

**+** *Mass Intentions*  
*for the Week*



**Monday, March 12 – Lenten Weekday**  
*Nothing scheduled*

**Tuesday, March 13 – Lenten Weekday**  
8:30 a.m. for missionaries & evangelists

**Wednesday, March 14 – Lenten Weekday**  
8:30 a.m. Jill Hale

**Thursday, March 15 – Lenten Weekday**  
8:30 a.m. for religious vocations

**Friday, March 16 – Lenten Weekday**  
8:30 a.m. for a meaningful Lent

**Saturday, March 17**  
5 p.m. Clarence “Sonny” Whipple & Rose Anne Bratton

**Sunday, March 18 – Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
8 a.m. for sick and shut-ins  
10:30 a.m. Carolyn Meiring  
1 p.m. for the people of God



*The Road to the Cross*

**Saturday, March 17– 5 p.m.**  
Musicians: Spirit Seekers  
Proclaimer: Vicki Smith  
Servers: Jack & Maria Shema  
Comm. Ministers: no one scheduled  
Ushers: Team #1 (Paul Murphy, Jean LaFountain, Don Davis, Dick Alig)

**Sunday, March 18 – 8 a.m.**  
Musicians: Rita Dell & Kathy Augustyniak  
Proclaimer: Todd Pennington  
Servers: Noah, Jonas, & Johanna Tester  
Comm. Ministers: Tim Gillen, Bob Irelan, Jane Patterson  
Ushers: Team #3 (Louis Buckenmeyer & Mel Augustyniak)

**Sunday, March 18 – 10:30 a.m.**  
Musicians: Rita Dell & Kathy Miller  
Videographer: Joe Shema  
Children’s leader: Cheryl Kohls  
Proclaimer: Janis Mondelli  
Servers: Logan & Kylie Waldron  
Comm. Minister: Rebecca Berger & Mike Vasquez  
Ushers: Team #5 (Mike Vasquez, Jim Miller, Nick Grabowski, Tracy Elson)

Communion for shut-ins: At home: Wauseon – Arlene Schneider;  
Delta – Steph Rooney; Fulton Manor & Heartland – no one assigned  
Church cleaning this week – Lanie Fox

**Sunday, March 11**  
9 a.m. – Book study – Pope John XXIII Room  
9 a.m. – R.C.I.A. – Youth Room  
5 p.m. – Spanish Rosary – South Wing

**Monday, March 12**  
7 p.m. – Life beyond Today bereavement group -- PJ

**Tuesday, March 13**  
9 a.m. – Women’s social time & Rosary – downstairs  
7 p.m. – Pastoral Council – Pope John XXIII Room

**Wednesday, March 14**  
9 a.m.-5 p.m. – Eucharistic adoration – South Wing  
6-6:50 p.m. – Games & supper – basement hall  
6:40 p.m. – Server meeting – church  
7 p.m. – Grade 6 seder meal – PLC & kitchen  
7 p.m. – Book study – North Wing  
7 p.m. – Grade 8 – Pope John XXIII Room

**Thursday, March 15**  
6:40 p.m. – Stations of the Cross -- church

**Friday, March 16**  
12:05 p.m. – Ecumenical Lenten service – Christ United Methodist Church  
4:30-7 p.m. – Fish fry – Parish Life Center & kitchen  
5:30 p.m. – Spanish Bible study – North Wing

**Saturday, March 17**  
1-6 p.m. – 1st Communion retreat – PLC, K, PJ, C

**Sunday, March 18**  
9 a.m. – Baptism class – Pope John XXIII Room  
9 a.m. – Book study – Esther Room (note room change)  
9 a.m. – R.C.I.A. – Youth Room  
11:30 a.m. – New parishioner registration -- NW  
5 p.m. – Spanish Rosary – South Wing



**CHURCH SUPPORT**

<u>Collection for March 4</u>		\$5,588.22
Envelopes & checks	\$4,932.25	
Loose cash	655.97	
<u>Roof fund</u>		\$45.00
<u>Electronic giving for February</u> less fees		\$3,867.46

## Fourth Sunday of Lent



I had previously stated that, due to the early time for our Lenten Penance Service, I would provide extra times for individual reconciliation this season. One of those times will be on Wed., Mar. 21 as a part of the diocesan-wide *The Light is On* program. Throughout the diocese, priests will be available that day from 4 to 7 p.m. I will work it so I will check every half hour during that three-hour period and will be there as long as there are people present. I will also have additional times on Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week. Please check the next bulletin for times. These are in addition to the normal Saturday time (4-4:30 p.m.) for the sacrament. The Lenten season is an excellent time to come to receive Christ's forgiveness in this sacrament.

Also, I want to remind you that I will be conducting the 12:05 p.m. ecumenical prayer service this coming Friday at Christ United Methodist Church in downtown Wauseon. The ladies of our traditional Rosary-Altar Circle will serve lunch following. You can get there to pray and have lunch all on your lunch hour. Meatless sandwiches and soups will be served since it is a Friday in Lent.

I want to send a big "Thank You" to all who participated in our Parish Mission this past week and, in particular, to our Liturgy and Pastoral Council members who helped with the various tasks connected with it. For those who may not have been here in 2016 for the three-day mission conducted by the Luminous Ministry team, they will be doing the same mission at St. Peter in Archbold on March 18, 19 and 20 (Sunday through Tuesday) at 7 p.m. Those who experienced it here found it very meaningful.

Finally, I would like to remind all people who use rooms in the parish complex or open doors to please make sure the lights they turn on are turned off at the end of their event and that doors that they open are shut. The latter is needed for our temperature control. Also, anyone who turns on heat, especially to the "Occupied" position, should make sure it's turned to "Unoccupied" at the end of your event. We have had cases of lights left on, doors opened and unlocked, and heat left on the higher level on several occasions. Please be mindful of these courtesies, since these events often take place after our maintenance staff is gone.

Father Dave

**All Servers** are asked to meet with Fr. Dave this Wednesday, March 14, at 6:40 p.m., in the church.

**Come Be Happy with the Lord** this Wednesday, March 14, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

St. John Vianney is reputed to have asked a man who sat quietly for hours before the tabernacle what he was doing. The man replied, "I do not know. I look at Him and He looks at me, and we are happy together."



The Blessed Sacrament will be displayed in the monstrance on the South Wing chapel altar this Wednesday. Stop in for a few minutes or whatever fits your schedule.

### **Ministry to Divorced and Separated People**

Our deanery is in the process of organizing a ministry to divorced and separated people. On the weekend of March 17-18, after the Masses, at Napoleon St. Augustine, the team will give a presentation on this ministry.

There will be a retreat for interested persons on Saturday, April 21, at Hicksville St. Michael. More details will follow in future bulletins.

**Servers, Proclaimers, and Eucharistic Ministers**, please sign up for Holy Week services in the vestibule by next weekend. Easter morning ministers are the usual assignments.



We realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this, our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise. Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul collection next weekend will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.

### **Like to Register in the Parish?**

Denise Gehle and Virginia Lumbrezer will be in the North Wing, after the 10:30 Mass, Sun., March 18 to help you complete the brief paperwork. Even if you grew up in the parish, once you establish your own household you need to register on your own.

If this time doesn't work for you, please contact the parish office weekdays.

### **Have Some Men's Long-sleeved Shirts to Donate?**

For National Farmworker Awareness Week, long-sleeved shirts are being collected to protect farmworkers from pesticide exposure and heat-related illnesses. A box will be in the North Wing to collect your donations Saturday, March 17-April 1 (Easter).

### Don't Walk through Grief Alone

Anyone is invited to our non-denominational Life beyond Today bereavement group session this Monday, March 12, at 7 p.m. Come to the Pope John XXIII Room to participate or just listen. Questions? Call Karen Dierkens (419.460.1860) or the parish office.



**Videographers**, please leave a message at the parish office whether you can tape the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, March 31, at 8:30 p.m.

**Please Remove Winter or Bedraggled Cemetery Decorations** from our cemetery by March 31. Otherwise, they will be disposed of.

Our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry currently needs the following items: canned chicken and beef, jelly, tuna, dried or canned milk, and toothpaste. These items can be left in the baskets at the church entrances. The pantry also needs ground beef and margarine if you're able to drop them off when the parish office is open.



**We Know Someone Is Trying to Help with the Candles** in the back of church, but the clear glass holders *must* be left in the rack with the red plastic containers inside them. If the clear glass holders are removed, the red plastic can melt and cause a fire.

Also, partially burned candles are being blown out. Please keep children away from this area.

**A Thought:** Under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

### For Caregivers of Children and Adolescents with Emotional or Behavioral Problems

NAMI Four County is offering a free, five-week family mental health education class for parents or other family caregivers. The peer-led class starts Saturday, March 17, from 12-2:30 p.m., at Archbold St. Martin's Lutheran Church. Each week's class focuses on different aspects. Registration by Monday, March 12 is required; contact Lisa Holley at 419.438.7384 or lholley1983@gmail.com.

To make the class more accessible, gas cards will be provided to participants who might not be able to afford to drive to Archbold. Free childcare will be offered on a limited basis if requested ahead of time.

### Last Call for Shoes in any Condition

The Knights of Columbus are winding up their Soles4Souls shoe collection. Drop your unneeded shoes in the collection box located in the church vestibule. Any shoes—no matter the style or how worn or even if only a single shoe—are acceptable. The collection will end Sunday, March 18. Thank you for supporting this project.

### Something to Think About

When St. (Mother) Teresa received her Nobel Peace Prize, she was asked, "What can we do to promote world peace?"

She replied, "Go home, and love your family."

This Friday our K. of C. will be serving all the fried and baked fish you can eat here from 4:30-7 p.m. Meals cost \$8.50 (ages 7-12, \$4.50; under 7 or 90 and over eat for free as do first responders in uniform). Carry-outs are available. Girls Christian Fellowship will receive a portion of the proceeds and assist Team 3.



### Petition Campaign to Stand for Life

ProMedica has officially entered into an agreement with Capital Care Network of Toledo, which enables the abortion provider to continue taking the innocent human life of unborn children and wound mothers and fathers. Sign the petition that simply states you believe a prestigious health care provider like ProMedica should not support an abortion facility that *ends* life rather than *sustains* it. Go to [www.petition.life](http://www.petition.life) to sign this pro-life petition. Please act quickly so a strong, clear message can be delivered to ProMedica.

### Didn't Receive Your 2017 Donation Statement?

Contact Mary Ritter in the parish office. She works Wednesdays and Thursdays.



### Buying Spring Flowers or Baked Items Helps Beautify the Shrine and Grounds

St. Therese Rosary-Altar Circle invites you to stop in the Parish Life Center, Friday, March 23, from 3-7 p.m.; Saturday, March 24 after Mass; or Sunday, March 25 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and check out their plants and baked goods.

Donations of baked items for the sale would be appreciated, too.

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Easter Party Is Just Two Weeks Away

On Sunday, March 25, the parent group will host an Easter party to coincide with a breakfast. We hope to see lots of people there.



Donations of wrapped pieces of candy are needed to put in Easter eggs. If you'd like to donate candy bags that don't include individually wrapped pieces, they'll be used in the prize baskets. The parent group also could use toys, books, and religious items for the prize baskets. You can donate items in the vestibule, church office, or religious education office. Thanks for your help to make this event a success.

### 2018 Century Farm Award Applications Available

Catholic Charities is accepting applications for Century Farm Awards. This award honors Catholic families who have maintained a farm or homestead within their family for at least 100 years with an emphasis on well-preserved working farms.

Applicants will be asked to submit a registration form, copies of old deeds, and pictures to support claims. The information submitted must show family residence and ownership of a farm for at least 100 years. Applications should be submitted by May 31.

Bishop Daniel Thomas will celebrate Mass honoring award recipients September 19.

For more information or to request the registration form, contact Kate Pomrenke at 419.214.4898 or [kpomrenketoledodiocese.org](mailto:kpomrenketoledodiocese.org).

**Blessed People** bless people; hurt people hurt people.



Catholics 14 years of age and older are expected to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. On Good Friday (March 30) Catholics 18-59 years of age are expected to fast as well. Fasting means taking one main meal and two small meals with no food in between.

\**Stations of the Cross* -- Thursdays at 6:40 p.m.

\**Mass* -- Tuesday through Friday at 8:30 a.m.

\**Rosary* -- after Mass every Saturday; every Tuesday for women, at 9 a.m., downstairs; in Spanish every Sunday, at 5 p.m., in the South Wing chapel

\**Ecumenical Lenten service* -- each Friday, at 12:05 p.m., at Christ United Methodist Church (downtown Wauseon). Light lunch follows at 12:30 p.m. to accommodate people's lunch hour

**CROSSwalk2018** is a free, peaceful walk in downtown Defiance on Sun., Mar. 18, starting at 1 p.m., at Triangle Park (on Clinton St. by St. Paul Lutheran Church). CROSSwalk2018 is a non-denominational united call for the return of civility within our homes, communities, and nation. There's too much name-calling, nastiness, bullying, and meanness. It's time to return to the peaceful teachings of Jesus Christ.

Peace and praise songs will be sung with brief talks, followed by light refreshments. Questions? Email [crosswalk2018@yahoo.com](mailto:crosswalk2018@yahoo.com) or find CROSSwalk2018 on Facebook.

**Hatred Does More Damage** to the person in which it is stored than to the person on which it is poured.

**Area Happenings:** (flyers posted on bulletin boards)

\*\*Sat., Mar. 17 – Traditional Marriage Public Square Rosary Crusade, Archbold St. Peter, 12 noon (call Dennis Schwind at 419.335.2652 for details)

\*\*Sun., Mar. 18 – Tridentine (Latin) Mass, Archbold St. Peter, 12:30 p.m.

\*\*Sun., Mar. 18 – Newsboys United with Zealand, Allen County Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne. 260.484.1029 or [TrinityCommunications.org](http://TrinityCommunications.org)

\*\*Thurs., Mar. 22 – Closing Prayer Vigil for 40 Days for Life, Capital Care Abortion Facility, 1160 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo; 6 p.m.

\*\*Fri., Mar. 23-July 8 – Earth, our Home juried art exhibit; INAI: A Space Apart on Adrian Dominican Sisters campus, Adrian. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. (Thursdays until 8 p.m.). Free admission

\*\*Sat., Apr. 21 – Zach Williams with Carrollton & Jamie Kimmett, County Line Church of God, Fort Wayne, Ind. 260.484.1029 or [TrinityCommunications.org](http://TrinityCommunications.org)

### Parish Religious Education

No open gym this week, but come for games and supper Wednesday. This week pizza is on the menu.

First Communion parents are reminded of the Saturday, March 17 retreat. All students and a parent are *required* to attend, beginning at 1 p.m. and ending with 5 p.m. Mass.

Eighth graders and Life Teen students who plan to attend the Ark Encounter trip on April 14 need to turn in their permission slip and \$40 to the religious education office as soon as possible.

