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When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
John 9:35



there is no shame

in repentance

CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Today's Gospel tells about the cure of a man born blind. We all suffer from different forms of blindness. We all have many blind spots. But there is hope for us if we are willing to admit them.

Our sins are a form of blindness. Let us confess them asking Christ to let the light of his grace shine into our minds and hearts.

1st READING (1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13). God chose David, the least of Jesse's sons, to be king of Israel. This shows that, whereas people look at appearances, God looks at the heart.

2nd READING (Ephesians 5:8-14). Paul tells the Christians at Ephesus that once they were in darkness but now Christ has enlightened them. Therefore, they must adopt a life-style which is appropriate to their new state.

GOSPEL (John 9:1-41). Jesus is the light of the world. He not only gives sight to those who are physically blind, but the light of faith to those who are spiritually blind, provided they are open to receive it.

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2023

Mass Schedule

Sunday Vigil: Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 7:00 pm

Weekdays: 8:00 am

Holy Rosary: Daily at 7:30 am**Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm**Reconciliation:** Weekday 7:30 am - 7:50 am

Saturdays: 7:30 - 7:50am and 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Marriage: Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the date you wish to request.**Baptism:** Pre-baptismal class for parents, who are contributing members of the parish for at least 3 months, is required. Class is held 2nd Sunday of the month, 9:30 am in Deacon Terry's office. Pre-register at 551-9004. Baptisms held during weekend Masses (your choice of Mass) on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. Regular Church attendance is required.**Parish Website** www.stpeterskenosha.com**Facebook** www.facebook.com/stpeterskenosha**Parish Office** Monday, Tuesday & Friday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Phone: 262-551-9004 & Fax: 262-552-7004**stpeterskenosha@gmail.com****Parish Staff****Pastor:** Fr. Ireneusz Chodakowski, MIC**Parochial Vicar:** Fr. Michael Baker, MIC**Deacon & Administrative Assistant,** Terrance Maack
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ONE ANOTHER

THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

First, we would like to sincerely thank those that donated to this campaign. We

made our goal - plus! As of today we are at **\$490,993.20**. We reached 131% with 110 families contributing. Again, thank you for your contributions! There is still time to pledge. Let's go for \$500,000.00**Please Pray for Marian Fathers***Please pray for the sick and***homebound:** Alvin Arndt, Jr.,

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**Prayer
Requests****STATIONS OF
THE CROSS****Stations of the Cross**

will be held every Friday during the Lenten Season (except Good Friday) at

6:30 pm. Also held at**Holy Rosary on Tues-****day at 6:30 pm.** All are welcome to attend.St. Peter's Parish annual **Soup Social Gathering** after **Stations of the Cross** during the Lenten season. Gatherings will be held in the parish cafeteria immediately after Stations of the Cross through March 31st.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (8)

"Mea Culpa - Lord Have Mercy"

From Fr. Michael Baker, MIC

Having just made the Sign of the Cross, we begin the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass by first recognizing that we are all sinners in need of God's never-failing mercy. Calling to mind any particular ways we have offended the Lord, we strike our breast three times and ask God's pardon. This part of the Mass is called the Penitential Rite.

But why do we do this? To begin with, we must recognize that all of us have



"sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Furthermore, we take to heart our Lord's words when He says: "if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:23-24). And since every offense we've committed against our brother is first and foremost an offense against God, we ask God's forgiveness.

However, this is only part of the picture. As we know from Sacred Scripture and Church teaching, there are two categories of sins—venial and mortal. Venial sins are the minor offenses we commit on a daily basis, either through our actions, and even our lack of action. They injure our relationship with God and man, but do not

cut off the life of grace—the connection between us and God. Mortal sins, on the other hand, are serious sins, and completely cut off the life of grace in our souls, and rupture our relationship with God. And while venial sins can be and are forgiven in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, mortal sins are not.

If we have mortal sins on our soul, we must partake of sacramental confession before approaching the altar and receiving Holy Communion. In fact, St. Paul reminds us that "anyone who eats and drinks [the Eucharist] without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died" (1 Corinthians 11:28-30). In other words, if we receive Holy Communion in a state of mortal sin, we commit a sacrilege of the highest order, compound the sin, and condemn ourselves before the throne of God. It is that serious! This is why Jesus gave us the sacrament, and why we offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation six days a week here at St. Peter's, in the hopes that all will take advantage of the grace being offered in the Tribunal of Mercy.

So let us examine our conscience, confess our sins, that we be made pure in the sight of the Lord!
Mea Culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa.



Eucharistic Adoration is every **Friday from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm**. We are now having Eucharistic Adoration on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 5:00-6:00 pm**. Stop on in to pray on your way home from work.

Bible Study continues during this Lenten season on **Wednesdays at 9:30-11:00 am** in the All Purpose Room. Any questions, contact Rose Parquette at (262) 654-5594.

Mass Intentions**Sunday, March 19, Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 †Richard Loewen by wife, Suzanne
 10:30 †Marlene Schlecht by Family
 7:00 †Doris Baumann by Kurt Baumann

Monday, March 20, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 †Jose Velazquez & Jose Pedroza
 by Guadalupe Velazquez

Tuesday, March 21

8:00 †David Bleashka by Gerald
 Curtiss

Wednesday, March 22

8:00 †Phil Romanowski by Chase Family
 9:15 St. Catherine's Commons -
 People of St. Peter's Parish

Thursday, March 23

8:00 Chuck and Liberty Nolan
 Anniversary

Friday, March 24

8:00 Daniel Paris by Family

Saturday, March 25, Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 †Walter Stecky by Pat & Bud
 Stecky

5:00 †Marlene Schlecht by Family

Sunday, March 26, Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 †Mary Lou Carpentier by husband,
 Ron
 10:30 Fr. Ireneusz Chodakowski, MIC by
 Michael & Karen Metallo
 7:00 †Lee Maack by Family

Schedule of Lector March 25/26

5:00 pm — E. Fonk
 8:00 am — K. Malsack
 10:30 am — J. Hermanson
 7:00 pm — K. Baumann

March 12, 2023

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Novena Prayer to St. Joseph

St. Joseph, you are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you. I have special confidence in you. You are powerful with God and will never abandon your faithful servants. I humbly invoke you and commend myself with all who are dear to me to your intercession.

By the love you have for Jesus and Mary, do not abandon me during life and assist me at the hour of my death.

Glorious St. Joseph, be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I am confident that your prayers on my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

Through Christ, our Lord, Amen



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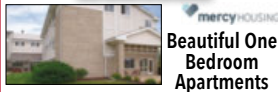
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