

March 7, 2021 – Third Sunday of Lent



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Unless noted, all daily Masses are at St. John Nepomucene in Pisek

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

03/06 – Saturday – Bechyne – **NO MASS**
 03/07 – Sunday – Lankin – **NO MASS**
 03/07 – Sunday – Pisek – **PRIVATE MASS ONLY** – pro populo (for the people)

MASS INTENTIONS – (March 8 – March 14)

03/08 – Monday – **PRIVATE MASS ONLY** – Fr. Lefor's Intention
 03/09 – Tuesday – **PRIVATE MASS ONLY** – † Barbara Jarolimek – Steve Jarolimek
 03/10 – Wednesday – **PRIVATE MASS ONLY** – † Patrick Cornman – Johnnie Johnson
 03/11 – Thursday – **PRIVATE MASS ONLY** – (L) Patrick Coles – Larry & Gayle Coles
 03/12 – Friday – **ADORATION – 7:00am – MASS – 8:00am** – † Marge Praska – Family of Marge
 03/13 – Saturday – Bechyne – **CONFESSION – 4:00pm / MASS – 5:00pm** – † Richard Balek – Joe & Patty Bata
 03/14 – Sunday – Lankin – **ADORATION – 7:00am / MASS – 8:30am** – † Diane McLaughlin – Jim & Joanie Miller

- **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS – SPRING FORWARD**

03/14 – Sunday – Pisek – **MASS – 10:30am** – pro populo (for the people)

While in quarantine, Fr. Lefor will be celebrating private Mass only this coming week. The regular Mass schedule will resume on Friday, March 12. Please pray for his speedy recovery.

Reconciliation – ½ hour before daily Mass; 1 hour before 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday; after 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass upon request; or, by appointment.

Adoration – 7:00 a.m. on each Friday – Pisek
 Before Sunday 10:30am Mass – Pisek during Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct & Dec
 Before Sunday 8:30am Mass – Lankin

Morning Prayer – Weekdays at 7:00 a.m.

Evening Prayer – Weekdays at 5:00 p.m.

Baptism – Please call 2 to 3 weeks prior to date requested for baptism.

Wedding – Contact pastor 6 months to 1 year in advance of anticipated date.

New to Parish – Please register at the parish office or call parish secretary, Sue (284-6060).

ST. JOHN'S STEWARDSHIP REPORT

No updated information available this week.

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the members of our Tri-parishes who are sick or hurt:

Kevin Zikmund, Rodney Bosh, Dennis Beneda, Susan Shirek, Paul Samson, Bennie Hodny, Marion Capouch, Cleo Novak, Pam Jallo, Polly Dusek, Paul Greicar, Lorraine Zikmund, Elinor Grabanski, Robert Gemmill, John Beneda, Hadler Ellingson, Charles Waechter

If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. After 4 weeks names will be removed unless resubmitted. Thank you.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

ST. JOSEPH – LITURGY HELPERS

March 14, 2021 – 8:30am	
Reader	Judy Bosh
Usher	Dennis B. & Albert H.
Clean	Vicki Pic

S.S. PETER & PAUL – LITURGY HELPERS

March 13, 2021 – 5:00pm	
Usher	John Shirek & Jerry Hodny
Clean	Kristi Kovarik & Pam Kovarik

FAITH FORMATION – ST. JOHN'S – PISEK

03/10/21	Grades 1 – 6	4:30pm
03/10/21	Junior High	4:30pm
03/10/21	Senior High	6:00pm

WEEKLY BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, EVENTS & SAINT of the DAY CALENDAR

03/07/21	03/08/21	03/09/21	03/10/21	03/11/21	03/12/21	03/13/21
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Third Lent</i>	St. John of God	St. Frances of Rome	St. John Ogilvie			
Sts. Perpetua and Felicity		*Deanery Meeting - Park River - 10:30 am	*Gr 1-6 FF-4:30 pm *Jr. High FF - 4:30pm *High School FF-6 pm		*Men's Prayer Breakfast - 5:30am *Stations of the Cross - Pisek - 6pm	*Pisek - First Reconciliation Parent Meeting - 10am

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S LITURGY

Jesus does not come to destroy the temple, but to fulfill it (see Matthew 5:17)—to reveal its true purpose in God's saving plan.

He is the Lord the prophets said would come—to purify the temple, banish the merchants, and make it a house of prayer for all peoples (see Zechariah 14:21; Malachi 3:1–5; Isaiah 56:7).

The God who made the heavens and the earth, who brought Israel out of slavery, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands (see Acts 7:48; 2 Samuel 7:5).

Nor does He need offerings of oxen, sheep, or doves (see Psalm 50:7–13).

Notice in today's First Reading that God did not originally command animal sacrifices—only that Israel heed His commandments (see Jeremiah 7:21–23; Amos 5:25).

His law was a gift of divine wisdom, as we sing in today's Psalm. It was a law of love (see Matthew 22:36–40), perfectly expressed in Christ's self-offering on the Cross (see John 15:13).

This is the "sign" Jesus offers in the Gospel today—the sign that caused Jewish leaders to stumble, as Paul tells us in the Epistle.

Jesus' body—destroyed on the Cross and raised up three days later—is the new and true sanctuary. From the temple of His body, rivers of living water flow, the Spirit of grace that makes each of us a temple (see 1 Corinthians 3:16) and together builds us into a dwelling place of God (see Ephesians 2:22).

In the Eucharist we participate in His offering of His body and blood. This is the worship in Spirit and in truth that the Father desires (see John 4:23–24).

We are to offer praise as our sacrifice (see Psalm 50:14, 23). This means imitating Christ—offering our bodies—all our intentions and actions in every circumstance, for the love of God and the love of others (see Hebrews 10:5–7; Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 2:5).

St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology ~ Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn ~ www.salvationhistory.com

OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TITHING & DONATIONS

Please remember to send in your weekly tithing to St. John's for all three parishes by using your regular weekly envelopes. Thank you!

Mail to:

St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church
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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - EXODUS 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting Rescheduled to Saturday, March 13 ~ 10am St. John's – Pisek

This first meeting is for parents only. Both Dad & Mom required attendance; no children in attendance.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

03/12/21	Pisek	6:00pm
03/19/21	Lankin	6:00pm
03/26/21	Bechyne	6:00pm

*"We adore you, O Christ,
and we bless you, because, by your holy
Cross you have redeemed the world."*

A Pro-life Lent

The traditional practice of "giving something up for Lent" is a practice of self-denial; our Lord said that to follow him, we must deny our very selves. It means we say No to ourselves and Yes to God and others. This reverses the pattern of sin, which says Yes to ourselves and No to God and others. In our culture, the most violent No to God and others is abortion. Over three thousand times every day in our nation, people say No to a little child so that they may say Yes to their fears or their plans. This Lent, as we practice self-denial, let's think of these children. Let's offer our sacrifices for them. May all say Yes to God and Yes to the unborn. For more ideas about how to foster respect for the unborn this Lent, visit <http://www.priestsforlife.org>.

FR. LEFOR'S LENTEN PODCAST SERIES

In the last few weeks, Jack Sharpe and Fr. Lefor have started recording talks on different themes from our Bethlehem spirituality. On each of the six Fridays in Lent, they will be posting an audio file "podcast" between 15 and 20 minutes long, on the Virgil Michel Center website (see link below). The title for the whole podcast is Practical Christianity: Christ in you, the Hope of Glory, and each conversational-style discussion focuses on a different spiritual principle.

This week's theme is: **Jesus Is King of the Universe**

Here is the link: <https://www.virgilmichelcenter.com/podcast>

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS TO SAINT JOSEPH

*Blessed Joseph,
you both saved and served the Word of God,
and the Living Bread come down from heaven.
Look down upon the priests of the Church,
which had its origins in the household
over which you presided,
and pray for them
that they, too, serve perseveringly
the people entrusted to their care.
May priests teach the people faithfully the Word of God,
and break for them daily the Bread of Life.
May they strengthen them in faith and in hope,
console them in hardship and disappointment;
and pray to your Jesus
to crown their service of him on earth
with eternal life with him
in the happiness of heaven for ever.
Amen.*

LENTEN MISSION St. John's Grafton Postponed – Will be Rescheduled

Here are a few options to view Mass online or on TV

Sunday Mass – Cathedral of St. Mary – Fargo <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCK0-KTuzbnUVsw-vJtxTPwg>

Live at 10am Sunday

May also be viewed later.

EWTN Daily Mass - 7am, 11am, 6pm, 11pm

Midco Channel 74

Polar Channel 121

DirectTV Channel 370

Dish Network Channel 261

Sunday Mass – Local Stations

10:30am – WDAY Channel 6, Fargo

10:30am – WDAZ Channel 8, Grand Forks