

**March 17, 2024**

## Ministry Schedules

### Lectors

Sat. 3/16: Carolyn Lema and  
Deb Slecta  
Sun. 3/17: Jeff Klasson and  
Minnie Hughes  
Sat. 3/23: Marian Delay and  
Deb Slecta  
Sat. 3/24: John Washko and  
Terry Marsh

### Eucharistic Ministers

Sat. 3/16: Deb Slecta  
Sun. 3/17: Minnie Hughes  
Sat. 3/23: Marian Delay  
Sun. 3/24: Pat Trim

### Ushers

Sat. 3/16: Bob Meierdierks and  
Jason McKinney  
Sun. 3/17: Alex Williamson and  
Leonard Garcia  
Sat. 3/23: Juan Medina and  
Bob Meierdierks  
Sun. 3/24: Pat Trim and  
Robert Tupek

### Prayer Line

If you would like prayers for any serious health or personal reason you can text your prayer requests to Andy and Judy Savarese at (435) 259-5995. They will in turn forward your text to a group that will pray for your prayer intention.

## Confession Schedules

MOAB: Confessions are heard at 4:15pm on Saturday afternoons or by appointment at St. Pius X.

MONTICELLO: Confessions are heard at St Joseph's on the last Sunday of the Month.

## Scripture Readings and Mass Intentions for the Week

**Mon** - 3/18 – Mass - 8:30 am  
Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62  
Jn. 8: 1-11  
**Tues** – 3/19 – Mass - 8:30 am  
Second Samuel 7: 4-5a12-14a, 16  
Mt. 1: 16, 18-2, 24  
**Wed** – 3/20 – 8:30 am  
Daniel 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95  
Jn. 8: 31-42  
**Thurs** – 3/21 – 8:30 am  
Genesis 17: 3-9  
Jn. 8: 51-59  
**Fri** – 3/22 – **NO MASS**  
Jeremiah 20: 10-13  
Jn. 10: 31-42  
**Sat** – 3/23– Mass 5:00 pm  
Jeremiah 20: 10-13  
Jn. 10: 31-42  
**Sun** – 3/24 – Mass 9:00 am  
Isaiah 50: 4-7  
Philippians 2: 6-10  
Mk. 14: 1-15: 47

### Rice Bowls

Rice Bowls are available at the back of church. Please feel free to take one and donate to Catholic Relief Services.

## Weekly Collection at St. Pius X March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

Offertory: \$1698  
Catholic Relief Services: \$ 430

### Offerors

Sat. 3/16: Bob and Joann Singler  
Sun. 3/10: Dave & Marian Delay

### Schedule of Sacred Triduum Services

**Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.:**  
Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.:** Good Friday Service  
**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m.:**  
Easter Vigil

### Adult Religious Formation

Religious Formation (RF) for Adults will begin March 17 in the parish hall from 10:00 a.m. -11:00 am. All are welcome. Spanish speaking translators will be participating. RF will coincide with Catechism of Christian Doctrine (CCD).

Our first meeting will be organizational to schedule discussion leaders and identify topics about which parishioners wish to learn more. Coffee, donuts, and juice will be provided to enhance the conversation. Please contact Jeff Klassen at 719-209-8201 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you March 17.

### Images

Images and Crosses are covered after the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent until Easter vigil.  
Explanations:

1. We use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When

we walk into the Church and notice everything is covered we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum. These veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

2. The veil focuses our attention on the words being said in the Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.
3. The Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday.

The unveiling before Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a 'veiled' world in exile from our true home. It is only through salvation that the veil is lifted and we are truly able to see the beauty of everything in our lives

### Washing of the feet on Holy Thursday

The act of washing the feet serves as a picture of Jesus' ultimate mission: to serve humanity through his humble death on a cross a death that washes us clean from all sin and servanthood in forgiving sinners. Jesus intends his demonstration of humility to serve as an example to his disciples. 1 Samuel 25:41 a biblical passage where an honored person offers to wash feet as a sign of humility. When Jesus rose from the Last Supper and began to wash the feet of his apostles, he was doing the work of the lowliest servant. The disciples must have been

stunned at this act of humility and condescension. Washing feet was more properly the disciples work but no one had volunteered for the job. Jesus came to earth not as King and Conqueror but as the suffering servant of Isaiah 53

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

On the night of Holy Thursday Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place where the people remain in the presence of the Eucharist as the disciple's Eucharist as the disciples kept vigil with Christ. Following the last supper the disciples went with Jesus to the Mount of Olives where he would be betrayed. The procession from the main altar to the altar of repose after the mass is symbolic of the movement of Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane where he experiences great agony before his arrest and betrayal. This tradition of adoring our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday is often called "Night watch" or "Gethsemane watch" and recalls how Jesus invited his apostles to stay with him while he prayed. And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful even to death; remain here and watch. Mk 14:34

I invite you my dear parishioners to stay and adore Jesus.  
God bless you.

### **The Sacred Triduum**

Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is considered the most solemn part of the liturgical year. This three-day period is

known as Paschal Triduum or Sacred Triduum. The word comes from Latin tris(three) and dies(day).

The Sacred Triduum is one great festival recounting the last three days of Jesus' life on earth, the events of his passion, death and resurrection, when the lamb of God laid down his life in atonement for our sins. It is known as the paschal mystery because it is the ultimate fulfillment of the ancient Jewish Passover(pasch) which itself was a recollection of how God brought the Jews out of their slavery in Egypt. The spotless lamb was slaughtered at the Passover meal and consumed. That same night the destroying angel "passed over" the homes marked with the blood of Passover lamb and those covered by the blood were saved. This was the Old Testament prefigurement of Jesus' work at the Last Supper where he inserted himself as the Paschal Lamb and Calvary where the sacrifice was offered to save us from our slavery to sin. With the eucharist we consume the victim that died for our sins. The Paschal Mystery is God's plan of redemption for the fallen human race through the passion, death and resurrection of the God-man Jesus Christ. It is one marvelous event stretched out over three days.  
Holy Thursday

The evening mass on Holy Thursday is the mass of the Lord's Supper. This is where the church re-lives the institution of the Holy Eucharist as

well as the institution of the Priesthood which took place on the evening before Jesus was crucified. The said mass concludes with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose, a place where the consecrated host is kept away from the main altar where mass is normally celebrated.  
Good Friday

It is a mandatory day of Fasting and Abstinence. This is the day of the crucifixion. The altar is plain and bare. There is no consecrated host in the tabernacle at the main altar. The candle by the tabernacle is put off and the tabernacle doors are left open to show that it is empty. Jesus is gone. Good Friday is a solemn day of mourning and prayer. The ceremony on this day is not a mass but a communion service using consecrated hosts from Holy Thursday. The priest will begin the service by prostrating himself in front of the altar. Veneration of the cross usually takes place at this service.

### **Holy Saturday**

No daytime mass on this Easter Vigil Day.

A vigil mass is held after nightfall on Holy Saturday. It is divided into four parts:

- Service of Light(fire)
- Liturgy of the word
- Liturgy of Baptism
- Liturgy of the Eucharist

Easter Sunday is what we have been waiting for. The 40 days of fasting, prayer and almsgiving during lent was in preparation for this day. I admonish all Catholics to participate in our Sacred Triduum celebration.  
HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!