

March 10, 2019 – First Sunday of Lent



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Unless noted, all daily Masses are at St. John Nepomucene in Pisek

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

03/09 – Saturday – Bechyne – **CONFESSION – 4:00 pm – MASS – 5:00 pm** – Tri-Parish Members
 03/10 – Sunday – Lankin – **ADORATION – 7:00 am – MASS – 8:30 am** – † Gary Swartz - Kevin Zikmund Family
 03/10 – Sunday – Pisek – **MASS – 10:30 am** – † Clair Greicar - His Family

MASS INTENTIONS March 11 – March 17)

03/11 – Monday – **NO DAILY MASS**
 03/12 – Tuesday – **5:00 p.m.** – (L) Matthew Gemmill Family - Joe & Ashleigh Miller Family
 03/13 – Wednesday – **8:00 am** – † Lawrence J. Novak - Allen & Elaine Swartz
 03/14 – Thursday – **8:00 am** – (L) Jim Calles - Sr. Mary Therese
 03/15 – Friday – **ADORATION – 7:00 a.m. – MASS – 8:00 a.m.** – End to Abortion in North Dakota & Our Nation
STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Lankin – 6:00 pm – Soup & Sandwich supper to follow
 03/16 – Saturday – Bechyne – **CONFESSION – 4:00 pm – MASS – 5:00 pm** – † Mildred Jallo - JoAnn Ryba
 03/17 – Sunday – Lankin – **ADORATION – 7:00 am – MASS – 8:30 am** – † Bridgette Jehlicka - Tim Zikmund Family
 03/17 – Sunday – Pisek – **MASS – 10:30 am** – Tri-Parish Members

Reconciliation – ½ hour before daily Mass; 1 hour before 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday; after 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass upon request; or, by appointment.

Adoration – 7:00 a.m. on each Friday
 7:00 a.m. before each 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

Morning Prayer – Weekdays at 7:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer – Weekdays at 5:00 p.m.

Baptism – Please call 2 to 3 weeks prior to date requested for baptism.

Wedding – Contact pastor 6 months to 1 year in advance of anticipated date.

New to Parish – Please register at the parish office (284-6163) or call parish secretary, Louise (284-6167)

FUTURE MASS SCHEDULE

March 2019

Bechyne – 5:00 pm – Saturday
 Lankin – 8:30 am – Sunday
 Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

April 2019

Lankin – 5:00 pm – Saturday
 Bechyne – 8:30 am – Sunday
 Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

May 2019

Bechyne – 5:00 pm – Saturday
 Lankin – 8:30 am – Sunday
 Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE
 LITURGY HELPERS**

	March 17 – 10:30 am
Ushers	Allen & Elaine Swartz
Read	Allen Swartz

**ST. JOSEPH
 LITURGY HELPERS**

	March 17 – 8:30 am
Usher	Rodney & Paulette Bosh
Read	Kristie Brintnell
Clean	Jerry & Wanita Cost

**S.S. PETER & PAUL
 LITURGY HELPERS**

	March 16 – 5:00 pm
Usher	Larry Brodina & Wayne Kadlec
Read	Pam
Serve	Connor & Sawyer
Clean	Amber Brueckner & Amy Grabanski

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the following members of our Tri-parishes who are sick or hurt:

**Hadler Ellingson, Fr. Lefor,
 Linda Knudson, Joe Zikmund, Charles Waechter,
 Andy Sobolik, Barbara Jarolimek**

If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. After 4 weeks names will be removed unless resubmitted. Thank you.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

FAITH FORMATION

(See www.plbtriparish.org for full schedule)

03/13/19 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek
 03/17/19 – Gr. K-6 – 9:00 am – Pisek
 03/20/19 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek
 03/24/19 – Gr. K-6 – 9:00 am – Pisek
 03/27/19 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S LITURGY

In today's epic Gospel scene, Jesus relives in His flesh the history of Israel.

We've already seen that, like Israel, Jesus has passed through water and been called God's beloved Son (see Luke 3:22; Exodus 4:22). Now, as Israel was tested for forty years in the wilderness, Jesus is led into the desert to be tested for forty days and nights (see Exodus 15:25).

He faces the temptations put to Israel: Hungry, He's tempted to grumble against God for food (see Exodus 16:1-13). As Israel quarreled at Massah, He's tempted to doubt God's care (see Exodus 17:1-6). When the Devil asks for His homage, He's tempted to do what Israel did in creating the golden calf (see Exodus 32).

Jesus fights the Devil with the Word of God, three times quoting from Moses' lecture about the lessons Israel was supposed to learn from its wilderness wanderings (see Deuteronomy 8:3; 6:16; 6:12-15).

Why do we read this story on the first Sunday of Lent? Because like the biblical sign of forty (see Genesis 7:12; Exodus 24:18; 34:28; 1 Kings 19:8; Jonah 3:4), the forty days of Lent are a time of trial and purification.

Lent is to teach us what we hear over and over in today's readings. "Call upon me, and I will answer," the Lord promises in today's Psalm. Paul promises the same thing in today's Epistle (quoting Deuteronomy 30:14; Isaiah 28:16; Joel 2:32).

This was Israel's experience, as Moses reminds his people in today's First Reading: "We cried to the LORD . . . and He heard." But each of us is tempted, as Israel was, to forget the great deeds He works in our lives, to neglect our birthright as His beloved sons and daughters.

Like the litany of remembrance Moses prescribes for Israel, we should see in the Mass a memorial of our salvation, and "bow down in His presence," offering ourselves in thanksgiving for all He has given us.

St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology ~ Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn ~ www.salvationhistory.com

WEEKLY BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, EVENTS & SAINT of the DAY CALENDAR

03/10/19	03/11/19	03/12/19	03/13/19	03/14/19	03/15/19	03/16/19
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>First Lent</u> <u>Saint Dominic</u> <u>Savio</u></p> <p>FAITH FORMATION K-6 - 9:00 am</p>	<p><u>Saint John</u> <u>Ogilvie</u></p> <p>Marge Praska Emma Novak</p>	<p><u>Blessed</u> <u>Angela</u> <u>Salawa</u></p>	<p><u>Saint Leander</u> <u>of Seville</u></p> <p>FAITH FORMATION Gr 7-9 - 4:30 pm Gr 10-12 - 6 pm</p> <p>Kierra Hodny Kaleb Hodny Gayle Beneda Kolbe Shirek</p>	<p><u>Saint</u> <u>Maximilian</u></p>	<p><u>Saint Louise de</u> <u>Marillac</u></p> <p>Lankin- 6 pm - Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Jodi Beneda Debbie Karas</p>	<p><u>Saint Clement</u> <u>Mary Hofbauer</u></p> <p>Janet Dvorak Alicia Bata</p>

(Learn more about the saints by clicking on the hyperlinks above or on the Tri-Parish [Facebook Page](#))

OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:00 pm ~ Soup & Sandwich Supper to follow

03/15/18 Lankin
03/22/18 Bechyne
03/29/18 Pisek
04/05/18 Lankin
04/12/18 Bechyne

STS. PETER & PAUL

Besides March 22 & April 12, Bechyne will be having Stations of the Cross on March 13, March 27 and April 3, starting at 6:30 pm with potluck soup and sandwich supper to follow.

On March 27, there will be an Altar Society meeting after Stations of the Cross and fellowship.

There will also be potluck supper on Saturday, March 16, following 5:00 pm Mass.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE

Spring Church Cleaning – Saturday, March 30 will be a busy day at St. John's. Beginning at 9:00 am, there will be Spring (yes it is coming) Cleaning of the church, followed by a short Altar Society Meeting. Make plans today to come and help. You spring clean your house, now we need to do God's house for Him. Also, make plans to remain for the Altar Society Meeting as we have a couple of important things to be discussed.

FIRST CONFESSION – Saturday, March 23 – 10 am – Parents of Faith Formation students that will be making their 1st Confession will meet at St. John's.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5055 will be meeting on Tuesday, March 26, at St. John's in Pisek, beginning at 7:00 pm. Plan to attend.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT FOR POST-ABORTION HEALING If you or someone you know has suffered from the physical, emotional, and spiritual effects of a past abortion, there is hope for healing. Rachel's Vineyard offers a safe, non-judgmental, and confidential weekend retreat for anyone: women, men, grandparents, and siblings who struggle with the feelings of loss that can accompany an abortion experience. The weekend begins on a Friday night and concludes on Sunday afternoon. A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is scheduled for March 29-31, 2019. For more information, or to register, please call Ruth Ruch at (701) 219-3941 or email her at ruch@i29.net. All calls are confidential.

REDEEMED 2019

"MADE FOR GREATNESS" – MEN'S CONFERENCE – Bishop John Folda invites all men of the Diocese of Fargo to join him on Saturday, March 30 at the Delta Hotel in Fargo for the REDEEMED 2019 Made for Greatness Men's Conference. Hear dynamic speakers such as Bill Donaghy (creator of the RISE 30 Day Men's Challenge), Father Sean Kilcawley (Integrity Restored), Bishop John Folda, and more as they unpack what leads to the authentic greatness. Early registration is only \$40 through March 10. For more information or to register visit: <http://www.fargodiocese.org/redeemedmen> or call Brad Gray (701) 356-7903.

RETRouvaille: HELP FOR HURTING MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has assisted hundreds of thousands of hurting married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. Surveys have shown that 3 out of 4 couples who complete the entire program are still married five years later with stronger, healthier marriages. Retrouvaille will be held locally April 26-28, 2019 in Fargo with additional dates regionally in February and March. Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call (701) 356-7962 to find out more or to register.