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**ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

**MONDAY—MARCH 7**

**Fourth Monday of Lent**

7:30 a.m. Eucharist [*Farrell W. Wright+*] - Menville  
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (IV) - Kingsley

**TUESDAY—MARCH 8**

**Fourth Tuesday of Lent**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Menville  
8:00 a.m. Eucharist [*Robert/Patricia Stratton+*]  
- Kingsley  
7:00 p.m. Eucharist [*Special Intention*] - Menville  
7:30 p.m. KC8232 Meeting - Menville

**WEDNESDAY—MARCH 9**

**Fourth Wednesday of Lent**

6:30 a.m. MMA Lenten Breakfast - TLC  
8:00 a.m. Eucharist [*Thomas D. Cooper+*] - Menville  
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Kingsley  
11:00 a.m. Eucharist [*Beverly M. Hoelker+*]  
- CharMac  
4:00 p.m. Reconciliation - Menville  
4:00 p.m. Faith Formation [PS-4] - Kingsley  
4:00 p.m. Faith Formation [PS-5] - Menville  
7:00 p.m. Reconciliation - Menville  
7:00 p.m. Faith Formation [5-12] - Kingsley  
7:00 p.m. Faith Formation [6-9] - Menville  
7:00 p.m. CICC - Menville  
7:00 p.m. SMC Ladies Guild Meeting - Kingsley

**THURSDAY—MARCH 10**

**Fourth Thursday of Lent**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Menville  
8:00 a.m. Eucharist [*Robert/Patricia Stratton+*]  
- Kingsley

**FRIDAY—MARCH 11**

**Fourth Friday of Lent**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Menville  
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Kingsley

**SATURDAY—MARCH 12**

**Fourth Saturday of Lent**

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation - Menville  
5:00 p.m. Eucharist [*Living/Deceased Members*]  
- Menville  
6:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner (Guild) - Menville

**SUNDAY—MARCH 13**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation - Kingsley  
9:00 a.m. Eucharist [*Robert/Patricia Stratton+*]  
- Kingsley

Please visit the WFCC website to find more information about both parishes, to read and/or download this weekly bulletin, to read the latest news, and to learn more about our faith.  
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**6 March 2016**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

This weekend we have the most beloved parable in all the Gospels: The Prodigal Son. We readily identify with its characters: an ungrateful son who wants to go it alone, a scornful older brother quick to judge others but slow to recognize his failings, and a lenient father, eager for his son's return. The story is so simple, yet there is a problem in interpreting it. We all know the father is God, the elder brother the Pharisees, but who is the prodigal son?

On one level we can say the prodigal son is all of us. As St. Paul says, "*All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We are saved by pure grace.*" Each of us can apply that to our selves. I know that I have received a great inheritance, but I misused it. I blew it on things that I thought would make me happy or make other people like me, but it didn't work. Sad, lonely, broke and hurting, I finally woke up. I realized the only place I would find wholeness and healing was in my father's house. So I swallowed my pride and decided to go home. The prodigal son is surely me. And you, my brother, are also the prodigal son. And you, my sister, you are the prodigal daughter.

That personal interpretation has great value, but it misses a deeper point. On the deepest level--and this is going to surprise many of you--the prodigal son is Jesus himself! Not that Jesus ever sinned and needed forgiveness, but in today's 2<sup>nd</sup> reading St. Paul tells us: "*For our sakes God made him who did not know sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the very holiness of God.*" This is an important point. I emphasize it because too often people use this parable to communicate a false notion of Christianity. They think that we can make or find our own ways to God. That it is our decision to accept Jesus as our "personal Lord and Savior" that saves us. That is false. It is a heresy called Pelagianism, but we may as well call it Americanism. We cannot earn or obtain salvation on our own--but only through Jesus, and I might add, his Church.

The parable itself provides clues that Jesus is the Prodigal Son --not just because he was criticized by the elder brother, i.e. the Pharisees. More direct evidence is what the father says to the elder brother at the end of the parable. "*We had to celebrate and rejoice. This brother of yours was dead and has come back to life.*" Those are the same words used to describe Jesus' resurrection.

In just 14 days we begin the most solemn week of the year. We call it Holy Week because it commemorates the most important event in history. Two weeks from today we will receive the blessed palms and listen to the reading of Jesus' Passion. This week's Gospel describes what that Passion and triumph means for each of us.

Don't stay outside like the elder brother--so filled with envy and anger that he could only criticize and judge. You know, sometimes we can think what counts is *being* right. But going to heaven does not depend on that. Nor is it even a matter of *doing* right. The elder brother had convinced himself that he not only *was* right but that he had always *done* right, even reproaching his father for not having thrown a celebration for him, believing that he deserved it and had earned it.

Ah, but that's not how salvation works. Recognize the older brother's ridiculous pride and self-justification. All that is needed is to accept the Father's invitation and join the celebration. Do not be fooled. You cannot save yourself or select your means of salvation. Instead, join yourself to the one who humbled himself unto death. In him alone will you find the Father's mercy and redemption.

*Fr. Brad Pelzel*

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**WFCC TRIVIA NIGHT** Don't miss out on a fun night of trivia and tacos on March 19 after Mass! Sign-up sheets are available in the ICC Hall and in St. Michael Church entry way. Round up a team, pick a team name and start studying "Are You Smarter Than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader. Remember it's good to have all ages on your team, especially 5<sup>th</sup> graders! Be hungry, there's a taco bar too for \$5.



**MINISTERS' ASSIGNMENTS**

**SUNDAY MARCH 13 9:00 A.M.**

- Altar Servers:** Carson Seuntjens, Kaylinn Seuntjens, Sydney Seuntjens
- Reader(s):** Katherine Martensen, Brian Vondrak
- Cantor:** Angie Haggin
- Organist:** Jolene Spooner
- Gifts:** Casey Koch Family
- Communion:** Jan Meister, Bill Sitzmann, Val Sitzmann
- KNH:** Janice Meister
- Greeters:** Marie Benedix, Verlyn Nafe
- Ushers:** Denny Beelner, Amy Benson
- Collection**
- Counters:** Colleen Bainbridge, Barb Crabb

**INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK**

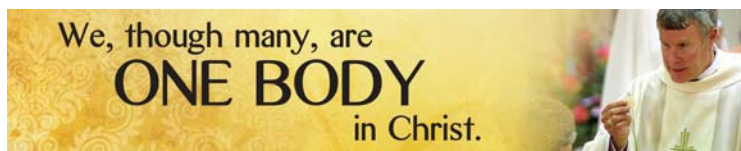
Adult Envelopes .....	\$1,579.00 (40 Envelopes)
Youth Envelopes* .....	\$13.00 ( 7 Envelopes)
Loose .....	\$105.35
Candles .....	\$16.00
Flower Fund.....	\$20.00
Interest Income .....	\$155.03
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$1,888.38</b>
Needed Each Week.....	\$2,877.89
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$7,721.16</b>

\*Time/Talent quotes from youth envelopes: none

**BUDGET REPORT 2015-2016**

<b>Income needed by 30 June 2016:</b>	\$143,090.78
<b>Income needed each week:</b>	\$2,751.75
<b>Income received since 1 July 2015:</b>	\$92,340.03

3/4/2016



	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>\$ Goal:</b>	\$11,000.00	\$12,000.00
<b>\$ Pledged:</b>	\$9,009.00	\$9,062.50
<b>\$ Given:</b>	\$9,009.00	\$8,148.75
<b>Pledges Goal:</b>	168	166
<b>Participants:</b>	103	97
<b>Participant Rate:</b>	63%	58%

**FROM THE DESK OF BARB SITZMANN, DRE:**

- Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm- 1<sup>st</sup> graders will be presenting Living Stations in the church.
- Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 7 pm- 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders will be presenting Living Stations in the church. All evening students are to attend.
- Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> BCC class from 5:30-6:30 at the FF Center. If you are a catechist and need this class yet, please plan to attend. A light meal will be provided.
- Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> the Kingsley KC's will be hosting a high school (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade) movie night from 6-8 pm in the church. The movie is TBA. More info to come. Mark your calendars for an evening of fun!
- Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>- Communal confessions in the church at 4 pm and 7 pm.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>- NO FF CLASSES AT ST MICHAEL- EASTER BREAK!
- Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> BCC class from 5:30-6:30 at the FF Center. If you are a catechist and need this class yet, please plan to attend. A light meal will be provided
- Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 7pm- IC in Moville will be having Adoration.
- Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>- CONFIRMATION STUDENTS- ALL MASS REPORTS AND SERVICE HOURS ARE DUE.
- Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>- 4-7 pm- 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Learning Stations at the FF Center. Come and go event lasting approximately 1-1 1/2 hours. All 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and their parents are to attend.
- Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>- 5:30-6:30 pm at the FF Center. If you are a catechist and need this class yet, please plan to attend. A light meal will be provided.
- Contact info: St. Michael FF Center 378-2021, Barb's cell 712-251-8567, home phone 378-2052, work phone 378-2861. Emails- FF [stmikedre@gmail.com](mailto:stmikedre@gmail.com), home [barbsitzmann@yahoo.com](mailto:barbsitzmann@yahoo.com), work [bsitzmann@k-pcsd.org](mailto:bsitzmann@k-pcsd.org).

**KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP** will be Friday, March 11. If you are planning to send your child to Kingsley-Pierson CSD for Kindergarten in the fall 2016, please contact Barb Sitzmann at the Kingsley School, 378-2861. We are scheduling for a morning and an afternoon roundup session.

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**SMC SANCTUARY LIGHT [MARCH 6-12]** burns for **Virgil & Marilyn Podany+** at the request of **Rick, Susie & Nikki Ahlquist**.  
**Weeks available until December 25.**



**MINISTERS' ASSIGNMENTS**

**SATURDAY MARCH 12 5:00 P.M.**

**Altar Servers:** Brand Beaver, Casie Petersen, Carlene Petersen

**Reader(s):** Brynn Kuntz, Jenny Crew

**Cantor:** Sally Schultz

**Organist:** Laura Krajceck

**Gifts:** Lee Lander Family

**Communion:** Mary Schultz, Marie McClure, Becky Moodie

**CharMac:** Elaine Ketelsen

**Ushers:** Jim Gries, Mike Ketelsen

**Collection**

**Counters:** Pam Cooper, JoAnne Jenness

**INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK**

Adult Envelopes ..... \$946.00 (34 Envelopes)

Youth Envelopes\* .....\$28.10 ( 13 Envelopes)

Loose .....\$397.00

Flower Fund.....\$20.00 ( 1 Envelope)

YM Dinner.....\$645.10

**Total Income .....\$2,036.20**

Needed Each Week.....\$2,859.23

**Total Parish Expenses..... \$5,472.81**

**\*Time/Talent quotes from youth envelopes:** "Helped my little brother", "Picked up rocks in the yard.", "I helped my mom pick up sticks", "served"

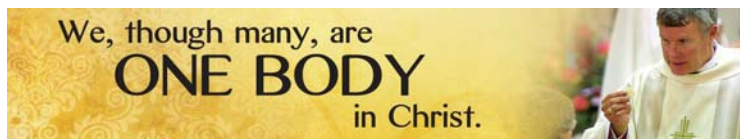
**BUDGET REPORT 2015-2016**

**Income needed by 30 June 2016:** \$148,679.57

**Income needed each week:** \$2,859.23

**Income received since 1 July 2015:** \$89,935.80

3/4/2016



	2014	2015
<b>\$ Goal:</b>	\$10,000.00	\$11,000.00
<b>\$ Pledged:</b>	\$10,770.50	\$8,462.50
<b>\$ Given:</b>	\$10,465.50	\$7,822.00
<b>Pledges Goal:</b>	154	151
<b>Participants:</b>	119	88
<b>Participant Rate:</b>	79%	58%

**LENTEN BOOK STUDY** Want to REDISCOVER JESUS during Lent? Please join Connie Brockhaus on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. or Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the IC Church Library. Please read a chapter daily from the book Rediscovering Jesus and come ready to share your thoughts.

**FROM THE DESK OF ANGIE DUFFY, DFF:**

- Wednesday, **March 9** Communal Reconciliation at 4:00 p.m. for grades 2-5 and 7:00p.m. for grades 6-12. Attendance required by all Faith Formation students including CICC. Public welcome to attend.
- Wednesday, **March 9** the 3<sup>rd</sup> BCC class is scheduled from 5:30-6:30 at the FF Center in Kingsley. If you are a catechist and need this class yet, please plan to attend. A light meal will be provided.
- Wednesday, **March 23** Adoration for the 4:00 p.m. Faith Formation Students
- Wednesday, **March 23** Stations of the Cross and Adoration for 7:00 p.m. Faith Formation students. CICC students are to be in attendance. Public is welcome to attend also.
- **Wednesday, April 6** 5:30-6:30 pm at the Kingsley FF Center. If you are a catechist and need this class yet, please plan to attend. A light meal will be provided.
- **Monday, April 11** 6:30-8:00 p.m. First Communion Learning Stations at IC Church. All 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and their parents are to attend.
- **Wednesday, April 13** Confirmation Practice at 5:45-6:45 followed by Potluck meal for grades 6-12 Faith Formation students, families, and Confirmation Sponsors. This a scheduled class so students must attend.
- **Sunday, April 17** Confirmation at IC at 1:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, April 23** First Holy Eucharist rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Formation Faith students and parents are **required** to attend.
- **Sunday, April 24** First Holy Eucharist Mass at 1:30 p.m. at IC Church.
- **Wednesday, April 27** Last night for Faith Formation classes. CICC students are required to attend.
- **Saturday, April 30** Baccalaureate Mass at 5:00 p.m. at IC Church.
- Looking for individuals who would love to share their Faith with our youth. We are in need of Catechists for the school year 2016-2017. Please take time to pray about being a Catechist and possibly accepting Jesus' invitation to be a Catechist.

**LADIES GUILD SILENT AUCTION**, is planned for March 18, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus fish fry. You should be contacted by your circle leaders. Please be generous with your time and treasures. Items/cash need to be dropped off at the church office before February 7. If you have questions, contact JoAnne Jenness, 873-3785.

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**ICC SANCTUARY LIGHT [MARCH 6-12] burns for the People of WFCC.**  
**Weeks available until December 4.**



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Ella Bahmer, Leonard Beaver, Juanita Beaubien, Jim Berens, Rose Brown, Tom/Donna Clark, Virginia Connelly, Hulda Dragoo, Mary Drevs, Pauline Dugan, Kara Funk, Charlotte Honkomp, Virginia & Walt Kabisch, Don Kennedy, Millie Kisting, Harold Kloewer, Veronica Koebel, Joan McCain, Patricia McConnell, Kay Miller, Beverly Petekavich, Bob/Patricia Rogers, Kay Sands, Judy Schroeder, Sylvesta Slota, Dan Strachan, Bernice Timmins, Marcella Thomas, Jeune Vondrak, Gerry Weinriech, Emmet Woltman, Millie Wycoff, and the men and women serving in the military and police.

**PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:**

**Paul Loutsch**, brother of Colette Wright, uncle to Randy (Pat) Wright and Susie (Kirk) Lubbers, who passed away February 23.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- March 15, 7:00 p.m.: ICC Pastoral Council Meeting [M]
- March 15, 8:00 p.m.: ICC Finance Council Meeting [M]
- March 16, 4:00 p.m.: Reconciliation [K]
- March 16, 7:00 p.m.: Reconciliation [K]
- March 18, TBA: KC8232 Fish Fry [M]
- March 18, 7:00 p.m.: ICC Guild Silent Auction [M]
- March 19, 6:00 p.m.: WFCC Trivia Night [M]
- March 23, 4:00 p.m.: Adoration [M]
- March 23, 7:00 p.m.: Adoration/Stations of the Cross [M]
- March 24, 7:00 p.m.: Eucharist [K]
- March 24, 8:00-9:30 p.m.: Adoration/Night Prayer [K]
- March 25: OFFICES CLOSED
- March 25, 1:00 p.m.: Good Friday Service [M]
- March 26, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: Hall Rental [M]
- March 26, 9:00 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- March 27: EASTER SUNDAY
- March 27, 7:00 a.m.: Eucharist [M]
- March 27, 9:00 a.m.: Eucharist [K]
- March 28: OFFICES CLOSED
- March 30, 7:00 p.m.: CICC [M]
- April 2: Men's Conference [LeMars]
- April 4, 4:00-7:00 p.m.: SMC First Eucharist Learning Stations [K]
- April 6, 10:00 a.m.: Eucharist [KNH]
- April 9, 6:00 p.m.: Fellowship Dinner (Guild) [M]
- April 11, 6:30-8:00 p.m.: ICC First Eucharist Learning Stations [M]
- April 12, 7:00 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- April 12, 7:30 p.m.: KC8232 Meeting [M]
- April 13, 11:00 a.m.: Eucharist [CharMac]
- April 13, 5:45 p.m.: ICC Confirmation Rehearsal [M]
- April 13, 7:00 p.m.: CICC [M]
- April 13, 7:00-8:00 p.m.: ICC Family Potluck [M]
- April 13, 7:00 p.m.: SMC Guild Meeting [K]
- April 13, 7:00 p.m.: SMC Confirmation Rehearsal [K]
- April 14, 7:30 p.m.: ICC Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Team Meeting [M]

**WEST FORK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

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**Director of Faith Formation:** Angie Duffy

**Custodian-Church:** Connie Brockhaus / **Custodian-Rectory:** Judy Gruis

**ST. MICHAEL CHURCH HALL:** 712-378-2722

**FAITH FORMATION CENTER:** 712-378-2021

**Director of Faith Formation:** Barbara Sitzmann

**Email:** stmikedre@gmail.com

**Custodian-Church:** Jan Meister / **Assistant Custodian-Church:**

Jolene Spooner / **Custodian-FF Center:** Sonya Hamman

**Groundskeeper:** Jerome Gollhofer

**WFCC [MOVILLE] OFFICE HOURS:**

**Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.** 8:15 a.m.-noon, 1:00-4:15 p.m.

**Wed.** 8:15 a.m.-noon, 1:00-5:30 p.m., 6:30-8:45 p.m.

Other times by appointment

**EUCHARIST:**

**Saturday:** 5:00 p.m.-Moville

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m.-Kingsley

**Monday, Wednesday:** 7:30 a.m.-Moville

**Tuesday, Thursday:** 8:00 a.m.-Kingsley

**RECONCILIATION:**

**Saturday:** 4:00-4:45 p.m.-Moville

**Sunday:** 8:00-8:45 a.m.-Kingsley

Other times by appointment

**MORNING PRAYER:**

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 a.m.—Moville

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 a.m.—Kingsley

**BAPTISM** is to be arranged with the pastor in order to prepare for the child's baptism after completion of Baptism Class held quarterly (March, June, September, December).

**MARRIAGE** preparation is to begin 6-12 months before the wedding day. Please contact the pastor so that all preparations can be completed in time for the wedding and marriage.

**Remember, a wedding is just a day, a marriage is a LIFETIME!**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** By appointment; last Sunday of October during Sunday Masses.

**PERSONS WISHING TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**, whether baptized in another faith or unbaptized and over the age of seven [7], should contact the pastor to begin the process known as RCIA at anytime of the year.