

## READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mar 14 SUN: 1 Sm 16: 1b. 6-7. 10-13a/ Ps 23: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6 (1)/ Eph 5: 8-14/ Jn 9:1-41  
Mar 15 Mon: Is 65: 17-21/ Ps 30: 2 and 4. 5-6. 11-12a and 13b/ Jn 4: 43-54.  
Mar 16 Tue: Ez 47: 1-9. 12/ Ps 46: 2-3. 5-6. 8-9/ Jn 5: 1-16  
Mar 17 Wed: Is 49: 8-15/ Ps 145: 8-9. 13cd-14. 17-18/ Jn 5: 17-30  
Mar 18 Thu: Ex 32: 7-14/ Ps 106: 19-20. 21-22. 23/ Jn 5: 31-47  
Mar 19 Fri: 2 Sm 7: 4-5a. 12-14a. 16/ Ps 89: 2-3. 4-5. 27 and 29/ Rom 4: 13. 16-18. 22/ Mt 1: 16. 18-21. 24a Mar 20 Sat: Jer 11: 18-20/ Ps 7: 2-3. 9bc-10. 11-12/ Jn 7: 40-53  
Mar 21 SUN: Ez 37: 12-14/ Ps 130: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8/ Rom 8: 8-11/ Jn 11: 1-45

## BIRTHDAYS

March 12	Margret Haley
March 14	Larry Maeder
March 15	Gabe Fuller
March 16	Tamara Haley
March 16	Owen Paul
March 17	Margaret Venteicher
March 17	Kris Richey
March 19	Danny Stamps
March 21	JoAnn Steilow

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Joan Maeder	Liam Morstorf
Mike Cruise	Dave Pettinger
Wayne Moore	Catie Hunter
Debbie Hogan	Phyllis Brokaw
Isaac Peterson	Doug Hardisty

## LENOX INFO

### Lenox Lenten Activities

Weds. 3:00-5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
5:00 p.m. Way of the Cross  
5.30 p.m. Holy Mass  
March 10,17,24 6:00 p.m. Family Faith Sharing

## MASK MANDATE

Bishop Joensen extended the mask mandate to be continued until Divine Mercy Sunday on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

## CALLING ALL WOMEN

The COVID 19 PANDEMIC cancelled the Des Moines Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's spring conference last March 2020. We decided we did not want to cancel again this year! As a result, ALL Catholic women are invited to join us on April 10, 2021, for a virtual encounter to RENEW AND REFRESH in these difficult times. We are delighted to have as our featured speaker Barbara Heil. Bishop William Joensen will also join us. It will be a morning only event and it is FREE. We do ask that you register on the diocesan website and we will send you a link to join us. Come in your PJs, bring your coffee and enjoy the morning with other Catholic women around the diocese.

## LENTEN PRAYERS

During Lent we will begin our masses by praying the Prayer to St. Joseph and after mass we will have the Stations of the Cross.



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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 14, 2021**



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## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Tithes: March 7, 2021 \$ 783 .00

*Please see Jane for more information on direct deposit*

## MASS SCHEDULE

(L) Sun., Mar. 14 8:30 a.m. Mass, Paul & Monica Lynam  
(C) Sun., Mar. 14 10:30 a.m. Mass, Patricia (Hogan) Bissell  
(L) Sun., Mar. 14 5:00 p.m. Mass, (Spanish) All Souls in Purgatory  
(C) Tues., Mar. 16 Noon Mass, Richard Weis  
(L) Wed., Mar. 17 5:30 p.m. Mass, Leo & Elda Ryan

## Saint Patrick, Bishop

(C) Thur. Mar. 18 8:30 a.m. Mass, Helen Hogan

## Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop

(L) Fri., Mar. 19 8:30 a.m. Mass, Vivian Pollard

## St. Joseph, spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary

(L) Sun., Mar. 21 8:30 a.m. Mass, Joyce Skahill

(C) Sun., Mar. 21 10:30 a.m. Mass, Randy Lewis

(L) Sun., Mar. 21 5:00 p.m. Mass, (Spanish) Fr. Tan Tran

## CONFESSION HEARD BEFORE AND AFTER

ALL MASSES

## **WE ARE STILL PRECIOUS TO GOD**

Near Mobile, Alabama, there was a railroad bridge that spanned a big bayou. The date was September 22, 1993. It was a foggy morning, just before daybreak, when a tugboat accidentally pushed a barge into the bayou. The drifting barge slammed into the river bridge. In the darkness no one could see the extent of the damage, but someone on the tugboat radioed the Coast Guard. Minutes later, an Amtrak train, the Sunset Limited, reached the bridge as it traveled from Los Angeles to Miami. Unaware of the damage, the train crossed the bridge at 70 mph. There were 220 passengers on board. As the weight of the train broke the support, the bridge gave away. Three locomotive units and the first four of the train's eight passenger cars fell into the alligator infested bayou. In the darkness, the fog was thickened by fire and smoke. Six miles from land, the victims were potential food for the aroused alligators. Helicopters were called in to help rescue the victims. Rescuers were able to save 163 persons. But one rescue stands out. Gary and Mary Jane Chancey were waiting in the railcar with their eleven-year-old daughter Andrea. When the car went into the bayou and began to fill rapidly with water, there was only one thing they could do. They pushed their young daughter through the window into the hands of a rescuer, and then succumbed to their watery death. Their sacrificial love stands out especially because their daughter was imperfect by the world's standards. She was born with cerebral palsy and needed help with even the most routine things. But she was precious to her parents. We, too, are imperfect – our lives filled with mistakes, sin and

helplessness. But we are still precious to God – so precious that He sacrificed his Son Jesus to save us.

This Sunday's Gospel tells us how a perfect God sent His perfect Son to save an imperfect world. Through his life, death and resurrection He saved the imperfect world. So, we need to love the cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love: The crucifix – the symbol of the "lifted up" Jesus – holds a central place in our parish church because it is a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation. Hence, no Christian home should be without this symbol of God's love. The crucifix invites us to respond with more than compassion; it inspires us to remove the suffering of other people's misery. It gives us strength to carry our own daily crosses. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering, but also to try our best to remove that suffering. Hence, let us love the cross, wear its image and carry our own daily cross with joy. We know that cross is the symbol of God's love and God's love is unconditional, universal, forgiving, and merciful. Let us try, with His help, to make an earnest attempt to include these qualities as we share our love with others during Lent, for in them we love and serve Him.

God bless.

Fr. Litto Thomas

## **PRAYERS**

First Communion will take place on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. First Communion students are: Avery Amdor, Nolan Konecne, Mark Ramsey, Max Ramsey.

## **LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS**

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 21**

Altar Servers:	Nora Paul & Elin Hogan
Lector:	Mark Reichenauer
EM:	Lisa Konecne
Sacristan:	Julia Paul
Hospitality:	Matt Ramsey family
Musician:	Carol Hardisty
Cantor:	Melody Miller

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Fri., March 19 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 p.m. Adoration & Confessions
Fri., March 26 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 p.m. Fish Fry --carry out, delivery or eat-in at Parish Ctr.
Holy Thurs. Apr. 1	<b>7:30 p.m. Corning</b> 5:30 p.m. Lenox
Good Fri. Apr. 2	<b>7:30 p.m. Corning</b> 5:30 p.m. Corning
Easter Vigil, Apr. 3	8:00 p.m. Corning & Lenox
Easter Sunday, Apr. 4	8:30 a.m. Lenox <b>10:30 a.m. Corning</b> 5:00 p.m. Spanish (L)

## **CALLING ALL CRAFTERS**

For many years, the Altar Society made 'Quiet Books' to be sold at the Annual Charity Christmas Sale. Marj Reynolds has 3 boxes of patterns, fabric, and notions to make these books. She & Altar Society would like to give these to anyone who is interested. Please share with friends and family and contact her or Jane if you are interested in taking these boxes before they are trashed.

## **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the parish center.

## **DIOCESAN APPEAL**

The 2021 goal for St. Patrick's Corning is \$16,820.00. Last year our parish goal was reduced by 5% and it was \$15,112.00. Thank you to all who have submitted your donations this past week. There are extra giving cards on the table in the back of the church if you need them.

## **CONFESS AND GO**

Adoration and confessions will be on Fridays, March 12<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>. Adoration of the blessed sacrament will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Confessions will be available during these times but do not feel as if you must stay for the hour for adoration. You may come and go as your schedule allows.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Marcella Gearheart and JoAnn Steilow for the many years they have put in organizing and serving funeral dinners for our parish families. However, they would like to pass this job on to someone else. If you would like to volunteer, please contact JoAnn or Marcella. JoAnn does the ordering of food and Marcella handles getting workers and setting up the parish center. They have kept detailed notes over the years so a person will be able to pick up where they are leaving off.

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

Anyone who would like to donate to the Easter flowers, please send donation with the names of those you wish to be remembered during this special time of year. You can mark your donation in memory of or in honor of friends and family members. Please include the names of those you wish to have remembered during this Easter Season.