

Cluster Parishes

Mar 14, 2021

Riverside Richmond Wellman

"To Know God and Make God Known Through Word, Worship, Fellowship, and Service"



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." - Jn 3:21

Mass Intentions

Mar 17 to Mar 21

Wed	8:30am	SM	Thomas Lacina
Thu	8:30am	HT	Bernard Mellecker
Fri	8:30am	SJ	Bob Stromberg
Sat	5:00pm	SJ	Kay Conway
Sun	8:00am	HT	Julie Niffenegger
Sun	10:00am	SM	People of the Cluster

Please Note: parishioners may request as many Mass Intentions as they would like. However, there only a limited number of Mass Intentions that we can say at our parishes. If we receive more Mass Intention requests than we can say in a year, the Mass Intentions will be sent to the diocese who will distribute them to retired priests so they can offer up the Mass Intention you requested.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Almighty God, you created us to share in your divine life. Pour out your spirit on our diocese that we may be a fruitful church. Bless us:

With zealous priests and deacons;
With prayerful religious sisters and brothers;
With faithful married couples;
With loving persons who live for the kingdom of heaven.
Grant us discerning hearts,
To love you more deeply
And to serve as Jesus served,
In whose name we pray.
Amen.

Mary, model for all vocations, pray for us!

Emmaus Groups

Please consider joining a "Discipleship Quad" to participate in an Emmaus Group.

These are four-person prayer groups that are very informal and flexible to ac-

commodate your schedule. Information and videos can be found at clusterparishes.org. Click the "Communications & Resources" tab, and click on "Emmaus Groups".

If Interested Contact:

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Mass Offerings

St. Mary's

Weekly Goal	\$ 1,677
Actual	\$ -
YTD Collection	\$ 48,913
YTD Goal	\$ 60,372
Under/Over	- \$ 11,459

Holy Trinity

Weekly Goal	\$ 1,542
Actual	\$ 1,435
YTD Collection	\$ 35,449
YTD Goal	\$ 55,512
Under/Over	- \$ 20,063

St. Joseph's

Weekly Goal	\$ 644
Actual	\$ 929
YTD Collection	\$ 5,476
YTD Goal	\$ 23,184
Under/Over	- \$ 17,708

Fr Bill's Homily
4th Sunday of Lent

As a child I really did not care for homework and I didn't like to study, but I did enjoy Bible School because we didn't have homework and assignments. I remember one summer the teacher at Bible School said she was going to reward us for every Bible verse that we learned.

Well, I remember this John 3:16 as being the first one that I learned, and it has been my favorite ever since. "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."

Then the scripture goes on to say "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."

Wow here we are in a world filled with corruption and disarray and God sent, not a symbol of his love, or a figurehead, but he sent His Only Begotten Son right here to; Riverside, Wellman, and Richmond to save us. He came to bring us, as the scripture says, "out of our darkness and into the light."

I don't know about you, but when I was a child one of my favorite gifts at Christmas – and probably about the same time I learned John 3:16 - was a flashlight. I, like most children my age, was "afraid of the dark" and it was amazing how much better I felt just knowing that I could illuminate my path just by flicking the switch on that flashlight!

Our lives are often in the shadow and full of the darkness of sin. Ever since the fall of Adam we have all been stained with concupiscence. We all have vices and temptations that drive us away from God those vices are lust, greed, envy, pride, gossip, being judgmental, and arguing having to have our way. But God sent us the Light of our lives, He gave us His only begotten Son who died on the cross taking all the darkness of sin with him.

I would like you to ask yourself a few questions: Do you believe in Jesus? Do you believe that he died on the cross? Do you believe that he rose

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Diocesan Protection Protocols

Questions have been asked regarding Iowa Governor Reynold's lifting of mask requirements and gathering limits. The protection protocols in the diocese have not changed. Masks, 6' social distancing between non-household members, hand sanitizing and sanitizing of surfaces continue to be required in well ventilated spaces.

Approved gatherings should be kept to 30 minutes or less if possible. The pandemic continues to be life-threatening for people who have an elevated risk of infection due to age or medical condition. Until most people are vaccinated, the threat will continue. Please continue to do your best to keep safe and to keep others safe.

- Bishop Zinkula

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Prayer Intentions

Please continue to contact us if you have a birthday, anniversary, or prayer intention.

Wounded by Abortion?

Project Rachel can help. They understand the emotional pain that follows an abortion. Please call the Helpline: [563-333-4107](tel:563-333-4107) or [1-888-456-HOPE](tel:1-888-456-HOPE).

Facebook Scams

Fr. Bill does not communicate through Facebook Messenger. Please beware of scams where someone is pretending to be him.\

Condolences and Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy to the Family of Perry Craig who passed away on February 28th. May he rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon him.

**Special Mass for Solemnity
of Saint Joseph**

Pope Francis has declared 2021 the "Year of St. Joseph". In order to celebrate the Year of St. Joseph, we will have a special Mass on Friday Mar 19th, 8:30am at St. Joseph's church. This is the date for the Solemnity of St. Joseph.

Please Note: we will move the *regular Friday Mass at St. Mary's to Wednesday of that week*. The regular Mass rotation will resume the following week.

from the dead? This is our faith; this is our creed. Yes, Jesus died for all of us and took our sins to the cross with him. All we have to do is believe in him, ask for forgiveness and try to amend our ways.

We need to be illumined by his light and follow Him. We need to take Jesus into our soul here at this Altar today, and take him out into the world and live as though Christ is that part of us which brings light to others.

“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.”

Let us believe. Let us accept the salvation offered to us. And, above all, let us remain faithful to our God.



Protect Yourself

AVOID COVID-19 Vaccine Scams

As COVID-19 vaccine distribution begins, here are signs of potential scams:

- You are asked to pay out of pocket to get the vaccine.
 - You are asked to pay to put your name on a vaccine waiting list or to get early access.
 - Advertisements for vaccines through social media platforms, email, telephone calls, online, or from unsolicited/unknown sources.
 - Marketers offering to sell or ship doses of the vaccine for payment.
- ✓ **Protect Yourself. Do not give out your personal information to unknown sources.**

! If you believe you have been the victim of COVID-19 fraud, immediately report it to:

- HHS-OIG Hotline: 1-800-HHS-TIPS | tips.hhs.gov
- FBI Hotline: 1-800-CALL-FBI | ic3.gov
- CMS/Medicare Hotline: 1-800-MEDICARE

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I just wanna see everyone win in life. So if you're reading this I'm rooting for you.

March Prayer

Dear God, please keep my family and loved ones safe. Watch over us and protect us with Your love and shower us with good health, blessings and happiness. Remove any fear, worry, doubt or stress from our hearts. Comfort those who are hurting today and make them well again.

Amen

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