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ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**MONDAY—FEBRUARY 29****Third Monday of Lent**

7:30 a.m. Eucharist [Mark McGowan] - Menville
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (III) - Kingsley

TUESDAY—MARCH 1**Third Tuesday of Lent**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Menville
8:00 a.m. Eucharist [Robert/Patricia Stratton+] - Kingsley
5:00-7:00 p.m. Light Is On (Reconciliation) - Kingsley
7:00 p.m. SMC Parish Council Meeting - Kingsley
7:00 p.m. ICC Ladies Guild Meeting - Menville
8:00 p.m. SMC Finance Council Meeting - Kingsley

WEDNESDAY—MARCH 2**Third Wednesday of Lent**

6:30 a.m. MMA Lenten Breakfast - UMC
8:00 a.m. Eucharist [Farrell W. Wright+] - Menville
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Kingsley
10:00 a.m. Eucharist [Robert/Patricia Stratton+] - KNH
4:00 p.m. Faith Formation [PS-4] - Kingsley
4:00 p.m. Faith Formation [PS-5] - Menville
7:00 p.m. Faith Formation [5-12] - Kingsley
7:00 p.m. Faith Formation [6-9] - Menville

THURSDAY—MARCH 3**Third Thursday of Lent**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Menville
8:00 a.m. Eucharist [Robert/Patricia Stratton+] - Kingsley
7:00 p.m. WFCC Baptism Class - Menville

FRIDAY—MARCH 4**Third Friday of Lent**

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

SATURDAY—MARCH 5**Third Saturday of Lent**

All Day - Women's Conference - Carroll
4:00 p.m. Reconciliation - Menville
5:00 p.m. Eucharist [Thomas D. Cooper+] - Menville

SUNDAY—MARCH 6**Fourth 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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28 February 2016**Third Sunday of Lent**

All sorts of plants appear in Sacred Scripture; between the Tree of Life in *Genesis* and the Tree of Life in *Revelation*, there are mustard plants, lilies, vines, flowers of the field, cedar trees, palms, wheat, corn, olives and of course, the fig tree. Given that our world reflects God's creative, loving power, it is fitting that nature plays a part in the story of sin and redemption.

This weekend's first reading reminds us of another significant plant in the story of salvation, the thorn. Although the text doesn't say it, by Jesus' day it was an accepted fact that the burning bush was a thorn bush. That it was from this lowly and nasty plant that God revealed to Moses his Sacred Name and began the process of saving his people, in this case from Egypt.

This idea has tremendous resonance. After Adam sinned and was evicted from the Garden of Eden, thorns were a sign of God's punishment, now with Moses the thorn bush becomes a sign of God's saving works. When Abraham was about to sacrifice his son Isaac, the ram which was sacrificed in the place of Isaac was caught in a thicket of thorns. Finally, there was a crown of thorns placed on Jesus' head. In this seemingly insignificant detail of the Passion narrative, the whole of salvation history is embodied: the sign of Fall, the foreshadowing of Jesus as the true Lamb of God, and the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God and King of all Creation.

Jesus bore the weight and pain of our sins in his crown of thorns. Like the burning bush, the thorniness of Jesus' humanity is joined to the fire of his divinity, but is not consumed by it. On the Cross, from amidst the thorns, Jesus bore the consequences of sin; he is the just judge who took the sentence upon himself. He reveals himself as the God-Man who both suffers and forgives, who despite his pain and agony, speaks words of comfort to the good thief, words of hope to his mother and beloved disciple, and words of trust and obedience to his Heavenly Father.

From the earliest days of Christianity, it has been proposed that it was Christ himself who spoke to Moses from the burning thorn bush, and through his passion and death, the thorns are transformed by Jesus' actions. Just as the wood of the Cross becomes the Tree of Life, so does the crown of thorns become Jesus' crown of glory. A crown of glory awaits us too, if we trust in God's providence and accept the grace of perseverance. In the meantime, while parts of our lives may include the harshness of thorns, we know that it is from among the thorns that God reveals himself and saves us.

Fr. Brad Pelzel

SAVE THE DATE: Sr. Marie Hesed will speak on Apr. 3rd Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Danbury. Sr. Hesed has spent 27 years working for the Missionaries of Charity, founded by Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She is now a member of the SOLT Sisters and lives at the Domus Trinitatis retreat center near Willey, IA. For more information on Sr. Marie Hesed go to www.homeofthetrinity.com or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) for her talks. Watch for more details to come later on Sr. Marie Hesed speaking on Divine Mercy Sunday in Danbury.

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MINISTERS' ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY MARCH 6 9:00 A.M.

- Altar Servers:** Allison Haggin, Sydney Seuntjens, Emma Sitzmann
- Reader(s):** Austin Grubb, Rita Conry
- Cantor:** Volunteer
- Organist:** Jolene Spooner
- Gifts:** Marie Benedix
- Communion:** John Galles, Jeanine Haggin, Millie Hamman
- KNH:** Janice Meister
- Greeters:** Trey Dugan, Alice Seuntjens
- Ushers:** Loren Koch, Neal Rolling
- Collection**
- Counters:** Becky Sitzmann, Colleen Bainbridge

INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK

Adult Envelopes\$1,090.00 (39 Envelopes)
 Youth Envelopes* \$32.00 (18 Envelopes)
 Loose \$411.00
Total Income\$1,533.00
 Needed Each Week..... \$2,877.89
Total Expenses \$1,612.65
 *Time/Talent quotes from youth envelopes: "Vaccuming",
 "Dishes"

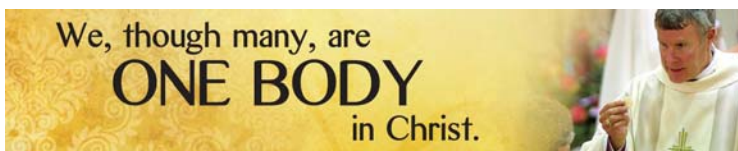
BUDGET REPORT 2015-2016

Income needed by 30 June 2016: \$143,090.78
Income needed each week: \$2,751.75
Income received since 1 July 2015: \$90,451.65

2/26/2016

SMC SANCTUARY LIGHT [FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 5] burns for *Joe & Virginia Otterpohl+* at the request of *Rick, Susie & Nikki Ahlquist.*

Weeks available until December 25.



	2014	2015
\$ Goal:	\$11,000.00	\$12,000.00
\$ Pledged:	\$9,009.00	\$9,012.50
\$ Given:	\$9,009.00	\$8,098.75
Pledges Goal:	168	166
Participants:	103	96
Participant Rate:	63%	58%

FROM THE DESK OF BARB SITZMANN, DRE:

- Wednesday, March 9th 4:30 pm- 1st graders will be presenting Living Stations in the church.
- Wednesday, March 9th 7 pm- 8th, 11th and 12th graders will be presenting Living Stations in the church. All evening students are to attend.
- Wednesday, March 9th- 3rd 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 13th the Kingsley KC's will be hosting a high school (9-12th 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 16th- Communal confessions in the church at 4 pm and 7 pm.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD- NO FF CLASSES AT ST MICHAEL- EASTER BREAK!
- Wednesday, March 30th- 4th 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 30th 7pm- IC in Merville will be having Adoration.
- Wednesday, March 30th- CONFIRMATION STUDENTS- ALL MASS REPORTS AND SERVICE HOURS ARE DUE.
- Monday, April 4th- 4-7 pm- 1st Communion Learning Stations at the FF Center. Come and go event lasting approximately 1-1 1/2 hours. All 2nd graders and their parents are to attend.
- Wednesday, April 6th- 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, home barbsitzmann@yahoo.com, work 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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MINISTERS' ASSIGNMENTS

SATURDAY MARCH 5 5:00 P.M.

Altar Servers: Brand Beaver, Max McGill, Sarah Putze

Reader(s): Jack Meister, Dianne Lander

Cantor: Angie Williams

Organist: Laura Krajicek

Gifts: Corey Meister Family

Communion: Cindy Hesse, Kay Sands, Mary Schultz

CharMac: Elaine Ketelsen

Ushers: Helen Coulter, Butch Grell

Collection

Counters: Julia Brockhaus, Pam Cooper

INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK

Adult Envelopes \$1,633.00 (42 Envelopes)

Youth Envelopes*\$13.79 (13 Envelopes)

Loose \$171.00

Black & Indian Mission \$10.00 (1 Envelope)

Candles \$41.01

Catholic Relief Services\$500.00 (1 Envelope)

Total Income\$2,368.80

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

Total Parish Expenses..... \$1,894.53

***Time/Talent quotes from youth envelopes: none**

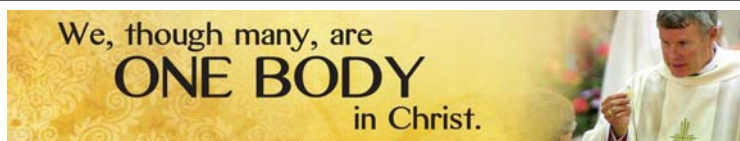
BUDGET REPORT 2015-2016

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

Income needed each week: \$2,859.23

Income received since 1 July 2015: \$88,544.70

2/26/2016



	2014	2015
\$ Goal:	\$10,000.00	\$11,000.00
\$ Pledged:	\$10,770.50	\$8,462.50
\$ Given:	\$10,465.50	\$7,822.00
Pledges Goal:	154	151
Participants:	119	88
Participant Rate:	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.

SINGERS WANTED Looking for individuals, 5th grade through adults, who would love to join a choir at IC. We are looking at holding practices once a week and performing one Saturday a month to begin with. If you are able and willing to sing in the choir please contact Angie Duffy at the Parish Office.

FROM THE DESK OF ANGIE DUFFY, DFF:

- Wednesday, **March 2** Stations of the Cross for the 4:00 p.m. Faith Formation, public is welcome to attend also.
- 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 3rd 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 2nd 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.
- **Sunday, April 17** Confirmation at IC at 1:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, April 23** First Holy Eucharist rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. 2nd 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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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.

IMPORTANT DATES

- March 8, 7:00 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- March 8, 7:30 p.m.: KC8232 Meeting [M]
- March 9, 6:30 a.m.: Lenten Breakfast [TLC]
- March 9, 11:00 a.m.: Eucharist [CharMac]
- March 9, 4:00 p.m.: Reconciliation [M]
- March 9, 7:00 p.m.: Reconciliation [M]
- March 9, 7:00 p.m.: CICC [M]
- March 9, 7:00 p.m.: SMC Guild Meeting [K]
- March 12, 6:00 p.m.: Fellowship Dinner (Guild) [M]
- 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 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, 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 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]
- April 17, 11:00 a.m.: SMC Confirmation [K]
- April 17, 12:00-3:00 p.m.: Hall Rental [K]
- April 17, 1:30 p.m.: ICC Confirmation [M]

WEST FORK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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FAITH FORMATION CENTER: 712-378-2021

Director of Faith Formation: Barbara Sitzmann

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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

EUCCHARIST:

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.