

**GOSPEL MEDITATION: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: "Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43) The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, "Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44).

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

Lenten challenge: Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.

— Father John Muir

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**March 22, 2026  
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"Jesus wept." This shortest verse in the Bible says so much. It brings home the point that Jesus fully entered into human suffering, to feel the loss and pain, not belittling it because he would redeem it but letting it run its full course. Thus he had waited two more days before coming. Bearing the incomprehension of Martha, then of Mary: "If you would have been here..." Torn by their tears, and the tears of the Jews, "perturbed and deeply troubled": Jesus fully entered into the anguish of our fallen world to walk in our shoes. And, there beside us, to speak and reach out, "Do not be afraid."

to Marty's Friday schedule: starting at 1pm with Confessions and Mass at 1:30. On the "Lenten Schedule" sheet and now repeated in this bulletin, see the schedule THIS WEEK starting Tuesday night in Dante and running through Friday night in Wagner, a total of 40 Hours of Adoration in our three parishes. Accompanying adoration will be the Stations, litanies, rosaries, Confessions, songs, etc. "Can you watch one hour with me?" Jesus' invitation now calls us. I didn't get a sign-up put out way ahead; if you know when you can come, sign up now. Signed up or not, come. Let us, together, keep watch and pray. With Christ.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Jim

PLEASE NOTE: Next Saturday's Mass is at 4pm to accommodate Prom with Confessions at 3pm. And I'm making a long term adjustment

**PLEASE NOTE:** A DETAILED SCHEDULE FOR 40 HOURS OF ADORATION (TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY) CAN BE FOUND ON THE BACK PAGE OF THIS BULLETIN!



**WAGNER-DANTE  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
FISH FRY**

Friday, March 27  
St. John's Church Basement  
**Serving starts at 5:00 p.m.**  
\$15 - Adults  
\$10 - 6 to 12 Years Old



**SOUP DINNER RESCHEDULED!**

Sunday, March 29  
(Rescheduled from March 15 due to inclement weather)  
Serving from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
Serving: Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup/  
Ham Sandwiches,  
Chicken Salad Sandwiches/Pies/  
Desserts/Beverages  
Sponsored by Wagner-Dante  
Catholic Daughters



**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, March 24**  
5:00 p.m. - Assumption  
**Friday, March 27**  
1:00 p.m. - St. Paul's  
**Saturday, March 28**  
3:00 p.m. - St. John's  
**Sunday, March 29**  
8:15 a.m. - Assumption

**THIS WEEK ON FORMED: MARCH 22**

- ◆ The Annunciation
- ◆ The Annunciation: Sacred Art
- ◆ The Annunciation: Hail Mary



*Please keep the following in your thoughts & prayers: Mary Hurd, Brenda George, Joe Nedved, Keith Kuca, Sylvia Beeson, Waylon Koupal (infant son of Tyler & Tayleigh Koupal), Eleanor Andersh, Joe Morrison. Contact Theresa Koupal if you would like a name added to the list. Names of those on the list are also added to the daily Rosary intention list at St. John's.*



**BON HOMME EASTER CANTATA**

Tuesday, March 31  
7:30 p.m.  
St. John's Catholic Church  
Father Jim will hear Confessions at 6:30 p.m. and after the cantata.



**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Day	Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday	March 23	Lenten Weekday/Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop	NO MASS	.....
Tuesday	March 24	Lenten Weekday	5:30 p.m. - Assumption	Dorothy Dixon †
Wednesday	March 25	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Betty & James Dilts †/ Geno DeSantis †
		Faith Formation Mass	6:30 p.m. - St. Paul's	Faith Formation Families
Thursday	March 26	Lenten Weekday	10:00 a.m. - GSC	Bonnie Novak †
Friday	March 27	Lenten Weekday	1:30 p.m. - St. Paul's	Benefactors
Saturday	March 28	Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	4:00 p.m. - St. John's	Clara Kafka †
Sunday	March 29	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	9:00 a.m. - Assumption 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Steve Rezac †/ Romaine Rezac † For the Parish

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED!**

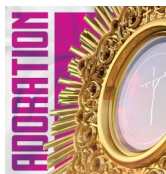
The local food pantries are in need of donations of non-perishable food items as well as personal care items (body wash, shampoo, laundry detergent). Parishioners of all parishes are asked to leave their donations in the containers in the entryways of their churches. The ROCS Community 15Closet is also in need of children's and men's clothes. Clothes can be dropped off at the Community Closet. Thank you, in advance, for your generous donations to this worthy cause!



**Stations  
OF THE CROSS**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday, March 24**  
6:00 p.m. (Scriptural) - Assumption  
**Wednesday, March 25**  
11:00 a.m. - St. John's  
6:00 p.m. (By CCD Students) - St. John's  
7:00 p.m. (By CCD Students) - Assumption  
7:30 p.m. - (Scriptural) - St. John's  
**Thursday, March 26**  
10:30 a.m. - Wagner GSC  
6:00 p.m. (Scriptural) - St. John's  
**Friday, March 27**  
6:00 p.m. (Scriptural) - St. John's



**MERCY HOUR**  
Sunday, March 22  
3:00 p.m.  
St. John's Catholic Church



**ATTENTION, PLEASE!**

Mass at St. John's on Saturday, March 28, has been moved to 4:00 p.m. because of Wagner's Prom. Confessions will be at 3:00 p.m. and daily Rosary will be at 3:30 p.m.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE				LOOKING AHEAD Monday, March 23
<b>"Serve the Lord with gladness"</b> <small>-Psalms 100:2</small>	<b>Saturday, March 28</b> 4:00 p.m. - St. John's	<b>Sunday, March 22</b> 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	<b>Sunday, March 22</b> 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	NO MASS Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's
<b>EM</b>	Alice Koupal/ Don Koupal	Volunteer	Alice	<b>Tuesday, March 24</b> Book Study at 4:00 p.m. at St. John's Confessions at 5:00 p.m. at Assumption Mass at 5:30 p.m. at Assumption Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's Exposition & Scriptural Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. at Assumption Adoration until 11:00 p.m. at Assumption *
<b>Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions</b>	Bonnie Soukup/ Buzz Durham	Pam Roth/ Mike Beeson	Amy/ Sr. Miriam/ Georgia	<b>Wednesday, March 25</b> Adoration from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at St. John's * Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's/Daily Rosary Following Mass at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Adoration Until 10:00 p.m. at St. Paul's * Stations of the Cross by CCD Students at 7:00 p.m. at Assumption
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Hannah, Luke, Rachel, & Jacob Holzbauer	Ethan Blaha/ Logan Blaha	Nariah/ Tegan	<b>Thursday, March 26</b> Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Good Samaritan Center Exposition & Stations of the Cross at 10:30 a.m. at GSC Adoration from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at St. John's *
<b>Music</b>	Austin Genzlinger	Emily Walloch		<b>Friday, March 27</b> Confessions at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Mass at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Exposition & Adoration at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Benediction at 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Daily Rosary (Sorrowful Mysteries) at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's Exposition & Adoration from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at St. John's * Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's
<b>Ushers</b>	Gene Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Jim Eggers	Matt Hill/ Jaxton Hill	Jason/ Bennett	<b>Saturday, March 28</b> Confessions at 3:00 p.m. at St. John's Daily Rosary at 3:30 p.m. at St. John's Mass at 4:00 p.m. at St. John's
<b>Greeters</b>	Barb Johannsen		Mary Jo	<b>Sunday, March 29</b> Confessions at 8:00 a.m. at Assumption Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Assumption Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's CDA Soup Dinner at 11:00 a.m. (Until 3:00 p.m.) at St. John's Book Study at 1:30 p.m. at Assumption *See Back Page for Detailed Schedule
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Jay & Kim Kafka Family	Matt Hill Family	Cathy & Emma	
<b>Rosary</b>	Ray & Bonnie Soukup			
<b>Sacristan</b>	Don Koupal			
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Dorothy Holzbauer/ Jim Eggers	Donna Smejkal/ Lynn Stather	Ramona/ Judy	

**ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION**

Amount Needed Each Week	\$2750.00
March 14	\$3424.68
Children's Collection	\$ 7.00

**Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated! The following amount was also received:**


Easter Flower Memorials	\$ 190.00
Stole Fee	\$ 300.00

**EASTER FLOWERS FOR ST. JOHN'S**  
If you would like to donate toward the purchase of flowers to decorate the church for Easter, please pick up an envelope in the church entryway. Donations must be turned in by Wednesday, March 25, so flowers can be ordered from Stems & Cells.


**SURPLUS DÉCOR AT ST. JOHN'S**  
We have surplus décor (wreaths, garlands, lights, etc.) that we would like to find new homes for. If you would like to see what is available, items are currently in the choir loft for viewing. If you want to take them home with you, a donation for items you want to take with you is appreciated!

**ST. JOHN'S CFSA UPDATE**  
Donations/Pledges Received: \$30,242 (99.2%)  
Amount Left to Be Raised: \$258  
Level of Parish Participation: 29.5%  
Thank you for your donations. If you have not donated, please prayerfully consider how you can help or parish reach its goal.


**ALTAR SOCIETY: HELP NEEDED!**  
Helpers will be needed to assist with serving and cleaning up after the First Communion meal on Saturday, April 18. Our parish is hosting Confirmation for the parishes in our pastorate on Sunday, April 26. Altar Society will need people to provide cookies and bars for the reception after the Confirmation Mass. Help will also be needed to serve/clean up. Contact Lynne Doom if you can help!



*Please keep the following young people from our three parishes in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for to receive their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks.*



**St. Paul's, Marty - Sunday, April 12**  
Emsley Kuhlman,  
Daughter of Jeff & Rhonda Kuhlman  
Mackson Kuhlman,  
Son of Jason Kuhlman & Lindsey Nedved  
Sahveya Kuhlman,  
Daughter of Jeff & Rhonda Kuhlman  
Skya Tuttle,  
Daughter of Jordan Tuttle & Laken Nedved  
**St. John's, Wagner - Saturday, April 18**  
Slider Davies,  
Son of Josh & Jennifer Davies  
Kenna Hanan,  
Daughter of Mick & Kara Hanan  
Owen Kuhlman,  
Son of Chase & Erin Kuhlman  
Chloe Payer,  
Daughter of Clay & Traci Payer  
Maci Soukup,  
Daughter of Ryan Soukup & Taylor Fischer  
Lalena Turner,  
Daughter of  
Russell Turner, Jr.  
Jentry Wiechmann,  
Son of Josh & Lindsey Wiechmann  
**Assumption, Dante - Sunday, April 19**  
Kolt LaVern Koupal,  
Son of Derek & Kristi Koupal  
Naomi Josephine Krcil,  
Daughter of Andrew & Andrea Krcil  
Grace Uchytal,  
Daughter of Adam & Julie Uchytal



**FIRST COMMUNION**

**EASTER LILIES AT ASSUMPTION**  
Anyone wishing to donate towards Easter lilies at Assumption, please contact Josie Rezac 605-481-1771. Prices are \$24 each. Lillies will be purchased from Stems and Cells of Wagner. Deadline to order is March 26. Thank you!

**2026 CHRISM MASS: YOU ARE INVITED!**  
Chrism Mass is Wednesday, March 18 at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Sioux Falls. This Mass with Bishop DeGrood and our priests and deacons is open to the public and a beautiful Mass to attend.

**CAMP SYDNEY 2026**  
Registration is NOW OPEN. The Lourdes Center is once again excited to offer a grief camp for youth (to include their parents/guardians) this summer at Broom Tree Family Camp, beginning at 6 p.m. June 5 until 11 a.m. June 7. This three-day camp includes fun activities, discussion and support for both kids and adults. Free-will donations will gladly be accepted. Registration is required and can be completed online at [www.thelourdescenter.com](http://www.thelourdescenter.com).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE**  
High School Seniors: The deadline for submitting applications for the Knights of Columbus Scholarship is May 1. Watch future bulletins for more information.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**  
**Question:** In the New Testament, how many times does Jesus tell us we need to forgive our enemies?  
**Answer:** Seventy times seven times.



**Happy Birthday to these parishioners who will celebrate birthdays this week:**

March 23: Gene Soukup (A); March 24: Norma Beeson (A), Pam Roth (A);  
 March 25: Harper Krcil (A), Sutton Kocer (SJ); March 26: Derek Cihak (A);  
 March 27: Mary Lukkes (A), Blake Olson (A), Titan Van Winkle (A), Kim Kafka  
 (SJ); March 28: CJ McNinch (A), Richard Leibel (SJ); March 29: David Becvar  
 (SJ), Noel Davies (SJ), Jon Stather (A), Mary Kay Rezac (A).  
 Also, Happy Birthday to any St. Paul's parishioners who celebrate birthdays  
 this week!

**Readings for the Week of March 22, 2026**

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:  
 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45  
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/  
 Jn 8:1-11  
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30  
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59  
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42  
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56  
 Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7 / Phil  
 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-5

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**PRACTICING CATHOLIC -  
 RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**WHAT LAZARUS WANTED**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

"It must be so crazy, being God," one of my friends said in high school. "Does it feel like playing The Sims all day? Just making people do stuff because you want to see what happens?"

I think we all sometimes fall into this warped manner of thinking about God's omnipotence. It's understandable, to a degree. The flimsiness of our own agency in this world, our real ability to impact or change anything ... well, it all feels especially puny when you put it next to the power of the Creator. "Oh God, thy sea is so great," goes the old fisherman's prayer. "And my boat is so small."

But today, in the raising of Lazarus from the dead, we are reminded that God is all about giving us agency.

Jesus could have raised any random person from the dead on this, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. His intention was clear: to foreshadow his own passion, death and resurrection, and to exhibit the closeness of God to those who mourn. "This illness is not to end in death," he tells his companions. "But is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." (John 11:4)

So if it could have been anyone, why was it Lazarus?

I think the answer has to be that this was something Lazarus agreed to. Perhaps not in an explicit way, for he didn't know the mind or the plans of God. But in his friendship with Jesus, in the strength of his faith and the depth of his devotion to God, in every prayer he ever uttered — "Lord, let your will be done" — he was agreeing to it. Over and over, in what he said and what he did, Lazarus, beloved friend of Christ, said, "Lord, I love you. Lord, use me."

In this last full week of Lent, let us say it with him: "Lord, I love you. Lord, use me."

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**40 HOURS DEVOTION/  
 ADORATION**

**Tuesday, March 24 -  
 Assumption**

- Confessions at 5:00 PM
- Mass at 5:30 PM
- Exposition & Scriptural Stations at 6:00 PM
- Joyful Mysteries & Confessions at 7:00 PM
- Sorrowful Mysteries & Confessions at 8:00 PM
- Luminous Mysteries & Confessions at 9:00 PM
- Glorious Mysteries & Confessions at 10:00 PM
- Benediction at 11:00 PM

**Wednesday, March 25 -  
 St. John's**

- Exposition & Litany of Loretto at 6:00 AM
- Joyful Mysteries at 7:00 AM
- Morning Prayer & Confessions at 8:00 AM
- Sorrowful Mysteries at 9:00 AM
- Marian Songs at 10:00 AM
- Stations of the Cross at 11:00 AM
- Angelus & Confessions at Noon
- Eucharist Songs at 1:00 PM
- Akatheist Hymn at 2:00 PM
- Chaplet (Volunteer) at 3:00 PM
- Evening Prayer at 4:00 PM
- Mass at 5:00 PM
- Stations of the Cross by CCD Students at 6:00 PM
- Luminous Mysteries (Volunteer) at 7:00 PM
- Taped or Live Music at 8:00 PM
- Keep Watch One Hour at 9:00 PM
- Glorious Mysteries (Volunteer) at 10:00 PM
- Benediction at 11:00 PM

**Wednesday, March 25 -  
 St. Paul's**

- Mass, CCD, Exposition, & Confessions at 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, March 25 -  
 St. Paul's, Continued**

- Scriptural Stations at 7:30 PM
- Luminous Mysteries & Confessions at 8:30 PM
- Chaplet of Mercy at 9:30 PM
- Benediction at 10:00 PM

**Thursday, March 26  
 GSC**

- Mass at 10:00 AM
- Exposition & Stations of the Cross at 10:30 AM (Done by 11:15 AM)

**Thursday, March 26 -  
 St. John's**

- Exposition, Scriptural Stations & Confessions at 6:00 PM
- Joyful Mysteries at 7:00 PM
- Sorrowful Mysteries at 8:00 PM
- Luminous Mysteries & Confessions at 9:00 PM
- Glorious Mysteries at 10:00 PM
- Benediction at 11:00 PM

**Friday, March 27 -  
 St. Paul's**

- Confessions at 1:00 PM
- Mass at 1:30 PM
- Adoration at 2:00 PM
- Benediction at 5:00 PM

**Friday, March 27 -  
 St. John's**

- Sorrowful Mysteries at 5:30 PM
- Exposition, Scriptural Stations, & Confessions at 6:00 PM
- Joyful Mysteries at 7:00 PM
- Chaplet & Confessions at 8:00 PM
- Luminous Mysteries at 9:00 PM
- Glorious Mysteries at 10:00 PM
- Benediction at 11:00 PM

**DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED!  
 ANIMA CHRISTI**

The Anima Christi prayer takes its name from its opening lines: Soul of Christ — "Anima Christi" in Latin. In this prayer, the faithful invoke the image of Christ crucified, calling upon the salvific elements of his wounds, his Body and his Blood to strengthen them, imploring him to save them from "the malicious enemy" and to bring them, in their final hour, to his presence.

The author of this prayer is unknown, but it originated in the 14th century and was referenced in St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises. It is traditionally said after or before receiving the Eucharist.

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