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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 21, 2021

## MESSAGE FROM FATHER QUENTIN

One of the things I did, when participating in band while in school, was to play in the percussion section of our band. I remember the music would often ask for a crescendo. I think about that as we approach the final part of Lent. Within our Scriptures we begin to experience an increasing of intensity as we near Holy Week where we will enter into the high moment of our Church year with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. The Catechism glossary describes the Paschal Mystery:

*Christ's work of redemption accomplished principally by his Passion, death, Resurrection, and glorious Ascension, whereby "dying he destroyed our death, rising restored our life" The Paschal Mystery is celebrated and made present in the liturgy of the Church, and its saving effects are communicated through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, which renews the paschal sacrifice of Christ as the sacrifice offered by the Church.*

The high point of the Mass also takes us to contemplating the Paschal Mystery. Every Mass after the moment of consecration the priest says *The mystery of faith*. There are multiple options of response. One of them being - *We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.*

The timing of the words of the priest and the people are important for our celebration of the Mass. We see the consecration as a special moment within the Mass to contemplate the mystery. As we pray the Mass and as we continue to experience the season of Lent may we be taken into a deeper reflection on this great mystery of our faith.



## PARISH NEWS

### All You Can Eat Spaghetti Feed

American Heritage Girls Troop KS-0007 is having their Annual Spaghetti Feed on **Sunday, March 28th** in the Parish Hall. Serving spaghetti, garlic bread, cookies and tea or water from **11:30am - 1:30pm**. All are welcome to come out and enjoy some good food. Free will donation.

### Final Lenten Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus will have their final Lenten Fish Fry on **Friday, March 26th from 5:00 - 7:00pm** in the Parish Hall. There is limited dine-in space and carry out available or call 562-7017 for in-town delivery. All proceeds benefit St. Gregory's 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 deadline to order is Wednesday, March 24th.** The suggested donation is \$25 per plant.

### Rice Bowls

If you picked up a Rice Bowl to fill during the Lenten season, please return it to the Parish Office or set it on the table in the gathering space of the church.

## LENTEN SCHEDULE

### Stations of the Cross:

**6:00pm** every Wednesday - St. Malachy's

**7:00pm** every Friday - St. Gregory's

### Confessions:

**7:45 - 8:10am** every Tuesday - St. Gregory's

**11:30am - noon** every Wednesday - St. Gregory's

**5:30 - 6pm** every Wednesday - St. Malachy's

**6:30 - 7pm** every Friday - St. Gregory's

### Adoration:

**11:00am - noon** every Wednesday - St. Gregory's

**8:45 - 9:45am** every Friday - St. Gregory's

\*Due to Covid, we will NOT have a Seder Meal this year.

## HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

**Holy Thursday:** 7:00pm - St. Gregory's

**Good Friday:** 12:00pm Stations - St. Gregory's

3:00pm The Lord's Passion - St. Gregory's

7:00pm The Lord's Passion - St. Malachy's

**Holy Saturday:** 8:30pm - St. Gregory's

**Easter Sunday:** 7:00am - St. Gregory's

8:45am - St. Malachy's

10:30am - St. Gregory's

Please join us in the parish hall immediately following the Holy Saturday service for light refreshments to celebrate our Lord's Resurrection and welcome our RCIA candidates to the church family.

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, Mar. 23**

8:15am † Helene Glynn

**Wednesday, Mar. 24**

12:05pm † Leah Wassenberg

**Thursday, Mar. 25**12:05pm † Darrell and Marjorie Cudney  
† Ken Martin**Friday, Mar. 26**

8:15am † Charles and Virginia Ring

**Saturday, Mar. 27**

5:30pm † Teresa de Jesus Franco

**Sunday, Mar. 28**7:00am \*\*\*PALM SUNDAY\*\*\*  
~ The People of the Parishes of  
St. Gregory and St. Malachy  
10:30am † Francis Chase

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tuesday, Mar. 23**

7:45am - 8:10am Confessions

**Wednesday, Mar. 24**

11:00am - noon Adoration

11:30am - noon Confessions

**Friday, Mar. 26**

8:45am - 9:45am Adoration

5:00pm - 7:00pm K of C Fish Fry

6:30pm - 7:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, Mar. 27**

4:30pm - 5:15pm Confessions

**Sunday, Mar. 28**

11:30am - 1:30pm AHG Spaghetti Feed, Parish Hall

## 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

An on-line Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Exemplification was held at St. Gregory's on Sunday, March 14th. The following area Knights became 4th Degree members:

*Marysville* - Craig Muetting, Brian Pekarek, Alex Rombeck, and Eric Wright

*Hanover* - Doug Bruna

*Washington* - Pat Zach

On the same day in Manhattan, Jim Talbot and Deacon Wayne Talbot, father and son, also became 4th Degree Knights. Congratulations to all these Knights of Columbus members on this prestigious accomplishment.

## BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Loan Principal Balance (as of 3/02/21)..... \$849,917.57

Donations (since 3/01/21)..... (\$ 3,575.00)

Estimated Outstanding Expenses ..... \$26,242.25

**Total Parish Liability ..... \$872,584.82**

Total Contributions to Date ..... \$7,454,624.20

(\$9,100 needed each month for loan payment)

## THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

The Feast of the Annunciation is the reason why we celebrate Christmas on December 25. Christmas comes exactly nine months after the Archangel Gabriel invited the Virgin Mary to be the Mother of God, an event we commemorate on March 25. The dating of these Feast Days, although interesting, is of minor importance compared to their theological significance. It is fruitful to reflect upon the incarnation of Jesus Christ in the womb of the Virgin Mary as the antecedent to the explosion of joy, caroling, gift giving, eating, drinking, love and family unity that surrounds the birth of the Savior. Perhaps Mary had a sort of private and internal Christmas at the moment of the Annunciation. Maybe she felt the fullness of the world's Christmas joy inside of her own heart when she realized she had been chosen to be the Mother of God.

God could have become man in any number of creative ways. He could have incarnated Himself just as Adam was incarnated in the book of Genesis, by being formed from the clay and having the divine breath blown into his nostrils. Or God could have slowly backed down to earth on a tall golden ladder as a twenty-five-year-old man, ready to walk the highways and byways of Palestine. Or maybe God could have taken flesh in an unknown way and just been found, like Moses, floating in a basket by a childless young couple from Nazareth as they enjoyed a Sunday picnic along the Jordan River.

The Second Person of the Trinity chose, however, to become man like we all become man. In the same way that He would exit the world through the door of death, as we all have to do, before His Resurrection and Ascension, He also entered the world through the door of human birth. In the words of the early Church, Christ could not redeem what He did not assume. He redeemed everything because He took on human nature in all of its breadth, depth, complexity and mystery. He was like us in all things save sin.

The Church's theological tradition speculates that one of the reasons the bad angels may have rebelled against God was envy. They may have discovered that God chose to become man, instead of the higher form of an angel. This envy would have been directed at the Virgin Mary as well, that Vessel of Honor and Ark of the Covenant who bore the divine choice. God not only became man, we must remember, but did so through a human being, one prepared from her conception to be perfect. March 25 is one of only two days of the year when we kneel at the recitation of the Creed at Mass. At the words "...by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man" all heads bow and all knees bend at the wonder of it. If the story of Christ is the greatest story ever told, today is its first page.

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## WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelope & Plate for March 14th \$ 6,724.50

(\$11,200 Expected Average Collection needed each week)



## ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2020-2021 School Update

In the upcoming weeks, we will be highlighting some of the happenings that have occurred at St. Gregory's School over the past year.

**Enrollment**

- \* 3% increase in enrollment for the '20-'21 school year and a projected enrollment increase of 7% for the '21-'22 school year.
- \* This year, we welcomed 8 new families to our school community.
- \* With a projected enrollment of 150 students, the average class size will remain at 16 students with a student/teacher ratio of 14 to 1.

**PRAYER LIST**

The power of prayer is an amazing thing! Please keep the following people in your prayers.

**Short Term Health Issues:** DeAnn Clingan, Ron Thomas and Paul "Peewee" Zimmerling.

**Long Term Health Issues:** Kathy Pacha, Torey Butler, Linda Schell Tiers, M. Teresa Harris, Marty Malotte, Allie Montgomery, Gretchen Schmitz, Don Wassenberg, Alan Wassenberg, Lora Stohs, Tony Evans, Teresa Reiling, Mary Landoll, Boston Bieler, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Joan Wacek, Katie Vering, Sami and Jack Kirkland.

*If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, call Margaret Huffman at 713-9653 or the Parish Office.*

**CELEBRATE****BIRTHDAYS**

- Mar. 22** Rosalie Babb, Josh Volle  
**Mar. 23** Vince Wetter, Weston Smith  
**Mar. 24** R.J. Vogelsberg, Shaylee Vering, Rob Dummermuth  
**Mar. 25** John Wilson  
**Mar. 26** Butch Schmitz, Gina Ward, Dustin Leonard, Cindy Ring  
**Mar. 27** Mary Zutterman, Jim Borgerding, Mark Hoffman

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- Mar. 23** Steve and Deb Blumer

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

**“God is bigger than our family chaos, bigger than our sin, and bigger than our circumstances. God’s plan is exactly what you need to see and believe so that you can know everything really is going to be OK.”**

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CHRIS PADGETT  
*I'm Not OK. You're Not OK. But It's OK!*

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**Parish Council:** Sandy Schmitz

**Finance Council:** Chad Kramer

**Cemetery:** Frank Staggenborg at 562-8047

**Parish Hall Reservations:** Contact Parish Office

**K of C Hall Reservations:** Joe Peschel at 562-3161

**Baptisms:** See website for information

**Weddings:** Contact Father Quentin

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