

Those who have died: Jennie Lynn (Roberts) Pasillas, Lawrence D. "Baby Lar" Norquay, Jr, Timothy Ryan Keezer Sr., Jacqueline Jackson, Rosalie "Rosy" Regina Carlson Ness, and Lester Charles Krause

Thanks to all have helped with Unfolding Vision and Long Range Plan

The discussion items expressed at the meeting on January 22 will be included as we continue developing a draft of the vision for our community going forward.

January 2023

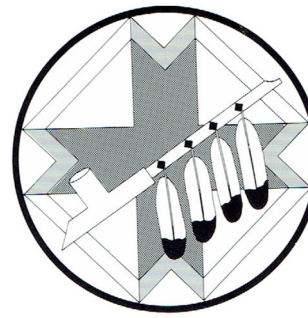
- 29 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mass 10 am
- 30 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm

February 2023

- 5 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mass 10 am, Taco Bingo after Mass
- 6 Medicine Wheel AA
- 12 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mass 10 am
- 13 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm
- 19 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mass 10 am
- 20 Presidents Day, church office closed, Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm
- 22 Ash Wednesday
- 26 First Sunday of Lent, Mass 10 am
- 27 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm

March 2023

- 1 Lenten Pipe Ceremony, 6 pm in the Chapel. Soup to follow.
- 5 Second Sunday of Lent, Mass 10 am, Taco Bingo after Mass
- 6 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm
- 8 Lenten Pipe Ceremony, 6 pm in the Chapel. Soup to follow.
- 12 Third Sunday of Lent, Mass 10 am, Daylight Savings Time begins.
- 13 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm
- 15 Lenten Pipe Ceremony, 6 pm in the Chapel. Soup to follow.
- 19 Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mass 10 am
- 20 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm
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January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1) Giin sa go gaa--o-zhi-too-yan	<i>You who made heaven and earth, the sea and all things, you keep faith.</i>
2) Gii-zhig mii-na-waa go a-ki,	
3) Chi--ga-mi ki na ge-goo ge	
4) Gi-ga-na-wen-daan de-bwe-win.	
5) Ge-get sa go gidashamaag	<i>Indeed You feed those who are very hungry.</i> <i>Indeed You take care of those who are strangers.</i>
6) Niw ge-chi--ba-ka-de-ni-jin.	
7) Ge-get gi-ga-na-we-ni-aag	
8) I-niw me-ya-gi-zi-ni-jin.	

These are some lines from Psalm 146., the responsorial psalm for today.

In referring to God, the phrase "keep faith" has a special meaning-- something more like "keep promises." In any case, the second stanza mention some important things which God does to "keep faith" with His promises to care for everyone.

You may have heard the word **ashange**, which means someone "is serving a meal" or "having a feast." Line 5 has a related verb **asham** ("feed someone"), and here in **gidashamaag**, the **-gi** prefix means "you," and the **-aag** ending means "them," referring to **gechi-bakadenijin** ("those who are very hungry") mentioned in line 6. We often use the prefix **gichi-**, ("big," "great" or "very"), but in line 6 it has become **gechi-**. Why? Because in this line the verb does not simply means "they are very hungry," but instead "those who are very hungry." When we have a "he/she who" or "those who" idea in a verb, the vowel in the first syllable changes. Either an "a" or and "i" becomes "e" in this situation, so here **gichi-** becomes **gechi-**. If we didn't use the **gichi-** prefix, and just wanted to say "those who are hungry," the verb would be **bekadenijin**, a form of **bakade**, which means someone "is hungry." We see an example of a different vowel change for the same reason in line 1, where

the past tense prefix *gii-* is changed to *gaa-* in ***gaozhitooyan*** ("You who made things"). This changing of the vowel in the first syllable can present quite a challenge when you are trying to look up a word in the dictionary. For example, if you were looking up the last word in line 8, you wouldn't find the word in the dictionary beginning *meyag-*, but if you tried *mayag-*, you would find several words meaning "foreign" or "strange," so you would know that the word in line 8, ***meyagizinijin*** means "those who are foreign," or "those who are strangers," which for us today could mean "those who are migrants."

Larry Martin

Readings We have three readings each week, often I focus on the Gospel and usually one other of the readings is connected. This week all three are connected. The call in each is what we would say the scripture is giving us directions to live out our spiritual life. Many of these are similar to Lakota and Ojibwe values to live by. Humbleness, seek justice, these come from our first reading. The second reading sounds like a Heyoka reading, God chose the humble, weak, those in poverty, those not liked by dominant society to confront the powerful of this world. Closing with the Gospel of the Beatitudes which call us to radical, which means "from the root", attitudes to be (Be-attitudes) that call us to being. How do we transform our current attitudes to the attitudes that the Creator is calling us to.

Shawn Phillips

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12A

Ash Wednesday Service will be February 22 at 6 pm with soup after

Pipe Ceremony and Prayer service, 6 pm Wednesdays during Lent

On March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, and April 5th.

We come together in a smaller group to pray with a pipe ceremony and then a reflection on the cross. After, we have a soup meal.

All are welcome. Please call Maryanna to sign up for a date to provide soup, salad or bread after the pipe ceremonies. Thank you.

Tekakwitha Conference: Gathering for Healing through Living Waters

July 19-23, 2023 at DoubleTree Hotel, Bloomington MN

More info at <https://www.archspm.org/tekakwitha2023/>

Native American Catholics who desire to celebrate their faith and culture with other Indigenous Catholics from North America are encouraged to attend. Rooms can be booked for a special rate using the group code "TKC"

Hospitality

As we serve one another through our prayers and volunteering, we uplift our community and increase our own strength and care. With our funeral ministry, outreach, programming and Sunday after mass fellowship, we call for help from others to serve our relatives and run our church. Now we reach out to you for help with these needs going forward. Please consider sharing some time with us on tasks and work groups, or committees. This is a way for our community to come together as individuals and families to share and support each other. Reach out to us after mass, through the website, or talk to Shawn, Maryanna, or Robert.

Taco Bingo February 5th after Mass (from ~11:30 am-1 pm)

This fundraiser supports our members attending the 2023 Tekakwitha Conference. The prices for tacos, prairie dogs, fry bread and pop have increased for a few reasons: Taco bingo food prices haven't changed in years and the price of everything has increased. With that said, we would like to add that Taco Bingo is supposed to be a family-friendly event that is not meant to pose a hardship on anyone. If you feel the prices are too much, don't hesitate to approach the seller and offer what you can to get food for your family - make sure to keep some money for bingo! We purposely did not raise bingo prices. We want this event to be fun and inviting for everyone - with no judgement! Future dates will be on First Sunday of the month from February to May 2023.

