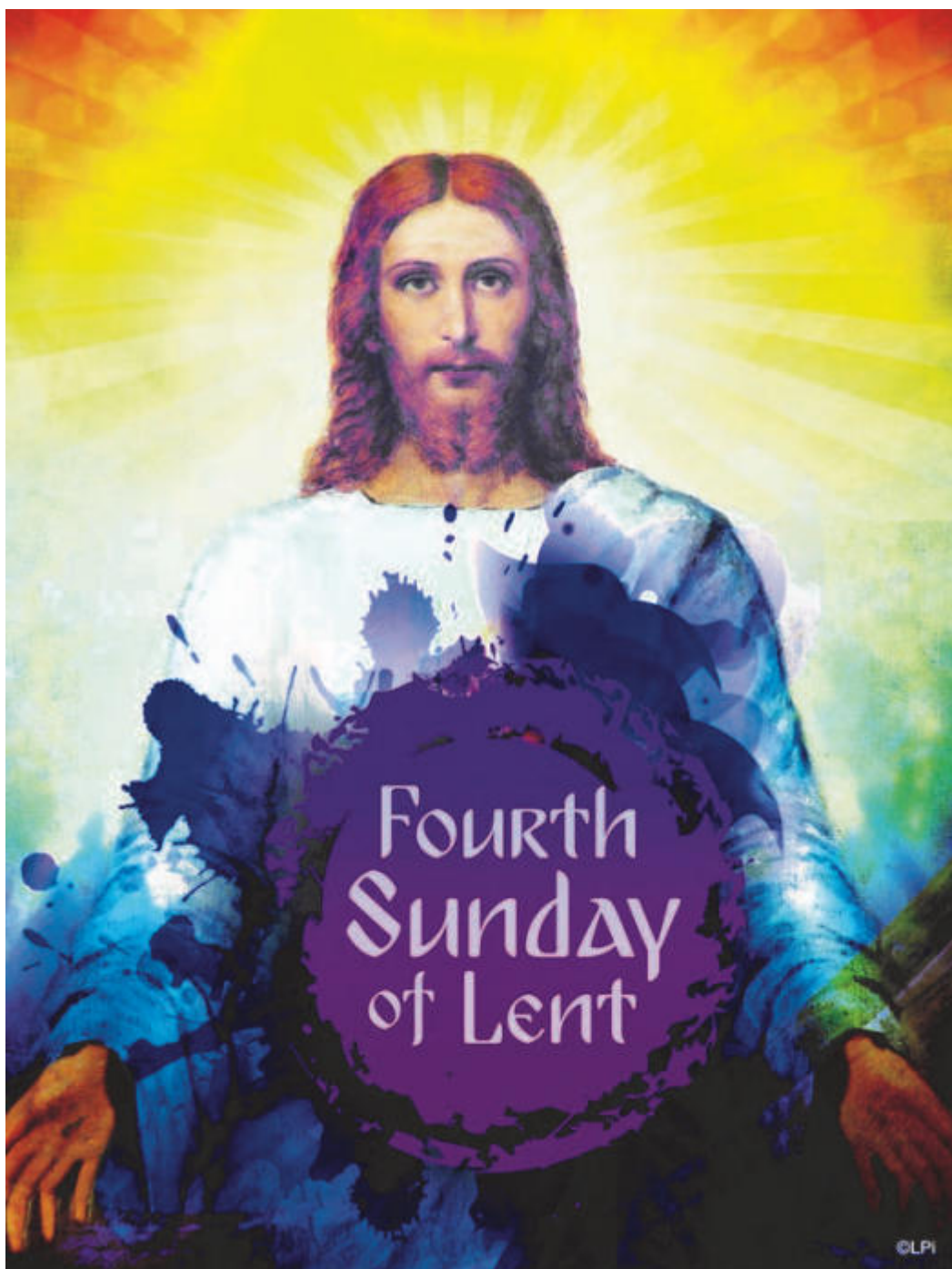


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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS

MONDAY	9:00 AM	ST. PIUS
TUESDAY	9:00 AM	ST. JAMES
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	ST. PIUS
THURSDAY	11:00 AM	ST. STEPHEN
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	ST. PIUS
SATURDAY	10:00 AM	ST. PIUS

WEEKENDS

SATURDAY	4:00 PM	ST. PIUS
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	ST. PIUS
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	ST. PIUS
SUNDAY	11:15 AM	ST. STEPHEN

RECONCILIATION

MON, TUES, WEDS, FRI	AFTER 9:00 MASS	
THURSDAY	10:00 AM	ST. STEPHEN
SATURDAY	9:00 AM AND 3:00 PM	ST. PIUS



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**2020 contribution statements
are available by request.
Please contact the parish office
or call 728-2278. Thank you.**

DAILY READINGS

Mon: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tues: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Weds: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thurs: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Fri: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 15:

9:00 am Mass Gayle Hunt Requested by Walt and Kay Seitz

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17:

9:00 am Mass Vern and Irma Study Requested by Karol

FRIDAY, MARCH 19:

9:00 am Mass Michael Kolena (Requested by Family)
5:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, MARCH 20:

10:00 am Mass Parishioners of St. Pius and Visitors
4:00 pm Mass Parishioners of St. Pius and Visitors

SUNDAY, MARCH 21:

8:00 am Mass Peter Wilinski
9:30 am Mass Wayne Magnan Requested by Deacon Brent and Natalie Hemker

AROUND ST. PIUS



STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. PIUS

5:00 pm every Friday during Lent

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

March 25 at 5:30 at St. Pius

ATTENTION LECTORS: Please let Deacon Brent know when you will NOT be available April through the end of June. Also, please let him know if you would like to volunteer to read during Holy Week (including the Easter Vigil). He can be reached via phone or email deaconbrenth@gmail.com. A schedule will be forthcoming. Thank you!



EASTER FLOWER Envelopes are in your offering box (February 28). Please print the name of the person(s) you wish to remember along with your name and return to the parish office by March 29. Names will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

Awake, O Sleeper!

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give.

I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

STAY INFORMED!

As we continue to strive to keep our parishioners informed and up-to-date during this time of Covid-19 and beyond, we encourage our parishioners to submit their email addresses. In order to assist in communications, please email your name, parish, and email address to deaconbrenth@gmail.com. Thank you!

Council of Catholic Women

An updated directive came in from Gaylord that we can have a meeting with no more than 25 members.

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, and, as a member of our parish, you are automatically a member of our organization.

For lunch, please bring a bag lunch for yourself. We will sign in, wear masks, and the tables have been set up for social distancing.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me.

Chris Nuttall, 989-257-2331

Knights of Columbus

Depending on restrictions, the Knights meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. There is an officers meeting preceding at 6:30 pm.



Marion Ratelle,
Walt Seitz, Barb

Stayer, Mary Cmach, Pat Rose, Debbie Van Hevele, Jan Gabriel, Joy Kozak, Neil Hamilton, Doris Dear, Andy Higgins, Sally Jordan, Stella Myers, Bob Pero, Dolores Ruth, and Edna Schumacher.

SPECIAL PERSON

(Thinking of You)

Barb Stayer
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Food Pantry

Thank you for your generous donations! Five families were served this week. We are in need of paper products, toilet paper, and dish soap. Donations can be dropped off at the parish on weekends or Wednesday mornings.



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Stewardship Reflections

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...” - JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of his own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but he does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

Stewardship by the Book

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to his message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

Vocation View

Jesus told Nicodemus that when we find our calling in life, we are reborn. We really become a new person, fired with a new love, aimed in a new direction with purpose and love. Listen to Jesus' voice. Let Jesus challenge you.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

9:00 AM Mass at St. James †Rush Limbaugh requested by Barb Darlington

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

8:00 AM Mass at St. Pius †Peter Wilinski



Please pray for the sick and suffering members of our parish community and their families:

Frank West, Anita Bochy, Theresa Beaver, Eric Dober, Tamarah Simpson, Leona Morrison, Stella Koehn, Bill & Lois Clement, Lillian Smith, Ron Dober, Mike Rouech, Dianne Walter, Alvera Hinkley, Joan Jordan, Dorothy Alejski and Richard Densmore.

May they feel the healing touch of Jesus.

Our Sincere Sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Gerry Jordan. Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him, O Lord.

Pray for Priests Every Day

Rev. Matthew Wigton, Rev. Ruben Munoz, Rev. Joseph Muszkiewicz, Rev. Robert W. Nalley, Rev. Bradley Nursey, Rev. Gerald Okoli and Pope Francis.

Stations of the Cross 5:00 p.m. every Friday during Lent at St. Pius in Hale.

Contribution Statements for 2020 are available by request.

Family Perspective

Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark." Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to take action. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the lights."

Smile!

One Sunday, a State Police officer saw a car puttering along at 22 MPH so he pulled the driver over. He noticed that there were 5 older ladies in the car, wide-eyed and white as ghosts. The driver said, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit. What seems to be the problem?" "Ma'am," the officer said, "You weren't speeding but going slower than the speed limit can also be dangerous." "Slower? No sir, I was doing exactly 22 miles per hour, the lady replied. The officer explained that 22 was the route number no the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked him. "But, Ma'am, I have to ask, is everyone in the car OK? These women seen awfully shaken," the officer said. "Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Route 119."



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

THURSDAY, MARCH 18TH

10:15 am Rosary in the Church.
11:00 am Mass for Joyce Valliere

SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST

10:30 am Rosary in the Chapel
11:15 am Mass for Lily Hajj By Jesse and Sylvia Sabo and family.



ST. STEPHEN PARISHIONERS

Sick: Steve and Nancy Baranyai, Gail Stephenson, Tammy Buchoz, Sharon Finerty, Barb Dolata, Joyce Valliere, Barb Pillsbury and Dawn Szymanski.

Names will be dropped after 30 days unless terminally ill or a new request for illness or injury has been made.

Home Bound: Kate Stohon, Mary Cunningham, and Richard Preston.

In order to be fully immersed in the Lenten experience, the Church gives us 3 extraordinary ways to draw closer into this mystery: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Prayer is conversation with God and essential for Almsgiving and Fasting.

Fasting and Abstinence are old traditions in Judeo-Christian history and early Lenten practices. Found in the Scriptures, they all offer us a way of growing closer to God.

Confessions are Thursday's before Mass starting at 10 A.M. until 10:45 A.M.

We still have Mass intentions and candles available.
See Barb if you are interested.

If you are still looking to get the vaccine shot(s) Barb has a few phone numbers you can call.

C.C.W. NEWS

2021 dues of \$10 are due anytime from now until May 31st for all women of the parish. Please do not wait until the last minute.

Once again we will be having a rummage sale to raise funds. You can bring in donations at any time during the week when the office is open or call and make an appointment. Details on date, time and place to follow. What a great reason to begin that spring cleaning!!

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