

Those who have died: William "Baby William" Troy Wilson, John Patrick Smith, Diane Joyce White, Jude Duane Beauchamp Jr, Carla Marie Gale, and Patrick Shane Sullivan.

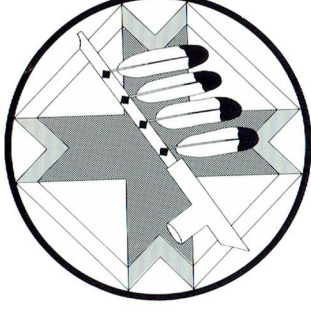
Gathering Willow The lodge in our chapel is rebuilt each year during Holy Week. Willow saplings will be cut April 3rd or 4th. Please let us know if you can help with this task.

March 2023

- 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, Mass at 6 pm, meal to follow
 - 7 Good Friday, 3pm Kateri Chapelet Rosary in the chapel
 - Good Friday, 6 pm, a reading of the passion, veneration of the cross, with communion.
 - 8 Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil, 8 pm
 - 9 Easter—the Resurrection of the Lord, Mass time to be determined
 - 10 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm
 - 15 Spring Sweat at Black Horse Camp
 - 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, Mother's Day, Mass 10 am



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Fifth Sunday in Lent

Bi-zin-dan e-na-mi'-e-yaan. Nind-a-pe-ni-moon e-ki-dod. Nim-bii'-aa ji--wii-doo-ka-wid Nin-gi-zhe--ma-ni-doo-mi-naan.	<i>Listen when I pray. I rely on what our God says. I wait for Him to help me.</i>
Gi-gi-chi--a-pii-ten-daa-goz. Aa-pi-ji gi-gi-zhe-waa-diz. A-pa-ne gi-zaa-gi'-i-we. Ge-get gi-bi-maa-ji'-i-we.	<i>You are held in high esteem. You are very kind; You are forever loving, Indeed you give life.</i>

This song, based on Psalm 130, the responsorial psalm for today, begins with the word **bizindan** ("listen"). A related word is **bizindaw** ("listen to someone"). When someone gives a speech, he or she often ends by saying, **miigwech bizindawiyeg** ("thanks for listening to me"). That form of the word is used in cases where there is more than one listener. If you wanted to thank just one person for listening, you would say **miigwech bizindawiyaa**.

We learned in an earlier column that the prefix for "I" as the subject of a verb has several forms. It is usually *in-* (or some people instead say *nin-*) before most verbs. However, *ind-* (or *nind-*) is used instead before verbs that begin with a vowel, like **apenimo**, which means someone "relies on something," as we see here in the second line of the first stanza, **Nindapenimoon**. Before verbs that begin with *m* or *w*, we use *ni-*, as in **niiisin** ("I eat") and **nimaajaa** ("I leave"). Finally, if the verb begins with *b-*, the "I" prefix has the form *nim-*, as it does with the verb **bii'** ("wait for someone") in the third line of the first stanza above, **Nimbii'aa** ("I wait for him," where the *-aa* ending means "him").

In the second stanza, each line has a word that begins with the prefix *gi-*, which means "you," and these lines remind God of three of His most important characteristics, telling God : **gigizhewaadiz** ("You are kind or

merciful," ***gizaagji'iewe*** ("You are loving"), and ***gibimaajji'iewe*** ("You give life"). The original Hebrew of the last line in today's psalm uses a verb that is usually translated "redeem," and often it is used in a context where it means rescuing someone from some sort of lack of freedom. For example, during the exodus from Egypt, where the Israelites were enslaved, Moses tells them: "God brought you out with his mighty hand and redeemed you from the place of slave-labor, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt" (Deuteronomy 7: 8). To people of the African-American church, this idea was, and still is, very powerful. However, although the Ojibwe people have been mistreated in many ways, they have not experienced slavery as such, and Father Baraga's dictionary of Ojibwe doesn't even have a word for "redeem" in this sense. We refer to Jesus both as "savior" and "redeemer." For most of us, these two titles probably have about the same meaning, and interestingly, for the word that means "save someone," Baraga gives the word which Rick generally uses for "save"--the word in the last line of today's song, ***gibimaajji'iewe*** ("you give life").

Larry Martin

Readings

The Gospel of John brings us the raising of Lazarus. Jesus was just ran out of Jerusalem, right after the healing of the blind man last week. Now he tells the disciples we need to go back to pray for their brother. The disciples are shocked that they are going back to a place that the temple people will stone us all. Thomas says, "Great let's go back and die with Lazarus." Jesus is taking the disciples back so that they will believe. What do we need to see, touch, hear, smell, to truly believe?

Shawn Phillips

First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 12-14

Second Reading: Romans 8: 8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

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.

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.

The Letter - Movie Night at Saint Joan of Arc

In the Welcome Center on Monday, March 27 at 6:30pm SJA and the Church of Gichitwaa Kateri will co-host a screening of, *The Letter: A Message for Our Earth*. This is a beautiful, heartening documentary that tells the story of several worldwide environmental justice leaders, as well as the personal history of Pope Francis and his commitment to the future of our beloved Mother Earth. Please join us for the film, and a follow-up discussion circle the following Monday, April 3 at 6:30pm at Kateri.

Pipe Ceremony and Prayer service, 6 pm Wednesdays during Lent on March 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.

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](mailto:Shawn.Phillips@archspm.org) 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".

Inipi purification lodge, Saturday April 15: Community sweats are held each Spring and Fall at Black Horse Camp at Prairie Island Dakota Community. Ray Owen, our host, is son of one of our founders, Amos Owen. Mike Snodgrass is one of Ray's initiates. Carpools will depart from the church lot at 5:30 pm. Please call Shawn for more info.