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March 2023

- 2 Church office closed for Archdiocesan Retreat
- 5 Second Sunday of Lent, Mass 10 am
- 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, 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

March 5, 2023

Second Sunday in Lent

<p>1) Nii-mi-da-na-da-so-gon Giin Gi-gii--kii'-i-go-shim E-na-mi'-e-ta-ma-wi-yaang, Wii-doo-ka-wi-shi-naam!</p> <p>1) <i>Lord, who throughout these forty days For us did fast and pray, Teach us to overcome our sins, And close by you to stay.</i></p>	<p>2) Wiij-a-yaa-wi-shi-naam moo-zhag Ga-gwa-da-gi-goo-yaang. Nin-ga--min-waa-ni-go-zi-min A-pa-ne gaa-gi-nig.</p> <p>2) <i>Abide with us, that through this life Of suffering and of pain An Easter of unending joy We may at last attain.</i></p>
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I thought you might like this old standard Lenten hymn. It can be sung to the tune of "Amazing Grace."

The original English words are printed above in case you would prefer to sing it in English, but Rick had to be a little bit free in turning them into Ojibwe. Here's a literal translation of the Ojibwe:

You fasted forty days, you who pray for us. Help us!

Be with us always as we suffer. We will be joyful always forever.

This probably the only hymn in which my commentary can give you counting words: Here are the main ones:

- 1) **bezhig** 2) **niizh** 3) **niswi** 4) **niiwiiwin** 5) **naanan** 6) **ningodwaaswi**
- 7) **niizhwaaswi** 8) **nishwaaswi** 9) **zhaangaswi** 10) **midaaswi**
- 11) **ashi bezhig** 12) **ashi niizh** (etc.)
- 20) **niizhtana** 21) **niizhtana ashi bezhig** (etc.)
- 30) **nisimidana** 31) **nisimidana ashi bezhig** (etc.)
- 40) **niimidana** 41) **nimidana ashi bezhig** (etc.)
- 50) **naanimidana**

Readings Our Gospel passage this morning comes from Matthew and is called the Transfiguration. We see Jesus as human and divine. When we experience the presence of God as in this passage we could be filled with the presence of the divine as Jesus, or filled with fear as the disciples. Which do you choose? I don't know why people are afraid of being holy, but I think it is a great block to humanity. Help us to remove fear and allow the divine grace to fill that hole.

Shawn Phillips

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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.

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.

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.

Those who have died: Calais Corey (Brahnam Campbell) Lone Elk, Winnie (Winnifred) Lorayne LaPrairie, Duane "Juju" Anthony Beaudreau, Jr., Jesse Nathaniel Kennebeck, Alexis "Dud" Rae Rodriguez, Randi Lee "Baybe Jay" Stone, Phyllis Ann Day, Nicholas Scott Reynolds, and Samuel "Sam" Kyle White.

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 have 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. Individuals who plan to stay at the hotel can book rooms for a special rate using the group code "TKC". The church does not assist with lodging costs.

Parish Website The parish website was recently redesigned. Check out the new and updated sections at www.katerimpls.org To find our prayer page, move your cursor (arrow) over the Connect heading. The menu will drop down, prayer is on the bottom. Teresa Tweet helped organize this page, thank her when you see her again!

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.