

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 28 & 29, 2020



Pastor's Perspective ...

"JESUS—THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE"

The readings for today's Mass are focused on the death and resurrection of Jesus in the Holy Week which will in turn give hope to our own death and resurrection.

Prophet Ezekiel in our first reading prophesies about God's plan of bringing the Israelites back to life by bringing them back to the Promised Land. God, through the prophecy of Ezekiel, assures his people that nothing not even death will stop him from fulfilling his promise.

In our second reading, St. Paul assures the early Christians who were facing persecution, and we who are surrounded by the culture of death, that the same spirit who raised Jesus from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies. St. Paul considers the resurrection of Jesus as the basis for our own hope of sharing in it after our own death.

Jesus raising Lazarus from death in our Gospel reading today shows his greatest sign as a deliverer and his victory over death. It also points to Jesus' resurrection, and the Church is using this great miracle to assure us that we too will be raised to eternal life after our own battle with sin and death in this world. So the central message of the fifth Sunday of Lent is the hope for our resurrection. Our readings today assure us that our faith in Jesus who is the resurrection and the life will bring about our own resurrection and eternal life.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, it will be good if we can use this Lenten season to find out the different ways we bind ourselves and ask Jesus to unbind us. Sometimes we find ourselves in the tomb of selfishness, filled with negative feelings such as worry, fear, resentment, hatred and guilt.

If we want Jesus to visit our dark dungeons of sin, despair and unhappiness, let us ask him at this Holy Mass to bring the light and power of the Holy Spirit into our private life and liberate us from our tombs.

Jesus is always ready to give us new life. He is always ready to command us to come out of our tombs and difficulties just as he did to Lazarus in our Gospel reading today.

*Remain Blessed,
Father Tony*

Alternative Mass Opportunities

10:30am Sundays CBS affiliate, WFRV Local 5
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.



Pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary at the time you typically attend Mass. Even though we cannot be in church together, we are still the Church. Even though we will be praying in our own homes, we are always united as the Body of Christ. Let us join our hearts in prayer and lift our voices to God in gratitude for all He has done and continues to do for us.

For more information on how to pray the Glorious Mysteries:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUeUKsYAbMY>

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.

Modified Office Hours (SG & HT)

Beginning immediately, office hours for both parishes will be
Mon—Fri 8am—noon

Call ahead to minimize contact time.

NEW Church Hours Available for Private Prayer Holy Trinity & St. Gregory

Mon—Fri 8am—noon
Sat—Sun 8am-5pm

Mass Readings for Week of March 30—April 5

| | <u>Readings</u> | <u>Gospel</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Mon/Mar 30 | Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 | John 8:1-11 |
| Tues/Mar 31 | Numbers 21:4-9 | John 8:21-30 |
| Wed/Apr 1 | Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 | John 8:31-42 |
| Thurs/Apr 2 | Genesis 17:3-9 | John 8:51-59 |
| Fri/Apr 3 | Jeremiah 20:10-13 | John 10:31-42 |
| Sat/Apr 4 | Ezekiel 37:21-28 | John 11:45-56 |
| Sun/Apr 5 | Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 | Matthew 26:14-27:66 |

Holy Trinity & St. Gregory Stewardship—March 21 & 22, 2020

No Stewardship update this week.
Thank you to everyone who either mailed or dropped off their weekly stewardship at the offices.

From March 30—April 5
the Sanctuary Candles are burning
in memory/honor of:

Holy Trinity:

Milan & Beatrice Neils

St. Gregory:

Health Care Workers
Emergency Responders

Pray for the Sick:

John E. Meyer, John Casper, Mary Mueller, Orville Bonde, 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.

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.

CANCELED—Wed., June 3 Milwaukee Church Tours sponsored by Caring Hearts and Hands.

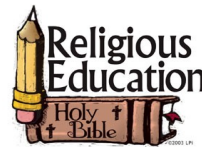
Spring/Summer Flowers needed for Worship space and other areas in church. Looking for Peonies, Lilacs, long stem Zinnias & Asters, Gladiolus. Call the parish offices to make arrangements.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Leon Mueller, Holy Trinity Parishioner, who passed away on March 23. May God grant him eternal rest and be with his family at this difficult time. On behalf of the Holy Trinity Parish community, we offer our prayers and condolences to his family.



| | <u>2020 Goal</u> | <u>2020 Donated</u> | <u>Percentage Met</u> |
|---------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| St. Gregory: | \$22,317.00 | \$13,394.00 | 60% |
| Holy Trinity: | \$14,528.00 | \$4,955.00 | 34% |

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



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

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

**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

Thank you to all who continue to purchase SCRIP!

No SCRIP update this week.

Thank you to everyone who has called ahead or stopped at the office to purchase SCRIP.

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: \$2,166.16
3% (average) profit to the parish: \$64.98

Scrip Coordinators:

Debbie Griem 773-2708 Marlene Zutz 775-4253

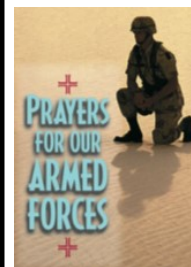
Call ahead ... your order will be waiting for you at pick up!

NEW TO THE LIST:

Buffalo Wild Wings \$10 cards (8%) Starbucks \$10 cards (7%)
Lowe's \$25 & \$100 cards (4%)



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.



Parish Outreach

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.

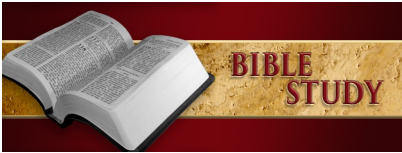
HT Christian Women Calendar Winners are...

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| Mar 15 - \$30 | Jordan Viotto, Kiel | #1487 |
| Mar 16 - \$20 | Autumn Fitzgerald, Newton | #1080 |
| Mar 17 - \$100 | Jean Thompson, Manitowoc | #23 |
| Mar 18 - \$20 | Crystal Ten Haken, Sheboygan | #325 |
| Mar 19 - \$20 | Linda Glanert, Sheboygan | #955 |
| Mar 20 - \$20 | Kelly Kaufmann, Newton | #1134 |
| Mar 21 - \$20 | Shawn Pearson, Manitowoc | #71 |

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:

Postponed until further notice

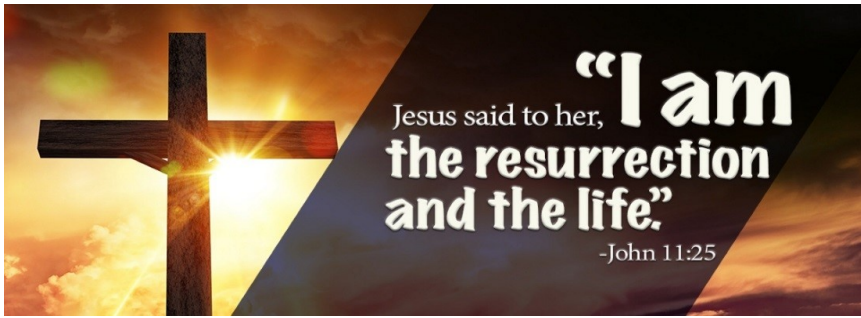


St. Gregory Parish Book Study:

Postponed until further notice



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.



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.



Wednesday, April 8
5pm @ Holy Trinity
6:30pm @ St. Gregory

- May we who are inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.
- May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.
- May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.
- May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those children who will go hungry with no school meals.
- May we who have to cancel our trips remember those with no place to go.
- May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.
- May we who settle in for quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country let us choose love. During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbor.

Through Jesus Christ, whose arms of love embrace us all. Amen.