

March 2023

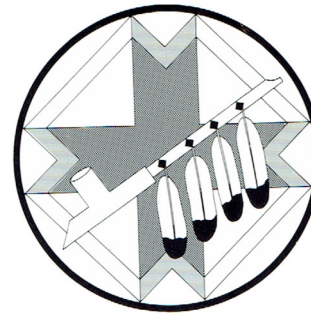
- 8 Lenten Pipe Ceremony, 6 pm in the Chapel. Soup to follow.
- 12 Third Sunday of Lent, Mass 10 am, Daylight Savings Time begins.
- 13 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm
- 15 Lenten Pipe Ceremony, 6 pm in the Chapel. Soup to follow.
- 19 Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mass 10 am, Taco Bingo after Mass
- 20 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm
- 22 Lenten Pipe Ceremony, 6 pm in the Chapel. Soup to follow.
- 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent, Mass 10 am
- 27 Movie: *The Letter*, St Joan of Arc, 6:30pm in the Welcome Center
- 27 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm
- 29 Lenten Pipe Ceremony, 6 pm in the Chapel. Soup to follow.

April 2023

- 2 Palm Sunday, Mass 10 am
- 3 Follow-up discussion on *The Letter*, 6:30 pm at Gichitwaa Kateri
- 3 Medicine Wheel AA
- 5 Lenten Pipe Ceremony, 6 pm in the Chapel. Soup to follow.
- 6 Holy Thursday
- 7 Good Friday
- 8 Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil
- 9 Easter—the Resurrection of the Lord, Mass 10 am
- 10 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm
- 16 Second Sunday of Easter, Mass 10 am
- 17 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm
- 23 Third Sunday of Easter, Mass 10 am
- 24 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm
- 30 Fourth Sunday of Easter, Mass 10 am

May 2023

- 1 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm
- 7 Fifth Sunday of Easter, Mass 10 am, Taco Bingo after Mass
- 8 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm
- 14 Sixth Sunday of Easter, Mass 10 am
- 15 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm
- 21 Seventh Sunday of Easter, Mass 10 am
- 22 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm
- 28 Pentecost Sunday, Mass 10 am
- 29 Memorial Day Holiday, offices closed



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Third Sunday in Lent

Nibi, Gizaagi'igoo
Gimiigwechiwenimigoo
Gizhawenimigoo

Water, we love you
We thank you
We respect you

In today's gospel reading, Jesus says to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water" (John 4:10). In another place in John's gospel, Jesus says "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me! Let anyone who believes in me come and drink!" and the gospel writer goes on to say: "As scripture says, 'From his heart shall flow streams of living water.' He was speaking of the Spirit which those who believed in him were to receive" (John 7:37-39). There are many passages in the Old Testament where water symbolizes life and God's goodness and saving action, and in John's gospel these ideas are applied to Christ's saving work for us.

For the Ojibwe, especially for the women who have been involved in the "water walk" and ceremonies associated with it, water is life. The song printed above is used in those ceremonies, and Maryanna, who has taken part of the water walk for several years, asked Doreen Day for permission for us to use this song in our liturgy today. She said, "Please do," and the Mother Earth Water Walk site mentions that "Doreen and her grandson, Mashkoonce, give permission for everyone to share this song... sing it to the water every day."

Each line of the song has a verb which we often use in hymns: in line 1 **zaagi'i** ("love someone"), in line 2 **miigwechiwenim** ("thank someone") and in line 3 **zhawenim**, which in many hymns means "bless someone" or "be merciful to someone," but in this song it means "respect someone." All three verbs have the suffix **-igoo** ("we") and the prefix **gi-** "you," and the "you" that we address in the song is **nibi** ("water").

Larry Martin

Readings In this week of International Women's Day our Gospel brings us the story of the Samaritan Women from the Gospel of John. Jesus defies social norms and speaks to a woman. Not only a woman, but a woman from the tribe not accepted by the Hebrews, a woman in disgrace by society. He treats her with respect and without judgement. This is the core of this changing of her heart. I've watched this change of heart from people on the streets, people in prison, people on the margins, people in congregations and people of privilege. The comment of why that change happened is always, this is the first time someone treated me like a human.

Shawn Phillips

First Reading: Exodus 17: 3-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Sacraments On Holy Saturday we usually celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation in our parish. Please call or email Shawn if you wish to receive the Sacraments. We will have a prep session during Lent but will need people to sign up. You could start looking for God Parents, at least one should be a practicing Catholic.

Pipe Ceremony and Prayer service, 6 pm Wednesdays during Lent on March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, and April 5th. We come together in a smaller group to pray with a pipe ceremony and then a reflection. After, we have a soup meal. To reduce waste, please bring your own dish and cutlery to use for the meal. All are welcome. Please call to sign up for a date to provide soup, salad or bread after the prayer.

Wateca (WaTecha) Dishes Traditionally our ancestors took great responsibility for their own physical needs, including carrying their own eating utensils when they attended gatherings or even just visiting. By bringing our own set of dishes, we can revive this tradition of being responsible guardians of Unci Maka / Grandmother Earth.

Volunteering Opportunities are available to help with willow saplings, asema, Lenten soup meals, taco bingo, Sunday hospitality, long range planning, bulletin board update, etc. To volunteer, please sign up after mass or through the website, or talk to Shawn, Maryanna, or Robert.

The Tegeder Legacy Scholarship is open for application. If you are a member of Gichitwaa Kateri church, or are associated with a member, you may be eligible for a scholarship of up to \$10,000.00 to attend an accredited high school, community/technical college, or university. See Shawn for further details or to request an application. The deadline for completed applications is March 26th.

Those who have died: Francis Charles Colton, Dennis Paul Goodwin, Jr., William "Bill" Keezer, Archie L Villiard, John Lee Roy, Alaina Marie DeFoe-Shofner, Carson Lee Mountain, Jr., Garland "Gar" Ray Bradley, Jr., and also Jim Miller, founder of the Dakota 38+2 Wokiksuye Ride.

Tekakwitha Conference: Gathering for Healing through Living Waters July 19-23, 2023 at DoubleTree Hotel, Bloomington MN More info is at <https://www.archspm.org/tekakwitha2023/> If you are planning to attend, please contact Shawn Phillips by March 26th to be part of the group registration. The church will assist with conference fees for those who volunteered at the fundraisers. Native American Catholics who desire to celebrate their faith and culture with other Indigenous Catholics from North America are encouraged to attend. The church does not assist with lodging costs. Individuals who plan to stay at the hotel can book rooms at a group special rate with code "TKC".

Parish Website The parish website was redesigned. Check out the new and updated sections at www.katerimpls.org There are lots of fun options for visitors. Prayer, history, leave a message, and give a testimonial for an experience you had here, or from a program we offer throughout the year. Enjoy seeing the fruits of our, and our ancestors work!

Gathering Willow The lodge in our chapel is rebuilt each year during Holy Week. Willow saplings will need to be cut in late March. Please let us know if you can help with this task, or if you know of nearby locations where we would be permitted to gather.

Asema is needed for our community and for the upcoming 2023 Tekakwitha Conference. Over the next few Sunday's Red Osier dogwood branches and instructions are available for anyone who wishes to help to meet this need.