

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." - Lk 4:1-3

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM The preparation for baptism can begin before the baby is born. A preparation class and parish membership are required. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:00PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Contact the Parish Office to begin the preparation process at least six months prior to the anticipated date. Parish membership is required.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Celebrated at Sunday Masses a number of times throughout the year. Watch the bulletin for the schedule. Also by appointment.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION Contact the Christian Formation Office for First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation or Rite of Christian Initiation into the Catholic faith (RCIA).

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND Anyone who cannot attend church because of illness or age, please contact the Parish Office so that arrangements can be made to bring Communion to you.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30PM · Sunday: 9:30AM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 8:00AM Mass
Thursday 8:00AM Mass
Friday 8:00AM Mass on First Friday

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & PRAYER

SUNDAY: March 10 - First Sunday of Lent

4:30PM **Mass** - †Herman & Chris Zanoni
People of St. Catherine
9:30AM **Mass** - †Foster & Gladys Braby
†Ken Esser

MONDAY: March 11

TUESDAY: March 12

8:00AM **Mass**
10:30AM Rosary & Communion Service
- Villa at Bradley Estates

WEDNESDAY: March 13

THURSDAY: March 14

8:00AM **Mass**

FRIDAY: March 15

6:30PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY: March 16

3:30PM **Reconciliation**
4:30PM **Mass** - †Martha Kuchan
†Raymond & Shirley Wetzel

SUNDAY: March 17 - Second Sunday of Lent

9:30AM **Mass** - †Edwin Zacharias
People of St. Catherine

LENTEN SERVICES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at St. Catherine every Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m.

LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES

St. Bernadette: Saturday, March 30, at 1:00 p.m.
St. Catherine: Friday, April 5, at 11:30 a.m.

IN LOVING MEMORY

We commend to God Edwin Gagas whose funeral was celebrated here this past week. May his soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in eternal peace. Please remember Ed and his family in your prayers.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/
Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/
Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,
7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14[1a]/
Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY: March 10

9:00AM Guest House Lunch Bags - Granville Room

MONDAY: March 11

5:15PM NWCS Athletics - Gym
6:30PM Stewardship Committee - Parish Office

TUESDAY: March 12

8:45AM Tri-Parish Read: I Want To See - Granville Room
9:30AM Bible Basics - Parish Office
1:00PM Senior Club - Granville Room

WEDNESDAY: March 13

5:15PM NWCS Athletics - Gym
6:00PM Grade School Christian Formation - School
6:15PM Tri-Parish Read: I Want To See - Granville Room

THURSDAY: March 14

6:00PM Finance Council - Parish Office
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal - Granville Room

FRIDAY: March 15

10:00AM Overeaters Anonymous Meeting - Granville Room

SATURDAY: March 16

All Day High School/Confirmation Retreat

SUNDAY: March 17

LITURGY NOTES

LENT I

There is a rhythm to life. Lent is an important part of that rhythm in the spiritual life of one who seeks God.



Lent is about holding life in perspective. It is a time for fasting to focus our soul. It is a time for silence to sharpen our consciousness. It is a time to depend on God and not our own arrogance as spiritual athletes.

Lent is not a sad time but a quiet time. It is a time to go deep within the interior desert of our soul. It can put us in touch with our real hunger. It can stir in us the courage to confront what keeps us from following the Christ to Jerusalem.

Lent is a time to take back the pieces of our lives that have been given over to what is not of God. Each of us knows what is not right in our life. Is it my lack of openness and gentle, consistent support of those with whom I share this journey of life? Is it actual meanness I distribute liberally to make me feel superior to others? Is it my lack of attentive presence to others? Is it the pretexts and excuses I use to be absent from praying? Is it my desire to acquire "stuff" to fill the emptiness I feel? Is it my selfish and guarded use of my time and energy as if they belonged to me alone? Overtly, do I convey that no one has a claim on me? Is it the constant running and noise so as to avoid meeting myself? Let us ask ourselves these questions and others: What feeds me? Where am I vulnerable? What do I avoid?

Lent is about sin. Lent is about repentance.

Andy



**FROM THE DESK OF THE
PARISH DIRECTOR**

We did it again. We had another fabulous Mardi Gras Casino Night. Thank you once again to all those who contributed to its success – whether you were a donor, a worker or a participant. You, along with many local businesses that made donations, helped us have a great evening. So many people commented on the wonderful spirit that was in the room. I will have to agree. People were enjoying themselves. So, mark your calendars for our 9th annual Mardi Gras Casino Night. It will be held on February 22, 2020. As soon as we have final numbers regarding this year’s event, I will let you know.

This weekend we welcome Monica Meagher, the Regional Director of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) in Milwaukee. She will speak briefly after Communion to give you a better sense of the work that they do. IVC is one of our Lenten almsgiving recipients this year. Its mission is to provide mature men and women the opportunity to serve the needs of people who are poor, to work for a more just society, and to grow deeper in Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition. Full disclosure – Monica and I have been good friends ever since we met each other at Boston College in the early '80s. I know she has been doing a fantastic job in the past three years establishing IVC in Milwaukee. IVC also has regions in eighteen other cities in the country. Next week, Amy Kroll, the Director of Just Ministries, will give us some background on that organization.

I hope your Lent is off to a good start, but if you’ve been slow to engage, there’s no time like today to give some consideration to how you will make these next weeks different from your regular routine. How will your prayer be different? What will you fast from? (It is much better to fast from gossip, for instance, than from chocolate!) How will you give of your time and treasure to those most in need? I wish everyone a Lenten season that will bring about renewed hope and life in all of us.

Lenten blessings,

Debbie

PARISH INCOME

AS OF MARCH 3, 2019 (WEEK 36)

LAST WEEK’S BUDGET		\$7,116
LAST WEEK’S ENVELOPES	\$8,320	
LAST WEEK’S OFFERTORY	\$ 428	
ELECTRONIC GIVING	\$1,580	
		<u>\$10,328</u>
EXCESS/(SHORTFALL)		\$ 3,212
YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET		\$256,154
YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL		<u>\$260,014</u>
YTD EXCESS/(SHORTFALL)		\$ 3,860

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

February 24	Debbie Hintz	Wauwatosa
February 25	Crystal Skolecki	Wauwatosa
February 26	Anna Dollhausen	Appleton
February 27	Emma Imig	Thiensville
February 28	Elizabeth Scholz	Brookfield
March 1	Al Frost	Harshaw
March 2	Dave Eberhart	Bolingbrook, IL

LENTEN FASTING REGULATIONS

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening - depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.

2019 LENTEN ALMSGIVING

Our Human Concerns Committee has chosen four organizations to be recipients of this year's Lenten Almsgiving. Envelopes were included in your monthly contribution envelopes and are also available in the front of church along with a flyer containing information about the recipients: St. Michael/St. Rose Parishes, Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) Milwaukee, St. Vincent de Paul, and Just Ministries. Your generosity is much appreciated!

ARE YOU CALLED? PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

A council member is required to be a parish member who is a fully initiated Catholic in good standing with the Church. Candidates should have a good sense of the parish and the church today. They need to be able to collaborate with others, be open to exploring different points of view, and be in touch with the needs of parishioners. They need to be prayerful people who are open to the Spirit and willing to serve. Please prayerfully consider nominating yourself and/or other parishioners whose talents are needed on the Pastoral Council. Members are selected for a term of three years – and that time flies by. Nomination forms are in the pews again this weekend. Are you called?



FEEDING THE HUNGRY - SVDP NORTHSIDE MEAL PROGRAM

Members of our parish prepare a dinner and feed guests at the St. Vincent de Paul Northside Meal Program on the 1st Friday of every other month at All People’s Church located at 2600 N. 2nd Street. They served 50 people in March. Thank you to all who contribute food or funds so that we are able to continue this ministry. Thank you, also, to those who make the trip to the site to serve the meal.

SENIOR CLUB

The next meeting of the St. Catherine Senior Club is this Tuesday, March 12. They meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 1 - 3:30 p.m. in the Granville Room. All are welcome.

FILL THE BOWL PROJECT - PET FOOD COLLECTION

Through the *Fill the Bowl Project*, St. Catherine of Alexandria can help by collecting cans and bags of pet food. The Wisconsin Humane Society will pick up the food for use in their Pet Food Pantry. This collection will take place on the weekend of March 16-17.

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

The Sleeping Bag Ministry will meet on Saturday, March 16, from 9 - 11 a.m. in St. Bernadette's cafeteria. This is an ecumenical endeavor, not just Tri-Parish. Come make a new friend and help the homeless in the process. No sewing experience is necessary. For more information, contact Dawn Truitt at rltruitt@sbcglobal.net or 262-253-0380.

VIEWING BULLETIN ONLINE

Did you know that you can subscribe to receive a weekly email notifying you when a new St. Catherine bulletin is posted online? Simply sign up at: <https://www.parishesonline.com/find/st-catherine-of-alexandria-catholic-church>.

ADULT FORMATION

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Our community of faith is blessed with many gifts. Two of the most vital are our remarkable commitment to Catholic education and catechesis in all its forms and our rich tradition of Catholic social teaching. There is an urgent need to bring these two gifts together in a strengthened commitment to sharing our social teaching at every level of Catholic education and faith formation.

The Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching:

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- Call to Family, Community and Participation
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Preferential Option for and with People who are Poor
- Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
- Solidarity
- Care for God's Creation

Catholic social teaching is a central and essential element of our faith. Its roots are in the Hebrew prophets who announced God's special love for the poor and called God's people to a covenant of love and justice. It is a teaching founded on the life and words of Jesus Christ, who came "to bring glad tidings to the poor . . . liberty to captives . . . recovery of sight to the blind" (Lk 4:18-19), and who identified himself with "the least of these," the hungry and the stranger (cf. Mt 25:45).

(The Summary Report of the Task Force on Catholic Social Teaching and Catholic Education by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. BERNADETTE FISH FRY - FRIDAY, MARCH 22

St. Bernadette Parish, 8200 West Denver Avenue, invites you to enjoy their fabulous Fish Fry on Friday, March 22,, from 4 - 7:30 p.m. Dinners include fish, coleslaw, fries or potato salad, bread, and coffee. Potato pancakes, soda, beer, milk, and desserts are available for purchase. We will also be offering a special shrimp dinner at this fish fry. Children's dinners (fish or chicken strips) and carry-outs are available. Our facilities are handicap-accessible. For more information, please call the St. Bernadette Parish Office at 414-358-4600 or go to www.stbweb.com.

WOMAN'S SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club has established a scholarship fund to help women in Brown Deer who wish to continue their education. Scholarships up to \$1000 will be awarded annually in May to eligible women. All applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2019. Visit www.browndeerjuniorwomansclub.com for more information, eligibility requirements and to download an application. If you are unable to download the application or have any questions, please contact us at bdjuniors@gmail.com.

CALLING WISCONSIN-WHITewater ALUMNI

Warhawk Catholic Campus Ministry is collecting stories from area University of Wisconsin-Whitewater alumni to recognize 50 years of having an active Catholic student organization on campus. If you were part of the Catholic student organizations over the years and would like to share your stories and photos of faith, please send them to: bromanc@archmil.org, or Warhawk Catholic, Attn: Claudia Broman, 336 N. Prairie St., Whitewater, WI 53190.

TRI-PARISH READ: *I WANT TO SEE*



Our Tri-Parish Read has begun! Copies of *I Want to See* by Fr. Roc O'Connor, SJ are still available through the parish office. It's not too late to join us. Blessings to all those who are entering this journey by reading the book themselves and those who are also part of one of the groups that are meeting. Don't forget about the videos that accompany the book. They can be found on the home page of our parish website.



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HOMELESS SANCTUARY, INC.

February 11, 2019

Dear St. Catherine Parishioners,

The founders, leaders, and "family" of the MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary thank you for your generous Advent Giving donation of \$2,333.

Thanks to your compassionate support, we are celebrating three plus years doing impactful weekly outreach -- now expanding at two sites.

We also thank you for your donation of 11 specially hand-crafted sleeping bags. We appreciate the time, effort and skill needed to complete these 'labor of love' projects and cannot thank you enough for choosing MBHS as the recipient.

We are touching many lives. Thank you for standing with us. Please know you are bringing individual lives out of despair into hope and dignity.

Peace and blessings,

Sister MacCanon Brown (SFCC)
President and Executive Director

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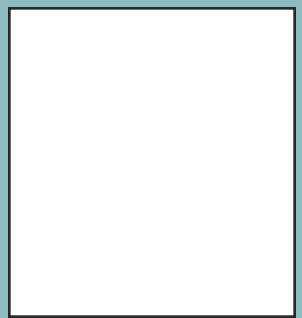
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