FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 26, 2023

CRS RICE BOWLS

We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls on Holy Thursday. There will be baskets at the entrances of each Church. You can put your Rice Bowl in the basket or, if you prefer, you can simply write a check, payable to the parish, and put it in the collection basket in an envelope marked CRS Rice Bowl. Another option is to drop it off at either parish office during regular office hours. Thank you for your sacrifice during this Lenten season.

FAITH FORMATION

The next Family Faith Formation class is Sunday, April 16th and will be held ONLY at St John's at 10:00 am. After Mass families are invited to share pizza and ice cream in Father Willis Hall. THERE WILL BE NO CLASS AT ST. PETER'S.

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

"There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life… Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'… We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (The Gospel of Life 86).

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

If you have a family member who is sick, hospitalized or homebound and would like Communion taken to them, in Delhi, please call St. Peter's parish office at 607-746-2503 in Walton and Downsville, please call St. John's parish office at 607-865-7394 ext. 1

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

Feeling bored or sad? "Do not abandon yourself to sorrow, do not torment yourself with brooding." (Sirach 30:21) There's plenty of sorrow these days but look for a positive side to misfortune. For example: If I'm sick, maybe I can finally read that book. Try it. You might be a more pleasant person to be around.

GRIEF MINISTRY

Mission Statement: To provide a listening ear, compassion and possible recommendations and/or direction for a positive life journey moving forward with the help of our Faith! For more information contact Kathy Scribani at 607-376-1633

EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION

There will be a pot luck dinner in Father Willis hall after the 7:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass on April 8. **Please bring a dish to pass**. For more information or any questions, please call Mike at 607-865-8618. All are welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Agnes, Robert Fasanaro, John Sterchak, Stephen Ball, Vernon Wildenstein, Greg Froehlich, Burneda Ford, Mary Jane Mehegen, Claire Hanley, George Ostrowski, Tammy Jamieson, Richie Keiser, Hillary Zujovic, Joan, Peggy Robbin, Val Vavarone, Val DiGiovanni, Diane Patterson, James O'Dell, Lynn Hoffman, Logan Cazzolla, Lori Babcock, Concetta Tomao Hoyt, Mary Lou Tomao MacDonald, John Thomas

MASS OF ANOINTING

Father Golding will offer a Mass of the Sacrament of the Sick and anointing at St. Peter's and St. John's on Wednesday, March 29, at the regularly scheduled Masses.

MONEY MATTERS

The general collection amounts for March 18th & 19th are: Holy Family, $225.00, St. John's, $1,61200 and St. Peter's Church, $1,978.00. The Catholic Relief collections are: Holy Family, $58.00, St. John's, $486.00, St. Peter's, $675.00. Thank you.

ONE-ON-ONE TECH SUPPORT

Want to learn more about the features on your phone, tablet or computer? A volunteer will be at the Ogden Free Library, 42 Gardiner Place, Walton on March 28 from 10:00 am – Noon to assist and answer questions. To sign up and reserve a slot, call 607-865-5929.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross as follows: Holy Family: 3:00 pm; St. Peter's: 6:00 pm; St. John's: 6:00 pm.
On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross at all three Churches will be at 3:00 pm.

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

All Triduum services will be at
St. John the Baptist Church at 7:00 pm.
Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, Passion of the Lord
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday will follow the regular Sunday Mass schedule.

Annual Diocesan Divine Mercy Consecration & Mass with the Bishop

Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 11 AM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany. For more info.: **www.rcda.org/divinemercyconsecration** Livestream: www.rcda.org/livestream Strive to begin the book, *33 Days to Merciful Love* on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Do not worry if you fall behind, simply catch up when you can.

ST. JOHN'S HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour at St. John's is every Thursday from 2:30 – 3:30 pm. Beginning April 13th, Holy Hour will be held in the Eucharistic Chapel rather than the main church. Everyone is welcome to participate in this time of quiet, contemplative prayer.

There is no Holy Hour on Holy Thursday, April 6.

First Holy Communion

If your child is preparing to make their First Communion this spring and has not yet received a take-home packet, please contact Katherine Gielskie 607-746-2503 stpetersdelhiny@gmail.com

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

Mar 27 - Max Heinrich, Frank O'Brien
Mar 28 - Harold Leitenberger, Nancy Marlorana
Mar 30 - Hugh Lacey, Mary Porterfield, Robert Flanagan
Mar 31– Lenora Davis, Paul F. Eaton, Sr.
Apr 1 - Harry B Amen, Jennie B. Buckley, Nellie Phillips, Amanda Ray, Paul Rorick
Apr 2 - Paul Bachler

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

WASHING OF THE FEET

On Holy Thursday the Church recreates the practice of Washing of the Feet. Twelve people, from all three Churches, are asked to consider volunteering to have their feet washed. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of St. John's Church. If you are willing to volunteer and cannot get to the sign-up sheet, please leave a message, with your name, at St. John's office: 607-865-7394, ext 1. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend the second collection is for parish utilities. Although the winter has been a mild one, the heating bills are quite high. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

Attention Middle and High-Schoolers

Who wants to win Money?
$75 1st prize, $50 2nd prize

We will be holding our annual Pro-life Oratory contest this year on Sunday April 23rd @12:15pm (following Mass) at St John's in Walton. Preregistration is required. Please call or text 607-434-5874 for more information or to register.

For those students interested in entering the Pro-Life Oratory Contest, coaching is available. Contact Katherine Gielskie for more information. 607-746-2503 or stpetersdelhiny@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus is Monday, March 27th at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the conference room (lower level of the parish center) at St. John the Baptist in Walton. Interest in becoming a Knight, we welcome you to our meeting.

KNOWING YOUR FAITH

Which are the Holy Days in the United States?

In addition to participating at Mass every weekend, Catholics in the United States are obliged to attend the Holy Sacrifice on the following Holy Days: solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1; Ascension Thursday, 40 days after Easter; Assumption of Mary into heaven, August 15; All Saints Day, November 1; Immaculate Conception of Mary, December 8; Nativity of Jesus (Christmas), December 25. Holy Days are special feasts celebrated by Catholics. Formerly there were many more, but the circumstances of the industrial ages let to a curtailment of that number by Church authorities. Bound by serious obligation to participation at Mass on Sundays or their Saturday vigils and the Holy Days are all Catholics who have reached the age of reason and are not otherwise excused. Are Catholics still obliged to go to Mass on Sunday or its Saturday vigil? Yes, indeed. This is so because the very nature of being a Catholic is to belong to the Eucharistic Church-community whose heart and center is that celebration of the Holy Eucharist together. It is in this sense that our weekend Mass-offering should be considered as a holy obligation. Although the Holy Eucharist is a precious love-feast, the Lord understands that sometimes we simply cannot be present, much as we certainly would like to be. Our attendance at Mass is not by some cruel law with punishment hanging over us for nay infringement, however involuntary. Practicing Catholics realize the importance of our Mass. And they will know when there may be a legitimate and reluctant excusing cause preventing attendance at Maas. *Knowing Your Faith, Rev. Raymond B. Fullham, S.J.*

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.