

# THE 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 24, 2019

Sat. 3-23 5:30 p.m. *The 3rd Sunday of Lent* (St. Francis) + Betty Roberts  
 Sun. 3-24 8:00 a.m. *The 3rd Sunday of Lent* (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish  
 Sun. 3-24 10:00 a.m. *The 3rd Sunday of Lent* (St. Francis) + Gene McAtee  
 Mon. 3-25 7:30 a.m. (St. Francis) + Cleo Jacquinet  
 Tue. 3-26 **NO MASS**  
 Wed. 3-27 6:30 p.m. (St. Francis) + Frank Oplotnik  
 Thur. 3-28 8:30 a.m. (St. Ambrose) Daughters of Isabella  
 Fri. 3-29 7:30 a.m. (St. Francis) + Pat Diskin  
 Sat. 3-30 7:30 a.m. (St. Francis) For loved one's return to the faith  
 Sat. 3-30 5:30 p.m. *The 4th Sunday of Lent* (St. Francis) + Claudine Westhoff  
 Sun. 3-31 8:00 a.m. *The 4th Sunday of Lent* (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish  
 Sun. 3-31 10:00 a.m. *The 4th Sunday of Lent* (St. Francis) + Betty Westhoff

*CONFESSIONS: Sat. 4:30 p.m.—5:20 p.m. at St. Francis & 30 minutes before daily & Sunday Masses*

## St. Ambrose Church

**Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:** Bill Schoenhofer

**Lector:** Cindy Lero

**Server:** Paul Irelan

**Gifts:** Chad Boaz Family

**Ushers for March:** Bill & Nancy Schoenhofer

**Coffee & Donuts for March 31st:** Nancy & Laura

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Total Amount Needed

St. Francis	\$4,172.50	\$5,500.17
St. Ambrose	\$1,036.00	\$1,014.00

**Please remember your parish in your will.**

**Prayers are asked for the following:** Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Pat Moore, Vence Segraves, Sheri Bell, Adrienne Smith, Bailey Shaw, Billy Brown, Adam Westhoff, Stephanie Thompson, Lisa Edwards, Janey Beachner, Bryan Whelan, Ron Lallemand, Donna Little, Mary Ann Dougherty, Janice (Ward) Norris, Jane Anne Beachner, Dalton Noakes, W.W. Holland, Jerry Beachner, Chuck Westhoff, Lu Reeves, Lou Sevart, Isla Taylor, Charlie Gottlob, Delma Pillot, Nina Madl, Dorothy Petty, Diane Davis, Sandra Schoenhofer, Helen George, Phyllis Coomes, Ralph Gouvion, Barbara Workman, Marge McElroy, Nancy Giefer, Peg Brown, Dorothy VanLeeuwen, Jamie & Dakota Holding Family, Anna Letcher, Joe Gorge, David Lero, Walter Ptasznik

**If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please call the parish office at 449-2224.**

## St. Francis Church

**Lector & Music Leaders:**

Sat. Judy Fager & Jennifer Salazar

Sun. Pat Smith & Mary Smith

**Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:**

Sat. Jill Coomes

Sun. Mike McCracken & Jene' Noe

**Altar Servers:**

Sat. Easton, Mason, Vincent

Sun. Ariana, Regan, Gennie

**Gifts:**

Sat. M/M Paul Schettler

Sun. 1st Communion Class

**Rosary Leaders:**

Sat. Mary Jean Zandler

Sun. Joe Schoenhofer

**Ushers for March:**

Sat. Steve Spielbusch, Dennis Duling,

Matt O'Hara

Sun. Jamie Bradshaw, Joe Schoenhofer,

Charles Schettler

**Church Cleaners for March 29th:** Louise

Venneman, Wendy Winter, Rosie Brogan

**LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS** *Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of FASTING* Catholics, from the 18th birthday up to the 59th birthday (the beginning of the 60th year) are obliged to fast, that is, take only one full meal and two lesser meals, with nothing to eat in between meals. Drinking fluids would not be contrary to the practice of fasting. *Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday, are days of ABSTAINING from meat.* All Catholics, beginning with the 14th birthday, are obliged to abstain from eating meat. People who are unable to practice bodily penance, due to pregnancy, illness, or hard physical labor may choose another form of penance or charity. The Church urges that works of penance be linked to works of charity – for example, using the money saved on less expensive meals or giving up snacks to feed the poor.

**THANK YOU** We would like to thank everyone for the food, cards, Masses, Memorials, and all acts of kindness shown to us during our time of sorrow. A special thank you to Fr. Sam and to the Altar Society.

*The family of Frank Oplotnik*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** the Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Ambrose every Thursday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and at St. Francis every Friday at 6:00 p.m.

**ST. FRANCIS ADULT SPIRIT CHOIR** If you would like to share your time and talent, please consider joining the choir for Holy Week Services. Rehearsals are on Monday 6:30—7:45 p.m.

**STEWARDSHIP OUR GIFTS: WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING?** A seemingly minor player in today's gospel is the fig tree that does not bear fruit. The owner of the orchard wants to cut it down because it is exhausting the soil. The gardener, however, asks for the opportunity to give the tree special attention, to cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it. This, brothers and sisters, is stewardship. We are surrounded by fruitless fig trees...some of us may even BE the fig tree! Discipleship does not mean we stand and stare and complain about the tree's lack of fruit. It doesn't mean grumbling about the way it is exhausting the soil. Discipleship means helping that fig tree be FULLY ALIVE by caring for it. Like the gardener, we have to get our hands dirty as we nurture the tree and help it bear fruit. This means praying for and with one another, going to Mass together, and discovering the unique "fruits" God has placed within each of us. Just as the fig tree cannot fertilize itself, neither can we alone sustain ourselves. Stewardship means supporting one another.

**PSR NEWS:** *TOTUS TUUS SUMMER RELIGION PROGRAM* will be held at St. Francis July 21-26. Save the date!! *FIRST COMMUNION* is next Sunday, March 31st at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

**YOUTH CHOIR** will sing on March 31st at the 10:00 a.m. First Communion Mass and we will sing on April 21st, Easter Sunday.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of Betty Coomes, who passed away Tuesday, March 19th. *Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. And may all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

**THANK YOU** The family of Claudine Westhoff would like to thank everyone the for their acts of kindness shown to them during their time of sorrow. They would like to thank Fr. Sam for the wonderful service and the Altar Society for the delicious meal served to them after the service. It was all very much appreciated.

**ST. FRANCIS THRIFT SHOP:** It's spring time! The St. Francis Thrift Shop is getting out summer apparel for all ages, including Formals for the prom and Easter items. Come and shop with us for fun.

**ST. FRANCIS ALTAR SOCIETY:** The December Guild will be responsible for the next funeral dinner.