

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 21 & 22, 2020



## Pastor's Perspective ...

**"ONLY GOD CAN GIVE US PROPER VISION IN BODY AND IN SPIRIT"**

The fourth Sunday of Lent is generally known as "Laetare Sunday", expressing the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Today's readings remind us that only God can give us proper vision in body as well as in spirit. They instruct us to be constantly on guard against spiritual blindness.

Our first reading from the book of Samuel in describing the anointing of David shows how blind we can be in our judgments and how much we need God's help in our decision making.

St. Paul in our second reading reminds us that as Christians we have an important responsibility of living as children of light, producing every kind of goodness, righteousness and truth.

Today's Gospel reading tells us the story of how Jesus restored sight to a blind man. This Gospel passage teaches us the necessity of opening the eyes of our mind by faith and warns us that those who pretend to see the truth are often blind, while those who acknowledge their blindness are given clear vision.

In this Gospel episode, the most unlikely person, the blind man, receives the light of faith in Jesus, while the religion-oriented and law-educated Pharisees remain spiritually blind. To live as a Christian is to have a clear vision about God, about ourselves and about others.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, we all have blind-spots. They may be in our families, our parenting, our work habits, or our personalities. We often wish to remain in the dark, preferring darkness to light.

Like the blind man in today's Gospel reading, Jesus wants to heal our spiritual blindness and our blind-spots. We need to ask him to remove the root cause of our blindness which includes selfishness, greed, anger, hatred, unforgiveness, prejudice, jealousy, addiction to evil habits and hardness of heart.

Let us pray that through our Lenten observance and prayers that Jesus will heal our spiritual blindness so that we can see clearly what God is expecting from us and also love others as children of God, our brothers and sisters.

*Remain Blessed,  
Father Jony*

## Alternative Mass Opportunities

10:30am Sundays CBS affiliate, WFRV Local 5 (during suspension)  
5:30am Sundays ABC affiliate, WBAY Channel 2  
8am Sundays channel CW14  
9am Sundays Relevant Radio, 1050AM (radio Mass)

Daily Mass is livestreamed Monday—Friday from the campus of Relevant Radio in Green Bay. Access the Mass at the Relevant Radio app or at the link <http://relevantradio.com/faith/daily-mass-video/>. Live at noon; video can be viewed any time throughout the day.

## Mass Contributions

With the recent indefinite suspension of public Masses, parishioners are encouraged to consider contributing to the parish by mailing weekly contributions or by electronic giving (direct deposit). The Church will continue her ministries during this period of financial strain. Please consider maintaining or increasing your level of contributions at this time.

If you wish to begin using direct deposit, contact the office for assistance. Thank you.

## Churches Available for Private Prayer

**Holy Trinity** Mon, Tues, Thurs 8am-4pm, Wed 8am-noon  
Fri 8am--2pm.  
**St. Gregory** Mon—Wed 7am-4pm; Thurs, Fri 7am-noon  
**Both Churches** Sat—Sun 8am-5pm

## Mass Readings for Week of March 23—March 29

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Mon/Mar 23	Isaiah 65:17-21	John 4:43-54
Tues/Mar 24	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12	John 5:1-16
Wed/Mar 25	Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 Hebrews 10:4-10	Luke 1:26-38
Thurs/Mar 26	Exodus 32:7-14	John 5:31-47
Fri/Mar 27	Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22	John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat/Mar 28	Jeremiah 11:18-20	John 7:40-53
Sun/Mar 29	Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11	John 11:1-45

## St. Gregory Stewardship: March 14 & 15, 2020

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Budget</u>
<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 2,182.50	\$180,000.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 120.25	\$ 10,000.00
<b>Total</b>	\$ 2,302.75	\$190,000.00
<b>Support Budget/Week</b>	\$ 3,653.85	\$113,649.91 <small>received for year</small>
<b>Difference this Week</b>	-\$ 1,351.10	\$ 76,350.09 <small>needed by 6/30/20</small>
<b>Total March Green Sunday: \$21.00</b>		
<b>Easter Flowers: \$561.00</b>		

## Holy Trinity Stewardship for March 15, 2020

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Budget</u>
<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 2,434.00	\$85,000.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 60.05	\$12,500.00
<b>Total</b>	\$ 2,494.05	\$97,500.00
<b>Support Budget/Week</b>	\$ 1,875.00	\$68,478.43 <small>received for year</small>
<b>Difference This Week</b>	\$ 619.05	\$29,021.57 <small>needed by 6/30/20</small>
<b>Green Sunday: \$0.00</b>		
<b>Easter Flowers Total: \$340.00</b>		

From March 23—March 29  
the Sanctuary Candles are burning  
in memory/honor of:

**Holy Trinity:**

Deceased Members of  
Theodore Bonde Family

**St. Gregory:**

SG Parishioners  
Deceased of SG Parish

**Pray for the Sick:**

John E. Meyer, John Casper, Mary Mueller, Orville Bonde, Leon Mueller, Kay Binversie, Jasmine Bertschy, Tony Scharenbroch, Ken Kozminski, Wendy (Riesterer) Puddy, Monica Clark, Marie Koenig, John Ryan, Jim Riesterer, Tom Hardy, Gary Mueller, and Deacon Jim Steffen.

To add or remove a name from this listing, a family member should call your Parish Office-SG: 773-2511 or HT: 773-2380 Thank you.



	<u>2020 Goal</u>	<u>2020 Donated</u>	<u>Percentage Met</u>
<b>St. Gregory:</b>	<b>\$22,317.00</b>	<b>\$12,844.00</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>Holy Trinity:</b>	<b>\$14,528.00</b>	<b>\$4,930.00</b>	<b>34%</b>

To assure proper credit, please include the parish name and town when sending your gift. Thank you!

**HOLY TRINITY  
SCRIP  
PROGRAM**

Sold in office:  
M, T, TH 8am –Noon & 12:30-4pm,  
W 8am-Noon, F 8am-noon & 12:30-2pm  
Before and after 8am Mass on Sunday

HT Scrip Coordinators~Betty Hardy &  
Sandy Neils~920-565-4588

A recent transfer of \$1,500 was made to the general account. This brings the total to \$5,000 and meeting the goal for the year.

**Sales ending March 15 — \$1,720 (includes online sales)**  
**Profits ending March 15 — \$61.85 (includes online sales)**

Thank you to all who continue to purchase SCRIP! Let's keep going and try to pass last year total of \$6,000 transferred.

**ST. GREGORY SCRIP**

Scrip is sold in the parish office:  
M-W 7-Noon & 12:30-4, Th & F 7-Noon  
Scrip is also sold after all Masses

**Scrip sales for week ending March 8: \$2,465.09**  
**3% (average) profit to the parish: \$73.95**

**Scrip Coordinators:**

Debbie Griem 773-2708 Marlene Zutz 775-4253

**HT Christian Women Calendar Winners are...**

Mar 8 - \$30	Sydney Kammann, Kiel	#1651
Mar 9 - \$20	Mary Carlson, Manitowoc	#1401
Mar 10 - \$20	Pat Steffen, Kiel	#1290
Mar 11 - \$20	Corey Albright, Kiel	#1835
Mar 12 - \$20	Pattijo Ten Haken, Sheboygan	#328
Mar 13 - \$20	Heather Rindt, Valders	#743
Mar 14 - \$20	Lorie Scharenbroch, Kiel	#1848

**Parish News**

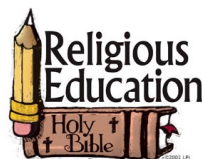
**Are you in need of canned goods or paper products?** The Food Pantry may be able to help. Don't feel comfortable leaving the house? We can deliver. Call Fay Riesterer at 773-2422.

**Save The Date—Wed., June 3** Milwaukee Church Tours sponsored by Caring Hearts and Hands. More information to come soon.

**HT is looking to hire a part-time Rectory Cleaner** Hours are about 2 hours every two weeks. Duties include, but are not limited to, cleaning, dusting, vacuuming, mopping to help maintain the inside of the Rectory. Interested candidates should contact Barb at HT Parish Office at 773-2380. Candidates are required to attend Virtus training and complete a background check.

**Thank you** to Mavis Willmas for cleaning Father's residence. May God bless you and your family in the next transitions of life!

**Spring/Summer Flowers** needed for Worship space and other areas in church. Looking for Peonies, Lilacs, long stem Zinnias & Asters, Gladiolus. Call the parish offices to make arrangements.



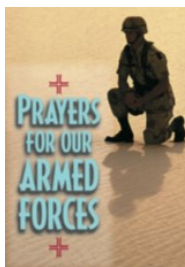
**Lent is a good time for sacrificing. Let us deny ourselves something every day to help others.** -Pope Francis

Wed., Mar. 25—No Classes  
Wed., Apr. 1—6pm Classes CANCELED  
Wed., Apr. 8—No Classes

\*\* Mrs. Patty Wilhelm, Coordinator-  
pwillhelm@stgregorycatholicsschool.org  
\*\* Mrs. Rita Steffen, Assistant Coordinator-  
rsteffen@stgregorycatholicsschool.org



**The Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast scheduled for April 4, 2020 has been canceled** by Applebee's due to the current situation with the Corona Virus threat. The event has been rescheduled for May 30, 2020. All tickets already sold for this event will be honored on May 30 at Applebee's. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused by this. As always the Knights of Columbus thanks you for your past and continued support.



**The following parish family members are serving our nation in the Armed Forces:**

Jesse Augustine, Kurt Binversie, Dustin Koenig, Matthew Koenig, Samuel Koenig, Brandon Mueller, Greg Mueller, Adam Satori, and Anton Simon.

Please contact the parish office to add a family member.



**SG Prayer Line:** Lucille Heinzen at 773-2317

**SG Nursing Home/Assisted Living:** Melissa Frost 773-3270

**SG Caring Hearts & Hands:** Melissa Frost 773-3270

**SG Food Pantry:** Faye Riesterer at 773-2422

**HT Prayer Line:** Complete card by suggestion box in back of church or call the parish office.

**Would you like to receive Communion at home?**

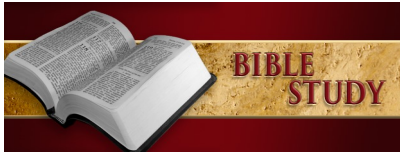
**St. Gregory parishioners** please contact: Mary Olig 775-4756, Gene Riesterer 773-2585, or the parish office 773-2511.

**Holy Trinity parishioners** please contact: Dennis and Karen Graf 693-8700 or the parish office 920-773-2380.

# LIVING LENT 2020



Continue to pray for your Prayer Partners now through Easter (and beyond). We can always use prayers!



## Holy Trinity Parish Bible Study:

Resumes (NEW DATE—  
TENTATIVELY)  
Tues., April 14 at 9:15am  
Parish Hall



## St. Gregory Parish Book Study:

Resumes (NEW DATE—  
TENTATIVELY)  
Thurs., April 16 at 9:00am  
Parish Center



Penance services are suspended until further notice. Confessions will still be offered by appointment only and with proper distancing between the priest and the penitent. Contact Fr. Tony at 920-286-4077.

## *Laetare Sunday*

*"to rejoice"*

*A day of hope—Easter is near!*



Holy Hour, Stations of the Cross, or other devotional gatherings are suspended until the public celebration of the Mass resumes.

# HOLY WEEK

Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum will not be celebrated with public Masses. A public celebration of the Chrism Mass will not occur.

# HOLY WEEK MINISTRY PRACTICE

SERVERS  
LECTORS  
MUSIC LEADERS

**CANCELED**

Wednesday, April 8  
or Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday  
5pm @ Holy Trinity  
6:30pm @ St. Gregory