



Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY
MARCH 26
2023**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

M—TH: 9 am–12 pm & 1–3 pm

Friday—Closed

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4 pm

Sunday: 8 am and 11 am

Weekday Masses

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: NO MASS

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday 3:00 pm -
Confession

PARISH STAFF

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Fr. Richard Allen

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5th Sunday in



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2023

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

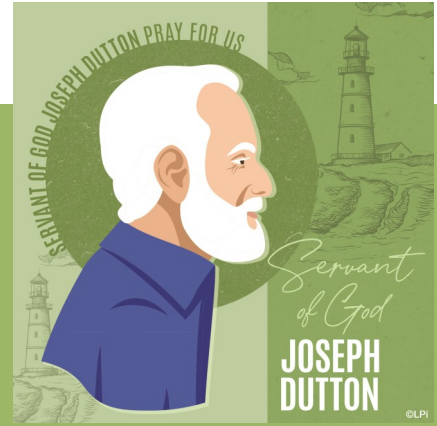
Saturday: April Fools' Day

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Though weighed down by grief, Martha rushes out to meet Jesus. She may not understand why he was absent upon the death of her brother, but her faithfulness is undeterred. In the hour of her heartbreak, she knows her only solace is in the embrace of the Lord.



Saint of the week

Servant of God Joseph Dutton served as a lay missionary alongside Saint Damian and Saint Marianne of Molokai. Upon his 40th birthday he converted to Catholicism, dedicated his life to service, and spent the rest of his days joyfully ministering inside a Hawaiian leper colony.

Prayer

Prayer for Servant of God Joseph Dutton's intercession

God our Father, by the grace of conversion you raised your servant, Joseph Dutton, from the darkness of war, and despair. Wounded by the shock of battle and chained by addiction, he searched for You and found Your abundant mercy.

In Joseph Dutton we see Your providence in his conversion from darkness to the light of the Gospel. May his total submission to Your purifying will encourage us on our own way of conversion. Hear our prayer now as we thank You for the gift of his life and the wonder of his witness. If it be for Your glory and the growth of Your Church in holiness, may he be counted among Your saints for all eternity.

Joseph Dutton, please intercede for us and present our requests to God through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

LIFE

"I am the resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in me, Even if he dies, will live."

John 11:25

WEEKLY PRAYER

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ez 37:14)

Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Ps 130)

Second Reading:

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you. (Rom 8:11)

Gospel:

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (Jn 11:25-26)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 26, 2023 / 5th Sunday of Lent

Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others.

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings

Offer it up. My grandmother used this phrase with her children, and my mother, in turn, used it with me. It's a kind of verbal heirloom, a gift of wisdom from a generation that knew suffering all too well.

We know it to be true that God will work through our suffering if we invite him to. We know it and we have seen it — we have only to look at Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary.

But, often, I invite God into my suffering only to tell Him where I want Him to stand. I make an offering of suffering but expect God to do something very specific with it. *Teach me this, please. Give me this specific grace. Show me this specific answer.*

The happy ending in today's Gospel is not the alleviation of the sorrow Martha and Mary feel because it isn't alleviated, Lazarus is still human, and death still awaits him. Someday, his sisters will have to mourn at his tomb. That loss and pain will not be avoided.

The happy ending is that he is resurrected *now*, and in doing so, brings so many to belief. The happy ending is that Martha and Mary do not abandon discipleship because things didn't work out exactly the way that they wanted. They run out to meet Christ, eyes dim with tears. They fling themselves into his company and onto his providence.

They made an offering of their suffering, and their happy ending is that their offering was accepted.

"You are not in the flesh, on the contrary, you are in the spirit." — Romans 8:9



VIDEO MASS 3/26	+Marie Rehak [Sister, Martha]
MON 3/27	NO MASS
TUES 3/28 9AM	+Earl & Marguerite Feigert [Skip & Becky Feigert]
WED 3/29	NO MASS
THU 3/30 9AM	+Catherine Friedrich [Arlene Rzepka]
FRI 3/31 9AM	+Anthony Del Losso [Joe Del Losso]
SAT 4/1 9AM	+Dolores Quartini [Renee Kocis & Family]
SAT 4/1 * 3-3:30PM	* Confessions
SAT 4/1 4PM	+Theresa Hennessey [Liz O'Neill]
SUN 4/2 8AM	+Bonnie DeCaria [Notre Dame 3 Soup Kitchen]
SUN 4/2 11AM	+Ellen & Jeff Hudson [Joseph & Kathleen Barbara]



March

30 7:00 PM

April

7 - Good Friday 8:30 PM - Living Stations of the Cross Drama

LENT PENANCE SERVICES



*Be Merciful Lord,
For We Have Sinned.*

Psalms 51

SUN 3/26	2:00PM	Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mercer
	5:00PM	Beloved Disciple, Grove City

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

- Due to changing banks, CSA checks must be made payable to Notre Dame Church only.
- When submitting a CSA payment without a notice, please indicate in the memo section of your check "CSA" to ensure credit is posted properly.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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SAT 4/1 4PM LECTOR T. Bain	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. B. Palisin / D. Palisin P. Polesnak / P. Polesnak	ALTAR SERVER M. Wible R. Wible
SUN 4/2 8AM LECTOR B. Lackey J. Pursel	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. P. Clark / T. Pagliaroli J. Trenga / J. Wolinsky	ALTAR SERVER A. Zahniser
SUN 4/2 11AM LECTOR M. Jones B. Jones	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. M. Hohman / S. Hohman R. McGoff / B. McVey	ALTAR SERVER M. Hannah M. Tarbay
THU 4/6 6:30PM HOLY THURSDAY		
LECTOR M. Multari	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. S. Goclano	ALTAR SERVER Volunteer Needed
FRI 4/7 2PM GOOD FRIDAY		
LECTOR M. Bradac J. Spataro	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. D. Boller / D. Boller	ALTAR SERVER Volunteer Needed

***ATTN VOLUNTEERS! Please sign-in prior to Mass**



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is **LARGE GARBAGE BAGS**. The upcoming item will be paper towels.

Thank you for your care and concern for God's needy.

NOTRE DAME Book Club

Thursday, April 20th / 6:30 PM
NOTRE DAME MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

We will be reading, *If We Were Villains*, by M. L. Rio.
Copies are available outside the parish office.

Please join us!

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE



Please keep the family of

Helen Dickman
Thelma Davidson

in your prayers.

"Into your hands Oh Lord we commend our brothers and sisters"

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades: Pre-K - 11th

Sunday Mornings: 9:15AM - 10:45AM

Use Grotto entrance of SJPII School

****March 2023****

26 Class - *Junior High Retreat - CANCELLED. There will be class for ALL GRADES (Pre-K - 11)*

****April 2023****

- 2 Class - *Palm/Passion Sunday*
- 3 Confirmation Living Stations Rehearsal #1
6pm / Church
- 5 Confirmation Living Stations Rehearsal #2 6pm / Church
- 7 Good Friday - Confirmation Living Stations of the Cross
Drama / 8:30pm / Church
- 9 NO CLASS - Easter
- 16 Class
- 23 Class - *First Eucharist Retreat / 11am Mass-3pm*
No morning RE class for Grade 3
- 30 Last Class

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

EASTER BREAD SALE!

Bread purchases and pickup will be available throughout Saturday at the John Paul School Kitchen and also before & after the April 1st and 2nd masses @ Our Lady of Fatima, St Barts, & ND.

**Traditional, Raisin, and Tri-Color
\$10 or any 3 for \$25**

We can arrange pre-sales,
for order or pickup you may contact
Rich at 724.991.0116 (Phone or Text) or email at
Fleis.Rich@gmail.com

Interested in:

- ☐ Easter Bread Volunteer
(Baking or Distribute - All are welcome, fun family activity! Can you braid hair?!?
WE NEED BREAD BRAIDERS!)
- ☐ Being part of the Knights of Columbus
- ☐ Making donation towards supplies



Men, mark your calendars! We will be hosting a **Men's Breakfast at Notre Dame Saturday, June 3** with speaker Fr. Larry Richards

More information to come!

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

Mr. Ray Piccirilli, New Wilmington, carved and built the new kneeler in the Holy Family Alcove.

Though it was originally intended for a parishioner's private home, it has since been placed at church for all to enjoy. Whenever you light a candle and kneel to pray, say a prayer for the generosity of Mr. Piccirilli.

Thank you to him!

EASTER EGG

FILLERS needed!

On Easter Sunday, Notre Dame Church will once again offer an Easter egg hunt for our children after the 11 a.m. Mass. If you would like to make a donation of "fillers", please drop them off in the basket in the church lobby no later than Palm Sunday. Eggs will be filled and distributed on the lawn for our 3rd annual Easter Sunday Egg Hunt.

** Fillers could be candy, toys, tattoos, bubbles, etc. or anything appropriate for children that will fit into the plastic eggs.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES A TRAVEL STORY

Tuesday, March 28

Come join us for a Bible Study of the Acts of the Apostles presented by Pat Polesnak.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays
at 6:30pm in the Multipurpose
Room on the following
dates: March 28 and
April 4, 11, and 18

Please bring your Bible.



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