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**Stewardship Reflections**
The curing of the Blind Man gave hope to the community that they were deserving of God’s love no matter what their circumstance. Reflect on the words of Pope Francis this week, “To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love, is to open up a horizon of hope; it is to let a shaft of light break through the heavy clouds; it is to bring the warmth of hope!” (Pope Francis, March 19, 2013)

May I be the light in the darkness of this world by generously sharing my time, my talents, and all my resources, in the name of Jesus. (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2020/02/14)

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March 19, Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:00AM+John Duffy (Greg & Kathy Clemens)
10:00AM+Cyril & Mary Kibler (Jerry & Rita Kibler)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church is at 11:30 AM

March 20, Monday, Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12:00PM+Dan & Miriam Burns (M/M Dave Hanekamp)

March 21, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday
12:00PM+Joseph Gallagher (Family)

March 22, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday
12:00PM+Richard & William Drass (Eileen Hmel)

March 23, Thursday, Saint Tribius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
12:00PM+Richard & William Drass (Eileen Hmel)

March 24, Friday, Lenten Weekday
12:00PM+Joseph Gallagher (Family)

March 25, Saturday, The Annunciation of the Lord
12:00PM+Jim Doud, Anniversary (Debbie Ball)

March 26, Sunday, Seventh Sunday of Lent
12:00PM+Geraldine Rose, Anniversary (Family)

March 27, Monday, Annunciation of the Lord
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March 28, Tuesday, Third Sunday of Lent
12:00PM+Jim Doud, Anniversary (Debbie Ball)

March 29, Wednesday, Third Wednesday of Lent
12:00PM+Miriam Burns (M/M Dave Hanekamp)

March 30, Thursday, Saint Joseph of Calasanz, Bishop
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March 31, Friday, Third Friday of Lent
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- On March 20th, nine months before the Solemnity of our Lord’s Nativity, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

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**Contribution Reports**
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**Readings for the week of March 19, 2023**

**Sunday:**
- 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
- 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22'/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-23, 23/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-18/Lk 1:26-38

**Next Sunday:**
- Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-4

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**Fish Fry**
Our parish’s Annual Lenten Fish Fry Lunch is on the Fridays of Lent, except Good Friday. The drive-thru lunches will be available from 11:00 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. The cost is $10.00 for a large fish sandwich, mac & cheese, and cole slaw. For ten or more lunch purchases, delivery is available but you need to call ahead at 814-944-4603. Take out and cash only.

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