

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT—APRIL 4 & 5, 2020



Hear to Serve ...

"IN GOOD TIMES AND IN BAD"

"I promise to be faithful to you, in good times and bad, in sickness and in health, to love and honor you all the days of my life." Sound familiar? It should. It is part of the "Consent" that a bride and groom give in their wedding ceremony. Many of us have said these same words, the day we were married. Just as we are married, Christ has married His Church. Christ is the Bridegroom, and we, the Church, are the Bride. And as our Gospel unfolds, Jesus is about to show the bride what it means to live out the Sacrament of total self-giving.

Our Gospel reading from Matthew tells how Jesus is "riding high". The crowds can't get enough of Him. The news has spread about His marvelous deeds. He has proclaimed the Kingdom of God. But we know this will all change in a very short while. Not only the general population, but some of His closest friends will soon desert Him. They will not be faithful during the bad times.

In the first reading from Isaiah, we hear "I gave my back to those that beat me. My cheeks to those who plucked my beard, my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting." The Responsorial Psalm 22 we hear things like "My God, My God why have You abandoned me?" "Indeed many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me." And "they divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots." These verses echo the heart of Christ as He lived out his vow of love and service to His Bride the Church.

This corona virus is going to change a lot of lives and not always for the good. People are out of work, the economy is taking a hard hit, and events have been cancelled. There is worry that we or our loved ones may contract the virus. Indeed, these are tough times for us all. We all may feel isolated, hurt, and betrayed. We wonder why God has abandoned us. But, have we remained faithful to Jesus the Christ among this upheaval we are experiencing in our lives?

Jesus has not left us. He is faithful to his promises to be with us always. We cannot leave God either. We can't be like the crowds in the Gospel reading today and only stick with Jesus during the good times. This marriage of Christ to the Church means that we also have marriage vows to Him and to each other. Just as in any marriage, we sometimes have to lay down our own wants and desires and will the good of the other. Be faithful to Christ and show up in prayer every day. Like a good spouse, He is with us always in triumph and in isolation.

*Deo gratias,
Dcn. Gary*

P.S. Call someone today...your voice may be an answer to their prayers!

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.

Beginning March 30, Modified Hours (SG & HT)

Office Hours: Mon—Fri 8am—noon
Church Hours: Mon—Fri 8am—noon
Sat—Sun 8am—5pm

Call or email anytime. Messages will be returned.

St. Gregory Stewardship: March 21, 22, 28, & 29, 2020

| | Weekly | Fiscal Year Budget |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Envelopes | \$ 5,673.50 | \$180,000.00 |
| Loose | \$ 00.00 | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Total | \$ 5,673.50 | \$190,000.00 |
| Support Budget 2 Week | \$ 7,307.70 | \$119,323.41 <small>received for year</small> |
| Difference for 2 Weeks | -\$ 1,634.20 | \$ 70,676.59 <small>needed by 6/30/20</small> |
| Total March Green Sunday: | \$173.00 | |
| World's Poor: | \$161 | |

Holy Trinity Stewardship for March 22 & 29, 2020

| | Weekly | Fiscal Year Budget |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Envelopes | \$ 2,832.00 | \$85,000.00 |
| Loose | \$ 00.00 | \$12,500.00 |
| Total | \$ 2,832.00 | \$97,500.00 |
| Support Budget 2 Week | \$ 3,750.00 | \$71,310.43 <small>received for year</small> |
| Difference for 2 Weeks | \$ -918.00 | \$26,189.57 <small>needed by 6/30/20</small> |
| Green Sunday: | \$645.00 | March Total: \$745.00 |
| World's Poor: | \$258.00 | |

From April 6—April 12
the Sanctuary Candles are burning
in memory/honor of:

Holy Trinity:

Lucille & Ervin Koenig, Sr.

St. Gregory:

Binversie Family
Healthcare Workers

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.

CANCELLED—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 | \$13,914.00 | 62% |
| Holy Trinity: | \$14,528.00 | \$5,525.00 | 38% |

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

Holy Week: The week that changed the world continues to change our lives.

Wed., Apr. 8—No Classes



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

**HOLY TRINITY
SCRIP
PROGRAM**

SCRIP sold in parish office:
Monday—Friday 8am-noon

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

Sales ending March 22 & 29 — 3,665 (includes online sales)
Profits ending March 22 & 29 — \$126.30 (includes online sales)

Continue calling ahead to ensure we have what you are looking for on hand. Your order will be ready when you arrive!
Thank you to all who continue to purchase SCRIP!

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.



ST. GREGORY SCRIP

Scrip is sold in the parish office:
Monday—Friday 8am-noon

Scrip sales for week ending March 8: \$5,872.85
3% (average) profit to the parish: \$176.18

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%)

"BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS, FOR THE LORD WILL BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO"

Joshua 1:9



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.

HT Christian Women Calendar Winners are...

- Mar 22 - \$30 Claire Petrus, Hawthorn Woods, IL #617
- Mar 23 - \$20 Carol Scheidt, Dunbar #791
- Mar 24 - \$20 Brandy Krueger, Chilton #672
- Mar 25 - \$20 Tom Gast, Kohler #902
- Mar 26 - \$20 RW Christian, Newton #307
- Mar 27 - \$20 Casey Fischer, Galesville #1577
- Mar 28 - \$20 Orville Bonde, Kiel #1940

LIVING LENT & HOLY WEEK



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



Holy Trinity & St. Gregory Parishes

Postponed until further notice

Mass Readings for Week of April 6—April 12

| | <u>Readings</u> | <u>Gospel</u> |
|-------------|--|----------------------|
| Mon/Apr 6 | Isaiah 42:1-7 | John 12:1-11 |
| Tues/Apr 7 | Isaiah 49:1-6 | John 13:21-33, 36-38 |
| Wed/Apr 8 | Isaiah 50:4-9a | Matthew 26:14-25 |
| Thurs/Apr 9 | Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 I Corinthians 11:23-26 | John 13:1-15 |
| Fri/Apr 10 | Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9 | John 18:1-19:42 |
| Sat/Apr 11 | Genesis 1:1-2:2 Exodus 14:15-15:1 Isaiah 55:1-11 | Matthew 28:1-10 |
| Sun/Apr 12 | Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 | John 20:1-9 |

Love has not been cancelled.
 Mercy has not been cancelled.
 Prayer has not been cancelled.
 Attentiveness has not been cancelled.
 Goodness has not been cancelled.
 Thanksgiving has not been cancelled.
 Kindness has not been cancelled.
 Music has not been cancelled.
 Conversation has not been cancelled.
 Learning has not been cancelled.
 Poetry and storytelling has not been cancelled.
 Courage has not been cancelled.
 Prayer and meditation has not been cancelled.
 Painting and dancing has not been cancelled.
 Families have not been cancelled.
 Community and solidarity have not been cancelled.
 Faith has not been cancelled.
 Hope has not been cancelled.
 And ...
 God's presence with us has not been cancelled.

Adopted from David Haas

Palm Sunday—Palm branches will be blessed and distributed at a later date (as directed by the Diocese of Green Bay).

Little White Books for the Easter Season are available in the parish offices. They are \$1 each. Parish Offices are open 8am-noon, Monday—Friday.

Second Collections—Our Own Needs (scheduled March 21 & 22) and Holy Land Collection (scheduled April 10) will be rescheduled at a later date. If you have made a donation toward the Our Own Needs collection, it will be held by the office and submitted when the new collection is held.



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

Celebrate Holy Week with your family! Here are a few ideas:

Sunday, April 5 (Palm Sunday) - Read the story of The Passion together (Matthew 26:14—27:66)

Monday, April 6 - Watch a religious movie together as a family this week.

Tuesday, April 7 - Show someone you care—call a parishioner who is older than you.

Wednesday, April 8 - Think of a person who hurt or offended you. Forgive that person.

Thursday, April 9 (Holy Thursday) - Remember the Last Supper today. Read together John 13:1-15. Eat dinner as a family.

Friday, April 10 (Good Friday) - Look at a crucifix for two (2) minutes and think how much Jesus loves you. Say a prayer of thanks.

Saturday, April 11 (Holy Saturday) - Read together Matthew 28:1-10. Turn on your porch light at 7:30pm—Let the light of Christ shine!

Sunday, April 12 (Easter) - He Is Risen! Celebrate Easter with a candlelight dinner!