



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

March 2nd & 3rd

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8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - MIGHTY MOUTH

"Praise no man before he speaks, for it is then that men are tested." —Sirach 27:7

When we open our mouths and speak, we open our inner selves and reveal publicly: our "heart's abundance" (Lk 6:45), our faults and sins (Sir 27:4), and the bent of our minds (Sir 27:6).

Therefore, be "slow to speak" (Jas 1:19), don't talk too much (Prv 10:19), and "let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, or fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear" (Eph 4:29, RSV).

"All of us fall short in many respects. If a person is without fault in speech he is a man in the fullest sense, because he can control his entire body" (Jas 3:2). This Lent, let Jesus be Lord of your mouth, the Holy Spirit purify your tongue, and the Father be glorified by your every word. Prayer: Father, I will open my mouth for You to fill it (see Ps 81:11).

*According to the 1983 Code of Canon Law for the Latin Church, Latin Church Catholics are bound to observe fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday. Catholics who are 18 year old and up, until their 59th birthday (when you begin your 60th year), are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics who are 14 years old and older are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. In general, when you have a medical condition of some kind, or you are pregnant, etc., these requirements can be relaxed.

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
 Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
 Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
 Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
 Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
 Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
 First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
 MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.

COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Sunday, Mar 03 - 8.30 a.m. + Matt & Eva Britten Family By Alice Kuehler

Monday, Mar 04 -7:30 a.m. + Matt & Eva Britten Family By Alice Kuehler

Wednesday, Mar 06 - **7:30am and 7:30pm Ash Wednesday**

Thursday, Mar 07 - 7:30a.m. + Matt & Eva Britten Family By Alice Kuehler

Friday, Mar 08 - 7:30a.m. +Curtis Downs By Charleen Weller

Saturday, Mar 09 - 5:30p.m. +Curtis Downs By Charleen Weller

Church Cleaning for March

Neysa Friemel, Julie Friemel, Jessica Britten, Carolyn Brooks, Joannie Kling, Jan Britten, Tonda Torres, Laura Kuehler, Barbara Homer, Doris Homer, Kathleen Barkley, Adela Kotara, Melanie Hinson, and Karen Brown

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Schellon Major, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Alan Acker, Dale Brooks, Shirley Burgin, Matthew Gary Britten, Johnny Brumley, Karen Berry, Doris Britten, Dylan Stafford, Lynita Brown and Phillip Ollinger

Family Chalice Program

March 2/3 Mike and Marla Britten
 March 9/10 Rita and Mike Lister
 March 16/17 Kay and Cobb Britten

Birthdays & Anniversaries

A-March 3rd Tony & Waymth Britten
 March 4th JoAnn Britten, Mike Conrad & Sadie Vincent
 March 5th Donald Burgin
 March 8th Grant Weinheimer

Stewardship Reports

02/24/19

Individual	\$1,365.00
Loose	\$ 411.00
Children	\$ 5.00
Total	\$1,781.00

02/24/19 Building Fund

Individual & Total	\$ 600.00
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02/24/19 Groom Catholic Church Charity Fund

Individual	\$ 55.00
Loose	\$ 259.20
Total	\$ 314.20

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Mar 2nd, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Kacie and Saffron

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea & Kevion Brown

Sunday, Mar 3rd, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Owen and Hugh

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Sandie Hickey and Susan Britten

Saturday, Mar 9th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Damon and Stephen

Lectors: RonKuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten & Kevin Brown

Sunday, Mar 10th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Ali and Madison

Lectors: TYM

Extraor. Com. Minister: Barbara Homer, Joannie Kling, & Tabitha Eggemeyer

Saturday, Mar 16th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Phineas and Trace

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea & John Connelly

Sunday, Mar 17th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Kate and Carrigan

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler, Sandie Hickey, & Susan Britten

Saturday, Mar 23rd, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Derek and Ryan

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown & John Connelly

Sunday, Mar 24th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Owen and Hugh

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Barbara Homer & Joannie Kling

Announcements:

Second Collection:

Mar 6th Ash Wednesday

Christian Mothers Meetings:

Mar 11th in the Parish Hall @ 6:30

Following Mass Sunday will be a healing service.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the 7:30p Ash Wednesday Mass. Please sign up in the south foyer for adoration times.

We are having a Lenten retreat at Groom on March 16th. We will be starting with a potluck at 12. The sisters from prayer town will be giving the retreat and will end on Saturday with adoration before Mass. Please come show your support and love for the Sisters from prayer town. They always do such an amazing job and what better time than during Lent to get a little closer to God. If you have any questions you please call Tabitha at 806-651-9176

***St. Mary's in Clarendon is having a fish fry Friday Mar. 8 and Mar 22. Each night will start at 5:30 and serve until 7:30. We will serve Fish, french fries, beans, cole slaw, hush puppies and dessert for \$12.00 a plate for adults and \$5.00 for kids.**

Announcements:

*Wednesday, March 6 is Ash Wednesday – Mass at 7:30 am and 7:30pm.

*Why do we say the Stations of the Cross? The Stations of the Cross are an ancient form of prayer that has taken on new meaning for Catholics of all ages today. They are rooted in the Holy Land, where early Christians followed Jesus' path to Calvary, stopping at various points to pray and meditate. Some say Mary started the practice but there is no documented proof of this. At the time Christianity spread to other parts of the world, however, it was difficult and often impossible for many Christians to travel very far from their homes, much less to Jerusalem. In the 16th century, when the Turks had control of Jerusalem, pilgrims to the Holy Land were prohibited from stopping and praying along the Via Dolorosa (way of sorrows), as the path was by then named. These events sparked a desire among European Christians for replicas of Jerusalem's shrines to be built in their land. As early as the 5th century, a group of connected chapels representing the more important shrines of Jerusalem was constructed at the monastery of San Stefano in Bologna, Italy. There was, however, no set devotion or prayer connected with them. The earliest use of the term "Stations" in connection with the devotion associated with Christ's passion occurs in the writings of an English pilgrim, William Wey, who visited the Holy Land in the mid-1400s. The first step in the development of the Stations of the Cross, however, did not occur until 1520, when Pope Leo X granted an indulgence of 100 days for those who prayed the Stations, following a set of sculptured Stations, representing the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, in the cemetery of the Franciscan Friary at Antwerp, Belgium. Similar replicas were built in other European cities and devotional writers soon began developing prayers to be said at each Station. The Franciscans also initiated the practice of displaying the Stations in their churches. In 1686, Pope Innocent XI granted them permission to do so and attached indulgences to be gained by those making the Way of the Cross in Franciscan churches. By 1742, Pope Benedict XIV urged all churches to have the Stations. Most of the early Stations of the Cross consisted of seven Stations. It was not until 1731 that Pope Clement XII established the 14 Stations of the Cross as we know them today. The Stations of the Cross now can be found on the walls of Catholic churches. Although the number of Stations remains officially at 14, some churches have added a 15th for the Resurrection. Representing aspects of Jesus' passion and death, the Stations of the Cross offer a basic structure to use for prayer and meditation on the suffering Jesus endured and the sacrifice He made to open the doors of eternal life to all of us. They are appropriate for both group and private prayer. Prior to Vatican II, prayer booklets commonly used to pray the Stations of the Cross emphasized worshipers' sinfulness and need for reparation. Many of the hundreds of different versions--including some specifically for children--available today in booklets, prayer books, and on the Internet, help worshipers identify the suffering Christ with the suffering and sacrifices in their own lives and in the world. The Stations of the Cross continue to be a favorite form of group prayer for Lent but there is also growing interest in using them for private meditation throughout the year.

CCD Schedule for the upcoming months.

Wednesday March 6th Ash Wednesday CCD classes at 6pm followed by Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm. We will be saying Stations of the cross on Wednesday Evenings during Lent at 6pm and there will not be Mass on those nights. CCD classes will Follow.

Spring Break March 10-16 NO CCD

Parish Reconciliation April 3. CCD classes at 6pm followed by reconciliation at 7.

No CCD class Wednesday April 17 Holy Week.

Last day of CCD and party Wednesday May 1.

First Communion: Sunday May 5 at 8:30 am Mass. Reception after Mass.

Confirmation: Sunday May 12 at 8:30am Mass. TYM Mother's Day Breakfast after Mass and reception for Confirmation kids.

Senior Sunday: May 19 at 8:30am Mass. Reception after Mass.