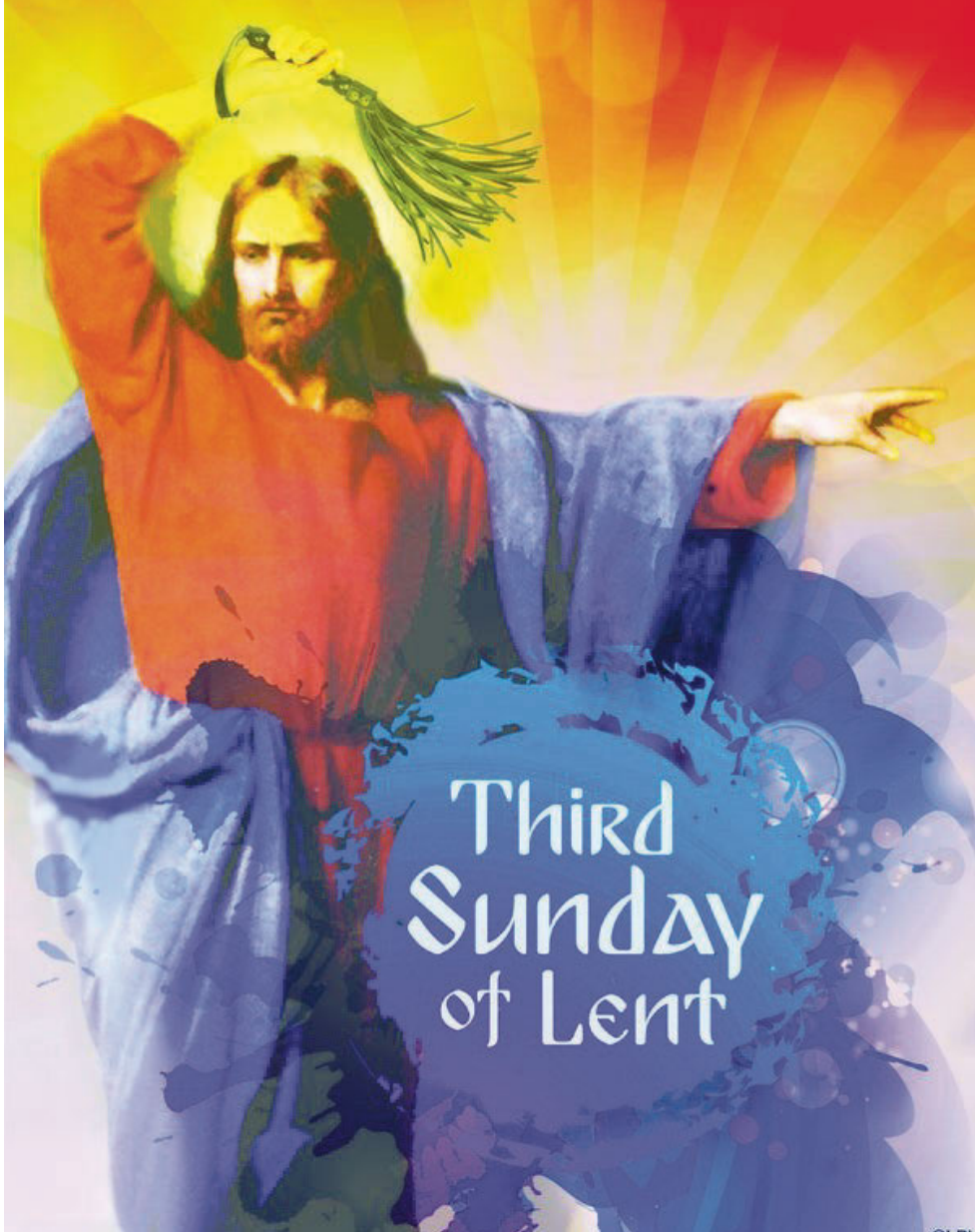




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MARCH 23, 2025

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30 pm (SB)

Sunday: 8:00 am (SL) & 10:00 am (IC)

Tuesday: 5:30 pm (IC)

Wednesday: 8:00 am (SL) & 5:30 pm (SB)

Thursday: 8:00 am (SL)

Friday: 8 am (SL) & 11 am (SB) & 5 pm (IC)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00 pm (B)

Sunday: 7:30 am (L)

Sunday: 9:30 am (IC)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the pastor 1-2 months Prior
 to date.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements to be made 6 months in
 advance. Contact the Pastor.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults desiring baptism, confirmation or full
 membership in the Catholic Church, contact
 Deacon Wendt. Sessions begin in Fall.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call the parish office or fill out one of the
 Family Registration sheets in the back of church.
 They can be handed in the weekend collection

VISITATION

Please notify the pastor when a hospitalized /
 homebound parishioner desires holy communion.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the church office or the Pastor.

FROM OUR PASTOR

Each year the first two Sundays of Lent are linked with specific events in the life of Christ: the temptations he endured in the Judean desert and the Transfiguration on the mountain, as recorded in the Gospels. The third Sunday of Lent, though, is not so much centered on an event in Christ's life, but is concerned with Jesus' teaching on the patience, mercy, and love of our God. The three readings assigned for this Sunday all touch on the importance of place hope in God, the All-merciful and Giver of Life, who is always ready to forgive transgressors.

Continuing along the same line of thinking, Jesus uses in his preaching an image for God as a Gardener and the challenge of growing plants and trees, which includes weeding out what is not-productive or dead. In the case of the fig tree being described in the Gospel, the chief gardener or owner of the vineyard notices a fruitless tree and orders it to be cut down.

The vinedresser, though, pleads for another year, a further chance for the tree, in the hope that it may indeed bear fruit. The point being made by Jesus is that God is truly patient and merciful, more than willing to give innumerable chances for a change of heart, a deeper union, a fuller communion with the living God.

There comes a point, though, when in fact the human heart may be so far from God that nothing less than God's all-powerful grace can redirect it. The reality of free will always

has to be taken into account, of course, with the reminder that God never forces us to act against our will, but lovingly invites us to share in God's life.

In this Sunday's Gospel passage Jesus is teaching his disciples never to let their lives be so out of control or far from God that the turning to God becomes more and more difficult, though never impossible. Our free will is just that not being forced to choose for God and the ways of the Gospel, but truly free, leaving us with the ability to choose for God and life or seek the way of error and separation from God. That we want to avoid at all costs. It is never too late to turn to God.

Today is the acceptable time to return to God and to produce fruit in our life and the time to experience God's loving mercy and to offer our forgiveness to those who have offended us in the past or are offending us now. This is the acceptable time to be kind-hearted and give others another chance. Christ can more freely enter our lives under such conditions, when we leave ourselves open to true life and love.

The good fruit includes love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. And the greatest fruit produced is love and forgiveness toward all. We are only able to do this by the grace of God. May God's grace come abundantly into our lives today and throughout these forty days of Lent.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – 3/24/25

NO MASS

Tuesday – 3/25/25 - Immaculate Conception

5:30 pm † Michael William Fogel by Derek Fogel & Ruth Jacobson

Wednesday – 3/26/25 - St. Lawrence

8:00 am † H. Gregory Green by LeAnne Loesel

Wednesday – 3/26/25 - St. Boniface

5:30 pm † Joyce Reuter by Joyce Haigh

Thursday – 3/27/25 - St. Lawrence

8:00 am † All Entrusted To Our Pastor's Care

Friday – 3/28/25 - St. Lawrence

8:00 am † All Entrusted To Our Pastor's Care

Friday – 3/28/25 - St. Boniface

11:00 am † Jane Foegen by Dan & Margurade Hundt

Friday – 3/28/25 - Immaculate Conception

5:00 pm † Peter McCamley by Family

Saturday – 3/29/25 St. Boniface

4:30 pm † Rudy Pronschinske by Willie & Brenda Pronschinske

Sunday – 3/30/25 St. Lawrence

8:00 am † Frank Krzoska by Gary & Suzanne Haigh

Sunday – 3/30/25 Immaculate Conception

10:00am † Nancy Duellman by Steve & Jeff Duellman



MINISTRY SCHEDULE | MARCH 29-30

SATURDAY | 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Cletus Foegen

Lectors: Teri Putz

Servers: Gavin Kaltenberg
Abby Pronschinske

Ushers: Kyle Pronschinske
Joe Slaby

SUNDAY | 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Lisowski

Lectors: Bryce Lisowski

Servers: Volunteer

Ushers: Bruce Auseth
Volunteer

SUNDAY | 10:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Rod Bagniewski

Lectors: Debra Kujak

Servers: Goettings

Ushers: Donnie Bjorge
Peter Schaffner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENT HAPPENINGS

An insert in the bulletin will offer different topics each week with reflections, chances for journaling and ideas to help you get closer to the Lord at home during Lent. Please take some time this Lent to foster yourself through the parish activities being offered or at home with this revival! This week's insert topic is

"The Joy of Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist."

Stations of the Cross

The Way of the Cross will be said every Friday followed by mass.

8 am—St. Lawrence

11am—St. Boniface

5pm—Immaculate Conception



EASTER DEANERY CONFESSIONS

This year we are doing the deanery confessions at 2 new locations. They will be held:

March 30—St. Bartholomew, Trempealeau

April 6—Immaculate Conc, Fountain City

There will be 5 priests available starting at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to use this opportunity for repentance.

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH MEAL



The PCCW's Soup and Sandwich Luncheon menu this Tuesday, March 25th, will Italian Vegetable

soup, Chicken salad sandwiches, bars and veggies & Dip. The proceeds from the Lenten Soup and Sandwich meals will be divided between Carol Abts and Michael Malchaski to help with medical bills.

These meals will be held after the 5:30 mass in Hansen Hall (church basement). All are welcome.

Quilt and Basket Raffle Tickets will be available before and after mass. One chance for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.

CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus held a poster contest with the 1st & 2nd place moving on to the Diocese of Lacrosse.

1st Grade: 1st Hannah Goetting, 2nd Tessa Krause, 3rd Letty Bork

2nd Grade: 1st Brindle Ellis, 2nd Zeke Kupietz, 3rd Payton Bork

3rd Grade: 1st Tanya Krause, 2nd Bayer Olsen, 3rd Chris Goetting

4th Grade: 1st Landon Scholl, 2nd Lilly Bork, 3rd Finley Ellis

5th Grade: 1st Veronica Goetting, 2nd Abby Pronschinske, 3rd Cyriac Brevitz

6th Grade: 1st Maddy Slaby, 2nd Nevaeh Hesch, 3rd Declan Bork

These children are students of the CCD Program at Fountain City.

Congratulations to all the winners.



Spend time in Jesus' Presence and you will Gradually Come to Know that Jesus is Indeed There.

The desire to strengthen your faith requires some action on your part. It helps to go to the church and spend time with the mindset that Jesus is there. Take your problems and speak with Jesus. Even if you leave without anything seemingly having happened, you will gradually come to know Jesus is indeed there.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

Lord, help me to spend a few minutes in church and speak with You.

This week, read how Jesus appears to Thomas who was not present when He first appeared to the apostles after His Resurrection. Thomas, when He does see Jesus, falls before Him and says "My Lord and My God" (John 20:19-29).

"Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself."

-St. Francis de Sales

PARISH FINANCIALS

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44 Env	\$ 1,912.00	30 Env	\$ 1,570.00	14 Env	\$ 1,455.00
Plate	\$ 125.00	Plate	\$ 145.00	Plate	\$ 123.00
Flowers	\$ 30.00				
Total	\$ 2,067.00	Totals	\$ 1,715.00	Totals	\$ 1,578.00
Attendance	97	Attendance	91	Attendance	65

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

If you have any questions, contact Carrie at treecclesiae.red@gmail.com or (608) 687-3228.



**The elementary students meet every Wednesday until 5pm at St. Mary's Parish Life Center in Fountain City.

**The next class for Grades 7th thru 10th will be at

St. Lawrence on April 2.

SAINT BONIFACE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #1654



They would like to thank everyone that helped make our Potato Pancake Breakfast so successful, all the Knights and especially their families, all the volunteers and all the hungry patrons. Your help enables us to donate to our schools, religious activities and people in need. Congratulations to the winner of the 50/50 raffle - Roger Woychik and to the winner of the basket raffle - Todd Pronschinske.

POSTER CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus Council #1654 would like to thank all of the students from Holy Family and Saint Boniface Catholic Schools who participated in our 2024 "The True Meaning of Christmas" poster contest. They all did a great job. Extra congratulations to the first place winners:

1st grade Vayla Sosalla,

2nd grade Esther Mathis—St. Boniface student,

3rd grade Evelyn Ferguson,

4th grade Kellan Pientok,

5th grade Adelyn Lee,

6th grade Avery Losinski.



ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL SPRING FUNDRAISER

Dinner & Auction Tickets

The St. Boniface School Spring

Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 5th.

Tickets are now available to purchase. Chicken

Dinner is \$25 per ticket or you can reserve your

ticket for the Dinner & Live auction ticket for \$50 by contacting Emily at 608-445-3021.



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GLP



Lillian Abts
 March 13, 2025
 May her soul and the souls of
 all the faithful departed rest
 in peace.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

ROSARY HELP WANTED

The PCCW will begin to say the Rosary but would like additional volunteers to lead this as we are all part of this church. Please reach out to a PCCW member to volunteer. Rosary would start around 9:35. "When people say the Rosary together it is far more formidable to the devil than one said privately, because in this public prayer it is an army that is attacking him."



RAFFLE

Please check out the raffle quilt donated by our wonderful quilter ladies, fluffy throw, a beautiful print, and gift baskets in the church basement. We had someone generously donate 4 wonderful gift baskets for kids or grandkids. Tickets \$1.00 for one and \$5.00 for a book of six. If you would like to bring a basket or donation for raffle, please also drop off in basement.



SAINT LAWRENCE



Welcome to our newly baptized !
 Max Allen Schamaun
 son of Jarod & Samantha Schamaun
 Congratulations!

BUCKET

St. Lawrence Parishioners: Have you noticed the Act of Kindness Bucket in the entryway as you come into church? We have initiated this to collect loose change to use to offset energy costs for our church. That loose change can really add up to help!



PCCW

Next Meeting will be Sunday, April 6th after mass.

GIVE IT UP FOR LENT!

This lent, the Alma Council of Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a food drive to help the local food pantry. If you are looking for something to do for lent this year, this is the perfect opportunity for you to help. At this time, the pantry is mostly in need of cereal and canned goods. We have a collection box in the back of church for your donations. All are welcome to participate.

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