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Week of
March 22, 2020

Today is the
 Fourth Sunday
 of Lent.

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. **Sunday:** 7:00 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

~ PASTORAL CARE INFORMATION ~

Sacrament of Baptism: If you are in need of a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office at (979) 543-6985.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples planning marriage should contact the Parish Office six months prior to the desired date at (979) 543-6985.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound: If a family member is sick and would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office at (979) 543-6985.

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. John's Church. Please fill out our census form located at the main entrance and return to the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions for this Week:

Monday, 03/23	No Mass	
Tuesday, 03/24	7:00 a.m.	Loraine Livanec †
Wednesday, 03/25	7:00 a.m.	Shirley Sablatura †
Thursday, 03/26	7:00 a.m.	Raymond Baca †
Friday, 03/27	7:00 a.m.	Edwin Zapalac †
Saturday, 03/28	4:00 p.m.	Albert Kubala †
Sunday, 03/29	7:00 a.m.	Parish Family Alice Supak †
	8:30 a.m.	Lawrence Treybig, Sr. †

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Luc Marcaurele, Jackson Merck, Simone Riha
Lector: Sandi Bystrek
Ushers: Donald Priesmeyer, Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers: Donald Priesmeyer, Cindy Priesmeyer
Rosary prayed before Mass.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Andrew Kresta, Lauren Kresta, Emily Kresta, Miranda Yackel
Lector: Susan Nohavitza
Ushers: Rodney Dluhos, Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers: Leroy Kaspar, Karen Kaspar
Rosary prayed before Mass.

Offertory Collection

Loose: \$854.00
 Envelopes: \$1899.00
 \$2753.00

Fourth Sunday of Lent

"Today we celebrate Laetare Sunday, named for the first word in the opening antiphon: 'Rejoice.' Lent can seem burdensome with its emphasis on penitence and sacrifice. But today we look with anticipation to its end in the Easter miracle. Jesus' resurrection is the light at the end of the tunnel. Let us give thanks for the light he gives to our lives." Pastoral Patterns

BULLETIN SPONSORS this week are Leroy & Karen Kaspar.

SANCTUARY LIGHT this week is for the Intentions of Leroy & Karen Kaspar.

STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA will be in the home of Karen Zapalac for the months of March & April.

CRUCIFIX AND PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS will be in the home of Robert & Connie Hlavaty for the months of March & April. Please pray for vocations.

PRAYER THIS WEEK: Loving Father, you call each of us by name and ask us to follow you. Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as priests, sisters, brothers and permanent deacons. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen. Serra International

MARCH ALTAR DECORATORS: Yvonne Marcaurele, Megan Riha, Sara Kresta, Josie Marcaurele, Roxann Smith, Tanya Bunge, Lori Heard, Jeraldine Socha, Josephine Rucka, Jane Kubala, Kathy Helterbride, Doris Priesmeyer and Tracy Braden. Your offering is due.

No CCD CLASSES on Wednesday.

No CHOIR PRACTICE on Wednesday.

ATTENTION SENIORS! Scholarship applications for the St. John's Games Party are available at the Parish Office or at www.ecisd.org. Applications are due in the Parish Office by April 1st.

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER AND SPRING FESTIVAL: A detailed report will be published later.

2019 REPORT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES AND FUND BALANCES will be published later.

ROSARY RALLY IN DEFENSE OF TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE has been postponed. It will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

Meditation for the Week

The Gospel of today tells us about the man whose eyes Jesus opened. This also teaches us more about the symbolism of the opening of the disciples' eyes of faith.

This man was blind by birth, and to heal him marked the beginning of a complete new life, a life where he can now see. He was also a beggar. The entire society looked down on him and considered him as an outsider or outcast.

Jesus saw him, had pity on him and cured him. It was Jesus' initiative to heal the man even before the man could make his request. Jesus freed him in many ways: First, physical healing; he was no longer an outsider to the community. Secondly, he was endowed with new dignity; third and lastly the man was spiritually open to God.

The saliva and the mud Jesus used draws our attention to how God created man and through Baptism we become children of God; a new creation in Jesus.

Do we learn something from this in our present situation? What is happening now in the world today is an opportunity to see who we are? How do we see the world now? How do we place ourselves in the world? What do I learn about my place in the world? What is the important thing in my life? Do I see clearly or through a prism or through other peoples' opinions. The coronavirus is not to be considered as a punishment from God. God can write straight with crooked lines, so take time to reflect on life, its meaning, how the individual lives in life and interact with others.

May the Lord God open our eyes to see the real meaning of life, heal everything that blocks us from accepting Him, God, and love one another as God loves us.