



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION BY DEACON RICHARD J. QUISTORFF

"How is Your Lent Going?"

How is your Lenten journey going? Tired? Have you had enough of Lent and want it to be over? Or, are you looking at the calendar and thinking: There are only two weeks remaining before Easter and I haven't been completely on track with the promises I made on Ash Wednesday. I should get busy and do what I intended to do for Lent while there's still some time remaining.

"In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence." This testimony affords us an opportunity to examine our own prayer style. None of us is going to equal the reverence of Jesus in the eyes of God. God hears our prayers, but do we hear what we are praying? Is it really a prayer?

Let's focus on our private prayer times as opposed to our public prayer times such as Mass or other forms of communal prayer. Take a moment to look more deeply at how you pray. For example, when you pray how do you begin your prayer? To who or whom do you address your prayer: is it to God, to Jesus, to the Holy Spirit, to Mary, or who is it?

When do you offer your prayer? Do you have a daily routine of offering prayers upon waking up and before going to sleep at the end of your day? Does this prayer contain the basic litany of the names of those you pray for daily? Is it the same at the beginning and the end of the day; or the same with a few changes? Are there times when something happens, and you feel the urge to pray? When somebody's name or face comes suddenly to you out of nowhere, do you take the opportunity to pray for this person right away?

Where do you offer your prayer? Is it in a place where you are by yourself? Are you able to pray while driving? Are you able to pray when exercising? Do you find yourself offering a prayer while at work? Do you offer a spontaneous prayer wherever you are if a situation arises where you think prayer would be helpful?

How do you pray? Do you offer prayers that you have memorized? Do you offer prayers using your own words? Most people use a combination of both. Examine how Jesus prayed in various circumstances. Jesus worshipped in synagogues and in the Temple in Jerusalem and there were ritual prayers that he would have memorized.

His prayers in the gospels are tailored to particular circumstances. Do you offer prayers of thanksgiving to God for all He has done for you? Do you thank God every day for His gift of life for you? Do you thank the Holy Spirit for guiding you in your thoughts and actions?

These are but a few questions we can ask ourselves concerning prayer and its place in our daily life. Lent offers us an opportunity to learn more about prayer, its benefits, and its place in our daily life. The discoveries we make about prayer during this Season of Lent will help us grow in union with the Kingdom of God.

May God Bless Us All Always!
Deacon Richard J. Quistorff

Today's Readings: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9
Jn 12:20-33

St. Henry's Area School

Congratulations to the calendar raffle winners this week- March 17th-**Don and Dolores Bernauer** \$50 and March 19th-**Duane Miller** \$100.

Our Fun Fair raffle tickets are in your church mailbox. The ticket is looking great with over \$5,000 in prizes. Tickets are \$2.00 each, and there are 20 tickets in your mailbox. Purchasing your tickets will help your parish by crediting their assessment for the school with your purchase. Stubs and money can be dropped in the collection or brought to your church office. The drawing will take place on Sunday, April 18th at 3:30 pm using Facebook Live. Just search for St. Henry's Area School.

We continue to gather items for the auction. If you would like to donate to the auction or for expenses, give me a call or drop items off at the school or church offices, and we will get them. Deadline for auction items is Wednesday, March 31st. The online auction will begin on April 11th at 8:00 am and go through April 18th at 3:30 pm. Items will be viewable on the website in early April.

Thank you for supporting the school!!

Mr. Jason Smith, Principal

218-346-6190 or sthenryschool@arvig.net

Would You Like To Honor Your Deceased Loved Ones?

Every year on Good Friday, we have a procession that involves a black pall and flowers. While this year may look a little different, we would still like to invite people to place a flower on the pall in memory of a loved one. Anyone can place a flower on the pall/cross in memory of a loved one. Father will tell you what to do. All you need to do is come to the Good Friday Mass at 12:15 pm on April 2nd. A limited amount of flowers are provided.

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Family Faith Formation

Please keep Brad Ellingson in your prayers as he finishes his preparation for joining the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil!

The remaining dates for 7th - 10th grade Faith Formation are all on Wednesday, and we will have class on March 24th and 31st and on April 7th, 14th and 21st. *This is different from the original schedule, so please make note of this. The last day for 7th-10th grade Faith Formation will be Wednesday, April 21st. Confirmation students (11th graders) will have Confirmation practice on Wednesday, April 28th. Every Confirmand must be at practice on Wednesday, April 28th at 6:00 pm.

Lisa Hendrickx, DRE

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to the family and friends of
Therese "Terry" McMahon
mother of Betty (& Tom) Murphy

-and-

Oscar Kawlewski
who passed away recently

Lenten Confession Times

There will be additional times for Lenten Confession at St. Henry on the following dates:

March 30th & April 2nd from **5:00 pm-8:00 pm**

As always, if these times don't work for you, there is always confession on Saturdays before the 5:00 pm Mass, beginning at 3:00 pm. You can always schedule an individual confession time during the week with Fr. Matt.

Help Jesus in Disguise

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information on how to give.

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION BY FATHER MATTHEW

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people...All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more." (Jeremiah 31:33-34)

Christ Jesus, by the shedding of His Precious Blood, has ushered in a new kind of Covenant with God. Normally the blood of a spotless lamb would seal the agreement between two parties. Jesus changes this arrangement by being both parties in the agreement. In His Divinity, He is God; in His Humanity, He represents all human persons in relationship with God. He is also the Lamb of sacrifice. Jesus is the New Covenant. By taking our part upon Himself, Jesus has won for us the satisfaction of our debt to God. By the shedding of His Blood, Jesus has washed away our sins and restored us to union with His Heavenly Father. Our debt has been paid, and He remembers our sins no more.

As we approach Holy Week, and especially as we read the accounts of Jesus' Passion on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, let us bear in mind the gratitude we owe to Jesus for His tremendous self-gift. Saint Peter, quoting the Prophet Isaiah, beautifully sums up the reason for our gratitude to Jesus: *"Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps...he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.."* (1 Peter 2:21,24)

Peace in Christ,
Father Matthew Kuhn



Help Needed!

There are three different ways you could help with the Video Mass which is recorded at the 5pm Mass. If you are looking for something very easy, you could simply hold a microphone during the Mass. This allows people to hear the Mass parts on the recording. If you are looking for something that is slightly more difficult, you could turn a camera. This allows people to see the musicians on the recording. If you are looking for a techy challenge, I could show you how to edit the Mass. This allows me to take a weekend off every now and then. 😊 My hope is that recording the Mass will be getting more difficult for me in the future since there will be more music.

If you are interested, please contact me in the parish office.

Michael Mettler, Director of Music & Liturgy
218-346-7030, music@st-henrys.org

Last Call for Holy Week Music

If you would like to join us for our Holy Week Choirs, please contact Michael at 218-346-7030 or music@st-henrys.org. Practices are listed below.

Holy Thursday April 1st 8:00 pm – Practice March 23rd 7:00 pm in the Church Basement.

Good Friday April 2nd 12:15 pm – Practice March 22nd 7:00 pm in the Choir Loft.

Easter Vigil April 3rd 8:30 pm – Practice March 25th 7:00 pm in the Choir Loft.

Upcoming Baptism Class

Requirements for having your child baptized at the Church of St. Henry are: **registration** at St. Henry (or another parish) and **attendance at a pre-baptism class**. Parents are encouraged to take the class before their child is born. This class is normally offered every two months. A class will be offered on **Saturday, May 29th** from 9:00 am -12:00 pm in the St. JP II Conference Room. If you want your child baptized but have never attended the required class, please register through the Parish Office at 218-346-4240. Please note, this class is only required if this is your first child and you have not attended one previously. **Pre-registration for the class is required.**



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Search for "Northern Cross Area Catholic Community"

Come Spend time with Jesus in Adoration

"This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the Eucharist," ~ Saint John Paul II ~

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1. RECOGNIZE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

15 min: Place yourself in the presence of Christ, recognize that He is truly present in front of you in The Most Precious Eucharist

2. THANKSGIVING

15 min: Give thanks for all the blessings God has given you

3. PETITION

15 min: Ask for the world, the people around you and a deeper conversion for yourself and for those in your life

4. ATONEMENT

15 min: Express your sorrow for the sins of the world and your sins

You are always welcome to come spend time with Jesus anytime throughout the day, for as long as you are able! If you'd like to commit to a full hour a day and be a consistent adorer, please contact Debbie: 218-298-4461

ADORATION SCHEDULE

MONDAYS 9:00AM - 5:00PM

TUESDAYS 9:30AM - 11:59PM

WEDNESDAYS 12:00AM - 5:00PM

THURSDAYS 9:30AM - 5:00PM

FRIDAYS 8:00AM - 12:00PM



MASS & MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 22-28 (AS OF MARCH 17)

Tue, Mar 23, 8:45 AM (School Mass) +Edith & Ray Boedigheimer

Rosary Dot Hofland
Sacristan Katie Murdock

Wed, Mar 24, 5:15 PM (Holy Cross) For the People of the Parishes

Wed, Mar 24, 7:00 PM (Religious Ed Mass) +Lorraine Pearce

Body Lori Curtis
Sacristan Debbie Heisler

Thu, Mar 25, 8:45 AM - Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

(School Mass) +Lorie Siebels & +Larry Kempenich, Jr.

Rosary Carol Doll
Sacristan NOT FILLED

Fri, Mar 26, 10:00 AM (Perham Living-Residents Only) +Kelli Bjelland

Fri, Mar 26, 1:00 PM (For More Vulnerable) +Joe & Delores Wasche

(This Mass is for our at-risk parishioners. Extra sanitary precautions are taken for this Mass.)

Rosary Darla Medeck-Johnson
Lector Darla Medeck-Johnson
Sacristan NOT FILLED
Sanitizers 2 NOT FILLED

Fri, Mar 26, 5:30 PM - Stations of the Cross

Leader Father Matt Kuhn
Sacristan Mike & Sue Schmelz
Music 3 NOT FILLED

Fri, Mar 26, 7:00 PM (Holy Cross Stations)

Leader Father Matt Kuhn

Sat, Mar 27, 5:00 PM - Palm Sunday +Esther & Kenneth Owens

Rosary Rosie Altstadt
Lectors Kari Richter (voice), Deacon Randy Altstadt (narrator)
Body Father Matt Kuhn, Deacon Randy Altstadt, Jennifer Moris (choir) (sub req.)
Ushers Jon Kinn, Jerry Moris, Jim Neuerburg
Sacristan Don & Pat Hendrickx
Music Michael Mettler, Tina Grewe
Sanitizers 3 NOT FILLED

Sat, Mar 27, 8:00 PM (Holy Cross) - Palm Sunday

+Pete & Agnes Hofland

Sun, Mar 28, 8:00 AM - Palm Sunday For the People of the Parishes

Rosary Joe & Kathy Hemmelgarn
Lectors Trish Berns (voice), Deacon Randy Altstadt (narrator)
Body Father Matt Kuhn, Deacon Randy Altstadt, Lynn Bleichner (choir)
Ushers Ron Berns, Mike Bleichner, Joe Byer
Sacristan Ron & Trish Berns
Music Beth Hein, Teresa Ingebrand
Sanitizers 3 NOT FILLED

Sun, Mar 28, 10:00 AM - Palm Sunday +Anthony & Ida Hofmann

Rosary Alan Schumacher
Lectors Denise Schornack, Dave Schornack (voice), Deacon Randy Altstadt (narrator)
Body Father Matt Kuhn, Deacon Randy Altstadt, Bob Riepe, (choir)
Ushers Roger Altstadt, Vance Bachmann, Don Bernauer, Adam Holzer
Sacristan Bob Riepe
Music Michael Mettler, Janel Altstadt, Michelle Bormann, Wanda Kupferschmid
Sanitizers Sue Wagner, NOT FILLED

Please pray For those in need of healing in our parishes: Sue Baumgart, Joel Carlson, Clint Conzemius, Harriet Daiker, Jeff Fritz, Hudson Hendrickx, Barb Jarchow, Helene Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Christopher Koplin, Stan Lehman, Sally Limanen, John Ogroske, Lois Porath, Bob Riestenberg, Joan Schmitz, Ray Schmitz, James Stenger, Gertie Ulschmid, Liam Voss & Larry Wegscheid

All military personnel, especially:

Martin Ara, Jesus Guajardo, Ed Guck, Greg Hirschey, Sandra (Silbernagel) Lagnese, Nicholas Melz, Tanner Neyens, Luke Potts, Zoe Potts, Jason Richter, Tanya Robison, Tommy Robison, Steven Sundberg and Tyler Van Watermulen

Holy Father's March Prayer Intention:

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Financial Blessing for March 13th & 14th

Adult	10,612.00	Youth Offering	2.00
Plate	768.00	Easter Flowers	55.00
Votives	71.00	Copies	16.00
Donation	212.72	Elec. Transfers	3,625.00
		Total	\$15,361.72

Thank you for remembering St. Henry's Church with your Stewardship throughout the year.

Average weekly budget: **\$15,045.00**

New School Capital Campaign Update

Goal Phase II	\$7,500,000.00
Pledged	\$7,068,634.00
Needed	\$431,366.00
Received	\$5,073,710.00
Pledges Received 03-15	\$6,300.00
Households Contributing	347

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62	Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9	Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95	Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10	Heb 10:4-10
	Lk 1:26-38	
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13	Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28	Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10	Is 50:4-7
	Phil 2:6-11	Mk 14:1—15:47

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