

Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com.

Jodi Aerts
Sonya Albores
Dylan Anderson
Robert Berry
Patricia Bonnewitz
Millie Budney
Michael Burke
Sandra Burke
Julie Byron
Toni Capute
Riordan Cavoris
Justin Curtis
Tony Donehoo
Carol Donato
Islea Duncan
Alan Ekberg
John Evans
Kathy Evans
Earl Fishback
Linda Gardner

Elizabeth Gillam
Lorraine Brennen Gilliam
Lynn Goss
Kathleen Hamilton
Jeanne Harper
Jeannine Iannaco
Pablo Ignacio
Patrick Ignacio
Meja Irvin
Leslie Jarrett
Carolyn Martin
Jamie Martin
Greg Moore
Kathleen Moore
Beverly Moyer
Chris Moyer
Ray Moyer
Don Notestein
Patsy Notestein
Angel Ortiz

George Perry
Wendy Pessaro
Gary Peters
Laurie Peters
Frank Powell
Nelson Sanchez
Princess Sanchez
John Seaquist
Ray Servis
Jane Sliwinski
Margaret Smith
Chere Tew
Fred Toth
Amy Tracy
Charles Watson
Danielle Weedon
Laura Williams
Louise Williams
Michael Williams
Travis Williams

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



March 3, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent

March Birthdays

Keith Hamilton, Sr. (March 2)
Betty Craft (March 3)
Bernadette Servis (March 4)
Pat Hirtz (March 16)
David Gaydos (March 16)
Charlie Graf (Mrch 21)
Patti West (March 25)
Rob Jackson (arch 25)

March Anniversaries

Reed & Jackie Johnson (March 14)
Earl & Mary Fishback (March 15)

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Holy Eucharist
Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Thursday 12:15 PM

Bulletin news and requests for mass cards: contact
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A Pastoral Moment with Fr. Jim

His counselor asked him to meet, but when he walked into the room as usual he found there were other people there. They each told him their love and caring for him would never change, But then they each pointed out situations of his inappropriate behavior. He was unaware about how harmful his behavior had been. He was unaware that others knew his deep and dark secrets. He was numb and then angry. But then after a while, he knew the hard work that was ahead of him. He was going to have to change. Jesus had overturned his table.

In John 2;13-25, my favorite part is Jesus' overturning the tables in the temple. But Jesus was always "overturning tables" throughout his lifetime. As Franciscan Priest Richard Rohr points out, Jesus was always calling women to ascend and powerful men to descend in life. For the male, the journey of the holy fool was "downward mobility" instead of the lie of our culture that says one can be continually upward mobile. That turns over a lot of tables!

There are what we call "paradigm shifts" where there is new meanings in traditions. It used to be that a young person was confirmed to be a "Soldier of Christ." Our posture was defensive against our Protestant brothers and sisters. Now we see confirmation as a witness to our faith through works of justice and peace. It invites others in and is inclusive.

The renewed look at Baptism and its power has turned over tables. As all we are baptized priests, prophets and kings (builders of the reign of God) we realize priests need lay people to make mass happen. There is something called "sensus fiedlium" in which the magisterium of the church (bishops) do not have the last word. Bishops now must listen to what lay people have to offer.

All holy baptized lay people are called to ministry. The ministry can be in the home (spouse, father, mother, child) or in the church (lector, eucharistic minister, catechist) or in the workplace by leading a good Christian example.

As Our Lady of Peace was four weekends without a priest two years ago, the parishioners have learned their lesson well. We have homilies (oops, I mean reflections) by the lay people at least once a month. In light of the Gospel, the lay people offer their story and lived experience which is just as valid, or more so, as the ordained. At first, some folks in the pews had issues. It is not pleasant to have our tables overturned.

Pope Francis has overturned a lot of tables. The welcoming of gay and transgender people shows us as Yogi used to say: "The future is not what it used to be." Might that each of us have a table turned this Lent, so that we can pray and grow.

Announcements & News

Theme Update: This week's deadly sin to get rid of is "WRATH"

March Lenten Calendar:

Friday, March 1: Stations of the Cross (6:15 PM)

Saturday, March 2: Communal Reconciliation (10:00 AM)

March 3: Third Sunday of Lent

Friday, March 8: Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross Catholic Church 6:15 PM) (soup supper to follow)

March 10: Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 17: Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 24: Palm Sunday

March 28: Holy Thursday Service (7:30 PM)

March 29: Good Friday Service (7:00 PM)

March 30: The Great Vigil of Easter (7:15 PM)

March 31: Easter Sunday Mass (8:30 AM)

Annual Appeal: Our goal for the annual appeal is \$4,380. We will receive 50% back if we reach our goal. There are envelopes in the pews to mail your donations.

Volunteers needed...

Are you interested in being part of the Triduum (Holy Week) liturgy? Please see the sign-up sheets in the commons.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: There is a special sign-up sheet for the mass on Easter Sunday morning.