

Third Sunday of Lent

Three bell tones signal our **Call to Worship** — please remain seated
Cantor will intone the Kyrie, then all repeat



Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

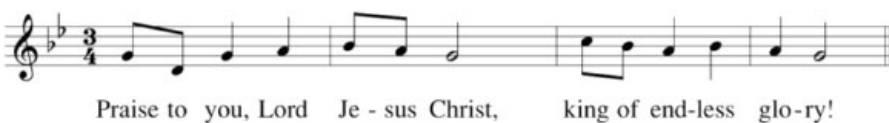
Reading I: Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15

Response: Psalm 103 — *cantor first, then assembly*



Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12

Gospel Acclamation — *cantor first, then assembly*



Gospel: Luke 13.1-9

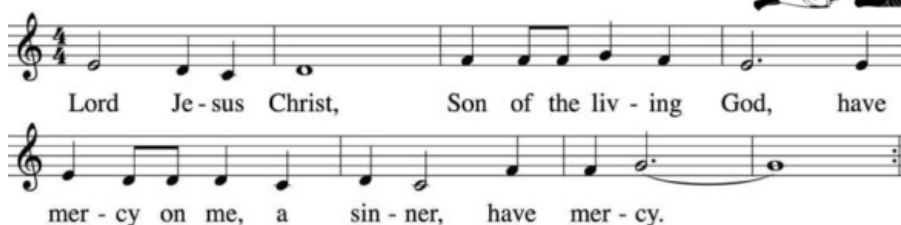
Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed — *see sidebar*

Universal Prayer



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts and Altar — *cantor first, then assembly*



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,*
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

20 March 2022

More "Blah, Blah, Blah" from Msgr. Mark

After last week's very full portfolio (and column), it's time for some lighter news bits:

- You surely recognize the line, "He who lives by the sword, dies by the sword." That's Jesus, speaking to Peter in the confusion of his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, as the latter pulls a weapon to defend his Master against the temple police. We had an Eastside Parish version of that late last week, focused not on sharp objects but technology. That is, if you live by technology, when things go wrong, they go very wrong. It began on Thursday when we had difficulty posting the daily audio message that Fr. Joe and I take turns recording. I logged the five-minute message on a SD card twice (with the second performance being even more stunning than the first), but "the production crew" had trouble posting it on the parish website. Oh, well. But then it happened again to me, on Sunday morning when our livestream of the 8:30 am Mass from Resurrection Parish for some reason failed. The correct button was pushed, but still we came up empty. The third glitch happened at 10:30 am Mass where the scheduled accompanist suffered a health issue just before Mass ... so the liturgy was suddenly *a capella* (that is, singing without accompaniment) Strictly speaking, that last happenstance wasn't a technology error, but it made me think how much I take things for granted. Flip a switch and there is light, turn the faucet and drinkable water flows, turn the key and the car starts up. Last week's events were a nudge for me to be more grateful.
- And here's another kind of technology story. It seems someone created an alternative email address for me and has been using it to pretend to be me asking for money. This is an old gimmick, and evidently must be successful. I suspect a clergyman is especially a ripe candidate for this sort of scam: a widely known personality, working for a non-profit, always with his hand out for money. If you were suckered in by it and responded to such an email, I am sorry. Happily, the person who warned me of it this time figured it couldn't be legitimate, as the "phony Fr. Mark" was asking for a few \$100 Google Play cards. For the uninitiated, these are gift cards with which you could purchase phone apps, movies, video games and the like ... and those who know me are aware that I am a card-carrying member of the Society of Luddites. I intentionally don't own a cellphone and would never make a request for something so techie. If you get such a message bearing my name, immediately hit the trash can icon. After all, if I really were asking for money, I'd be after a lot more than a few hundred dollars.
- Finally, I'd draw your attention to the new icon in the St. Michael Church sanctuary. Being a rendering of Jesus' crucifixion, it doesn't need much comment. To the left of the cross are the Blessed Mother and the other women the Gospels describe at the scene (see Mark 5:40). To the right is the Beloved Disciple and the soldier who pierced Jesus side (see John 19:34; in the tradition, he is named Longinus). I would draw your attention to the black space at the very bottom with a skull and some bones. It's a presentation of the "Tomb of Adam." I put that title in quotes because the space is more theological and spiritual than archeological. Notice how Christ's blood drips down the cross and over the bones. It's a pictorial way of saying that the debt of human sin and weakness we all share has been being made right by Christ's death. The debt is paid. I hope it helps your Lenten prayer.

Msgr. Mark Pierce

Sunday, March 20

7:30am Confessions at CR
8:30am Mass at CR: +Pauline and Henry Wanserski
10:30am Mass at SM: A Special Intention for Vocations
No Faith Formation

Monday, March 21

5:30pm Mass at CR: +Russell and Mary Gass
6:00pm Confessions at CR

NOTE: The rosary will be said beginning at 11:35 am before the Daily Masses. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will follow Mass.

Tuesday, March 22

12:10pm Mass at CR: +Gina Ledbetter Ciccarelli
5:30pm Rosary and Novena at CR
6:25pm Stations of the Cross at CR

Wednesday, March 23

11:00am Lenten Soup Lunch at CR Brennan Hall
12:10pm Mass at CR: +Ken Andraski
No Faith Formation

Thursday, March 24

12:10pm Mass at CR: +Joan Brouchoud

Friday, March 25

6:30am Men's Discussion Group at CR
9:00am What Catholics Believe" Bible Study - SM
12:10pm Mass at CR: +Dawn Rolling

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 26

3:00pm Confessions at SM
4:00pm Mass at SM: +Verjean Steiner
5:30pm Mass at CR: +John Burby

Sunday, March 27

7:30am Confessions at CR
8:30am Mass at CR: For the People of the Eastside Parishes
10:30am Mass at SM: +Richard Hornung
1:30pm Book Discussion Group at CR FH
No Faith Formation

CR - Church of the Resurrection • **SM** - St. Michael Church

Mass and reflection opportunities are available throughout the week on our website at eastsideparishes.org

- ◇ The 8:30am Sunday Mass at the Church of the Resurrection is live-streamed for immediate viewing and then available for re-viewing for several days.
- ◇ Either Fr. Mark or Fr. Joe record one of the readings from the daily Mass and also share a 5-8 minute (audio-only) reflection.

Scripture readings for this week can be found at: <https://bible.usccb.org>

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent March 27

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21;
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Luke draws a detailed portrait of the height and depth of reconciling mercy in Jesus' parable of a father and two sons. The younger son first offends by demanding his inheritance from a still-living father. He adds insult and shame to the family when he squanders the money and is reduced to feeding unclean animals. Even his planned return springs from self-interest: he is homeless and starving. The father displays almost mad joy in dashing out to meet his wayward son. (In Jesus' day, heads of household did not run in public). Further, the father showers a boy who had brought him shame and heartache with signs of a favored status: fine clothing, proper footwear, a ring. In response to this extravagant mercy, the younger son admits his sin with sorrow. But the seemingly faithful elder son reacts with anger and bitterness. *How do you account for the difference? With which son do you most identify? For what reasons?*

Two Upcoming "Seven Minutes More" Presentations

The series of occasional brief talks after Sunday liturgies on various themes was yet another victim of COVID, but we are bringing them back in a big way in March.

- * Next weekend, **March 26-27**, for those who want to stay after any of the four Masses can listen to Fr. Joe's "Seven Minutes More ... on How a Catholic School Chaplain Spends His Work Week."
- * And the following weekend, **April 2-3**, Fr. Mark will present "Seven Minutes More ... on the Crucifixion of Jesus in Art."

Both are optional, short, and free. 😊



The 9th Annual Wausau Lenten Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 11:30am-1:00pm in St. Michael's Cafeteria. Make reservations by March 22 by contacting Catholic Charities at 888-212-4357 ext. 1204 or visiting www.cclse.org. Meals are \$25 per person. For additional information, contact: Callie Smith, csmith@cclse.org or 608-519-8004. Looking forward to seeing you again this Lenten Season!

Please remember all of our homebound and hospitalized parishioners from Resurrection and St. Michael Parishes in your prayers this week.

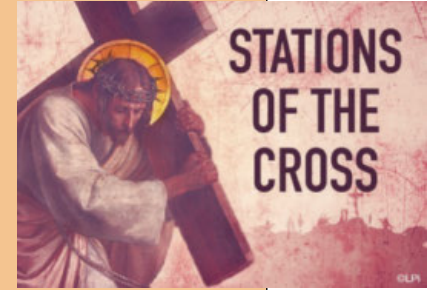
Resurrection Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of
Chester and Margaret Kwarciany

St. Michael Votive Candles burn:

- In memory of Tom Vick
- In memory of Don and Diane Slattery
- For a special intention of the Feldbrugge Family
- In memory of the deceased members of the Francis and John Bretl Families

"The Stations of the Cross" during Lent on Tuesday and Wednesday

We invite you to take a thoughtful walk with Jesus on his Way of the Cross each week of Lent. At the Church of Resurrection the Stations will be celebrated on Lenten Tuesdays at 6:25pm (after the regular Novena). At St. Michael Parish, the Stations will be celebrated on Lenten Wednesdays at 5:15 pm.



The Loaves and Fishes Soup

Kitchen will serve soup in Brennan Hall at Resurrection on Wednesdays through April 13, 11am-1pm. To help or to donate bread please contact Nancy Anderson at 715-845-2699 or andnancy@gmail.com



COVID procedures at Sunday Masses at the Eastside Parishes

Updated March 13, 2022
Here's a rundown of our current procedures at worship:

ACTION PLAN			
WHO	WHAT	WHEN	HOW

- For the unvaccinated, the wearing of face coverings and social distancing remain strongly recommended.
- The first and last pew in each section will continue to have a "buffer" row behind or in front of them for those who would welcome more space between them and others and, for the time being the 5:30 pm Saturday Mass at Resurrection will continue to require 6' distancing and the wearing of masks.
- We are not formally inviting the assembly to exchange the Sign of Peace beyond a verbal greeting. You are welcome to exchange it within your family/household grouping, but for now it might be best not to assume that those around you will welcome a handshake.
- Sanitizing of "high-touch" areas (pew tops, door handles, etc.) will continue per CDC recommendations.

Stay tuned. Things change.



Please consider becoming a Mentor to help participants in a successful program called "Getting Ahead in a Just Getting-By World." This 16-20 session workshop helps individuals build their own personal plan to get out of poverty. The Mentors are a powerful part of this process. Those living in unstable environments need people in their lives who can support them through the very difficult changes necessary to build skills, change relationships, connect with resources, and develop the attitudes and behaviors necessary to complete this journey. Typically, Mentors meet with their investigators once a week for one hour and are available for occasional phone calls. Mentors are not a 24/7 hotline, nor do they provide financial support. Training is available. Call 715-298-3028, ext. 3, or email gettingahead@sudpwausau.org



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Weekly Total	\$4,665.00
Fiscal Year-to-date Contributions\$384,013.75	

Church of the Resurrection

Adult Envelopes/Offertory	\$7,810.00
Electronic Contributions.....	\$0.00
Weekly Total.....	\$7,810.00
Fiscal Year-to-date Contributions....\$470,281.03	

We Believe

IN THE GOODNESS AND STRENGTH
OF SAINT MICHAEL PARISH

March 13, 2022

Cash contributions this week.....	\$610.00
Electronic contributions this week.....	\$0.00
"We Believe" weekly total	\$610.00

Total "We Believe" cash contributions to date \$1,264,517.32

Total pledges (including friends' match)..... \$1,341,987.43
(not counting St. Ambrose Financial Services interest forgiveness)

A Book Discussion Group gathers every four to six weeks to discuss a book they have chosen to read. This month's book is *"America's First Daughter"* by Laura Kaye. If you'd like to join this group, contact Donna Steines at 715-845-5339. Then pick up this month's book to read (if time allows) for their next meeting on Sunday, March 27, at 1:30pm, in Resurrection's Francis Hall.

The Jubilee House Meal on March 31, will be served by the Eastside Parishes 4:30-6:00 pm. Please call Steve Zick at 715-297-0303 if you'd like to volunteer. The meal is an ecumenical outreach served in St. Matthew's Cafeteria open to those in need and to community members.

**The Messiah: Community Easter Oratorio
Sunday, April 3, at 3:00 pm at the Grand Theater**

Free to the community, this special concert event features the Wausau Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Daniel Larson, and a full choir of local voices performing George Frideric Handel's exhilarating masterpiece, including the powerful Hallelujah chorus. First performed in 1742, Messiah has, over the ages, become connected most often to Christmas. But Handel originally conceived the work for Easter and its 1742 premiere in Dublin occurred in the spring of that year, during Lent. **Entry is free, but advance ticket reservations are strongly recommended.** Tickets may be available at the door. No group/bulk orders over 10 allowed in advance. This free concert is presented by the Chester L. Suski Arts Fund, and organized by Karla Westcott, Daniel Larson, and William Day.

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Eucharistic Acclamations — see sidebar

Music for the Lamb of God and Communion Procession

Cantor *All*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

To Repeat

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Last time

sins of the world: grant us your peace.

Take, O take me as I am. Sum - mon out what I shall

be. Set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.



Song After the Final Blessing

1. Heal - ing riv - er of the Spir - it, Bathe the
 2. Well-spring of the heal - ing Spir - it, Stream that
 3. Liv - ing stream that heals the na - tions, Make us

wounds that liv - ing brings. Plunge our pain, our sin, our
 flows to bring re - lease, As we gain our selves, our
 chan - nels of your pow'r. All the world is torn by

sad - ness Deep be - neath your sa - cred springs.
 sens - es, May our lives re - flect your peace.
 con - flict; Wars are rag - ing at this hour.

Wea - ry from the rest - less search - ing That has
 Grate - ful for the flood that heals us, May your
 Sav - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us, Guide our

lured us from your side, We dis - cov - er in your
 Church en - act your grace. As we meet both friend and
 wind - ing hu - man course, Till we find our way to -

pres - ence Peace the world can - not pro - vide.
 stran - ger, May we see our Sav - ior's face.
 geth - er, Flow - ing home - ward to our Source.



EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

**Holy, Holy, Holy
 Lord God of hosts.
 Heaven and earth
 are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he,
 blessed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

MYSTERY OF FAITH

**We proclaim
 your Death, O Lord,
 and profess your Resurrection
 until you come again,
 until you come again.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in
 heaven, hallowed be thy
 name; thy kingdom come;
 thy will be done on earth as
 it is in heaven. Give us this
 day our daily bread; and
 forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who
 trespass against us;
 and lead us not
 into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.**

*Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil...
 and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

**For the kingdom,
 the power, and the glory
 are yours, now and forever.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who
 takes away the sins of the world. Blessed
 are those called to the supper
 of the Lamb.*

**Lord, I am not worthy
 that you should enter
 under my roof,
 but only say the word
 and my soul
 shall be healed.**

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