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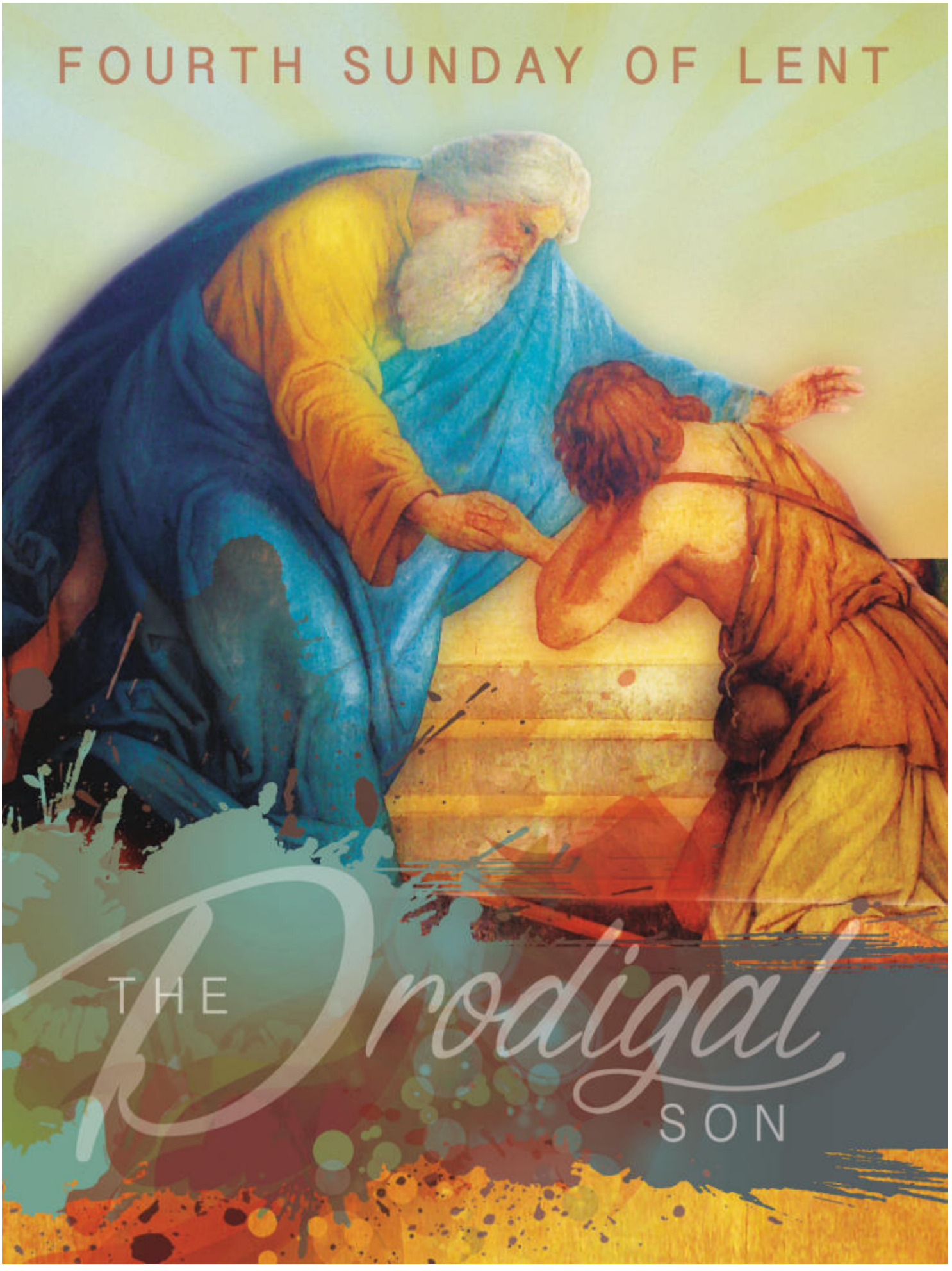

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Gospel Meditation

March 14, 2021
4th Sunday of Lent

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.

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Weekly Schedule

MONDAY, MARCH 15
9:30 am Rosary — Durand
10:00 am Mass, † Pat H. Bauer — Durand

TUESDAY, MARCH 16
8:00 am Stations of the Cross — Durand
8:30 am Mass, † Souls in Purgatory — Durand

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17
St. Patrick, Bishop
8:00 am Stations of the Cross — Mondovi
8:30 am Mass, † Bernard Schmidtknecht — Mondovi
3:45 pm HR/StM Rel. Ed grade 2 — Durand
7:00 pm Lenten Service — Durand

THURSDAY, MARCH 18
St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00 am Stations of the Cross — Lima
8:30 am Mass, † Michael Garton — Lima

FRIDAY, MARCH 19
St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:30 am Eucharistic Adoration — Durand
10:00 am Mass, † Cyril Weisenbeck — Durand
2:40 pm Stations of the Cross — Lima & Durand
4:30 pm Fish Supper — Lima

SATURDAY, MARCH 20
4:00 pm Mass, † Edie Weisenbeck — Durand

SUNDAY, MARCH 21
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 am Mass, † Clarence & Clara Bauer — Lima
10:30 am Mass, Tri-Parish Parishioners — Mondovi

Holy Rosary

Fish Supper Update
Thank you for a third week of your support of the Holy Rosary Fish Supper! 522 meals were served on Friday, March 5th. Your generosity, patience, and understanding as our volunteers work to serve our community, is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Bill Fedie Trucking (this week) and Joe and Jane Fedie (1st week) for donating the chips. The Lima PCCW would also like to thank our volunteers who are men, women, and children ranging in age from 7 to 84 years old. Our 50+ volunteers who are needed each week are both parishioners and non-parishioners of Holy Rosary. We are truly blessed!

A couple of "housekeeping" notes:
1. We will be taking out more fish and making lots of potato salad so we hope to see you all again! If you would like to purchase a pail of left over potato salad ($30) please check our Facebook page for a link to sign up.
2. Our fish comes in a variety of shapes and sizes. The batter fried fish is cut into thirds or halves before being dipped into batter but our baked fish is not.
3. A piece of fish will cost $3 due to an increase in cost.
4. Please use 3 lanes when entering the parking lot so we can keep cars off the road.

Holy Rosary Diocesan Annual Appeal
Update as of March 9, 2021

Target:	$24,590.00
Pledged:	16,119.00
Balance needed:	8,471.00

Thank you to everyone who has pledged towards our Annual Appeal. We appreciate your generosity. All payments need to be received at the Diocese by June 30, 2021 to be applied to this year's campaign. Any amount below the target will be assessed to the parish and have to be paid out of our operating funds. Any help in achieving our target is greatly appreciated.

Sacred Heart

Mondovi K of C News
Holy Name Council 5193 of the Knights of Columbus of Sacred Heart parish will be selling state charity raffle tickets on Sundays March 7, 14, and 21. Ticket price is $5.

Our council will be setting up a St. Joseph table Sunday, March 14th. Non-perishable items will be collected for two weeks. Items collected will be delivered to Mondovi's food pantry March 22nd.

Sacred Heart Diocesan Annual Appeal
Update as of March 9, 2021

Target:	$21,160.00
Pledged:	11,440.00
Balance needed:	9,720.00

Thank you to everyone who has pledged towards our Annual Appeal. We appreciate your generosity. All payments need to be received at the Diocese by June 30, 2021 to be applied to this year's campaign. Any amount below the target will be assessed to the parish and have to be paid out of our operating funds. Any help in achieving our target is greatly appreciated.

St. Mary's

St. Mary's Diocesan Annual Appeal
Update as of March 9, 2021

Target:	$27,060.00
Pledged:	32,120.00
Total Paid:	31,180.00

Thank you to everyone who has pledged towards our Annual Appeal. Any amount received over our target will be returned to our parish. We have already received some rebate checks! We appreciate your generosity. All payments need to be received at the Diocese by June 30, 2021 to be applied to this year's campaign.

Assumption Catholic School

Read Across America
Thank you to Ms. Dierauer for facilitating "Read Across America" week and Battle of the Books. Thank you to all of our guest readers throughout the week and to Monica Heitman, for volunteering to help organize and facilitate "battles" throughout the week. Winning teams were:
1st Place: Faithful Friends—Mili Mack, Kiyana Lee, and Logan Poeschel
2nd Place: Courageous Cougars—Lucas Reckin, Jacey Brunner, AJ Bauer, and Lucas Manor
3rd Place: Temperance Tigers—Jayden Brunner, Cooper Richardson, and Kayna Sabelko
4th Place: Temperate Tacos—Lucy Hoyt, Sam Tulip, Nicholas Wood, and Eli Fedie

K-8 Art Fair and Open House
When: Thursday, April 8th
Time: 5:00 - 6:30pm
Where: Noah's Ark and Grades 4-8 Assumption Catholic School – Durand
Grade K-3 Assumption Catholic School - Lima
Save the date! Spread the word! Share with families who may be looking to experience the "Catholic School Difference." More information to come soon.

Parish News & Notes

In Memory
Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends of **Margaret M. Bechel**, who passed away on Monday, March 1, 2021, and **Casper Bechel**, who passed away on Sunday, March 7, 2021. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Monday, March 8, 2021 for Margaret and Friday, March 12, 2021 for Casper.

May Casper & Margaret, and all the faithful departed
Rest in peace. Amen.

Mass Reservations As we must continue to limit capacity, please continue to call to make reservations to attend Mass. For 4:00pm Saturday at St. Mary's, contact Jan Spindler at 715-279-0474. For 8:00am Sunday at Holy Rosary, contact Patty Bauer at 715-672-5359. For 10:30am at Sacred Heart, call or text Helen Danzinger by 8:00pm Saturday at 715-514-7977.

Lenten Service
Our last Lenten service will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2020 at 7:00pm at St. Mary's. The service will be like the last two, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with individual confessions. If you were unable to make it to any of our three services, Father is available to hear confessions by appointment. Please call the Central Office to make arrangements.

Signs & Symbols of the Church Have you ever noticed some of the imagery in the décor of our churches? From the stained glass windows, to the murals on the walls, to the letters above the crucifix; all of these have special meanings. Father Emmanuel will explain the significance of these, and many other images that you might not have even noticed or thought had meaning behind them. Come to his Lenten presentation, "Signs and Symbols of the Church" at 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 24th at St. Mary's Church in Durand. This presentation will also live streamed to our Facebook and YouTube pages as well.

Contacts to Remember

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Homebound
Dorothy Prissel 715-672-8718

Prayer Line
To include a name to our prayer list please contact:
Elaine Sabelko 715-672-5848 (Lima)
Bernice Fedie 715-926-3357 (Mondovi)
Pam Baier 715-672-8345 (Durand)

Bulletin Announcements
bulletineditor@nelson-tel.net
Deadline Mondays at noon unless otherwise stated in the bulletin.

Readings for the week of March 14, 2021

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
Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/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 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 ©LPi

Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadlines
With the upcoming Easter holiday, we will have a few early bulletin deadlines.

Bulletin	Deadline
March 28	Friday, March 19
April 4	Thursday, March 25
April 11	Wednesday, March 31

Please submit any announcements by noon on deadline day to bulletineditor@nelson-tel.net.

40 Hours Adoration will be held at Holy Rosary, Lima beginning on Sunday, March 28 at 4:00pm and ending with Mass on Tuesday, March 30th at 8:00am. Everyone is invited to come. If you are able to sign up for at least one hour, that would be greatly appreciated. Watch our Facebook pages or next week's bulletin for sign-up details.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Lima Fish Supper Schedule

Only 2 left!

Serving 4:30—7:30pm
March 19, 26

$10 meal includes baked or fried fish, potato salad, coleslaw, bag of chips, tartar sauce.

Drive-through only!
(Exact change appreciated)

Enthronement of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus & Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be held at Round Hill on Sunday, March 21 beginning at 4:00pm with a Rosary for families and traditional marriage. Enthronement and Consecration at 5:00pm by Father Joachim mary Mudd from the Shrine in La Crosse.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021
7:00pm—Holy Rosary
Adoration for 1 hour after Mass

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021
8:30am—Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's
1:00pm—Holy Rosary

EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 3, 2021
8:30pm—Holy Rosary

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021
7:00am—St. Mary's
9:00am—Holy Rosary
11:00am—Sacred Heart

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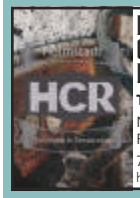
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