

**March 31, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)**



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

**THIS WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS**

03/30 – Saturday – Bechyne – **CONFESSION – 4:00 pm – MASS – 5:00 pm** – † Roger Kovarik – Larry & Pat Kadlec  
 03/31 – Sunday – Lankin – **ADORATION – 7:00 am – MASS – 8:30 am** – Tri-parish Members  
 03/31 – Sunday – Pisek – **MASS – 10:30 am** – (L) Madelyn Sanderson – Cheryl Harlow

**MASS INTENTIONS (April 1 – April 7)**

04/01 – Monday – **NO DAILY MASS**  
 04/02 – Tuesday – **5:00 p.m.** – † Virgil Novak – Tim Zikmund Family  
 04/03 – Wednesday – **8:00 am** – † Stuart Swartz – Allen & Elaine Swartz  
 04/04 – Thursday – **8:00 am** – (L) Kevin Zikmund – Julie, Zach, & Andrew  
 04/05 – 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  
 04/06 – Saturday – Lankin – **CONFESSION – 4:00 pm – MASS – 5:00 pm** – Tri-parish Members  
 04/07 – Sunday – Bechyne – **ADORATION – 7:00 am – MASS – 8:30 am** – † Keith Knudson – Linda Knudson  
 04/07 – Sunday – Pisek – **MASS – 10:30 am** – All Living Veterans – Pisek American Legion Auxiliary

**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**

**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

**June 2019**

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

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE  
 LITURGY HELPERS**

	April 7 – 10:30 am
<b>Ushers</b>	Damian & Janet Dvorak
<b>Read</b>	Janet Dvorak

**ST. JOSEPH  
 LITURGY HELPERS**

	April 6 – 5:00 pm
<b>Usher</b>	Dennis Brodina & Albert Hodny
<b>Read</b>	Dennis Brodina
<b>Clean</b>	Francis & Marilyn Praska

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

	April 7 – 8:30 am
<b>Usher</b>	Cameron Bina & Joe Bata
<b>Read</b>	Albin
<b>Serve</b>	Lily & Brooke
<b>Clean</b>	Linda Kadlec & Marge Kovarik

**PRAYER LIST**

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

**Robert Gemmill, Hadler Ellingson,  
 Joe Zikmund,  
 Charles Waechter, 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 APRIL**

**Doctors and their Collaborators in War Torn Areas:** For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war torn areas, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

**FAITH FORMATION**

(See [www.plbtriparish.org](http://www.plbtriparish.org) for full schedule)

04/03/19 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek  
 04/07/19 – Gr. K-6 – 8:45 am – Pisek  
 04/10/19 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek  
 04/14/19 – Gr. K-6 – 9:00 am – Pisek  
 04/24/19 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek  
 04/28/19 – Gr. K-6 – 9:00 am – Pisek

## REFLECTION ON TODAY'S LITURGY

In today's First Reading, God forgives "the reproach" of the generations who grumbled against Him after the Exodus. On the threshold of the promised land, Israel can with a clean heart celebrate the Passover, the feast of God's firstborn son (see Joshua 5:6-7; Exodus 4:22; 12:12-13).

Reconciliation is also at the heart of the story Jesus tells in today's Gospel. The story of the Prodigal Son is the story of Israel and of the human race. But it is also the story of every believer.

In Baptism, we're given a divine birthright, made "a new creation," as Paul puts it in today's Epistle. But when we sin, we're like the Prodigal Son, quitting our Father's house, squandering our inheritance in trying to live without Him.

Lost in sin, we cut ourselves off from the grace of sonship lavished upon us in Baptism. It is still possible for us to come to our senses, make our way back to the Father, as the prodigal does.

But only He can remove the reproach and restore the divine sonship we have spurned. Only He can free us from the slavery to sin that causes us—like the Prodigal Son—to see God not as our Father but as our master, One we serve as slaves.

God wants not slaves but children. Like the father in today's Gospel, He longs to call each of us "My son," to share His life with us, to tell us: "Everything I have is yours."

The Father's words of longing and compassion still come to His prodigal children in the Sacrament of Penance. This is part of what Paul today calls "the ministry of reconciliation" entrusted by Jesus to the Apostles and the Church.

Reconciled like Israel, we take our place at the table of the Eucharist, the homecoming banquet the Father calls for His lost sons, the new Passover we celebrate this side of heaven. We taste the goodness of the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm, rejoicing that we who were dead are found alive again.

*St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology ~ Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn ~ [www.salvationhistory.com](http://www.salvationhistory.com)*

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

03/31/19	04/01/19	04/02/19	04/03/19	04/04/19	04/05/19	04/06/19
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Fourth Lent</i> <u>Saint Stephen of Mar Saba</u></p> <p><b>FAITH FORMATION</b> K-6 - 9:00 am</p>	<p><u>Saint Hugh of Grenoble</u></p> <p>Keith Beneda Bryce Novak Taylor Grabanski</p>	<p><u>Saint Francis of Paola</u></p> <p>Joann Ryba</p>	<p><u>Saint Benedict the African</u></p> <p><b>FAITH FORMATION</b> Gr 7-9 - 4:30 pm Gr 10-12 - 6 pm</p> <p>Kevin Gustafson</p>	<p><u>Saint Isidore of Seville</u></p> <p>Pisek - Parish Council Meeting - 6:30 pm</p> <p>Aaron Peterka</p>	<p><u>Saint Vincent Ferrer</u></p> <p>Lankin - 6 pm - Stations of the Cross</p>	<p><u>Saint Crescentia Hoess</u></p> <p>First Confession Parent/Student Meeting - Pisek - 10:00 am</p> <p>Youth Rally - Grand Forks - 9:30 am</p>

## OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:00 pm ~ Soup & Sandwich Supper to follow

04/05/18	Lankin
04/12/18	Bechyne

### STS. PETER & PAUL

Besides April 12, Bechyne will be having Stations of the Cross on April 3, starting at 6:00 pm with potluck soup and sandwich supper to follow.

### FIRST CONFESSION

Parents and children will meet on Saturday, April 6th at 10:00 am at St. John's.

### ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE

*St. John's Parish Council* will meet on Thursday, April 4th starting at 6:30 pm. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to a council member so it can be discussed at the meeting.

### ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE

On Sunday, April 7, there will be a potluck lunch at St. John's following the 10:30 am Mass. At approximately 12:30 there will be a Reconciliation service with area priests being present to hear confessions. Please plan to attend.

### YOUTH RALLY

Jr. & Sr. High school students will be attending the Diocese Youth Rally on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> in Grand Forks. The Rally begins at 9:30 am. Please pray for our students.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**04/18/19 - Holy Thursday**

- 7:00 pm - Pisek

**04/19/19 - Good Friday**

- 3:00 pm - Pisek  
- 5:00 pm - Pisek -

*Family gathering, potluck & movie*

**04/20/19 - Easter Vigil**

- 8:30 pm at Pisek

**04/21/19 - Easter Sunday**

- 8:30 am - Bechyne  
- 10:30 am - Lankin

### DO YOU NEED A "RETREAT" FROM THE

**WORLD AROUND YOU?** Experience God in a personal and real way. SEARCH for Christian Maturity has a retreat coming up April 26-28, 2019, at Maryvale Convent in Valley City, ND. Youth and young adults 16 and older are invited to attend. Details and application at: [www.fargodiocese-search.org/home](http://www.fargodiocese-search.org/home) or call Dori at 952-210-2219. Applications due no later than Monday, April 8

### MASS INTENTION INFORMATION

- Thank you to the party that suggested this information be printed from time to time. Mass Intentions are always welcome, and we will try to schedule a date that works for you. \$10 is suggested for each intention. If sending a check, please make out to the main parish. for our Tri-parish members, all checks for Mass intentions should be made out to St. John Nepomucene, **Please Do Not write a check directly to the Priest, St. Joseph or Sts. Peter & Paul. At this time Mass Intentions are needed for the weekend Masses at St. Joseph.**