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Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed & Fri 5:30pm - Tue & Thurs 7:30am in the Chapel
Weekend Masses: Sat. Vigil - 6:00pm; Sun. 8:00am, 10:00am, & 12:00noon (Spanish)
Confessions: Sat. 4:30pm-5:30pm in the Church & 15 min before Weekday Masses in Church Office

Liturgies for the Week

Mon	March 2	5:30pm	+Frank Lesikar
Tues	March 3	7:30am	Special Intention
Tues	March 3	8:15am	+Emma Schneider
Wed	March 4	5:30pm	+Herman Lee Henneke
Thur	March 5	7:30am	+Johnnie and Emily Wagner
Thur	March 5	10:00am	+Deceased Loved Ones of Bishop Forrest H.S., Class of 1966
Fri	March 6	8:15am	+Tommy John
Fri	March 6	5:30pm	+Claude Venghaus (in Church)
Sat	March 7	6:00pm	+Monica Hagendorf
Sun	March 8	8:00am	+Steve Potter
Sun	March 8	10:00am	Altar Society
Sun	March 8	12:00noon	+Gilberto Hernandez

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	
<u>6pm</u>	A. Medrano, J. & J. Rau
<u>C/L</u>	J. Rau
<u>EM</u>	Y. Wagner, D. Rios, T. Stehling
<u>8am</u>	E. & K. Lanham, T. Watkins
<u>C/L</u>	T. Lanham
<u>EM</u>	D. & G. Warschak, T. Lanham
<u>10am</u>	M. Ehlert, J. Hall, A. Heffley
<u>C/L</u>	S. Hall
<u>EM</u>	N. Nelson, D. Dungen, J. O'Leary
<u>12pm</u>	E. & J. Tovar, M. Aguilar
<u>C/L</u>	M. Ortiz
<u>EM</u>	A. & V. Sanchez

Sunday, March 1, 2020
First Sunday of Lent

"If you are the Son of God . . . " (Matthew 4:3,6). What father would send his son on a starvation mission in the wilderness? That's the cunning strategy the devil used: sow doubt about God's goodness and love into Jesus' mind. If he could shake Jesus' trust in His Father, then maybe Jesus would feel less obligated to stay faithful. The temptations pile up until the final gambit: God isn't helping You here; all He's left You with is hunger and humiliation. Is it worth all the pain? I can give You so much more, so why not bow down to me instead? Do we have a deal?

This is the same strategy the serpent used against Adam and Eve in today's first reading: "Did God really say . . . ?" (Genesis 3:1). *God knows that if you eat that fruit, you'll be just like Him. He's trying to keep you from becoming all that you can be because He doesn't want any rivals.*

But where our first parents failed, Jesus succeeded. And in Succeeding, He opened the way for us to succeed as well. He beat back the devil's temptations by doing the one think that even we can do when we are tempted: He exercised stubborn faith. Yes, Jesus was hungry and exhausted. Yes, He desperately wanted relief. But He knew what God had asked of Him, and He held fast to God's will and God's promises.

In the end, Jesus won out. Where once He heard only the devil's words of harassment, now He heard angels singing gongs of comfort and praise. Make no mistake, you will be tempted this Lent, if you haven't been already. The devil will try to convince you that God doesn't care about you or that obeying the commandments will leave you unsatisfied. Don't believe it! Hold fast to your Lenten commitments. Stay faithful in prayer. And if you should fall short, remember that you are still a child of God. He loves you and He will always help you. He may even send an angel to comfort you!

"Lord, strengthen me with Your grace this Lent so that I can overcome any temptation."
(from "The Word Among Us")

Calendar for the Week

Mon	Mar 2	CDA Meeting, 6:30pm in Cafeteria KC Meeting, 6:30pm
Tues	Mar 3	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall Altar Society Meeting, 1:30pm at Columbus Hall TLC Bingo, 3:00pm
Wed	Mar 4	CDA Bingo, 3:00pm at Columbus Oaks CCE, 5:30pm English as a Second Language Class, 5:30-7:00pm, SAS School Building Room 104 RCIA, 6:00pm in Solansky Home High School Youth Group (Backbiting, Slander, Gossip), 6:15pm in Cafeteria
Thur	Mar 5	SAS 3rd Grade to lead the Rosary, 9:30am in Church SAS 4th Grade Classroom Mass, 10:00am CDA Rosary, 10:30am at The Oaks 24 Hour Adoration Begins, 6:00pm
Fri	Feb 28	SAS Mass Prepared by 6th Grade, 8:15am in Church SAS Early Dismissal, 1:15pm Evening Mass (5:30pm) will be celebrated in the Church Stations of the Cross, 6:00pm in Church Spanish Prayer Group, 7:00pm in SAS Cafeteria

Please keep <u>Rusty Theut and</u> <u>John Glueck</u> in your prayers as they continue their journey in the Diaconate Program.
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Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 3824.00 Sunday Envelopes
\$ 1565.00 Loose

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 87.00 Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges
\$ 455.00 Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 30.00 Legacy Memorials
\$ 20.00 A/C Donation

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 54,698.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)

"Thank you for your generosity!"

Next weekend's second collection will be for the Legacy Fund and the Rice Bowl.

"Building on our Legacy, Building for Christ!"

Your donations are appreciated. Construction of our beautiful school is complete, but we still have a loan with the Diocese, which to date totals **\$1,231,491.10**. (The loan started at \$1,300,214.50, with an interest rate of 4%.) If you would like to make a donation, please see Tracey in the church office. No gift is too small! Thank you!

The 5:30pm Friday Masses during Lent will be in the Church. Stations of the Cross will immediately follow Mass.

LOCAL CHURCH PICNICS THIS WEEKEND:

(see bulletin board in back of church for more info)

St. Rose, Schulenburg ~ March 1

Ministers To Serve March 7 & March 8

3/07	6:00pm	<u>AS</u> L. & D. Riehl, K. Weishuhn	3/08	10:00am	<u>AS</u> M. Olivarez, D. Barten, L. Glueck
		<u>C/L</u> T. Lillie			<u>C/L</u> N. Nelson
		<u>EM</u> G. Elizondo, Y. Wagner, T. Stehling			<u>EM</u> N. Nelson, D. Dungen, T. Lanham
		<u>FG</u> D. Wagner, F. Holesovsky			<u>FG</u> G. Streckfuss
3/08	8:00am	<u>AS</u> S. & S. Korell, A. Cranek	3/08	12:00pm	<u>AS</u> S. Gonzales, M. & A. Garcia
		<u>C/L</u> L. Novosad			<u>C/L</u> Ma. A. Sanchez
		<u>EM</u> J. & S. Glueck, L. Novosad			<u>EM</u> F. & M. Sanchez
		<u>FG</u> B. Motal			
		<u>EM to TLC 3/08, 9:30am:</u> J. & S. Glueck			

The Altar Society is accepting donations for **Easter Lilies** to decorate the altar for Easter. To donate or to remember someone special, use the envelopes at the entrances of the Church or go by the Church Office. You may put your envelopes in the collection basket.

The Catholic Daughters 4th Annual Garage Sale will be Fr. March 6 (8am to 5pm) and Sat. March 7 (8am to 1pm). Everyone is welcome to bring donation items to Columbus Masonic Hall (1216 Milam) on Tues. March 3 and Wed. Mar 4 (10am to 5pm each day). Proceeds will be used to upgrade the school computers, toward the Capital Campaign, etc. **NO large appliances and NO clothing (except baby clothes).** THANK YOU!! Call Robin (733-7015) or Virginia (733-6240) with questions.

Please remember: Fridays during Lent are a time for abstaining from meat, fasting, and prayer for those who are able.

If you have not yet paid your **Altar Society Dues**, please do so ASAP. Envelopes marked "Altar Society" can be dropped in the collection basket or brought to the Church Office. These dues go toward buying the wine, altar bread, altar cloths, new vestments for our priests, and the flowers that we enjoy on the altar. This is the **ONLY** fundraiser that the Altar Society does, so we ask you to please do your part.