

**Saint Christina Parish of Turner County**

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**Sunday, March 6, 2022**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**The Mass is at the center of our life as Catholics. There is no greater moment that sums up our faith than the event of the Mass. The Eucharistic celebration is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. This is true, and yet, for many of us (even life-long Catholics) we do not always understand the Mass. We might wonder why it is the same structure week after week with very little variation. We might wonder if any of this is connected to Scripture or if the Church simply made all this up. We might wonder why the priest or people does certain gestures or says certain words during the Mass. As familiar as the Mass is for us, it can still be confusing. Given this reality, I will be using my bulletin articles during this season of Lent to do a deeper dive into the different parts of the Mass.**

**Lent is meant to help prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus. The Paschal Mystery refers to his suffering, death, resurrection. It is the climax and culmination of the life of Jesus on this Earth. The wonderful truth is that we are made present to the Paschal Mystery at every single Mass. But we are not made present as passive observers, as if we were watching a movie. Rather, we are made present as active participants. We do not simply witness the death and resurrection of Jesus at Mass, instead, we are transformed by them.**

**What we celebrate as Catholics in the Mass was given to us by Jesus Christ. He celebrated the first Mass the night before he died. I'll leave you with the text of that first Mass to pray with as we begin this Lenten Journey.**

*While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. — Matthew 26:26-30*

**Fr. Tyler**

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**WEEKLY MASSES— St. Christina**

**Sunday, March 6th**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**Holy Mass 11:00AM**

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**Tuesday, March 8th**

**Confessions: 5:00PM**

**Holy Mass: 6:00PM**

**Int: +Maurice & Georgie Christensen**

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**Thursday, March 10th**

**Holy Mass: 8:00AM**

**Int: +Kay Johnson**

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**Friday, March 11th**

**5:30PM**

**“Stations of the Cross”**

**and**

**Soup Supper in Parish Hall**

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**Sunday, March 13th**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Holy Mass 11:00AM**

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## **First Sunday of Lent**

**Bud Ozar**

Jesus “was led by the Spirit in the wilderness.”  
What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your “wilderness” with God work. Where is the Spirit leading you this Lent?

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## **St. Christina Church Support: Deposited**

**Monday, February 28th, 2022:**

**39 Env. Reg. Giving \$1939.00; Loose Giving \$39.00;  
Candles \$2.00.**

**Thank You for your Generous Treasure.**

**Please, make CFSA checks payable to: St. Christina.**

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## **Calendar Of Events:**

**Religious Ed Classes on Wednesday, Evenings 6:30pm**

**\*\*Youth Group class: March 16th, Wed. Evening 7PM  
in the St. Christina Parish Hall.**

**Questions contact: [katie@stnicholastea.org](mailto:katie@stnicholastea.org)**

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**++`Stations of the Cross` Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> --5:30PM  
Soup Supper in Parish Hall**

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**\*St. Christina --The Banquet: Wednesday, March 23rd.  
The Banquet: Wednesday, April 6th.**

**Sign-up sheets on the back table for Supplies.**

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**“Stations of the Cross” will be at St. Christina’s  
every Friday at 5:30PM.**

**A sign-up sheet is on the back table, if you are  
able to assist in any way, please let us know, call the  
Parish Office. 297-4983.**