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#### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

#### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Sat., March 18th

4:00PM - (St. J)

-For Our Parishioners and Their Intentions.

Sun., March 19th

8:00AM - (St. P)

-For Lawrence Ritter by the Catholic Womens Club.

9:30AM – (St. J)

-For Dennis Murphy (15<sup>th</sup> Ann.) by the Family.

Mon., March 20th

8:30AM - (St. J)

-For Ella Reilly by MaryAnn Reilly.

Tues., March 21st

8:30AM - (St. J) Adoration after Mass

-For Our Parishioners and Their Intentions.

Wed., March 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:30AM – (St. P)

-For Frances Lenart by the Catholic Womens Club.

Thurs., March 23rd

8:30AM – (St. J) No Scheduled Mass

Fri., March 24th

8:30AM - (St. J)

-For Catherine Gates by Greg & Kathleen Molesky.

6:00PM - (St. J) Stations of the Cross

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

## Sat., March 25th- Annunciation of the Lord

4:00PM - (St. J)

-For George and Elizabeth Clifford by Chris and Dave Adsit.

Sun., March 26th

8:00AM - (St. P)

-For Lawrence Ritter by Barry Gates and Tim & Sherry Stephenson.

9:30AM - (St. J)

-For Our Parishioners and Their Intentions.

#### We remember in our prayers

Charles Mooney, Frances Miller,
Jamie Uhl-Goosman, Jeffrey Batt, Lorraine King,
Walt Belewich, Sr. Ann Lash, Jim White,
John Bailey, Cretia Carpenter, Candace Schaffer,
David Hoffman, Steven Stooks,
Michael Stinebrickner, John Stark,
Michelle Durney Croniser, Brian Albert,
Wayne Millnitz, Robert Brinkerhoff,
Jason Lesperance, Richard Davey, Kathy Roberts,
Rick Dano, Gail Waite, Matthew King
and Robert Pierce.

CONFESSION TIMES
SATURDAYS – 3:15PM – 3:45PM – SJ
SUNDAYS – 7:30AM – 7:50AM – SP



## Christ Our Hope

Collections for March 12th, 2023 Regular: \$2,908.00 Earthquake Relief Efforts: \$1080.50

**Second Collections for March:** 

3/19/2023- Catholic Relief Services 3/26/2023- Easter Flowers

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## **Food Pantry Corner:**

The food pantry has distributed 735 meals for the month of February.

Your donations of personal hygiene items are being distributed with every food order.
These, along with other personal donations are helping to fill the void for our families in need.

We appreciate your support and generosity. "Thank you!"

# **Religious Education 2023**

K-6 classes will meet in the church after the 9:30am mass. Teachers will escort students to Gill Hall. Grades 7-9 students and Confirmation students will meet at Gill, Sunday Evening, 6pm-7pm.

# CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

The next meeting will be Wed. April 5th, with a dish-to-pass luncheon at 12 Noon at Kiefer Hall in Forestport. Our business meeting will follow at 1PM. We'll be planning for our May Garage Book and Bake Sale. Please keep us in mind for your donations if you are Spring Cleaning. We cannot accept TVs, computers, exercise equipment, or baby furniture.

#### "IGNITE" Catholic Men's Conference.

Saturday, March 25, 2023 8:00AM – 4:30PM

A Message From Bishop Douglas Lucia

"We return to the SRC Arena this year with great confidence that we can again fill the space with a thousand men. When we journey together we truly have strength in numbers. God has something special in store for this year's conference. Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Michael McGlinn, and Gus Lloyd will inspire and motivate you on March 25th - the Feast of the Annunciation. Like the Blessed Mother, each of you will be filled with the Holy Spirit and Empowered to do His will. Register now and invite others to join you. I look forward to praying with you at IGNITE 2023."

Please go to the event website for the bios of the speakers, schedule for the day and to register at www.ignitecatholicmen.org Dear Parishioners,

I would like to take an opportunity to acknowledge and thank CJ's Logging and 3B Timber for helping us move the snowbanks in our parking lot last week.

As we venture into our fourth week of lent, our readings start reminding us of the light that Christ is and how we must keep our eyes fixed on the light. Jesus says, I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will have the light of life. When we hear those words, do we take them to heart and recognize the true light in our lives? Choosing the light over darkness is not always as simple as one may think. God gave us free will to choose between darkness and light.

One of the things I enjoy doing in my spare time is photography, both digital photography and 35mm. Many things go into taking a good photograph such as your knowledge of your subject matter, the angle you shoot at, focus, but most of all the lighting. This is often the most important aspect in your photo. If you take the picture and it is too dark, you are unable to view the true beauty of the photo. If you overexpose the shot, you are left with a picture that overcompensates and does not give the correct perspective. Either way, you are left with an undesired exposure of your picture. It takes the proper balance of light, and knowledge of your camera to be able to take a quality photo.

What kind of photo is your life right now? Are you lacking in something that you need to love God more closely? Are you going through the motions and overcompensating or trying to make up for something? We desire to do good and to please God, but when we are not centered on Him, we can let ourselves become distorted and not focus on the lighting. As we continue this Lenten season, let us remember that Christ is the center of our lives, and although there is darkness we must focus on the light and make that balance between darkness and light.

God Bless.

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# The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today's readings begin on pg. 892 Year A

March 19, 2023

Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a David is anointed as king of Israel.

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Ephesians 5:8-14

Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.

**Gospel Acclamation** 

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

John 9:1-41

The man who was blind went off and washed himself and came back able to see.