



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

March 14, 2021

Pastor: Fr. Glenn Kohrman
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Parish Office: Located at H.F. Rectory
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St. John's Grade School
Principal: Mr. Brian Carver
Phone: 232-9849 **Fax:** 232-9855

Liturgical Celebrations
Weekdays: See inside bulletin
Saturday Eve (Vigil Mass): 5:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 am
1:00 pm "en Español"

**Holy days of obligation
that fall on weekdays**
Vigil Mass: Check Bulletin
Holy day: 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Penance
Weekdays: Before Mass
Saturday: 4:00-4:45 pm
Anytime by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism
Call parish office to set date.

Sacrament of Matrimony
Arrangements must be made
with the pastor at least six months prior to the
wedding date.

New Parishioners
You are most welcome. Please
stop by the rectory to register.

Bulletin Deadline
Monday- 3:00 PM.

Email Addresses:
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4TH SUNDAY

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3526 St. Johns Way, South Bend, IN 46628

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021

8:30 AM Cecelia Lowman by Lynn Williams

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021

8:30 AM Edward & Dorothy Wesolowski by Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021

8:30 AM Doreen Cebulski Johnson by Dolores Cebulski

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021

8:30 AM Vincent & Betty Weddle

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021

8:30 AM John & Ruth Benhart by Debbie & Mark

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2021

5:00 PM Kenneth Conner by Wife

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

10:00 AM James Brown

1:00 PM For Our Parish Family

1st Reading – 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

The Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm –

R. (6ab) Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the streams of Babylon
we sat and wept

when we remembered Zion.

On the aspens of that land
we hung up our harps.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

For there our captors asked of us

the lyrics of our songs,

And our despoilers urged us to be joyous:

"Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

How could we sing a song of the LORD

in a foreign land?

If I forget you, Jerusalem,

may my right hand be forgotten!

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

May my tongue cleave to my palate

if I remember you not,

If I place not Jerusalem

ahead of my joy.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

2nd Reading – Ephesians 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ – by grace you have been saved – raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

The Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

Gospel – John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. **The Gospel of the Lord: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Parish News

Prayer Chain: Do you need prayers? Call the St. John's Prayer Chain and within hours these intentions will be in the prayers of every member of the prayer chain. To start the prayer chain, call Sylvia Ryan at 574-233-2869.

Hospital & Home Communion Calls: If you are in the hospital or homebound and would like to receive Communion or a visit from Fr. Glenn, please call the Rectory at 233-5414 or Holy Family at 282-2317. Also if you know of any parishioner that is in a nursing home or assisted living, please let us know so we can visit them. Thank you

Penance Service at Holy Family on Wednesday, March 24 at 6:30 pm (following the 6:00 pm Mass)

School Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is now taking place. Call the school office at 232-9840 for more information.

TEACHER RECRUITMENT FAIR

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Catholic Schools are conducting interviews for teacher and/or administrator openings for the 2021-2022 school year. The virtual event will be March 22-23 from 5-8 p.m. both days. Go to diocesefwsb.org/teacher-recruitment-fair for more information.

CHRISM MASSES INTERPRETED FOR THE DEAF

An interpreter for the deaf will be present at the Chrism Mass on Monday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. If you would like to raise awareness for the Deaf Ministry and assist in its efforts to provide support for the deaf members of the Catholic community in our diocese, please contact Allison Sturm at asturm@diocesefwsb.org.

AVA'S GRACE RETREAT

If you have suffered a miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss, you are invited to participate in the annual ava's grace retreat, on Sunday, March 27 from 9:00 to 12:00 via Zoom. Featuring witness talks from other couples, small group discussion, breakout sessions for women and men, inspirational music, live-streamed Adoration, and conversational prompts for couples. Geared toward couples, though individuals are welcome to attend. To register, email Lisa Everett at leverett@diocesefwsb.org.

Fr. Glenn's Pen

We celebrate Latere Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent where we anticipate the Pascal Feasts. Lent is more than half way over. We he the author of Chronicles bemoan the fact that the people were not being faithful to God. Society in general has abandoned God and generally have rejected His will for the human person. Many have misunderstood the idea of the separation of Church and State with the wrongheaded concept of separation between State and God. Christianity had an incredible influence in the underpinnings of society and this was the period know as Christendom. Fundamentally this was a society that believed that there was God and His nature. Truth was something to be discovered rather than to be defined by whim or desire. Throughout history many of God's people seemed to reject the ways of God. Sadly, it seems that society is moving very much in this direction. God has intervened and allowed great suffering, but it is always aimed at drawing his people back to Himself. This pandemic has deepened my prayer life. I hope it has done the same for you. Like any parent who disciplines a child it is always intended to make the child a better person. At the time however it is rare for the child to see the discipline in a positive light. May we all pray for maturity and see as God sees!

Paul reminds us the we are saved by grace. It is this grace that enables us to respond to God. The perennial battles that we face today are fundamentally with powers and principalities. The Communist system of government has abandoned God in a very deliberate way and thus act accordingly. Karl Marx insisted that human nature must be destroyed. One has to get away from such a concept for communism to work.

Instead of recognizing the infinite value of each person, each person must be seen merely as a cog in a machine that is very much expendable if they do not accept the communistic faith. There is credible evidence that there were attempts to infiltrate every dimension of western Society, the schools, Churches, unions, universities and the government in all three branches, namely the judicial, legislative and executive. As important as it is to be aware of such things it is far more important to put Christ at the center of our lives and strive to deepen our relationship with Him. It is God who will save us. Let us be ready to turn to Him.

Nicodemus was humble enough to recognize Jesus, why many religious around him seemed to fail to do just that! May we strive to live the truth and thus not prefer the darkness. When we follow Jesus the joy is very real! Just do it!

Fr. Sunday recently went back to Ojogobi-Ate, Nigeria to oversee the building of his new church, St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church. It is a huge undertaking and with limited funds they rely on the help of many. Recently Holy Family had a fund drive and raised \$20,000 to help put a roof on the church. As of now the church still has no windows and a dirt floor. As money is received they are having pews made for the congregation to sit on. What I am asking the wonderful parishioners of St. John's is to help Father Sunday with this huge endeavor by donating to the pew fund. Each pew costs \$100.00.

If you would like to donate to this cause and help Fr. Sunday's fill his church with these beautiful pews (picture on front cover), please place your donation in an envelope and mark it "Pews" and I will make sure it gets to him.

Thank you so much for you generosity, you are all so much appreciated.

God Bless

A book with some pictures of his church are in the back of the church for you to look at.

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