

MARCH 9 – SATURDAY

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Vigil Readings: *See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – Debbie Herbert6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**MARCH 10 - SUNDAY**

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

9:00 AM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. David – Intention of
Amy Lienhart12:30 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**MARCH 11 – MONDAY**

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

MARCH 12 - TUESDAY

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**MARCH 13 – WEDNESDAY**

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Luca – Fran Klosterman**MARCH 14 – THURSDAY**

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**MARCH 15 – FRIDAY**

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Rudy – Harold Ritner**MARCH 16 – SATURDAY**

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Vigil Readings: *See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* – Fr. Jim - Helen Cable6:00 PM - *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy**MARCH 17 - SUNDAY**

Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. David – Fr. Joe Robinson12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy**English Mass Ministry Schedule:****March 16-17****Lectors:****4:00 PM** – R. Welz**11:00 AM** – C. Roosa**Eucharistic Ministers:****4:00 PM** – D. Mercer/M. Sonenschein**11:00 AM** – S. Terschack**Servers:****4:00 PM** – Z. Nintrup/M. Sonenschein**11:00 AM** – M. Crosby**Offertory Family:****4:00 PM:** Keller**11:00 AM:** N/A**FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION**

Last Week's Collection: \$8,192

Offerings received to-date: \$292,876

Amount needed to catch up: \$12,125

Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. ***Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.*** To take advantage of this convenience, please call 513-541-1563.

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our Week 28 winners: Mark Lewis, Robert Boland, and Diane Pikel. Each won \$25.

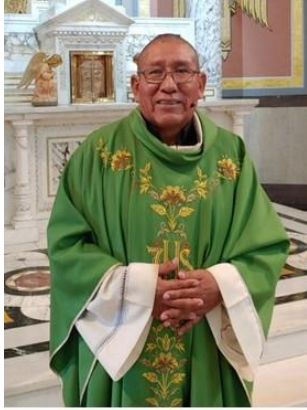
CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Rich Kelly (10), Jenni Lindgren (10), Justine Balash (11), David Cable (11), Tricia Simpson (12), Deb Hogan (13), Matthew Schlaechter (13), Val Nastold (14), Alicia Zapf (14), Maddie Gelly (14), Paul Levasseur (16), Terri Sunderman (16).

Make a long-lasting difference! Leave a Legacy by remembering St. Boniface Church in your Will. For more information contact Jenni Lindgren at 513-541-1563, ext. 151.

FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION:

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, which is also known as Laetare Sunday, when the priest dresses in vestments of rose. Laetare is a Latin word meaning



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MCCJ, pastor*

“rejoice” and is exactly 21 days before Easter Sunday. But today is also special because we are able to hear the words of John’s Gospel and one of the most important lines of the Bible: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” (John 3:16). Nicodemus, a Pharisee and an important leader of the

Israelite tradition, meets with Jesus in the dark of night to find out, clandestinely, more about this man who was astonishing the Jewish community with his works. The darkness surrounding Nicodemus can be viewed to symbolize not just physical time but the spiritual doubts that shroud our own understanding. Like Nicodemus, we often approach Jesus in the shadows seeking answers in life, yet it is in the light of Christ we can receive clarity and inspiration to move forward in our journey. Belief and trust in the Lord is the cornerstone of every facet of our lives if we allow ourselves to be moved and transformed by the experience.

Our faith, and what we do with that faith, truly defines who we are and how our story on earth will unfold. How we embrace our relationship with him and where we place it on our own scale of importance will either help or hinder us through the many problems, hardships, uncertainties, and sorrows we face in life. How we hold our faith in our hearts will also affect life’s moments of joy—these “Laetare” moments--whether they are fleeting or long lasting. How we follow and trust in Jesus Christ can change our lives if we let it. God’s great love for us during every moment of our lives is entirely expressed through his ministry and his passion, death and resurrection. This sacrifice truly brings us from the darkness to the light. And “the Cross” serves as a powerful symbol of God’s love and mercy, offering redemption from our sins and the promise of eternal

life. It bears the weight of humankind’s cruelty, injustice, and betrayals, yet it is a beacon always shining forth toward his love.

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE: Our Lenten Penance Service will be this Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m. The service will be bilingual.

FISH FRY: Make sure you plan to attend our Friday fish fry. Enjoy great food, good companionship, and support our parish. You won’t be disappointed.

CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK: Catholic Sisters Week is celebrated every March 8 - 14 during Women’s History Month. Since March 2014, it has been a part of Women’s History Month to honor religious Catholic women. Please recognize a Catholic sister you know with a letter, card or flowers! It would also be a fitting time to remember Catholic sisters who have passed away in your prayers.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES: Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2024? 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, or 75 years ... Request a certificate signed by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr by visiting the Archdiocese of Cincinnati web page at: <https://bit.ly/3IgyXfv>. Questions? Please contact the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Marriage & Family Evangelization Office at cne@catholicaoc.org

ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2024? Married couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2024 are invited to attend one of the following Golden Anniversary Masses: • Saturday, September 7 at 4:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Tipp City. Celebrant: To be determined • Sunday, September 8 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, Cincinnati. Celebrant: Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr. Registration is required to attend one of the Golden Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Masses. Please register online by completing the anniversary certificate request form linked here: <https://bit.ly/3IgyXfv> Questions? Please contact the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Marriage & Family Evangelization Office at cne@catholicaoc.org.