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182 YEARS OF CATHOLIC SERVICE AND WITNESS

MARCH 29, 2020



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



OUR SISTER PARISH:

Saint Peter the Apostle
Chacsinkin, Yucatan, Mexico

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WEEK DAYS

7:30 a.m.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

(closed for lunch Noon - 12:30 pm)

Note: Parish Office is on the west side of the Church

Mass Intentions

Monday	March 30 Lenten Weekday Parishioners Living and Deceased (Tom & June)
Tuesday	March 31 Lenten Weekday Genevieve Dzeskewicz (Bruce & Rose Scouten)
Wednesday	April 1 Lenten Weekday Genevieve Dzeskewicz (William Loper)
Thursday	April 2 St. Francis of Paola Frances Dzeskewicz (Audrey Kosienski)
Friday	April 3 Lenten Weekday Edward, Bettie & Dick Lohse (Jack Lohse)
Saturday	April 4 St. Isidore Loretta Olszewski (Barb & Emil Petak)
Sunday	April 5 Palm Sunday For Our Parishioners Living and Deceased Edmund, Catherine & Edmund Jr. Dlugolenski (Cindy Pryber)

Prayer Request— Artie & Stacey, Marsha A. & daughter, Cassandra Aho,

Marsha Badach, Kit & Joe Balinski, Patty Bennett, Rachel Bourne, David Boyd, Patty Brown, Randy Bratcher, Amanda Bryant, Shelly Buffalari, Sam Burns, Carole C., Tim C., Amy Campoli, Debbie Carrick, Todd Carrier, Abigail Carullo, Doug Chernicky, Christi Claxton, Rod Coburn, Eleanor Collings, Earl Corbin, Colin Cunningham, Dale & family, Trudy DeCarolis, Artie Defoy, Karen Dickson, A. Dodick, Helen Dombkowski, Katie Dombkowski, Ron Dombkowski, Danielle Dorder, Jonathan Ledger Dougherty, Bill Drakes, Dawn Duran, Bill Eberlein, Sr., Ashley English, Lynn English, Luke F., Ron & Helen Feldman, Carrie & Jake Fiske, Mary Fiscus, Eleanor Fox, Carol Fullom, Denise Fulton, Shawn Furman, Ben G., Julia G., Linda Gidos, Sally Gradler, Debbie Grove, Jerry H., The Haynes Family, Larry Hanas, Frank Harrison, Nicholas Hendericks, Michelle Hetrick, Kathy Highhouse, Harold Hites, Gloria Hollenbeck, Molly Holmes, Holly, Rich Hudacky, Denise Hudson, Carrie Jaco, Scott James, Trevor James, Jeremy, Jim, Charles, Luke Johnson, R. Juarez & Family, Kathleen, Kevin K., Craig Kayden, Kelly King, Linda Kloecker, Judy Konkol, Betty Korrel, Thomas Kowalczyk, Carol Kuchcinski, Ed Kuligowski, L.L. & Family, Roberta Laird, Rose Lapenz, Gail Laughner, John Lewis, Margie Loeffler, Janet Lombardo, Robin Macial, Tim Maciulewicz, Jason Mager, Lexxi Maloney-Barnes, James Mantsch, Paul Mayer, Greg Mays, Clara Meyer, Morinelli/Quinn Family, Shawn Morgan, Jr., Bill Muenz, Kathy Murr, Kathy N., Ron and Lynn Nash, Leny Nipper, Tom O., Buddy O'Leary, Bill Oshinski, Rick P., Kayden Painter, Michael Pamula, Patrick, Liz Pauly, Ron, Paige, David Peter, Annmarie Phillips, Kathy Piotroski, Andrew Pitcher, Mike Pitonyck, Nathan Post, Erin Potter, Michael Potter, Carrie Powell, Denise Pulson, Audrey & John Reese, Christi Reilly, Lucas Reynolds, McKenna Ritter, Melissa Rindfuss, Joan Robinson, Rocky, Alan Rodgers, Debbie Rose, Bob Rudzenski, Lindsey Ryan, Jim S., Dave Sarra, Shirley Sayers, Mary Lou Scalzitti, Jim Scully, Joseph Seth, Greg & Rochelle Sharrer, Therese Sauer, Clyde Schulte, Madeline Sienecki, Dave & Loren Swanson, Tina, Patricia Vadala, Dan Via, Debbie Vanucci, Margaret Wasser, Mark Watts, Dan Weber, Lisa Weber, Robert Weber, Sr., Maureen Wentzel, Caitlin Wentzel, Joe Wardanski, Lois Whitcomb, Denise Wilson, A Special Intention, and all the sick.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, MARCH 30

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

All Mass intentions will be said for those who requested them.

Father Jason will be live-streaming his daily Masses and weekend Masses on Facebook..

Please tune in!



Pray for the men and women in the military:

Petty Officer 3rd Class Jack Kaulis, Chief Petty Officer Aurelio Velazquez, Jr., Private Jeff Kinnear, Major Jenny Stewart-Allen, Major Alan Herbol, PFC Jacob Lenhardt, Capt. Natalie Rambish Long



Sanctuary Candle

burns for

Margaret Seth (Ray & Kim Seth)

Liturgical life

Questions? Call (814) 476-7657

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March 22, 2020

Families receiving envelopes 440 Envelopes received 11

Goal: \$5,215.00 Total Collection: \$500 Capital Improvements: \$60

Bills paid: Edge Computers \$420 Hagan Bus. Machines \$67 Weber Elec. \$109

Janitors Supply \$29 Weekly envelopes \$436

A NEW OPPORTUNITY—We are very cognizant of the dire situation within our country at this time. We know that we may not be meeting for some time and that some of you may even be out of work. Please know that you are all in our prayers at this time and we are only a phone call away.

That being stated, we will be offering you the opportunity to still contribute to your parish through electronic funds transfer. Simply go to: stfrancixaviermckean.weshareonline.org and click on the button, *make a donation* on either Weekly, Capital Improvement or Easter Flowers. You may choose Make a Recurring Donation or One Time Donation. Choose the amount, and how you would like to pay for it, fill in the information, include your contact information and put a checkmark in the *I agree* box and submit your contribution. Anything you are able to contribute at this time is greatly appreciated.

Father Jason wants you to know also, that all major projects have been suspended as well. We will sit tight and hope for a speedy recovery.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. and by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Classes are required. Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND:

Regular visits are made on the first Friday of the month. Please call the office if you would like a visit.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements with the Pastor at least 6 months prior.

R.C.I.A.: The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children is an opportunity for any interested person who desires to become a full member of the Church. For more information call the Parish Office.

Readings for the week of March 29, 2020

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE—

Our Assessment is \$43,840 for this campaign. Because of your generosity we have \$39,030 in pledges with 87 families out of 440 participating. We thank you all for being so very generous to your parish. If you have yet to make a pledge, you may do so anytime. The campaign runs through December 31. It doesn't take much to put aside a little every day to help us meet our goal.



Gospel Meditation

5th Sunday of Lent

Even though we say that we believe, there is a part of us that doesn't. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those things that are essential to our sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, the very meaning and essence of life is lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair and that is precisely who God desires to be in our life as well.

God calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, "Come out!" He desperately wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of His resurrected presence is a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn't negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn't diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don't cancel each other out. God truly has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to each detail, we find that they all lead us back to Him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Are we going to listen this time?

**ALL CLASSES CANCELLED INDEFINITELY.
ALL SACRAMENTS WILL BE POSTPONED TO A
LATER, SAFER DATE.**

Upcoming events

LENTEN CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE—Will continue as scheduled in the Cry Room off the vestibule. The Reconciliation Room is off limits at this time.

Please look to our web page and myparishapp for ongoing changes.

The Parish Office will only be open from 9:00—Noon beginning March 23 and continuing through March 27. The following weeks the office will be closed on Wednesdays until further notice.

MCKEAN AREA GARDEN CLUB—is committed to helping a General McLane High School senior student further their education by awarding a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2020 fall semester. Applicant must be planning to pursue post-secondary education at an accredited institution or pursuing furthering their education in a trade or technical program at an accredited school. Applications are available at General McLane High School Guidance Counselor's Office and on the school's scholarship link. Deadline for submitting the application is April 20, 2020.



FOOD PANTRY CONTINUES!!! - Sue and Deb will keep servicing our pantry families during the current crisis. However, they do have an Easter Dinner wish list:

Hams, fruit, gelatin, rolls, butter, frozen pies, no-bake desserts, carrots, eggs, coffee, creamer, Easter candy. If you are able to help, donations can be left in the Gathering Space that will remain open during reduced office hours. Otherwise donations can be left in the vestibule of church.

And thanks a lot!

MCKEAN RESIDENTS—The township office will be taking calls if you have any concerns during this pandemic. You may call the office at 476-7414. You may also call Ron Bole at 434-2734 or Brian Cooper at 450-1710

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

I cannot believe that we find ourselves halfway through Lent. All of us may feel that this might be a living Good Friday amidst sickness, suffering, and anxiety. But as we are reminded in all our Readings this weekend, no matter the circumstance, the Lord gives us new starts. If we feel that our Lent has been ruined by the news and events of recent days, this is now a time to recommit and pray with our Lord in the desert to let this time be a re-focus that will help us be a better person, family, friend, Catholic, and human. Please take this time to recommit to the Lord.

Although we cannot have public Masses, please join our daily live-stream and use the many resources that I have put on our Website, Facebook, Twitter, and myparishapp to help us. Further, please stop by the church for Adoration if you can, as we have Adoration everyday from 9am-5pm. The Church is open around the clock as a place to know the Lord anew.

Although we are trying to keep our bulletin current and still printing a few copies (thank you Debbie), we know that news surrounding our current situation is changing rapidly. Please check our website, social media platforms, and maharishi, for the latest information and activities to help you through this time. In addition to posting daily/weekly reminders there, I will do my best to put something on the Church Doors as well. I also want to remind you that we are livestreaming Adoration weekly from 8-9pm and you still have plenty of opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, some of which are published in the bulletin and announced as I can. I will also keep you updated on how we will proceed with Easter as well.

Use this time to make your Church an extension of Jesus' love of community that we find in our wonderful parish. Make a "holy place" in the house where you (and your family) can pray, watch Mass, read the Bible or other Holy Readings, pray the Rosary, etc.

AS I SAID IN THE LETTER THAT YOU RECEIVED ON WEDNESDAY, THERE IS HELP AVAILABLE WITH ERRANDS, GROCERIES, PICK UP OF MEDICATION, ETC. PLEASE CONTACT MICHELLE CURTZE, IF YOU NEED THAT ASSISTANCE-or- WOULD LIKE TO HELP HER! Her number is: 1-814-476-7438. Also, our Food Pantry is available as well.... please call the Office and we will help you.

There are a few copies of the Letter explaining our "Parish Life" and Schedule available to take home at the entrances. It is also posted on the Church Doors to read to help you understand. If you are also able, on Sundays, there will be an Offering Box out in the church, if you can contribute. Any help is appreciated, and I know this is a strain on your livelihood as well. Please remember the Church is open around the clock, with restricted movement, and ALL ACTIVITIES are canceled for at least one more week. Please know of my continued prayers, keep the CDC Precautions when you are in Church and at home, and most importantly, please use this second half of lent to be like the blind man, and see again by God's Grace! Know of my continued prayers and love and see you soon, at least through Social Media!

"Sooner or later comes a crisis in our affairs, and how we meet it determines our future happiness and success."

—Robert Collier

"Crises and deadlocks when they occur have at least this advantage, that they force us to think."

— Jawaharlal Nehru

"Man is not imprisoned by habit. Great changes in him can be wrought by crisis — once that crisis can be recognized and understood."

— Norman Cousins