

Church of the Assumption

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021

**TURN AWAY
FROM SIN**



May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, 12 noon
Friday, 6:00 p.m.

*Registration suggested
for weekend Masses.*

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection – Third Sunday of Lent

When Jesus went to Jerusalem at Passover time, he shocked the Jewish leaders by forcibly expelling the money-changers and traders from the temple. Jesus referred to the temple as his Father's house which was being made into a "house of trade" (John 2:16) and "den of robbers" (Mark 11:17). Jesus' disciples recalled the prophetic words of Psalm 69: "Zeal for your house will consume me." This psalm was understood as a Messianic prophecy. Here the disciples saw Jesus more clearly as the Messiah who burned with zeal for God's house.

Jesus' cleansing of the temple is also a prophetic sign of what he wants to do with each of us. He ever seeks to cleanse us of our sinful ways in order to make us into living temples of his Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). God desires that we be holy as he is holy. Do we recognize the indwelling presence of God within us through the gift and working of his Holy Spirit? The Lord Jesus wants to renew our minds and to purify our hearts so that we may offer God fitting worship and enjoy his presence both now and forever. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill us with a holy desire and burning zeal for his holiness and glory to grow in us and transform the way we think, act, and live as a son or daughter of God. Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, you open wide the door of your Father's house and you bid us to enter confidently that we may worship in spirit and truth. Help us to draw near to your throne of mercy with gratitude and joy.

Readings for Sunday,

March 14, 2021

1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

† Saint of the Week ... St Frances of Rome

Born of wealthy parents, Frances felt a calling to religious life early in her youth, but her parents objected and a young nobleman was selected as her betrothed. As she became acquainted with her husband's family, Frances discovered that the wife of her husband's brother also wished to live a life of service and prayer. So the two, Frances and Vannoza, set out together with their husbands' blessings to help the poor.



Feast Day: March 9

Frances fell ill for a time, but this apparently only deepened her commitment to the suffering people she met. The years passed, and Frances gave birth to two sons and a daughter. With the new responsibilities of family life, the young mother turned her attention more to the needs of her own household.

The family flourished under Frances' care, but within a few years a great plague began to sweep across Italy. It struck Rome with devastating cruelty and left Frances' second son dead. In an effort to help alleviate some of the suffering, Frances used all her money and sold her possessions to buy whatever the sick might possibly need. When her resources had been exhausted, she went door to door begging. Later, Frances' daughter died, and she then opened a section of her house as a hospital.

Frances became more convinced that this way of life was necessary for the world, and soon was given permission to organize a society of women bound by no vows. They simply offered themselves to God and to the service of the poor. Once the society was established, Frances chose not to live at the community residence, but rather at home with her husband. She did this until her husband passed away, and then came to live the remainder of her life with the society, serving the poorest of the poor.

St. Frances is the patron saint of motorists and widows.



CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK

*Celebrating Traditions
Changing the World
March 8-14, 2021*

Catholic Sisters Week shines a light on the spirituality, mission, and community building of women religious.

Fifty-two weeks a year women religious stand with the poor and immigrants, teach children, fight injustice, heal the sick, share spirituality, empower women, defend the planet, promote peace, create community, offer hope. But for one week each year, the spotlight is shined on these women religious. The faithful are invited to pray for these women and support them in their gospel witness and prophetic works.

The Sisters of the Infant Jesus at the Immaculate Conception Church in Clarksburg are in need of religious items to send to Zimbabwe.



If you have extra rosaries (even broken ones) or religious medals you would like to donate to the Sisters' efforts, please leave them in the vestibule of the church or drop them off at the Parish Office by the end of March.

The Sisters will be very grateful for any items we can share to support their efforts in helping our fellow Catholics in Zimbabwe, one of the poorest lands in Africa.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, March 6	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Bob & Rosemarie Myers	Virginia Collins
Sunday, March 7	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Mary Hester Marsh Andrea Barrick's Intentions	Linda Marsh Howard & Karen Barrick
Monday, March 8	No Mass		
Tuesday, March 9	No Mass		
Wednesday, March 10	6:00 p.m.	Soul of Brian Dorsey	Tammy Dorsey-Dale
Thursday, March 11	12 noon	Soul of James G. Bosley Aaron Martin's Intentions	Carole Rhodes Wanda Kinnie
Friday, March 12	6:00 p.m.	The Newlin & Kelly Families	Mike & Rosie Landis
Saturday, March 13	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Marsh, Roach & Cessna families Soul of Diana Cooper	Linda Marsh Tony Cooper
Sunday, March 14	8:30 a.m.	Our First Communion and Confirmation Candidates	Assumption Parish

If you would like to request a Mass intention, please contact the Parish Office. Dates are currently available throughout 2021. The typical stipend for a weekday Mass is \$10; weekends \$20.

**Collections & Attendance:
February 27-28, 2021**

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3,388
Loose Donations.....	\$940
Repairs & Maintenance	\$100
Easter Flowers.....	\$80
Total	\$4,508

Diocesan Collections.....\$130

Attendance

Saturday Attendance	41
Sunday Attendance	55
Total	96

- A Diocesan collection is taking place this weekend for the Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund. There is a basket next to the bulletins for this special appeal.
- There is a Diocesan collection scheduled for next weekend to benefit Catholic Relief Services.



Prayer List

- Jennifer Boling
- Bobby Dorsey
- Joe & Barbara Gratto
- Sue Greco
- Helen Holder
- Aaron Martin
- Dennis McGann
- Esther Shockey
- Sue Spotts
- Bill Stine
- Maleigha Taylor
- Bonnie Whetzel

To have a name added to the prayer list, please call or email the Parish Office, or drop a note in the offertory basket.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, March 13	Celia Cole (L) Anita Tetreault (C) Mike & Joanne Stickley (U)
Sunday, March 14	Pam Williams (L) Linda Marsh (C) Mike & Rosie Landis (U)
Saturday, March 20	Kenny Brant (L) Linda Marsh (C) Tom & Kathy Finnell (U)
Sunday, March 21	Kelley Kuhn (L) Julie Alt (C) Doug & Jane Placka (U)

If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled date, please arrange for a replacement.

**Remember to Register for
Easter Mass!**

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