brinker, Raymond Throm, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Mary Ann Lehman, Keith & Teresa Peeks, James & Jessa Sublette, Annette Pacha Smith, Bill Brinker, Joan Wacek, Rick Weigel, Barry Baber, Jordan Mackey, Wayne Price, Angie Miller, Bill Schwindamann, Scott Frerking, Wayne Kruse, Dorothy Peschel, Andy Kwapnioski, Larry Wissmann, Jane Fragel Williamson, Grace Koelzer, Libby Muchow, Jennifer McKeen, Leah Wassenberg, Walt & Charlotte Zimmerling, Tom Nolte, Margaret Stoehr, Francis Kloeker, Sandy Schmitz, Martha Meier, Marty Clark, Emily Larson, Debbie Jueneman, Jim Davis, Bernard Bussmann, Pat Plegge Pratt, Jim D. Schmitz, Carl Walston & Fred Behrens. To make changes call Margaret Huffman at 713-9653 or the Parish Office.

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Baptisms: See website for information **Weddings:** Contact Father Nathan

If someone is in need of the Eucharist taken to them, please call the Parish Office.



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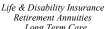
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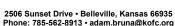


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