

3rd Sunday of Lent/ March 7, 2021

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MASS TIMES

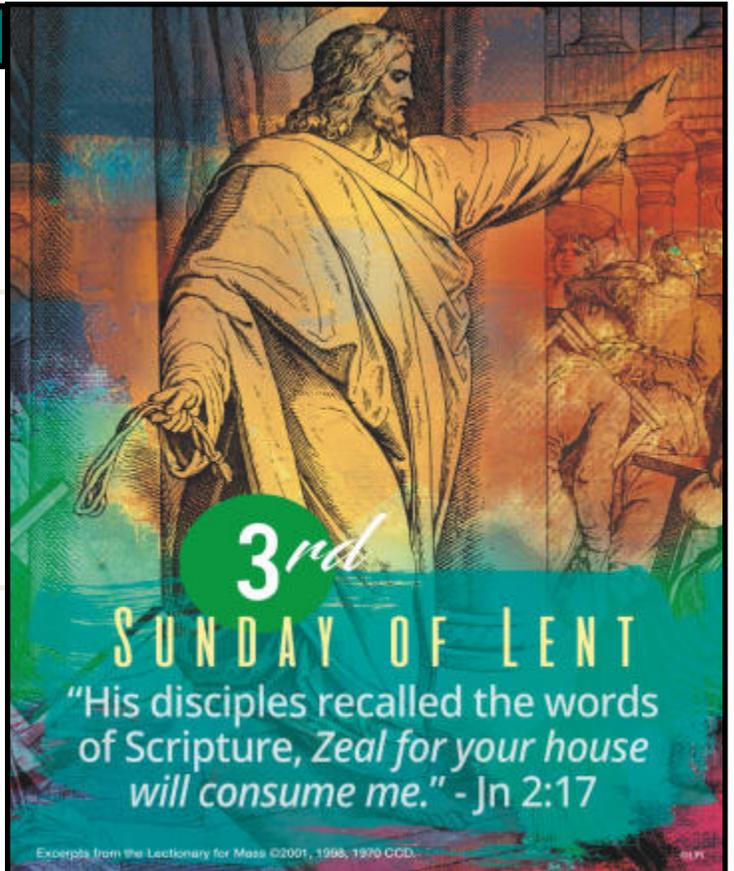
Saturday: 4:00pm Ramona
Sunday: 9:00am Howard
11:00am Epiphany
Daily Mass: See Inside
Holy Day Mass times: TBA

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
2:00-3:00pm Howard
Before Mass in Epiphany.
Before Mass in Ramona.
Also, by appointment.

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Bulletin Deadline: Monday at 3pm



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

With our world in such constant turmoil and conflict, it makes such good sense to return to the simple directives given in the Ten Commandments. God's unassuming guidelines provide the perfect recipe for ordering our relationships with God, others, and even ourselves. But yet, we are so quick to glance beyond them and even remove them from public view because we foolishly believe we can create something better. Arrogance runs far deeper in the members of our society than we can ever imagine. Lent is a perfect time to call ourselves back to our foundations and the basic relationships that comprise our lives. It is also a time to remember that Jesus is the true sign of God's presence. Everything he says and does, including his suffering and death, is a sign of the God who sent him. The anger we witness when Jesus exhorts those in the temple to stop making his Father's house a marketplace can equally be seen in his anger and frustration over humanity's constant mission to turn God's creation into a secular world. We have a lot of work to do for sure. ©LPi

SACRAMENTS

Engaged?

Call at least six months before the wedding date regarding marriage instructions.

New parents or expecting?

Call for pre-baptism class and to schedule a baptism.

Going in for surgery or for a procedure?

Call so I can give you the Sacrament of the Sick.

Cemetery Questions?

In Howard, contact Tim or Karla Neises at 772-4832.
In Epiphany contact Joe Zens at 523-2644.
In Ramona contact Tammy Lembcke at 482-8652.



Fr. Murtha's Musings:

I spoke in last weekend's musings about one of the things deeply impressed upon me as a child – praying for the souls in Purgatory. Attending church for praying **The Stations of the Cross** was a Lenten practice our family regularly would do. Applying the indulgences gained for praying the Way of the Cross is a great way to ease the suffering of the souls in Purgatory. Another Lenten practice that was part of my childhood was to fill up the donation cards for **Catholic Relief Services (CRS): Operation Rice Bowl**. I don't remember if I actually ever filled one of the cards but I sure appreciated having the opportunity! At some point in time those cards with slots for coins became the Rice Bowl format we are familiar with today. In my musings this weekend I want to promote **CRS Rice Bowl**. The online address I share with you here offers some really great brief (3 minute or so) videos that I think kids would enjoy watching and hearing and they provide good information for adults as well. See crsrice-bowl.org/videos. I pasted in my musings here the texts from the initial screen.

“Welcome to CRS Rice Bowl 2021! We are so happy you're joining us on this Lenten journey to three countries, where we'll learn how to help others through CRS Rice Bowl. When you donate to CRS Rice Bowl, you share your life and your abundance with our global family in need. Your generosity puts nutritious food on their tables and helps them lead healthy lives and reach their God-given potential!

Lord, when did we see you? —Matthew 25:38

“Matthew's Gospel invites us to remember that we are responsible for helping all our sisters and brothers, even those who are strangers to us. When we do this, we care for Christ.

“The season of Lent gives us a wonderful opportunity to reflect and make room in our hearts to welcome the stranger. Through our prayer, we encounter Jesus, who is present in the face of every member of our human family. When we fast, we encounter the obstacles that stop us from fully loving God and our neighbor. When we give alms, we share what we have with others.

“This Lent CRS Rice Bowl takes us to three countries—Madagascar, El Salvador and Timor-Leste. Hunger and malnutrition, which happens when we don't get the right amount of nutrients, are challenges that too many families face each day. One out of every 10 people worldwide doesn't have enough to eat. Sometimes this is caused by natural disasters like floods and droughts. Other times, families don't have enough money to buy the food they need, or the food they can get doesn't have all the vitamins and minerals they need to stay healthy.

“CRS helps communities find solutions to each of these problems. Farming families learn new skills and grow stronger, healthier harvests. Communities train health care workers so children can get regular check-ups and parents can learn new nutritious recipes to make sure their families get a balanced diet. People in vulnerable areas prepare for unpredictable weather that could destroy crops.

“Jesus calls us to help those in need. Our Lenten prayers, fasting and sacrificial gifts help us answer this call.

Check out the videos if you can and have a blessed week!



CHANGE IN MASS TIMES TAKING EFFECT!

With **Daylight Savings Time** coming into play on Sunday, beginning on Sunday, March 14 the Mass time in Howard at St. Agatha will be **10:30 am**; the Mass time in Epiphany will be **8:30 am**. The time for Mass at St. William in Ramona will be at 4:00 pm on the 13th, **but will move to 5:00 pm for Saturday, March 20 and thereafter.**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation was celebrated for the first time with two of our young people in second grade this past week – Brock Connor, child of Danny and Stephanie, and **Tucker Pardy**, child of Patrick and Tracy. The kids will make First Holy Communion after Easter! God bless you both! – You guys are great!

Just a reminder – I will hear Confessions after the Stations and the Mass at parishes during the week.

Masses at Good Samaritan Nursing Home – Howard: It has been requested that I have Mass at the nursing home only twice a month rather than weekly. At this point I will schedule Masses there then on the third and fourth Wednesdays of the month. As for Masses at **Whispering Winds**, the start date to begin there is in the works yet.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat –April 30-May 2, 2021-Strictly Confidential. A safe, loving, non-judgmental environment. Open to *men, women, mothers, fathers, grandparents* who have been affected by abortion. Non-denominational. Sponsored by Catholic Family Services. For more information, call 605-988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 or email cfs@sfcatholic.org.

Join with other adults in our diocese seeking to deepen their prayer life, strengthen their faith, and discover the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit. **Spiritual Impact Bootcamp Retreat, March 26-28.** Find all the info at www.sfcatholic.org/adultformation/sib.

Registrations are open for the 'Spiritus' Going Deeper Retreat April 9-11 at the Abbey of the Hills.

Find all the info at www.sfcatholic.org/youth.



Ministry Schedule- March 13 & 14

4:00pm—Ramona
 Lector: Brenda Lembcke
 EM: Doug Riedel
 Server: Brian Sechser
 Offertory: Mary Meehan & Nancy Dinges
 Usher: Jared Riedel & Joe Riedel

9:00am—Howard
 Lector: Connie Ruml & Emily Martian
 EM: Jill Calmus & Lisa Walter
 Servers: Keegan, Kayleigh & Aiden Schwader
 Greeters/Off./Bulletins: P. & K. Halverson Family
 Rosary: M. & C. Connor
 Music: Emma & Angie Neises

11:00am—Epiphany
 Lector: Jerry Kampshoff
 EM: Kelli Endorf
 Servers: Carter & Conner Endorf
 Offertory:
 Usher:
 Rosary: Denis & Evie Wingen
 Music: Pat Koepsell & Rene' Koepsell

Mass Intentions for March 8-14

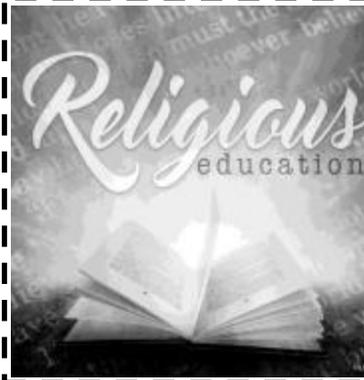
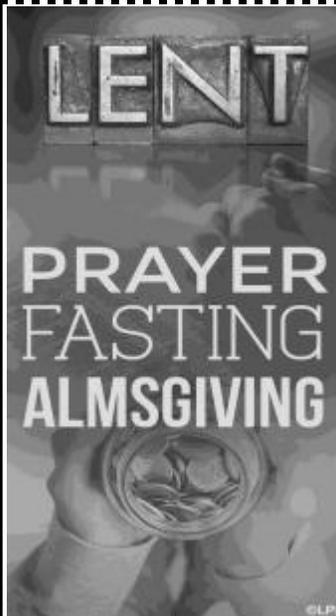
Mon. 3/8 6pm R Stations 6:30pm Mass Special Intentions
 Tues. 3/9 5:30pm H Stations 6pm Mass dLeon Calmus
 Wed. 3/10 10am H Ralph Buthe
 Thurs. 3/11 8am H dMoore Families
 6pm E Stations 6:30pm Mass
 For Peace of Mind
 Fri. 3/12 10am H For World Peace
 Sat. 3/13 9am H Mass followed by Bible Study
 dJoan Spader
 4:00pm R dFrancis & Margaret Schnell
 Sun. 3/14 8:30am E For Parishioners
 10:30am H For the health of Greg Klinkhammer

Weekend Support for
 February 27 & 28

4:00pm Ramona
 Reg: \$250
 Loose: \$81
 Total: \$331

9:00am Howard
 Reg: \$1,965
 Loose: \$20
 Total: \$1,985

11:00am Epiphany
 Reg: \$410
 Loose: \$55
 Total: \$465



Parents & Students
 Please work on
CCD Lesson 23 in
your workbooks this
week. Complete
the Review and
hand in to Father
Murtha - Thanks!

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Paul reminded the Corinthians, "We proclaim Christ crucified." Christ's weakness is stronger than any human strength. The power of the cross is greater than anything the world or evil has to combat it. The Lenten season is one of repentance, self-denial, almsgiving, and prayer. Many in our modern world do not see any wisdom in denying themselves anything. Those swept away in a consumer culture want more and they want it faster, bigger, and better. They also are looking for easy and quick satisfaction, unwilling to wait long. Paul speaks of the "foolishness of God" and how it is wiser than any human wisdom. Lent is a time to put aside that which we feel and think as humans and put on the attitude of Christ. The cross of Christ is neither easy nor fleeting, and it will ask us to deny our very selves for him. To the human mind it makes no sense. However, by putting on Christ and seeing with his eyes, we see reality with clarity. Our sacrifice can lead to riches that only a "foolish" man would covet. But it is exactly there that we are satisfied and fulfilled.

PASSOVER	WENT UP	SHEEP
DOVES	HE MADE	A WHIP
OF CORDS	DROVE	TEMPLE
COINS	MONEY	CHANGERS
WHO SOLD	HOUSE	MARKET
CONSUME ME	SIGN	SHOW US
DESTROY	RAISE	SPOKEN

DROVE OUT

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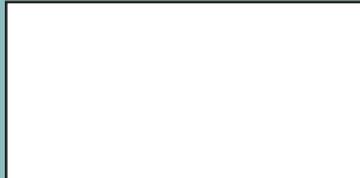
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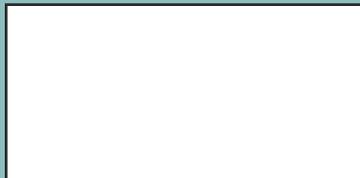
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