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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 30, 2025

THE FATHERS LOVE

The reading we get this Sunday from the Gospel of Luke is often described as the parable of the Prodigal Son. Another way to describe it would be to call it the parable of the Loving Father. By using this description it allows us to focus in on the love of God the Father has for all of us.

The love of the Father stays consistent in the parable. In the beginning, he freely gives to the son who requested the inheritance. After that son squanders all he has been given and comes back in humility the Father again showers down his love upon him. *“While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him....His father ordered his servants, ‘Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his*

finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.’”

When the other son in the parable begins to be upset with the love of the Father for this returning son the Father lets him also know of the deep love he has always had for him as well. *“He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.’”* The Lord uses expressions like property, possessions, hired workers, fattened calf that could make us think of things. Ultimately this is a reminder that what God most desires for us is to experience a share of His Blessed Life and to be His beloved children resting in his presence.

PARISH NEWS

Knights of Columbus Meeting

The K of C will hold their next meeting on **Thursday, April 3rd at 7:30pm** in the **SCHOOL**. A rosary will be said before the meeting at 7:00pm.

Choir Practice

We are looking for people interested in singing in the choir for Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday. This is a family choir so all ages are welcome to join.

Holy Thursday Choir will practice at 5:45pm on Holy Thursday prior to Mass at 7pm.

Easter Sunday Choir will practice at 9am on Easter Sunday prior to Mass at 10:30am. An extra practice will be announced soon. Thank you.

Easter Lily's

If you would like to have an Easter Lily in your loved one's name to decorate the church this Easter, please fill out the information on the back of your Easter Flower Envelope or contact the Parish Office. The suggested donation is \$30 per plant.

SIGN UP NOW—Annual Seder Meal

The Seder, or Passover meal is the most sacred celebration of the year in the Jewish religion. It celebrates the Israelites escape from slavery in Egypt to a new life of freedom in the promise land. It is also the same sacred meal Jesus was celebrating during the Last Supper. Plan to join us **Monday, April 14th at 5:30PM in the Parish Hall** for the Seder Meal. Sign-up sheet is in the gathering space or you may call the Parish Office at 562-3302. Please make sure you take an information sheet with you as it has important instructions for the evening.

Cemetery Flowers and Decorations

Cemetery mowing will start soon. Anything not in a flower vase or on the memorial foundation that is in the mowing path will be picked up, including shepherd hooks, solar lights, garden flags etc. Thanks for your cooperation!

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Communal Penance Services:

March 30th - 3:00pm Seneca

April 9th (Wed) - 3:00pm Axtell

Stations of the Cross:

7:00pm Friday - St. Gregory

after 8:45am Mass Sunday - St. Malachy

Adoration:

10:00am - 11:00am Wednesday - St. Gregory

after 8:30am Mass Thursday - St. Malachy

6:00am - 5:00pm Friday - St. Gregory

9:30am - 2:00pm Sunday, March 30th - St. Malachy

Confessions:

15 minutes prior to every weekday Mass

6:30pm Friday - St. Gregory

1:30pm - 2:00pm Sunday, March 30th - St. Malachy

Lenten Fish Fry's:

5:00pm - 7:00pm The Knights of Columbus will have their annual Fish Fry's each Friday during Lent in the Parish Hall. Dine-in, carry out or schedule an in-town delivery by calling 562-7017. All proceeds will benefit St. Gregory's School.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

<u>Tuesday, Apr. 1</u>	
8:15am	† Dolores Wassenberg
<u>Wednesday, Apr. 2</u>	
12:05pm	† Steve Mullen
<u>Thursday, Apr. 3</u>	
6:30am	† Richard Hansel
<u>Friday, Apr. 4</u>	
8:15am	† Brian Polson
<u>Saturday, Apr. 5</u>	
5:30pm	† Jim and Irene Joyce † Chad Rhodes
<u>Sunday, Apr. 6</u>	
7:00am	† Randy Jones
10:30am	~ People of the Parishes of St. Gregory and St. Malachy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Sunday, Mar. 30</u>	
7:00pm	Lenten Bible Study, Parish Hall
<u>Thursday, Apr. 3</u>	
7:30pm	K of C Meeting, School
<u>Friday, Apr. 4</u>	
6:00am - 5:00pm	Adoration
5:00pm - 7:00pm	K of C Fish Fry, Parish Hall
6:30pm	Confessions
7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
<u>Saturday, Apr. 5</u>	
4:30pm - 5:15pm	Confessions

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelope & Plate for March 23rd	\$ 11,422.50
ACH for March 25th	\$ 4,025.00
<i>(\$11,200 Expected Average Collection needed each week)</i>	

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Loan Principal Balance (as of 3/01/25).....	\$183,581.20
<i>Donations (since 3/01/25).....</i>	<i>(\$ 2,215.00)</i>
Total Contributions to Date	\$7,929,416.15
<i>(\$9,100 needed each month for loan payment)</i>	

BAPTISMAL CELEBRATION

Please welcome
Riggs Tyler Goracke,
 son of Kyle and Brittany Goracke,
 who was baptized Sunday at St. Gregory's.

← Please welcome
Arthur James Cohorst,
 son of Jacob and Lexie Cohorst,
 who was baptized Sunday at St. Gregory's. →

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Eleanora Engler,
 sister of Grace Koelzer. She lived in Maryland.

AREA NEWS

Saturday, April 5th - All You Can Eat Boiled Shrimp, Smoked Pork Chops and Frog Legs, Axtell Legion/Community Building. Serving 5-8:30pm. Adults \$22, Children \$10. Dine-in and carryout available. Sponsored by the Axtell K of C Council 1163.

Saturday, April 5th - 19th Annual Women's Spirituality Conference, St. Thomas More Church, Manhattan. Keynote speaker is Kathy Coffey, author of 13 award-winning books and many articles in Catholic periodicals. For more info and to register, scan QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/WomSpConf25>. Info booklet is also available in the gathering space of the church.



Bierock lovers! - Frankfort Development Trust is taking pre-orders for bierocks. 2/\$10, 4/\$20, 6/\$30. **Deadline to order is April 11th. Pickup will be April 16th from 2-5pm** at Alstadt Galleria in Frankfort. . Call Nan at 713-1525 or Linda at 562-8062 to place an order. All proceeds benefit the widow restoration project at the Historic Frankfort Grade School.

VIRTUS TRAINING

Virtus Session at Annunciation Church Cigna Center, Frankfort, KS on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Virtus is a required adult Archdiocesan program to help keep children safe. If you are a teacher whether in CCD or a school, a DRE, train servers, music coordinator or organist, an employee or volunteer in any capacity, etc., you need to complete this program. **Go to virtusonline.org to sign up.** You will be directed to complete an application, questions, and consent to a background check. **Children under 18 will need a parent consent form. Registration should be completed at least two days prior to the session to allow the information to be submitted to the Archdiocese and to give enough time to plan and prepare for the correct amount of materials.** If you have any questions, please Tamera Steinlage, Virtus Facilitator at 785-548-5791 or Mary Huninghake, Annunciation at 785-292-4462.



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**April Virtue of the Month – Honesty**

“Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth.” ~1 John 3:18

Honesty means sincerity, openness, and truthfulness in one’s words and actions. This virtue looks like telling the truth even when it is hard, telling mom and dad that you did something wrong, sharing something equally, and going to confession. It sounds like “This is what really happened...”, “I did something wrong”, “I was fair”, and “Bless me Father, for I have sinned...”.

Let Us Pray: Lord God, guide our actions and words to be an example of honesty to those around us. Give us great faith to do your will. Amen.

Save the Date

St. Gregory Spring Program will be held on Wednesday, April 30th at 10:00am and 7:00pm.

PRAYER LIST

The power of prayer is an amazing thing! Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Short Term Health Issues: Steve LeSage, Dave Rethman, Mick Keating, Maria Espinoza, Marie Dwerlkotte, Frank Kwapnioski, Cambria Behrens, Nancy Vogelsberg-Bush, Denny Schell, Rich Bruland, Heidi Rutar, Bernice Nietfeld, Carly Cook, Chris Blanchard, Fred Lienemann, KayeLynn Kroeger

Long Term Health Issues: Lacey (Jones) Stevens, Sandy Schmitz, Christopher McCloud and the McCloud family, Kenny Wurtz, Mary Kay (Voet) Nold, Jolene O’Neal, Karen Rengstorf, Janel Weigel, Hudson Gartner, Kristi Meyer, Carol Howell, Phil Studer, Kathy Jueneman, Donna Sedlacek, Rick Thompson, Alice Murray, Pat Clark, Dorothy Peschel, Killian Gray, Steve Sawin, Torey Butler, Alan Wassenberg, Tony Evans, Mary Landoll, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Joan Wacek and Sami Kirkland.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, call Margaret Huffman at 713-9653 or the Parish Office.

School Enrollment

Enrollment for all returning students, Preschool through sixth grade, will be on Mon. March 31st and Thurs. April 3rd at 7:00 pm at the St. Gregory Parish hall.

Returning families must attend one of the school enrollment nights. If you are unable to attend one of the school enrollment nights, you must schedule a time with the school office to hear important information about our school and to receive enrollment forms.

HURTING? NEED HELP?

Post Abortion Healing for women and men:
(877) 467-3463

Abortion Pill Reversal within 72 hours of taking the first pill, call the 24/7 helpline: (877) 558-0333

Al Anon: (402) 440-8274 or (785) 294-0337

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Domestic Violence/Physical or Sexual Abuse:
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Mental Health Crisis: (800) 609-2002

Suicide: Dial 988 or (800) 273-8255

Unplanned/Crisis Pregnancies:
Call anytime (800) 712-4357 or (800) 848-LOVE

Veterans Crisis: Dial 988, press 1

CELEBRATE**BIRTHDAYS**

- Mar. 31** Austin Lord, Ashley Kirkham
Apr. 1 Rylee Knabe
Apr. 2 Keith Beikman, Kenneth Hula, Andrew Volle
Apr. 3 Jack Haight, Ace Martinez
Apr. 4 Harrison Monteil
Apr. 5 Lou Wassenberg, Emily Wetter
Apr. 6 Beau Bussmann, Nick White

ANNIVERSARIES

- Apr. 1** Ron and Fran Grauer

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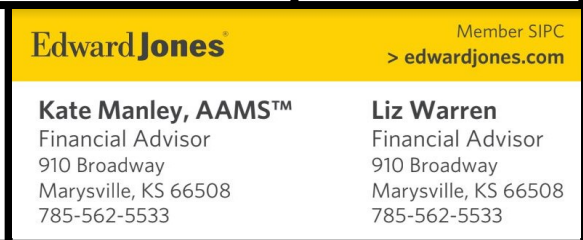
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