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March 7, 2021 • Third Sunday of Lent

# AROUND THE ALTAR

**Monday – March 8 St. John of God**  
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday – March 9 St. Frances of Rome**  
Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35  
\*8:15 am †Charlotte Gutknecht by Family

**Wednesday – March 10 Lenten Weekday**  
Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19  
\*8:15 am James Kallas Family

**Thursday – March 11 Lenten Weekday**  
Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23  
\*7:00 am All Souls

**Friday – March 12 Lenten Weekday**  
Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34  
\*7:00 am In memory of James & Catherine Spence  
by Phil & Liz Behling

**Saturday – March 13 Lenten Weekday**  
Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14  
4:30 pm †Manuel Monclava Torres

**Sunday – March 14 4th Sunday of Lent**  
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38  
8:00 am Intention of Rita & Steve Pieroni  
by Mary Johnston  
10:30 am People of Holy Family

\* *These weekday Masses are in the Church*

Weekday Masses are offered four days a week at both Holy Family and St. Robert  
Masses at Holy Family are at 8:15 am on Tuesday & Wednesday, 7:00 am on Thursday & Friday in the church  
Masses at St. Robert are at 7:00 am on Tuesday & Wednesday, 8:15 am on Thursday & Friday in the church  
The weekend Mass schedule at St. Robert is Saturday at 4:30 pm; Sunday at 8:30 am, 11:00 am and 5:30 pm

## PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

### Lenten Evening of Prayer

At the Foot of the Cross: Set aside some time this Lent to pray with our Lord. Join us for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration and guided meditation through music, scripture, and silent prayer. This evening is for everyone; families are welcome. St. Robert Church, 7-8pm, Saturday, March 20.



### Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent, 6:00 pm at St. Robert in Shorewood. All are welcome.

### Saint Francis de Sales Seminary Come and See - March 19-21

Young adult men discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood are invited to spend a weekend entering into the life of Saint Francis de Sales Seminary. Spots are limited! The Milwaukee Vocation Office is responsible for coordinating this visit. Men who wish to RSVP should contact Will Hudson at 414-747-6437. For more information, visit [thinkpriest.org](http://thinkpriest.org).

### Holy Family Fish Fry

Every Friday in Lent  
4:30-7:00 pm  
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### High School Religious Education

Our next small groups for all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors is Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> or respectively the 17<sup>th</sup>. See you then at Holy Family or online!

A note for Confirmation Year students: It was wonderful to see you at Sponsor Night & Adoration! To our students who are making up their Retreat at home: if you weren't able to pick up your materials at Sponsor Night, the items are ready for collecting at Holy Family Parish during business hours. We ask that all students complete their make up experience by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

Find the class calendar, docs, and more information at our website: <https://hsreligioused.weebly.com>





This last Sunday, the preface dialogue (the part of the Mass I often sing before the Eucharistic Prayer) had the following phrase:

"For after he had told the disciples of his coming Death, on the holy mountain he manifested to them his glory, to show, even by the testimony of the law and the prophets, that the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection."

This phrase itself seems to be taken from Pope St. Leo the Great, in his Sermon 51. Leo was pope between the years 440 and 461. He wrote, "And in this Transfiguration the foremost object was to remove the offense of the cross from the disciple's heart, and to prevent their faith being disturbed by the humiliation of His voluntary Passion by revealing to them the excellence of His hidden dignity."

What exactly is offensive about the cross? Children understand it. I sometimes have to catch myself when talking to the young children about the crucifixion because often they are emotionally affected. They understand the sadness of the cross because they still have not lost the joy of believing in a God who loves them infinitely. Often us adults have lost faith in a God who loves us infinitely, and so the death of Jesus becomes one more obscure historical figure who died long ago, or even worse, a fairy tale.

It is offensive because of God who is deserving of all our love and is owed everything in justice, is treated as a criminal or a slave. The cross was used to put down the slave revolts under the Romans. If you had passed through Rome around the year 71 B.C. you would have found 11,000 slaves crucified along the roadside at one time. It is in our modern day akin to the electric chair, guillotine, or even more repulsive, a noose. I mean that phrase in all of its connotations. That is how offensive and humiliating the cross is.

It is doubly our heritage. On the one hand, it was "us", that is, all of sinful humanity, which utilized it. We bear that responsibility. More importantly however it is ours because when we receive communion with our Lord in a state of grace, it is "for us". God is humbled instead of us. Jesus is lowered instead of us. It becomes a sign of our freedom. It is ours in humiliation and it is ours in great joy, in light of the resurrection.

We remember this cross on Fridays especially in Lent through our fasting, and also through devout prayers of the Stations of the Cross. This year we are offering them at St. Robert at 6:00 PM on Fridays during Lent (lasting a little less than an hour), (time to go to confession at 4:00 and fish fry carryout at Holy Family beforehand!) and I encourage everyone who can, to attend. It would be a beautiful sight to see the same crowd as we currently have for Mass. We read of the steps of the Passion, we sing the beautiful ancient hymn "Stabat Mater" (At the Cross her Stations Keeping) and we recount with a sense of sorrow that good Friday many years ago - good because of what was won at that moment, namely our new life in Christ.



St. Leo knew of the cross because he saw at the gates of Rome Attila the hun, who had been sacking the cities in Europe including Aquileia in northern Italy, which in the 2nd century had a population of approximately 100,000 people before he razed it the ground.

In the face of all of our earthly difficulties, likely not as dire as St. Leo, let us not become so 'progressive' that we no longer cling to the cross. We may not be in the latter days of the Roman Empire, but perhaps we are in the latter days of the "American Empire" and need the same grace and wisdom as Leo did.

*Fr. Andrew*

## Pantry Food Needed

The ongoing health crisis has resulted in an even greater need for food donations to help pantries in our local area. Any nonperishable, unexpired food can be left in the church vestibule or placed in the blue bin outside the front door of the parish office at any time. Many thanks to all those who so generously donate to help our neighbors in need and to those who have faithfully delivered the food to local pantries.



## School Sisters of St. Francis “Joseph Bowls 2021-The Faces of Hunger” Online fundraiser March 8-12

The hunger crisis in America and around the world has been made even more painful by COVID-19. The School Sisters of St. Francis invite you to help “The Faces of Hunger” through our online auction March 8-12. We have fun, one-of-a-kind auction items for every price range! Proceeds will benefit Casa Alexia - our sisters’ food program on the El Paso-Juárez border—and Sisters Program South, which helps Milwaukee women who are victimized by trafficking and prostitution. Visit [www.sssf.org](http://www.sssf.org) for complete details and to place your bids.

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## PARISH INFORMATION

### Worship

#### Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday at 4:30 pm & Sunday at 8 am & 10:30 am.

#### Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday & Wednesday at 8:15 am in the church

Thursday & Friday at 7:00 am in the church

(Check the bulletin for schedule changes.)

### Baptism

Holy Family Parish takes its sacramental life most seriously. Parents and godparents who wish to celebrate the sacrament of Baptism are required to attend a one-session preparation program. Classes at Holy Family are usually on the third Saturday of the odd-numbered months at 10:30 am in the Kerstein Center. Please contact the parish office to register. Sessions last about two hours.

### Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available on Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:00 pm. Please arrive promptly. The Sacrament may also be celebrated by appointment. Seasonal communal celebrations of Reconciliation are observed in collaboration with all the North Shore parishes.

### Matrimony

At least six months preparation is required. Please contact the parish office for more information.

### Parish Membership

All interested Catholics are invited to register as active members in our parish. Registration usually occurs in McCormick Hall the 1st weekend of the month after all Masses, but until things return to normal you can call the parish office to register by phone. Non-Catholics are invited to call for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

### Parish School Registration

Families interested in our Parish School, grades K4-8, please contact the School Office. Half day and full day options are available for K3, K4 and K5. Please call the school office at 332-8175 for more information.

### Parish Office – Kerstein Center

**Phone: 414-332-9220**

Please email us at [holyfam@hfparish.org](mailto:holyfam@hfparish.org) or call call 414-332-9220

### Bulletin Deadline

Noon on Monday prior to publication, but subject to change due to holiday printing schedules. Send articles to [holyfam@hfparish.org](mailto:holyfam@hfparish.org). Submission of an article does not guarantee it will appear in the bulletin.

### Pastoral Council Information

As a parishioner you have a vital role to play in the life of your parish. If you would like to make a suggestion regarding an important aspect of Holy Family Parish please contact one of the parish trustees listed on the front of the bulletin. Thank you and may God bless you.



**VBS 2021 – August 2<sup>nd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup>  
Rocky Railway - Jesus' Power  
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We're beginning our planning process for this summer's Vacation Bible School. If you'd like to help, please contact the Religious Education office at 414-332-8156, ext. 234, or email [deakinb@hfparish.org](mailto:deakinb@hfparish.org).



**Open Door Café Desserts**

The March deadline to drop off desserts is Noon on Friday, March 12, at 4961 N. Woodruff Avenue. Open Door Café cannot accept home baked goods at this time. Please donate boxes of individually packaged: Granola Bars, Little Debbie or Hostess Snack Cakes, Single Serve Bags of Chips/Crackers/Cookies. Thank you to those involved in this ministry.

**Lenten Collection**

Holy Family's St. Vincent de Paul conference will be collecting toilet paper and other paper products during Lent. These items will be donated to Blessed Savior Food Pantry near 69th and Silver Spring for distribution to the many families they serve. Please place your donations in the large red containers in the church vestibule.

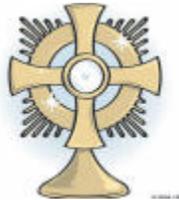


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Catholic Charities is here to help! We offer free and confidential in-home education and support for mothers and their families. Pregnancy Support Coordinators help connect moms to resources, reach individualized goals, and receive education on topics such as stress management, labor and delivery. If you're in need or know someone who is, please call 414-573-5899.

**Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Family  
Fridays during Lent**

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