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MASSES: SAT EVENING 5:00 P.M.  
SUNDAY MORNING 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.  
TU, WED, FRI: 8:00 A.M.  
THURSDAY: 5:00 P.M.  
ADORATION: FRIDAYS, 8:30 A.M.-6:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:  
TUES, WEDS, FRI: 7:30-7:45 A.M.  
THURSDAY: 4:00-4:45 P.M.  
SATURDAY: 3:45-4:45 P.M.

OFFICE HOURS: TUES-FRI 8:30-NOON & 1:00-4:00  
CLOSED ON MONDAYS

WELCOME! WE EXTEND OUR HANDS AND HEARTS TO ALL WHO CELEBRATE WITH US, WHETHER LONGTIME RESIDENT OR NEWLY ARRIVED IN THE PARISH. WE THANK GOD THAT YOU ARE WITH US

*The Week Ahead*

**Saturday, March 26, 2022**

**5:00 p.m.**

Lector: Kevin Rupp

Eucharistic Ministers: Danielle Smethers, James Schmitt

Acolytes: Colby & Evan Leatherman

Ministers of Hospitality: Andrew Herber, Volunteer

**Sunday, March 27, 2022**

**8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Sam St. Clair

Eucharistic Ministers: Sara St. Clair, Al Anderson

Acolytes: Eddie & Jude Lieb

Ministers of Hospitality: Dave Leininger, Mike Sands

**Sunday, March 27, 2022**

**10:30 a.m.**

Lector: Mike McClain

Eucharistic Ministers: Ingrid McClain, Joe Cochran

Acolytes: Emma Flanagan, Samuel Hunter

Ministers of Hospitality: Volunteers

**We are in need of Acolytes at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. We presently only have three committed to 8:00 a.m. If you would be willing to serve at the 8:00 a.m. Mass, please call the church office. Thank you.**

**Collections for March 13, 2022**

Offering Envelopes	\$ 2,040.00
Loose	1409.38
Repair	175.00
Candles	31.00
Religious Ed	32.00
Flowers	10.00
Total in pew	<b>\$3,697.38</b>

**Online Collections (March 7-13)**

Reg. Envelopes	\$ 2,766.00
Repair	534.00
Total Online	<b>\$ 3,325.00</b>

**USED EYE GLASS DONATION**

Next weekend will be the last weekend that we will be collecting used eyeglasses, prescription sunglasses, regular sunglasses, unopened contact boxes. They do not accept frames without lens. There is a box in the narthex to deposit your glasses in. The glasses will be used locally and at an eye clinic in Honduras.



March 20 Third Sunday of Lent  
 5:00 p.m. (Sat.) † Parishioners  
 8:00 a.m. (Sun.) † Dick Miller  
 10:30 a.m. (Sun.) † Larry Reynolds  
 (rosary ½ hour before each Mass)  
 (Adoration one hour before Saturday Mass and Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass)  
 March 21 Monday: Lenten Weekday  
 No Mass

March 22 Tuesday: Lenten Weekday  
 8:00 a.m. † No Mass

March 23 Wednesday: Lenten Weekday  
 8:00 a.m. † No Mass

March 24 Thursday: Lenten Weekday  
 5:00 p.m. † No Mass

March 25 Friday: The Annunciation of the Lord  
 8:00 a.m. † No Mass

**Adoration: 7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**  
 11:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross  
**Adoration resumes at 11:30-6:00 p.m.**  
 5:30 p.m. **No soup this week due to the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry**  
 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

March 26/27 Fourth Sunday of Lent  
 Saturday, March 26/  
 5:00 p.m.: † Parishioners  
 Confession: 3:45-4:45  
 Sunday, March 27  
 8:00 a.m.: † George Hagenjos  
 10:30 a.m. : † Jane Goble  
 (rosary ½ hour before each Mass)  
**Adoration: 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY**

The St. Paul of the Cross Knights of Columbus will have a Fish Fry this coming Friday, March 25th—**Drive Thru Only 4:00 pm until all fish dinners are sold.** The meals will consist of fish, cole slaw, potato salad, roll and a dessert. The price will be \$10 a meal with proceeds going to Mission 25.





Dear Brothers and Sisters,

## INTO THE DEEP

This year we have three of our parish members who will receive all three sacraments of initiation, that is, baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist (1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion). These were originally known as catechumens until they were officially accepted as “elect” by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne recently. We also have one “candidate” which means that he is already baptized but will be receive into full communion with the Catholic Church through the profession of faith, Confirmation and the reception of the Eucharist for the 1<sup>st</sup> of many times. Like the elect, the candidate will also be confirmed at the Easter Vigil, the most important night of the liturgical season (Holy Saturday night).

As part of their immediate preparation to receive these sacraments of initiation, we accompany them through this Lenten journey by witnessing the liturgical “scrutinies” at different Sunday Masses in Lent which consist of special rites and prayers for those who are in the RCIA program and their respective sponsors. Because of the scrutinies, the Church gives us special readings that are not the typical ones for Year Mass. (As a reminder, RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults).

We are delighted that the number of the baptized and confirmed will increase soon which is a healthy sign of the life of our community which is alive. May they always feel and know that they belong to our parish family and may we integrate them into our parish community by allowing them to put into service their God-given gifts for God’s glory and the edification of the Church.

Many blessings to all!

## FIRST THURSDAY MEMORIAL

We will be discontinuing the First Thursday Memorial Masses as of April, 2022. The Diocese is asking that the parishes no longer have Masses for multiple intentions as only one stipend is allowed per Mass.



So many people in our lives need hope. As Catholics, we place our hope in our Lord & savior, Jesus Christ. But His Gospel message can seem daunting to share with others. What if I misspeak? What if my intended audience tunes out as I stumble through the message? How can we share the awesome story of God and His love of the world in a clear & meaningful way?

In his book, *Rescued*, Father John Ricardo spells out the extraordinary story of the Gospel in a succinct and compelling way. He equips us with a simple way to share the Good News with others, and he does it in a way that communicates the awesome power & unfathomable love God has for each & every one of us and, by extension, the whole world.

Join us next Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 - 10:00 am in the Deacon Joe Zickgraf Community Center as we examine the ideas in Father Riccardo's book, learn his simple way of organizing the story of God's love for the world & equip ourselves to share that story with the people in our lives who need His story of hope & love the most. Our presenter will be Mike McClain.

## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

The second session on the Eucharist for 2nd grade parents will be this Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. in the Sofa Room. All 2nd grade parents are encouraged to attend. Our 2nd grade students will also be presented with the Gospels at the end of the 10:30 am Holy Mass that morning as well.

## PENANCE SERVICE



There will be a Penance Service here at St. Paul of the Cross on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. There will be three priests available to hear confessions.

## BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENTS

If anyone is interested in advertising on the back of our church bulletin, please call the church office before April 1<sup>st</sup>. We would also like to thank the businesses who have continually sponsored our bulletin over the years.

### Lenten Prayer

“O people, the LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” Today we choose to walk humbly with You. We choose to live by Your Holy Spirit and to follow Your lead. Help us to hear You clearly, for we do not want to walk by pride or self-sufficiency, we want to walk with You.