

March 10, 2024 • *The Fourth Sunday of Lent*

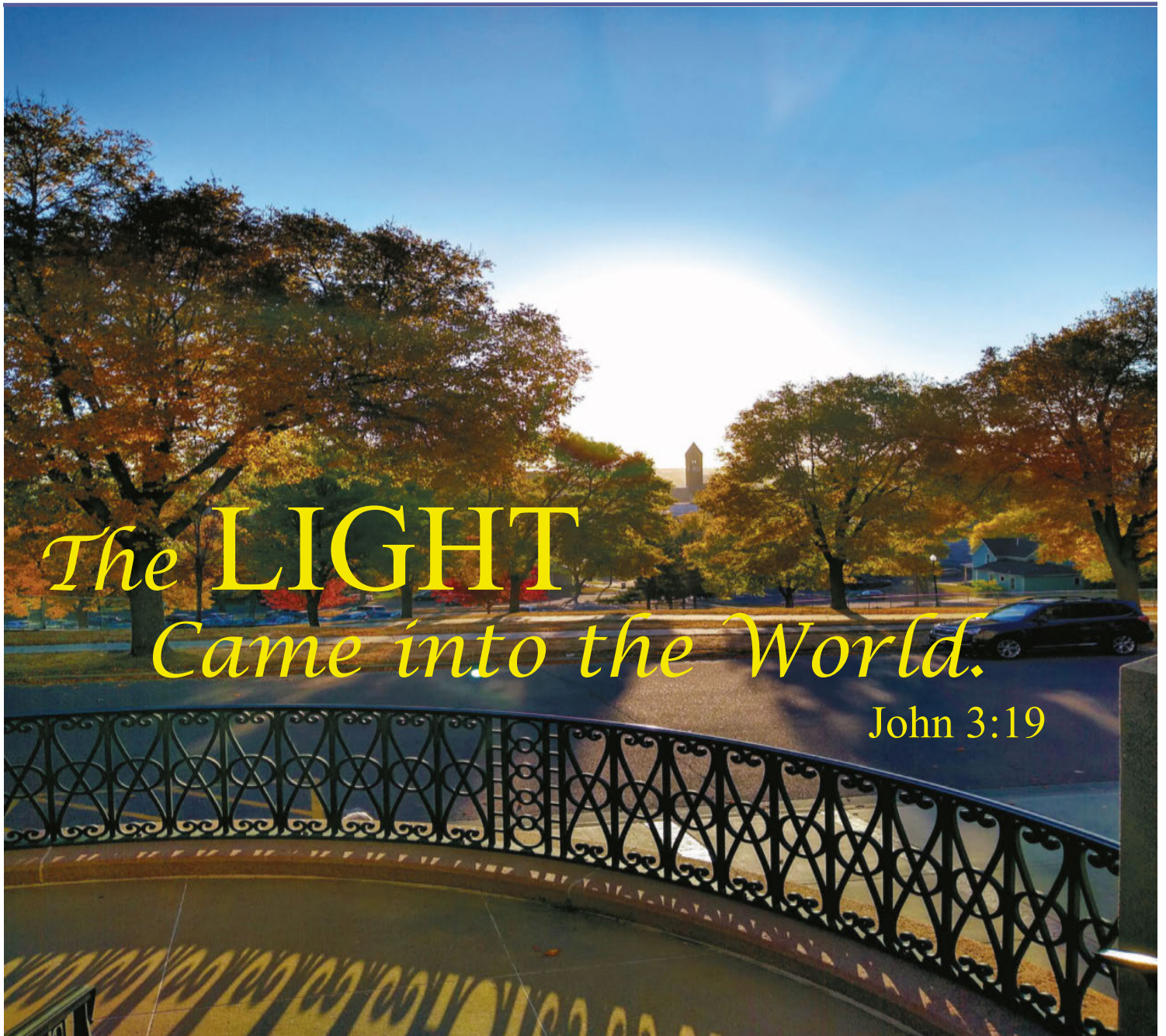
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# *The Cathedral of* **SAINT JOSEPH**

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Most Reverend Donald E. DeGrood, *Bishop*

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## LITURGY GUIDE - March 10, 2024

### The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Welcome to the Cathedral of St. Joseph and thank you for joining us for the celebration of Holy Mass today!

**Please, silence your cell phones and refrain from eating, drinking or chewing gum in the Cathedral. Help keep our Cathedral tidy by utilizing the waste baskets found near the main entrances.**

**Please, do not take pictures during the Mass celebration. You are welcome to take pictures after Mass.**

**INTROIT - (At 9:15 AM & 11:00 AM THE INTROIT IS SUNG BY THE CHOIR DURING THE ENTRANCE PROCESSION)**

<i>Laetare Jerusalem: et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam: gaudete cum laetitia, qui in tristitia fuistis: ut exsultetis, et satiemi ab uberibus consolationis vestrae . (Verse) Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi: In domum Domini ibimus</i>	Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast. (Verse) I rejoiced when it was said unto me: "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
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**OPENING HYMN (4:00 PM & 7:30 AM) DARWALL'S 148TH  
731 Rejoice, the Lord is King**

### 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,

**(striking breast three times) 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.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST 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!"

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6  
(Refrain sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)**



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By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Sion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. **R**

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. "Sing to us," they said, "one of Sion's songs." **R**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on foreign soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **R**

O let my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem as the first of my joys! **R**

**SECOND 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.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Please Stand  
(Sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)**





God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life. **R**

**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.

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*Please Stand*

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
*(bow here)* and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**  
PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *(4 PM & 7:30 AM)*  
**784**

**ST. COLUMBA**  
**The King of Love**

**OFFERTORY ANTIPHON** *(9:15 AM)*

<i>Laudate Dominum, quia benignus est: psallite nomini eius, quoniam suavis est: Omnia quaecumque voluit, fecit in caelo et in terra.</i>	Praise the Lord, for he is loving; sing in honor of his name, for he is gracious. He has accomplished whatever he resolved to do in heaven and on earth.
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**OFFERTORY MOTET** *(11:00 AM)*  
Psalm 42

**FELIX MENDELSSOHN**  
(1809-1847)

<i>Wie der Hirsch schreit nach frischem Wasser, So schreit meine Seele, Gott, zu Dir.</i>	As the deer cries out for running streams, so my soul cries, O God, to you.
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**SANCTUS**

San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth.  
Ple-ni sunt cae-li et ter-ra glo-ri-a tu-a. Ho-san-na  
in ex-cel-sis. Be-ne-di-ctus qui ve-nit in no-mi-ne  
Do-mi-ni. Ho-san-na in ex-cel-sis.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Re-sur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

**AGNUS DEI**

A-gnus De-i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no-bis.  
A-gnus De-i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

**ECCE AGNUS DEI**

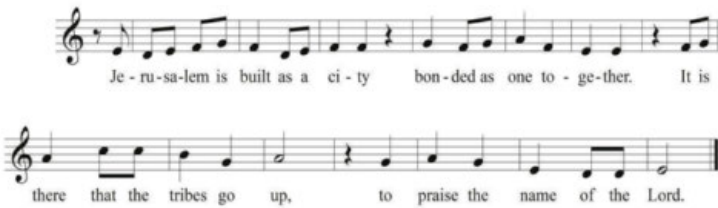
**Celebrant:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

## HOLY COMMUNION

**All Catholics who have prepared themselves to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward. Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are invited to approach with arms crossed over their chest to signal their desire to receive a blessing.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON (4:00 PM & 7:30 AM)



### COMMUNION ANTIPHON (9:15 AM & 11:00 AM)

*Jerusalem, quae aedificatur ut  
civitas, cuius participatione eius in  
idipsum: illuc enim ascenderunt  
tribus, tribus Domini, ad  
confitendum nomini tuo, Domine.*

Jerusalem is built as a city  
bonded as one together. It is  
there that the tribes go up, the  
tribes of the Lord, to praise the  
name of the Lord.

### COMMUNION MEDITATION (11:00 AM)

Set Me as a Seal

René Clausen (b. 1953)

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for  
love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither  
can the floods drown it. Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a  
seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.  
(Song of Songs 8:6a; 8:7a)

### COMMUNION HYMN

622

SLANE  
Lord of All Hopefulness

### CLOSING HYMN

519

ST. ELIZABETH  
Fairest Lord Jesus

### CLOSING HYMN (9:15 AM)

443

Ave Regina Caelorum

*Ave, Regina Caelorum, Ave,  
Domina Angelorum: Salve, radix,  
salve, porta Ex qua mundo lux est  
orta:*

*Gaude, Virgo gloriosa, Super  
omnes speciosa, Vale, o valde  
decora, Et pro nobis Christum  
exora.*

Hail, O Queen of Heaven.  
Hail, O Lady of Angels Hail!  
thou root, hail! thou gate From  
whom unto the world, a light  
has arisen:  
Rejoice, O glorious Virgin,  
Lovely beyond all others,  
Farewell, most beautiful  
maiden, And pray for us  
to Christ.

### Closing Motet (11:00 AM)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Gilbert Martin

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## Extravaganza: A Night for All Knights

Join us on April 13, 2024 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center for a beautiful night to gather as a community supporting all eight Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools. Tickets to the event can be found at <https://auctria.events/nightforallknights24> or by scanning the QR code. You can support in a variety of ways: make a donation for us to auction off, become an event sponsor, purchase tickets to attend the event, volunteer to make the event successful, participate in the silent auction by bidding on items, and spread the word!



### Are you a Teacher? We are now Hiring:

We have multiple teacher positions open!

Scan the QR code or view them here

>> [www.ogknights.tedk12.com/hire](http://www.ogknights.tedk12.com/hire)



Sisters of the Presentation  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*In Joyful Service*

### Presentation Sisters Catholic School Scholarship

**Applications** - We will be awarding 40 - K-12 \$750 tuition assistance scholarships and 3 - \$1500 high school tuition scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year. Catholic School principals and priests in the Sioux Falls Diocese have received the application forms for the upcoming school year. We invite any interested student to complete the application process. Submission **deadline is Friday, March 15, 2024.**

You can visit [www.presentationisters.org](http://www.presentationisters.org) to print application forms. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Schaffer at 605-229-8417 or [jschaffer@presentationisters.org](mailto:jschaffer@presentationisters.org).

**Bishop Hoch Scholarship** - Applications are now available for the Bishop Hoch Deanery Scholarship to enable a student to attend Mount Marty University. To obtain an application, contact your pastor or the Financial Aid Office at Mount Marty University. Applications must be returned to the Office of Catholic Schools, 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104. **Applications are due by March 15, 2024.**

## Holy Hoops—Monday, March 18 at O'Gorman High School

Holy Hoops is a friendly basketball game between area priests and O'Gorman seniors. The event includes family fun activities, including a 50/50 raffle, halftime entertainment, and a hoop shoot. General admission is free will donation, and the proceeds go towards seminary education and tuition assistance. The concession stand opens at 5:30 PM in the OGHS cafeteria with pizza, hot dogs, and nachos. Tip off at 6:30 PM. We hope to see you there!

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**St. Joseph Academy** is a Catholic hybrid classical school opening in the Fall of 2024 on the St. Joseph Cathedral campus for grades preK-8. For more information, employment opportunities, or to apply, visit us online at:

[stjosephclassicalacademy.org](http://stjosephclassicalacademy.org).

Apply by **March 18, 2024**, and the \$100 registration fee will be waived for the 2024-2025 school year!



**Irish Potato Bake Buffet and BINGO** - hosted by Catholic Daughters of America Court St. Patricia #271. **Holy Spirit Church Lower Level Saturday, March 23rd - 11:30 am**

**\$14 per person - Reservations required by March 20<sup>th</sup>.**

Serving Baked Potatoes, with toppings like cheese, chili, broccoli and more! Followed by **BINGO**.

Call Pat Schaefer [605-351-5217](tel:605-351-5217) or [605-334-2370](tel:605-334-2370).



### Wisconsin Shrines Pilgrimage

**April 17 - 19, 2024**

Fr. Bill Hamak will accompany us as we journey in faith to the Shrines of Wisconsin: **Our Lady of Champion** in Champion, **Holy Hill Shrine** in Hubertus & **Our Lady of Guadalupe** in La Crosse. Call now for more information: Elsie Baye: [605-359-3450](tel:605-359-3450) or Lisa Ulmer: [605-351-8778](tel:605-351-8778)



### Holiness in an Age of Unbelief

5th Annual Aquinas Lecture - **Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 7:00 pm**  
Cathedral of St. Joseph - Parish Hall.

Featuring Dr. Larry Chapp, retired Professor of Theology, DeSales University. Registration encouraged but not required. All are Welcome.



### "Under Mary's Mantle"

**Expectant and Young Mothers**

Join other Moms for a series of monthly Meetings on topics of mothering during the early years.

**Tuesday, March 19, at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room at Holy Spirit Church**

The third meeting's topic is **"Motherhood and the First Three Years."** If you were unable to attend the

first meeting, you may join any of the remaining ones in the series. Young children are welcome! In case of inclement weather, the class will be held via a ZOOM meeting at the same time instead. For more information please contact **Sandy** [605-421-1104](tel:605-421-1104).

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



## Liturgical Roles



**March 16/17**

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 pm Carolee Weber, Mark Weber
- 7:30 am Sharon Frisbie, Gerald Frisbie
- 9:15 am Abigale Bauer, Madyson Muller, Ruth Bordewyk
- 11:00 am Susan Albers, Nancy Ann Kadinger, Matthew Enderson
- 4:00 pm Ministers as Scheduled

### Lectors

- 4:00 pm Suzanne Bradford, Ashley Martinmaas
- 7:30 am Steve Mogle
- 9:15 am Jarrod Muller, Kathryn Muller
- 11:00 am Nancy Ann Kadinger, Andrew Welbig
- 4:00 pm Readers as Scheduled

### Altar Servers

- 4:00 pm Pontifical Servers
- 7:30 am Thomas Mogle, James Mogle
- 9:15 am Henry Lanners, Finnegan McManus, Jacoben Schmidt
- 11:00 am Jonathan Billion, Leo Rutten, Joseph Tran
- 4:00 pm Servers as Scheduled

### Mini-Bus Driver

- 4:00 pm Dennis Hance
- Dow Rummel** Michelle Gullickson
- Good Sam** Chris Lent

### Readings for the week of March 10, 2024

**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 **Scrutiny:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

**Next Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/ Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 **Scrutiny:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45c-9, 13-17, 34-38

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Brenda Washenberger** is Cathedral 500 Club's third winner for February 2024. She has received a check for **\$94**. Anyone interested in joining will find applications at the front entrance (Duluth Ave) of the Cathedral. Cost is \$5/month. Applications must be received by February 26 to be in the March 2024 drawings. Call the Parish Office at [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390) for details.



## Mass Intentions

**Mon Mar. 11•** *Lenten Weekday*  
12:00 pm William Ulin

**Tue. Mar. 12•** *Lenten Weekday*  
12:00 pm † John Lent

**Wed Mar. 13•** *Lenten Weekday*  
12:00 pm Joe & Kayla Beaner

**Thu. Mar. 14•** *Lenten Weekday - Chrism Mass*  
12:00 am Diocesan Clergy

**Fri. Mar. 15•** *Lenten Weekday*  
12:00 pm † Warren Vick

**Sat. Mar. 16•** *Lenten Weekday*  
4:00 pm † Irene Rotert

**Sun. Mar. 17•** *Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
7:30 am † Jo Aschoff  
9:15 am Gerald & Lillian Lynch Family  
11:00 am † Bode Lloyd  
4:00 pm Pro Populo

## Sanctuary Candles

This week the five sanctuary candles in the Sacred Heart Chapel have been requested for the following intentions:

- 1.) † Rob Kuchta
- 2.) † Lynette Clasen
- 3.) † Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 4.) Devotion to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**
- 5.) Devotion to the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**

## Cathedral Events Calendar

**Sunday, March 10 -**

**11:00 am -** Cathedral Confirmation

**Monday, March 11 -**

**6:30 pm -** Young Adults

**Tuesday, March 12-**

**9:00 am -** Quilters Group

**10:00 am -** Women's Group

**Wednesday, March 13 -**

**6:45 pm -** RCIA

**Thursday, March 14-**

**11:00 am -** Chrism Mass (No Noon Mass)

**7:00 pm -** Adoration and Reconciliation in Chapel

**Friday, March 15-**

**5:30 pm -** Lenten Soup Supper in Parish Hall

**7:00 pm -** Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 16 -**

**9:00 am -** RCIA Retreat - Parish Hall

**12:00 pm and 3:00 pm -** Reconciliation in the Cathedral

**Sunday, March 17 -**

**10:30 am -** Donut Social - Parish Hall after 9:15am Mass

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Confirmation** - Please lift up our **Confirmation Students** in prayer as they are Confirmed this weekend at the 11:00 Mass.

**Chrism Mass** - **This Thursday, March 14th** we will have Chrism Mass in the Cathedral at **11:00 am**. There will be **NO NOON** Mass on that day. Chrism Mass is when the Bishop blesses all of the Holy oils used throughout the Diocese for the Sacraments – Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, etc. Please join us, if you are able to, on this Thursday.

**Lenten Soup Supper** - A simple soup supper will be offered **every Friday** during Lent in the **Cathedral Parish Hall** starting at **5:30pm**. Enjoy a meal & fellowship. Free will offering. **Stations of the Cross** follow at **7pm** in the Cathedral Nave.



**NEXT  
SUNDAY**

**DONUT SOCIAL**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY, MARCH 17TH**

**After the 9:15am MASS**

**REGISTER NOW - [cathedralsocial.com](http://cathedralsocial.com)**



What an incredible experience at **The Banquet!** We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Cathedral Parishioners for the immense contribution in enabling our parish to spread love and aid to those in need through food and fellowship. Whether through donating time, money to cover breakfast costs, or offering prayers, your support is deeply cherished. Your generosity empowers us to exemplify the true essence of love in action in our community.



We are **halfway** to our CFSA parish share goal! Can you help us meet our goal of **\$138,400** to support Diocesan ministries throughout eastern South Dakota? Seminarian Education, Prison Ministry and technology support for parishes are among the many vital ministries funded through CFSA. Your participation, financially and prayerfully, is needed and appreciated. Thank you!

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS MARCH 2 / 3



Envelopes	\$	14,368.50
Online/EFT	\$	7,506.64
Visitors/Loose Cash	\$	4,311.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>26,186.99</b>

Scan QR code to be directed to our Giving Page  
*Thank you for your Support and Prayers!*

## CATHEDRAL INFORMATION

**Parish Office:** 605-336-7390

**Parish Office Email:** [cathedral@sfcatholic.org](mailto:cathedral@sfcatholic.org)

**Office Hours:** 9:00am-4pm M-Th, 8:30am-3pm Friday

**Cathedral Church Hours:**

8am -5pm Monday-Saturday

7am-Noon & 3:30-5:00 Sunday

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9:15am, 11:00am,

4:00pm (St. Josephine Bakhita Community)

**Weekday Masses**

Monday - Friday 12pm (Noon)

**Confessions**

Thursday 7:00pm

Saturday 12 Noon & 3:00-3:30pm in Cathedral

(In the Chapel if a Wedding is scheduled)

**Adoration**

Thursdays 7pm-8pm (In the Chapel during Confessions)

First Friday of the month at 11am in the Cathedral

**Self Guided Tours**

1:00 pm Monday-Friday (except Holy Days)

**Guided Tours-By appointment 605-336-7390**

**Parish Staff**

**Rector,** Very Rev. James P. Morgan

**Parochial Vicar,** Rev. Pasquale Armando Francesco

**Deacon,** William Radio

**Deacon,** Tim Dicks (Prison Ministry)

**Administrative Assistant,** Mary Anne Lux

**Director-Operations & Finance,** Heidi Solem

**Director-Liturgical Music,** Dr. Jared Ostermann

**Tour Docent/Guide,** Susan Albers

**Wedding Coordinator,** Mary Enderson

**Counseling Services**

**The Lourdes Center** (Formerly Catholic Family Services)

Counseling and Grief Programs **605-988-3775**

**Sacraments**

**Baptism** The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for our parishioners on Sundays after the 11AM Mass. Parents must attend a Baptism preparation meeting. To schedule a meeting for preparation contact the parish office at **605-336-7390**.

**Matrimony** Six months preparation required. Registered parishioners, please contact the parish office. All others, contact the pastor of your home church. For wedding information, go to [www.stjosephcathedral.net](http://www.stjosephcathedral.net), under Sacraments.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Please call the parish office to request this Sacrament if you have been diagnosed with an illness, in preparation for surgery or in case of serious illness.

**Catholic Cemetery - St. Michael's Cemetery 605-338-3376**

## CLERGY REFLECTION

*"Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise? Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times." (Ps 106: 2-3).*

I would like to share a story of Salama on his Confirmation day. Salama Giakomo Odi was born SEP 22, 1998 in Delle, Eritrea. He is now 26 years old with autism (ASD): unable to speak, sit, move, eat or drink, but could only hear. He always lies down on a bed or on the lap of his mother. His family has never stopped helping him to find a good doctor in Eritrea. They spent lots of money, but things were getting tougher. They were told to take their son to foreign countries to get better treatment. The parents were not legally allowed out of the country by the government. Finally his parents decided to take risk to flee from Eritrea to Sudan then to Ethiopia. They decided to cross the border of Sudan with their 3 kids including Salama to a Refugee camp in Ethiopia. UNHCR helped them to get to Sioux Falls, SD in 2018.

By God's grace Salama got better treatment and he is now fed by internal nutrition. His mother witnessed that his patron saint 'Our Lady of Lourdes' helped him to travel without taking any food. A lot of people discouraged her saying that he will no longer survive. For this and all she celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes every year.

God bless Fr. James Morgan! One day as he was visiting the sick, he realized that Blessed Sacrament could help him and he gave Salama First Communion, but the challenge was how give him Jesus since he is not eating. Then he had the idea of putting the Blessed Sacrament in a small amount of water to soften it. He used his pinky finger to put it inside his mouth so that he can easily swallow. I also started to do the same, but one day I told him to open his mouth and he received by himself. Surprisingly one day I went to visit him without the Blessed Sacrament and he got mad at me and only his mother knew his sign language. When asked where the Blessed Virgin Mary or Jesus is, he directs his eyes to the picture to Virgin Mary or to the Jesus on the crucifix.

One day I decided to give a tour at the Cathedral of St. Joseph and he was so excited. He wishes to come to the church every Sunday. His mother believes that if she can afford to take him to Our Lady of Lourdes she is going to see a miracle for her son. She loves him so much and she spends every day to watch over him.

I have seen a great sign of faith and love in this family and wanted to invite you to join me in praying for him on his Confirmation day.

Praise be the Blessed Sacrament!

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