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10 MARCH, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## FROM FATHER CHUCK

### Diocesan Appeal.

We are entering our third week of the Diocesan appeal. We have quite a number of people who have not made their pledge to the appeal. The target amount is \$275.00 or \$15.00 more than you did last year. I have said this each week and it needs repeating. The goal we have for this year's appeal is \$74,169.00 which is an increase of \$4,952.00. This is the greatest challenge that we have had in all my years. If you do not make your pledge you will receive either a phone call or a letter asking you to make your pledge. If everyone does their part we will reach our goal. If we exceed our goal we will receive the excess money. In the past years we have received over \$5,000.00 for exceeding our goal.

### Lent is Flying By.

It is difficult to believe but Lent is half over. My question to you is how are your Lenten practices going? I wish to encourage you to attend one or both of our special Lenten spiritual programs. First, if you have not come to the Tuesday evening program, mass, stations of the cross, soup supper and the Lenten program which begins at 5:30 p.m. There are only two weeks left for this Lenten activity. I also encourage you to attend stations of the cross and benediction on Friday at 5:30 p.m. in the church. One of the saddest things is to realize that Lent has passed us by and we do not take advantage of any of the Lenten programs in the parish. I also encourage you to attend one daily mass. The one mass that is most convenient is the Thursday evening mass at 5:30 p.m.

### Altar Society.

It is wonderful to have the Altar Society meeting again. We are so blest to have an altar society and I encourage all women of the parish to attend.

### Sign Up For Holy Week.

On the table in the front of the church are the sign-up sheets for Holy Week. We will need ministers for the Good Friday, Holy Saturday and the 8, 10 and Noon Easter Sunday masses. You have been so good in the past about signing up for these ministries that I hope the same holds true for this year. This will be my last Holy Week with you so I hope this Holy Week is a great celebration.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

This is a reminder that next week that the sacrament of reconciliation will be celebrated after all of the masses. One of the most important things about the Lenten season is that we make it a true penitential season by celebrating Jesus' forgiveness for us. The regular scheduled time for reconciliation is every Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 3:35. You may also schedule reconciliation at any time by calling the office and setting up a time for reconciliation. So often I feel that celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation is one of the forgotten sacraments in our church and yet it is the greatest sacrament of conversion in our church.

### Shrimp Dinner

This Friday March 15 the Knights of Columbus will host a shrimp dinner from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the social hall. We served over 270 people at the last shrimp dinner and we hope to serve over 300 this Friday. The important thing to remember is that fish is fine but shrimp is divine. The shrimp dinner is a wonderful opportunity to have an enjoyable evening.

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Readings for March 17, 2024  
1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34  
2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9  
Gospel: John 12:20-33

Knights of Columbus WILL BE SELLING THE Gorilla Car Wash coupons through March 15. You can purchase these at the office, shrimp boil, or coffee & rolls.

St. Albert Child Care Center is selling filled Easter eggs. To order email your name, order, and when to pick up to mcginnisj@saintalbertschools.org. See attached flyer for more info.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tue 3/12 8:00 am Ivan & Susie Duff  
Wed 3/13 8:00 am Bill Fritzsche  
Thur 3/14 5:30 pm Ray Daugherty  
Fri 3/15 8:00 am Kirlin Family  
Sat 3/16 4:00 pm Maxine Gotto & Jerry & Alvera Hill  
Sun 3/17 8:00 am Frank & Ruth Holzer  
Sun 10:00 am Disalvo & Dinges Family  
Sun Noon Bill Pettit

Here comes Peter Cottontail....St. Peter's Easter Egg Hunt is Sunday, March 24 11:30 am near the Sheryl K Johnson Childcare Center. See attached flyer for more info.

LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN....

- Sometimes the thoughts in my head get so bored they go out for a stroll through my mouth...This is not a good thing.
- When I was a kid, I wanted to be older. This is not what I expected.
- If it weren't for the Spring forward and Fall back, I wouldn't get any exercise at all.
- Don't wear headphones while vacuuming. I've just finished the whole house before realizing the vacuum wasn't plugged in.
- Finally my winter fat is gone. Now I have Spring rolls.
- If money doesn't grow on trees, why do banks have branches.
- If you can't convince them, confuse them.
- Lazy is such an ugly word. I prefer to call it selective participation.
- I finally realized that people are prisoners of their phones-that's why it's called a cell phone.
- If people were meant to pop out of bed, we'd all sleep in toasters.
- If craziness could fly, some people would have their own airport.
- Sure, I do marathons. On Netflix
- Mike: I'm a grown man, stop mothering me. Also Mike: Have you seen my keys, Where's my glasses, Where did we park?
- If there's a will there's 500 relatives.
- Everyone has a photographic memory: some just don't have the film.
- I hate it when people text "call me." I'm going to start calling people and as soon as they answer I'll say "text me," then hang up.

HAVE A GREAT DAY, STAY SAFE, BE NICE TO EACH OTHER

SATURDAY, 4PM MARCH 16, 2024  
ALTAR SERVERS: Ava & Ella Bussey, Nicholas Moses  
LECTORS: Dylies & Erik King  
EUCH MINISTER: Rod Nuss  
USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben

SUNDAY, 8 AM, MARCH 17, 2024  
ALTAR SERVERS: Noah Galus, Connor & Ella McGrath  
LECTORS: Tyler Juranek, Hunter Venteicher  
EUCH MINISTER: Patti Ford  
USHERS: Sue Brownlee, Gary Juranek, Eric Ledger, Jim Havermann

SUNDAY, 10 AM MARCH 17, 2024  
ALTAR SERVERS: Abby & Sarah Lighthipe, Nathaniel Biederman  
LECTORS: Leslie Fronce, Richard Selkin  
EUCH MINISTER: Jennifer Lighthipe  
USHERS: Craig Menges, Mike Nielsen, Dave Bristol, Piper Trescott

SUNDAY, NOON MARCH 17, 2024  
ALTAR SERVERS: Evelyn & John Duitsman, Aubree Brandau  
LECTORS: Michelle Oswald, Grace Burroughs  
EUCH MINISTER: Michael Koricic  
USHERS: Chris Olson, Rob Peters, Trevor Yanovich, Meg Busch

FATHER'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

This past week was my sister Mary Jo's birthday. I don't write about brothers or sister very often but I wanted to share a thought. Mary was the only girl and there were five brothers. She played many sports with us and there were very few boys who could compete with her. There was many a young man who went home after Mary Jo beat him at a sport. My thought for the week is to think about our siblings and pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the blessing that they are for you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, March 10-Coffee & Rolls after 8 & 10 masses  
Tuesday, March 12-5:30 mass, stations, soup supper, & program  
Wednesday-March 13-Rel Ed-6:15 pm  
9th & 10th Grade Confirmation 6:15pm Hall  
Friday, March 15-5:30 Stations & Benediction  
Knights of Columbus Shrimp Boil

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