March 7, 2021-The Third Sunday of Lent

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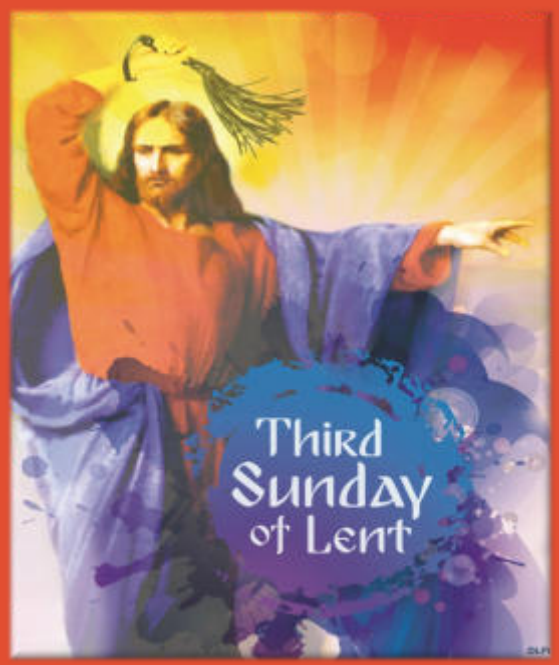

REGULAR MASS TIMES:

St. Michael

Tues.	5:00pm
Thurs.	8:00am
Sat.	5:30pm
Sun.	8:00am

& 6pm Mass in Spanish

St. Mary

Fri.	8:00am
Sat.	4:00pm
Sun.	9:30am

Holy Trinity

Wed.	5:00pm
Sun.	11:15am

Confession Schedule:

St. Mary:
Saturday
8:00am-9:00am
Or by appointment

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Readings for the week March 7, 2021

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 ©LPi

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BARCH

This week we continue our reflection on the Corporal works of mercy:

Feed the hungry — Give drink to the thirsty
Shelter the homeless — Clothe the naked
Visit those in prison — Comfort the Sick
Bury the dead

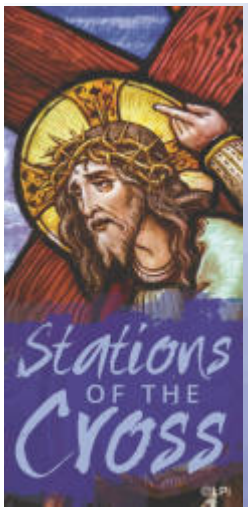
The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provides us with some reflection on and some ideas about how to put these works of mercy into practice. This week we concentrate on the third corporal work of mercy.

Clothe the naked

There are many people in this world who do not have adequate clothing. There are many people less fortunate than ourselves who we can help: the homeless living on the streets who do not have adequate clothing to protect them from the rain and snow, from the cold; the mother who cannot provide proper clothes for her children to go to school or have sufficient clothing so that she can keep it clean for them; the person out of work who does not have proper attire to get a decent job so that they can change their lives and the lives of their family.

- Look in your closets. Are there things in there you haven't worn in years? Is there more there than you need. Take them to resource center like the St. Elizabeth Center so someone less fortunate than yourself can make good use of them.
- Do you have extra coats and gloves that you could spare? Do you have extra boots? Take them to a homeless shelter like Rockford Rescue Mission.
- Have your children out grown some of their clothing or shoes? Why not donate them so that someone can put them to good use?
- When you have the urge to go shopping for some new clothes, buy something for those less fortunate than yourself or donate a like amount to an organization like Saint Vincent de Paul, the Rockford Rescue Mission or the St. Elizabeth Center.

Holy Thursday 4/1 6pm St. Michael
Good Friday 4/2 Noon St. Mary
Easter Vigil 4/3 8pm St. Mary
Easter Sunday 4/4 8am St. Michael
Easter Sunday 4/4 9:30am St. Mary
Easter Sunday 4/4 11:15 am Holy Trinity
Easter Sunday 4/4 6pm St. Michael (Spanish)



Friday, 3/12 after the 8am St. Mary Mass

Wednesday, 3/17 after the 5pm Holy Trinity Mass

You must sign up for Mass to be able to attend Stations of the Cross

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Saturdays St. Mary 8am to 9am
March 24th St. Mary 8am to 11am
March 24th St. Michael Noon to 4pm
March 24th Holy Trinity 5:30pm to 7pm

Sanitizing your hands and masks must be worn. Since confessionals do not allow for 6ft social distances, confessions will be held in the main body of the church

ST. MICHAEL NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 3/9 5:00pm
+Leona Moon (anniversary of her death) requested by Carole Koester
Thursday 3/118:00am
+Keith Gaber (anniversary of his death) requested by Carole Koester
Saturday 3/13 5:30pm
+Elizabeth Murphy requested by the Mattick Family
Sunday 3/14 8:00am
+For the People of St. Michael, St. Mary & Holy Trinity Parishes
Sunday 3/14 6:00pm
+The Poor Souls

CANDLES

The St. Joseph Candle is burning this week in Honor of the Year of St. Joseph

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Tom Wienen

May His Soul Rest in Peace

Early Bulletin Deadlines

LPI our printer has imposed early deadlines for the bulletin, they are as follows:

Friday 3/19 at 8:30am for the bulletin dated 3/28
Wednesday 3/24 at 8:30am for the bulletin dated 4/4

The Parish Office will be closed
Holy Thursday April 1st & Good Friday April 2nd

Congratulations

Nicole Johnson, our Sunday morning Cantor and accomplished musician has been named as a finalist in the 2021 National Scholarship Program!

ST. MARY NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Friday 3/12 8:00am (Followed by Stations of Cross)
+Al Novak requested by Mary Wienen
Saturday 3/13 4:00pm
+Kenneth Kennedy requested by Family
Sunday 3/14 9:30am
+Patricia Schuler (birthday remembrance) requested by Mary Jane Schuler

CANDLES

The St. Joseph Candle is burning this week in Honor of the Year of St. Joseph
The Blessed Mother Candle is burning this week in memory of Patricia Schuler (anniversary of her death & birthday remembrance) requested by Mary Jane Schuler
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for a special intention for Bill & Pat Shuey requested by Martin & Diane Rosenthal

Attention Graduating Seniors:

Galena Knights of Columbus, Council 696 scholarships are available to students who practice the Catholic Faith. Applications are available with the Galena High School Guidance Counselor Applications are due by March 30th.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Mary Ann Kieffer

May Her Soul Rest in Peace

worldwide marriage encounter

"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me." Do we have zeal to honor God through our marriage? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on:

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HOLY TRINITY NEWS

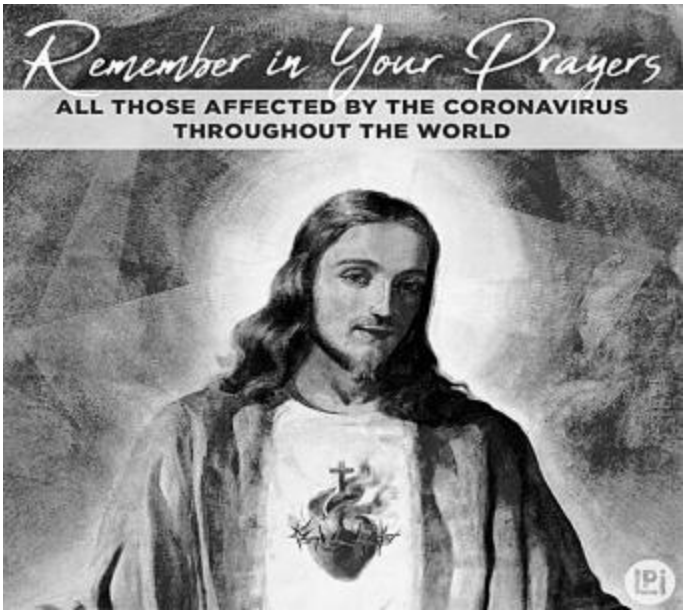
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday 3/10 5:00pm
+Carlisle & Merla Jacobi requested by the Conrad Family
Sunday 3/14 11:15am
+LaVonne Heitkamp requested by Family

Please pray for:
Merla Carl, Bethany Diederich, Rose Oldenburg, Arlene Frank, Tim Simmons, Mike Simmons, Curtis Cook, Elaine White, Debbie Johnson O'Leary, Kate Redfearn, Gary Vondran, Sandy Scheckel, Mildred Allendorf, Emma Grace, Darlene Scharpf, & Jim Folks

If you want your living loved ones names in the bulletin requesting prayers, a family member **must call the parish office and authorize us** to have their names published in our weekly bulletin. Because of the privacy issues, we will not publish any names which are not authorized by the family either in the bulletin or in the intercessory prayers on Sundays and weekdays. This list will be updated every month unless the family wants us to leave their names for an indefinite period of time.

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. — Jn 2:13b-15a



Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.
Wrap your arms around our world
and hold us in your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.
We ask this in Your Name.
Amen.
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ST. MICHAEL WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Adult Envelopes Received ……..	$2,286.00
On Line Giving.....	$351.50
Offertory.....	$53.00
Building Fund Envelopes Received ….	$535.00
Holy Day Envelopes Received.	$10.00
Easter Flower Envelope Received	$30.00
Envelope Offering Received.	$10.00
**Total …….....	**$3,275.50**

Contributions reported include those mailed to the office & collected from Mass

ST. MARY WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Adult Envelopes Received …….....	$3,283.00
On Line Giving.....	$105.00
Offertory.....	$109.00
Building Fund Envelopes Received ….	$40.00
Easter Flower Envelopes Received	$121.00
**Total …….....	**$3,658.00**

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National Appeal..... $750.00

HOLY TRINITY WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Adult Envelopes Received …….....	$180.00
On Line Giving.....	$125.00
Offertory.....	$47.00
Easter Flower Envelopes Received ….	$10.00
**Total …….....	**$362.00**

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March 7, 2021-3rd Sunday of Lent

Many prefer a "create as you go" approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a "you can't tell me what to do" attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other's space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of "anything goes" and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on "relativism island" where only a possible suggestion to "love and do not harm" may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus' display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life's preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost. ©LPi

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Invites you to join us in prayers and support for the priests and sisters of our diocese. To show our appreciation and gratitude for their dedicated lives of service, a prayer calendar assigns a special day to each priest or sister. The dates of each week will be in the bulletin.

March 7th-13th

3/7-Fr Alfred Dietsch
3/7-Msgr. Edward Wright
3/7-School Sisters of St. Francis
3/8-Fr. Benno Hildebrand
3/8-Congregation of the Humility of Mary
3/9-Fr. Daniel Lehane
3/9-Fr. John Kladar
3/10-Fr. William Etheredge
3/11-Fr. John Flanagan
3/11-Fr. Augustine Mueller
3/11-Permanent Deacons of Rockford Diocese
3/12-McHenry Deanery Priests
3/13-Fr. Joseph Rhode
3/13-Fr. Daniel Daley
3/13-Fr. Aloysius Piorkowski
3/13-Fr. Robert Verstynen
3/13-Fr. Kenneth Anderson

ST. MICHAEL, ST. MARY AND HOLY TRINITY PARISH CALENDAR

Watch for future updates for Events ~~ will be dependent on directions from the Diocese

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Our website address is: catholicgalena.com This will take you to the Home Page and right below our address and telephone number there is a link that says: **Signup for Flocknote**...Click on that link and it will take you to **Galena Parishes...sign up to get updates**. Fill in your First Name, Last Name, Email and Mobile Phone Number, then Click: Sign Me Up. That's it! You will start receiving emails and texts to keep you up to date on Church matters!

RESPECT Life

Intercessions for Life
March 7th-Third Sunday of Lent
For each expectant mother considering abortion: May the Lord protect her and give her the grace and resolve to choose life for her child; **We Pray to the Lord**

Sharing the Gospel with Children:

Imagine coming to your church to pray. All around your church, you see people selling animals. It smells like a barn. The animals are loud. The people are shouting. You cannot even pray with all the noise and activity going on around you. That is what Jesus found in today's Gospel. It broke his heart and made Jesus angry. God's house is not supposed to be turned into a barn or a store. It should be special place where people can meet with God and talk to him. Jesus cleaned out his Father's house. He turned it back into a place of prayer.

Prayer

God, my church is a place for prayer. Help me to remember that always.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of people singing and praying in your church.

Mission for the Week

Read John 2:13-25 with your family. Ask God to help you keep your church clean. Church should never be a store or a barn. It should be a special place to pray.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS FOR ALL 3 PARISHES

Religious Education

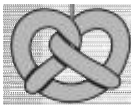
Greetings:

As we march forth in this our celebration of this 2021 Lenten season. I came across this interesting little article that I thought maybe of some interest to discuss with your children as they are doing their Religious Ed lessons. The article is titled the symbols of Lent

Symbols of Lent

There are lot of Lenten symbols you can use when teaching children about Lent and Holy Week. If you do an activity based on a symbol and give your child that tangible object it will serve as a reminder of the symbol and its meaning.

1. The pretzel is a symbol of Lent with a fun legend about it. A monk made special bread without eggs or milk (because they did not use these in Lent) and shaped it so that it would look like the arms of someone praying. In those days people often prayed with their hands crossed over their chest. You can find many activities online related to the legend of the pretzel.



2. Water can also be a Lenten symbol. It has many meanings, and one is as a reminder of our baptism. Making a bowl or other container for water and then encouraging the children to place it somewhere in their home to remember their baptism could be a meaningful activity.

3. Palm leaves are a Lenten symbol, and you can find directions online to make the traditional Palm Sunday ones into crosses.

5. Children love animals, and the donkey is a symbol for Lent. There are stories and books written from the perspective of the donkey that Jesus rode on as he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

6. The rooster is a symbol of Lent and reminds us that Peter denied Jesus three times before the rooster crowed. The story of Peter's denial and how Jesus forgave him is a good story to share with children to teach them about friendship and forgiveness.

That is, it for now those are just a few ideas on making this a most meaningful Lent for both you and your family as well.

God Bless~~Deacon Jay

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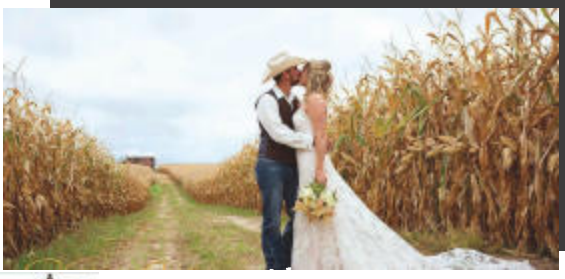
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