

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Darrell Holder, brother of Irma Bell)

MONDAY, APRIL 01, 2019

Lenten Weekday

Tuesday, April 02, 2019

Lenten Weekday (4); *Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit*

- 6:30 PM, Knights Dinner and Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 03, 2019

Lenten Weekday;

- 9:00 AM—Communion Service, followed by Coffee
- 10:00 AM—Small group: *Sunday by Sunday*
- 6:30 PM—Faith Formation, K-8
- 7:00 PM—Communal Reconciliation

THURSDAY, APRIL 04, 2019

Lenten Weekday; *Saint Isadore, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

- 6:30 PM—Altar & Rosary Society Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 05, 2019

Lenten Weekday; (day of abstinence) *Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest*

- 6:00 PM—Adoration and evening prayer
- 6:30 PM—Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 06, 2019

Lenten Weekday;

- 10:00 AM—Small group: *Sunday by Sunday*

SUNDAY, APRIL 07, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Jeannette Weldon, mother of Irma Bell)



"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son."
Luke 15:21

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Is 65:17-21
Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ex 47:1-9
Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15
Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14
Ps 106:19-23
Jn 5:31-47; 6:19-23



Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22
Ps 34:17-21, 23
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20
Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12
Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

Is 43:16-21
Ps 126:1-6
Phil 3:8-14
Jn 8:1-11

Some Dates to Note

- April 2—Knights Dinner and Meeting
- April 3—Communal Reconciliation
- April 4—Altar & Rosary Society Meeting
- April 11—Finance Council Meeting
- April 16—Social Action Committee Meeting
- April 21—Egg hunt following Easter Sunday Mass
- April 23—Parish Council Meeting



"Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" John 8:10

Please Note: Mass on Palm Sunday, April 14 and Easter Sunday, April 21 will be at 9:30



Communal Reconciliation

We will have a communal reconciliation service on **Wednesday, April 3, at 7:00 PM.** Plan now to join us and experience God's mercy and forgiveness.

Other opportunities:

St. Anthony, Knoxville, Sunday, April 7, 4:00 PM

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 14

- **9:30 AM**—Mass

Holy Thursday, April 18

- 7:00 PM—Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bring bells to ring at Gloria)
- Father will hear confessions immediately following mass
- 8:00-9:00 PM—Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday, April 19

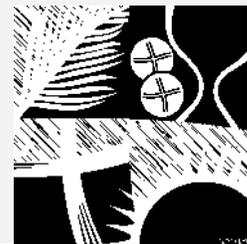
- 9:00 AM—Morning Prayer
- 3:00 PM—Stations of the Cross
- 3:30 PM—Fr. Thom will hear confessions
- 7:00 PM—Celebration of Our Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 20

- 9:00 AM—Morning Prayer
- 9:30 AM—Decorating Church for Easter
- 8:30 PM—Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 21

- **9:30 AM**—Easter Mass
- Easter egg hunt after mass



Faith Formation News

Classes will begin at 6:30 as usual and then at 7:00 PM, students will go up to reconciliation. They may be picked up there. (K and one will remain downstairs.)



Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over... Thank you for your gifts.

- Envelopes\$1,043.00 (\$77.00 in auto tithing)
- Utilities\$100.00



FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

Wednesday, March 29, at 7:00 PM, we will celebrate communal reconciliation at Immaculate Conception. Celebrating God's forgiveness is an important way to prepare ourselves to celebrate Easter and to renew our Baptismal vows. I am reminded of the words of St. Maximus the Confessor, abbot:

God's will is to save us, and nothing pleases him more than our coming back to him with true repentance. The heralds of truth and the ministers of divine grace have told us this from the beginning, repeating it in every age. Indeed, God's desire for our salvation is the primary and preeminent sign of his infinite goodness. It was precisely in order to show that there is nothing closer to God's heart than the divine Word of God the Father, with untold condescension, lived among us in the flesh, and did, suffered, and said all that was necessary to reconcile

us to God the Father, when we were at enmity with him, and to restore us to the life of blessedness from which we had been exiled. He healed our physical infirmities by miracles, he freed us from our sins, many and grievous as they were; by suffering and dying, taking them upon himself as if he were answerable for them, sinless though he was. He also taught us in many different ways that we should wish to imitate him by our kindness and genuine love for one another.

So it was that Christ proclaimed that he had come to call sinners to repentance, not the righteous, and that it was not the healthy who required a doctor, but the sick. He declared that he had come to look for the sheep that was lost.

Indeed God's will is to save us and he gave us the sacrament of reconciliation to help bring that about. Through this sacrament we can hear and feel God's forgiving love for us and know his mercy. I hope everyone will celebrate this wonderful sacrament sometime during the Lenten season. Time grows short so I hope to see you at the communal reconciliation service on Wednesday.

Speaking of time growing short, we are in the fourth week of Lent already. In two Sundays we will begin the holiest week of all the year with our Palm Sunday celebration of the Passion of our Lord. Holy Week is not a week to spend in the usual way. Holy Week is a time for us to truly enter into the Paschal Mystery of our Lord—his birth, suffering, death, resurrection, ascension, and sending of the Holy Spirit. I ask you all to resolve now to spend the week as a mini-retreat centering on the Paschal Mystery. Resolve now to attend the Easter celebrations, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday and/or Easter Sunday. These celebrations are the high point of our church year and the core of who and what we are as Christians. Let us worship, pray and celebrate this tremendous mystery.

God's abundant blessings

Dc. Joe



Rights and Responsibilities

Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Rights and Responsibilities, we remember that every person has basic rights that make life truly human. Corresponding to our rights, we all have duties and responsibilities to one another, our families and the larger society.

Encounter Kumba

Waisa didn't spend a single day in school. When she was young, no one thought girls should receive an education. Plus, there was work to do. She helped her twelve siblings at her family's farm. She was responsible for helping her mom sell meat to their neighbors.

Now, things have changed in Sinkunia, a town in the north of Sierra Leone. Waisa knows the importance of education—especially for girls. "If there's education, Sierra Leone will develop," she says. "Our students will make sure of it."

That's why Waisa insists that her 12-year-old granddaughter, Kumba, attends the nearby CRS-sponsored school, so she can learn how to make a difference in her community and her country. And, through the nutritious lunch that CRS gives to each student every day, Kumba and her classmates can focus on their studies and not on their hunger.

Kumba's favorite subject is math because she likes the challenge. And when she completes her education, she wants to be a nurse. A nurse, Kumba says, helps cure the sick, and if there were more nurses in Sinkunia, those who get sick wouldn't have to leave the town to get healthcare.

Waisa is proud of her granddaughter and continues to work hard to support her. With no shade from the hot sun, Waisa cares for the family's garden, watering eggplants, tomatoes, onions and more to be harvested and sold through the streets of Sinkunia. Kumba helps, too, visiting the garden every day after school.

"I'm happy if I can support my daughters and granddaughters, even through university," Waisa says. With a smile.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 6:30 PM

PARISH HALL (CHURCH BASEMENT)

All women of the church are urged to attend in order to help with the important work of the Altar & Rosary Society



Knights of Columbus Dinner and Meeting

Tuesday, April 2

Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:00.

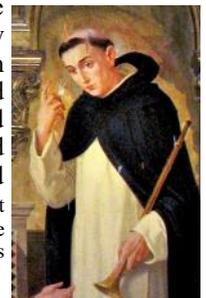
All men of the parish are welcome.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Vincent Ferrer: 1350-1419

Feast Day—April 5

Born in Valencia to an English father and Spanish mother, Vincent joined the Dominican friars in 1367 and became a noted preacher, making converts even among Jews and Muslims. After years of backing the Avignon papal claimants, Vincent withdrew his support, helping to end the papal schism that had divided the Western church. He did intensive mission work in France, Spain and Italy, drawing huge revival-type crowds and gaining fame as a miracle worker. He died during a preaching tour of Brittany. Copyright ©2018 Catholic News Service—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.



March 31 2019—11:00 AM

Lectors: John Heggen & Terri Rosonke
Eucharistic Ministers: Claire Williams, Kathy Williams, Linda Barnum, & Sharon Jones
Altar Servers: Will Owens & Rita Krueger
Greeters: Joann Carrothers & Karen Van Dusseldorp

April 7, 2019—11:00 AM

Lectors: Brad Hagarty & Mary Dell Flattery
Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Grimm, Marcia Grimm, Rita Krueger, & Linda Barnum,
Servers: Matthew Rosonke & Meta Hill
Greeters: Bussan Family



Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:
Diane Wood

Wes Koebrick (Father of Linda Barnum)

Michael John Nelson, cousin of Mike Wood,
nephew of Diane Wood

James and Edward cousins of Janette Baldwin and
Claire Gillan

For all who have died.

For vocations, our parish, and our faith formation
program.



Prayers for Samantha Brown

Please keep Samantha Brown, granddaughter of Bob
and Joyce Brown, in your prayers as she continues to battle
cancer.

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WHAT YOU MISSED IF YOU DIDN'T READ *THE CATHOLIC MESSENGER.*

- ⇒ Deacon Snyder of Lourdes-Bettendorf shares a Lenten reflection.
- ⇒ Bishop encourages students: let your light shine.
- ⇒ Faith and generosity sustain flood victims in Omaha Archdiocese.
- ⇒ Pope sends aid to southeast Africa after cyclone.
- ⇒ Theologian supports efforts to declare St. Romero a doctor of the church.
- ⇒ Pope says the right to access clean water must be defended.
- ⇒ Priest stabbed during televised Mass in Canada.
Columns
- ⇒ Fr. Kneemiller: Liturgy of the Hours: We need a little 'Knight' prayer.
- ⇒ Fr. Doyle Q&A: Do Sundays count as part of Lenten penance?
- ⇒ Fr. Rolheiser: Our struggle for proper celebration.
- ⇒ Corinne Winter: Taking up the cross as an act of love.
- ⇒ Dr. Alan Moy: Iowa Legislature should support adult stem cell research.

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THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

"The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing." Psalm 2:4
Psalm 2:4

The following are actual questions written to pastors from
children across the world.

Dear Pastor, I know God loves everybody but He never met my
sister. Yours sincerely, Arnold. Age 8, Nashville.

Dear Pastor, Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has
been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, Pete.
Age 9, Phoenix

Dear Pastor, My father should be a minister. Every day he gives
us a sermon about something. Robert Anderson, age 11

Dear Pastor, I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but
my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you
have a sermon about a raise in my allowance? Love, Patty. Age
10, New Haven

Dear Pastor, My mother is very religious. She goes to play
bingo at church every week even if she has a cold. Yours truly,
Annette. Age 9, Albany

Dear Pastor, I would like to go to heaven someday because I
know my brother won't be there. Stephen. Age 8, Chicago

Dear Pastor, I think a lot more people would come to your
church if you moved it to Disneyland. Loreen. Age 9. Tacoma

Dear Pastor, I liked your sermon where you said that good
health is more important than money but I still want a raise in
my allowance. Sincerely, Eleanor. Age 12, Sarasota



EASTER LILY MEMORIAL

If you would like to donate an Easter lily
in memory of a loved-one, envelopes are available
in the gathering space. No particular amount, just
what you would like to give. Donations must be
returned by Sunday, April 14.

A Stewardship Moment

March 31, The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today we hear one of the most beloved stories in the
Gospel of Luke, Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son. Reconcilia-
tion is a prominent theme. Seeing the younger son returning to
him, the son who left the family and squandered his inheritance,
the compassionate father runs to embrace him. Jesus offers us a
vision of a loving God who is merciful and forgiving when we,
through our own sinfulness, leave his presence, and then
through repentance, return to him. The remainder of the Lenten
season offers us an opportunity to reflect on God's compassion
and our need for reconciliation. Consider celebrating the sacra-
ment of reconciliation and experience God's loving embrace
and forgiveness.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy
or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance
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dorf, IA 52722-0004.