




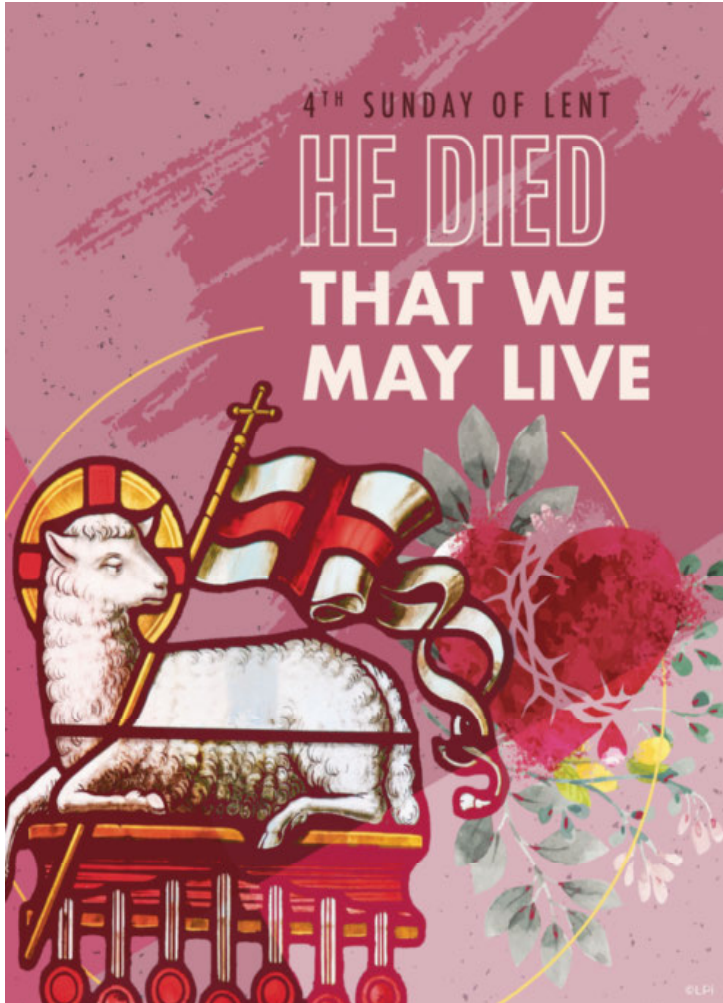
# Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish

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## PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Alan M. Guanella, JCL • *Pastor* • [fr.guanella@our-lady.org](mailto:fr.guanella@our-lady.org)  
Fr. Steven Weller • *Parochial Vicar* • [fr.weller@our-lady.org](mailto:fr.weller@our-lady.org)  
Deacon Thomas C. Anderson • [dcn.anderson@our-lady.org](mailto:dcn.anderson@our-lady.org)

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 8am–3:30pm • Friday: 8am–12:00 noon  
Scrip is available for purchase during parish office hours.

## PARISH STAFF

Business Manager ..... Janeen Sievers  
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## CONFESSION

Saturday: 8:30am–9:30am and 3:00pm–3:50pm  
First Friday: 8:30am–9:30am with Eucharistic Exposition  
• Any time by appointment by contacting the parish office.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

Please contact the parish to schedule a baptism meeting and request a date for the celebration of baptism. Parents are encouraged to attend before the birth of their child.

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Couples requesting the celebration of Marriage should contact the parish at the time of formal engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In case of emergency only, when someone is dying, please call the pastor's emergency line at 715-629-9952. This number is for emergencies only. Those who are seriously ill or have been sick for a long time should receive the Sacraments. Please call the parish to make arrangements or to schedule a non-emergency visit for those who are sick or homebound.

## OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN SCHOOL

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## NEW PARISHIONERS

All new families are most welcome to the parish and are kindly asked to register at the parish office as soon as possible. A registration form may be downloaded at [www.our-lady.org/contact](http://www.our-lady.org/contact). Current parishioners are kindly asked to inform the office of any address, telephone, or family status changes.

## UPCOMING BAPTISM CLASS

The next baptism preparation class will be held on **Tuesday, April 11th at 5:30 pm**. The class fee is \$20. Parents should be registered in the parish. Practice of the faith by parents is expected. Please contact the parish office to register.

## PARISH BOOK OF PRAYER

Prayer requests may be written in our Parish Book of Prayer which is located in the gathering area by the offices. A general petition for all prayer requests written in the book is offered at all Sunday Masses.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Please call **Mary Kobza** at 715-421-0447 with your intentions.

## SUNDAY EVENING MASS

A deanery Sunday evening Mass is held each Sunday night at 6:00 PM at SS Peter & Paul Parish (1150 2nd St. N.)  
**Note:** There is no Easter Sunday Mass (April 9, 2023)

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR MARCH 12, 2023



<b>General</b>	<b>\$7,255.00</b>
<b>Plate</b>	<b>\$882.00</b>
<b>Building Maintenance</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>
<b>Direct Donation 03/10/23</b>	<b>\$7,149.00</b>
<b>Scrip rebate Jan./Feb</b>	<b>\$963.60</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,314.60</b>

## LECTIONARY READINGS

### Readings for the week of March 19, 2023

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1-13a / Ps 23 / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41  
Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-16 / Ps 89 / Rom 4:13-22 / Mt 1:16-24  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Ps 46 / Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15 / Ps 145 / Jn 5:17-30  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14 / Ps 106 / Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Ps 34 / Jn 7:1-30  
Saturday: Is 7:10-14 / Ps 40 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38  
Next Sun.: Ez 37:12-14 / Ps 130 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45

## ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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## SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of March 18–March 24 in memory of

**William Pavloski & Daughter Sarah**  
By: Mary Pavloski



Please remember in your prayers

**Vivian Lutz**  
**James Weslaski**  
**Margaret Cahill**  
**Shirley Giese**  
**Marilyn Coleman**

May God grant them eternal rest.

### LENTEN MISSION AT SACRED HEART

Father John Paul Cafiero, OFM will present "No Greater Love: Reflections on the Seven Last Words of Jesus". He will preach at all Masses the weekend of March 25/26. (Masses are 5:00 PM Saturday; 7:30 AM & 10:30 AM Sunday at Sacred Heart and 9 AM Sunday at St. Alexander.) The Mission will continue with presentations Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings (March 26, 27, & 28) from 7–8:30 PM at Sacred Heart Church (711 Prospect Ave., Nekoosa). There is no charge and refreshments will be served.

### LENTEN RETREAT DAY WITH FR. GUANELLA

St. John's Episcopal (320 Oak Street) has invited Fr. Guanella to give a Lenten Retreat Day on April 1st. The topic will be the Sacred Triduum. There will be presentations and time for quiet prayer. The day will begin at 9:00 AM and end with a simple lunch at 12:00 Noon. All OLQH parishioners are invited to attend. There is no cost and no need to RSVP. See Fr. Guanella for more information or further details.

### GREETING CARD RACK REORGANIZED

The parish's greeting card rack near the scrip table has been reorganized. All cards are for sale at 50¢ each. Please stop by to purchase a card and support the parish. We do accept donations of unused cards in the parish office, including those from charities (please do not put cards onto the rack yourself).

### PLEASE CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND BOX

The parish lost and found box under the table in the back of church is getting full. If you have lost an item, please check the box. Items left after March 25 will be donated to charity.

**Marriage Prep Retreat:** June 24, 2023 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. To register for the retreat, contact Mary Jo Sigourney at 715-572-9748 or stvinred@gmail.com.

**MAGNIFICAT:** There are extra copies of the Magnificat for \$3 each. They are located on the counter by the sink in the gathering area. You can pay at the office.

**TV Mass** on Spectrum 985 or Solarus 3: OLQH Mass at 9 AM on Wednesday; Diocesan Mass at 6:30 AM on Sunday. Mass is also broadcast on Sunday at 6 AM on WZAW 7.3 (FOX) and at 6:30 AM on WJFW 12.1 (NBC).

**RELIGIOUS FORMATION PROGRAM 6:00–7:15 PM**

**March 22** - Religious Education Grades 1–8

**March 29** - No Religious Ed. (Spring Break)

**NOTE:** Please remember to enter via the church doors for Religious Education.

**LENT COMMUNAL PENANCE**

<b>SS. Peter &amp; Paul</b>	Sun	March 19	1:00 pm
<b>ACS</b>	Wed	March 22	10:50 am
<b>St. Alexander</b>	Thurs	March 23	6:30 pm
<b>St. Bronislava</b>	Tues	March 28	6:30 pm
<b>St Joachim</b>	Wed	March 29	6:30 pm
<b>Holy Rosary–Sigel</b>	Wed	March 29	6:30 pm

Do you have unwanted religious items such as medals, rosaries, or holy cards? Do you receive these items in the mail? There is now a box under the prayer intention book for you to deposit these items.

**Volunteers needed at the FOCUS Food Pantry**

Our parish has the week of March 27—March 31 at the FOCUS (Feeding Our Communities with United Services) food pantry. The hours are:

11:45—4:00 pm— Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

3:45—7:00 pm —Tuesday

The food pantry is located at 2321 West Grand Ave. If you can help one or more days with this worthwhile community program please call Cindy Holberg at 715-421-2311 or email at holberggc@hotmail.com

**SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church**

1150 2nd Street North Wisconsin Rapids, WI, 54494

**Speaker**  
**Tricia Fancher**

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"Where New Life Begins"

**April 27th**

4:00pm Officers Meeting

(All PCCW Deanery Officers Are Asked To Attend)

5:00pm Social Hour

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Speaker

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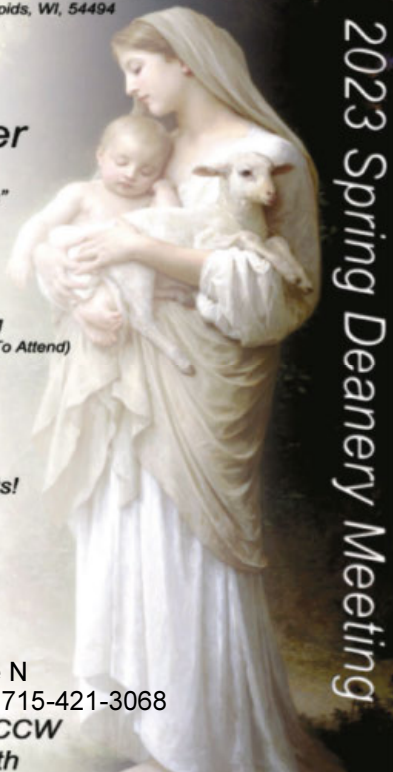
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**Treasurer by April 6th**



**What's on Formed.org for March? FORMED**

**Return with Fr. John Burns**

Fr. John Burns invites you on a pilgrimage this Lent using Return. Fr. John will guide you through the most difficult season of the Church, yet also the most transformative. Are you ready to enter the desert and experience the richness of the Paschal Mystery?

**Fearless: A 7-week Lenten Video Series**

Time and again, the people of God are called to 'be courageous' and 'be not afraid.' Yet, we live in a time where fear seems to guide our very existence. Don't miss this exciting series with a special guest each week as we seek to follow Jesus into the wilderness this Lent.

**Lent with Brother Francis - For Kids**

Learn and pray with Brother Francis this Lent. With several different seasons available to watch, Brother Francis will help children learn more about what Lent is all about and why it is so important. Brother Francis Daily Meditations are new episodes released every day. You can also join Brother Francis in praying a special Stations of the Cross for children.

**Free Online Lenten Bible Study**

Don't let the business of life let Lent pass you by. Make your preparations now and register for St. Paul Center's new free video Bible study, Holy Is His Name! Starting on Ash Wednesday, registrants will receive access to this 12-part series that examines the Holiness of God, how He hopes to transmit that holiness to His people, and what that looks like in our daily lives.

To register for the free Lenten study, go to Adult Faith Formation Tab on our website.

**St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish (Almond, WI) is hosting a pilgrimage to the Emerald Isles, Ireland, August 20-30<sup>th</sup> 2023 and we invite you to join us!**

This is an amazing trip that will include many national landmarks, cathedrals, castles and many other beautiful sites of Ireland. Our Lady of Knock, The Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle, St. Bridget's Holy Well and more. The last evening will be a River Cruise with three course dinner. Fr Peter and those participating will take a Charter bus from St. Maximilian to Chicago for an overnight flight to Dublin. Every day will take us to new sites. The trip will include airfare, 4-5 star hotels stays (double occupancy), breakfast at each hotel, dinner at local restaurants, professional English speaking tour guide, entrance fees to all the sites and transportation in a fully air-conditioned luxury coach. The cost will be \$3,799 USD, with the first payment of \$1,000 due the end of June, and the balance due the end of July. The quote is based on a minimum of 25 passengers.

*Note that the above cost does not yet include the cost of the bus to/ from Chicago. Any passport expenses and/or travel insurance is your responsibility.*

**Those interested can contact Mary at 715-340-7217 with any questions, to request a copy of the itinerary, and to sign up!**



## St. Lawrence Fish Fry

Dates: Fridays during Lent  
(February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31)

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4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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Dining Room Desserts: \$1.50



### “Drive Thru Fish Fry” Sacred Heart Parish—Nekoosa

Fridays thru March 31st  
3:00 – 6:00 pm \$13.00

Beer battered fried cod, baked potato or potato salad, cole slaw, dinner roll, and dessert.

### Traveling Virgin of Fatima

The Marian Center’s Traveling Virgin of Fatima  
is now available.

If you would like more info about Fatima & the mission  
or if you would like her to visit your home,  
please call Leah at 715-883-4560

### Tenebrae Prayer Service

Please join us for a sung, candlelight prayer service that  
will feature the choirs and musicians of SS Peter & Paul  
Parish, Wisconsin Rapids and Sacred Heart Parish from  
Polonia. This event, inspired by the traditional Holy Week  
offices of Tenebrae, will take place on Wednesday, April 5,  
at 7:30 PM at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church,  
1150 2nd St. North, Wisconsin Rapids

Praying for a seminarian daily is a wonderful habit to  
get into. They need our prayers. Books are available  
on a shelf in the gathering area.

## ACS Employment Openings

Saint Vincent de Paul contact Pam Fochs  
[pfochs@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto:pfochs@assumptioncatholicschools.org) 715-422-0962

Grade 3 teacher (2023-24 start)

Paraprofessional and child care (2023-24 start)

Our Lady Queen of Heaven contact Shelley Bruley  
[sbruley@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto:sbruley@assumptioncatholicschools.org) 715-422-0982

Custodian – start June 2023 possibly sooner

Assumption Catholic Schools Food Service contact  
Joe Anne Cephas [jcephas@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto:jcephas@assumptioncatholicschools.org)  
715-422-0922 MS/HS cook immediate start

St. Lawrence Early Childhood Center contact JoAnn Wendels  
[jwdels@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto:jwdels@assumptioncatholicschools.org) 715-422-0990

4K teacher for the WRPS 4K site at

SLECC (2023-24 start)

Assumption Catholic Middle and High Schools contact  
Jimmy Lynch [jlynch@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto:jlynch@assumptioncatholicschools.org)  
715-422-0913 MS HS Interventionist – special education  
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System Wide – Substitutes for classrooms, offices and  
more – contact Melissa O’Brien, 715-422- 0907  
[mobrien@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto:mobrien@assumptioncatholicschools.org) for a packet.

For teaching positions please send letter of interest, resume  
and 3 letters of reference to the associated contact. For all  
positions please contact the associated contact.

## UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

**MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023** *ST JOSEPH*  
8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023**  
9:00 am Children’s Mass † Poor Souls in Purgatory

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023**

8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions  
† Elisabeth Mertes by: Linda Paterick  
† Cindy Affaldt by: Linda Paterick  
† Bernard Tyjeski by: Agnes Van Asten  
† Nicki Ermilio by: Janet Ermilio  
† Emily Weinfurter by: Jim & Lois Mancl  
† Kay Kelnhofer by: John & Rosemary Hokamp  
~~Priests & Seminarians of the Diocese of La Crosse  
by: Janet Ermilio

10:50 am Communal Penance—Assumption

6:00 pm Religious Education grades 1-8

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023** *ST TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO*

5:00 pm Mass For the intentions of Ron & Jean Borre &  
† Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

6:30 pm Communal Penance - St. Alexander, Port Edwards

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023**

8:00 am Mass † Clarence & Evelyn Keller by: The Family  
3:05 pm Children’s Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023**

8:00 am Mass † Eleanor & William Slattery by: The Family

8:30 am Confessions

3:00 pm Confessions

3:35 pm Stations of the Cross

4:00 pm Mass † Joe Hokamp by: Dale & Marcy Freeberg

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023** *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

7:05 am Stations of the Cross

7:30 am Mass † Jackie Ashbeck by: Kathy & Chris Strobe

9:35 am Stations of the Cross

10:00 am Mass † Alvina Buss by: Family & Friends

## GREETERS



**Saturday—March 25**

4:00 pm Mark & Jeri Ann Reichl

**Sunday March 26**

7:30 am Sue Basler & Kelly Rosekrans

10:00 am Marge Gee & Liz Musch

## LECTORS



**Saturday—March 25**

4:00 pm Doris Seifert

**Sunday—March 26**

7:30 am Mike Hittner

10:00 am Nick Marti

## HOSPITALITY



**Saturday—March 25**

4:00 pm Mary Anderson

**Sunday—March 26**

7:30 am Shelley Bruley/Kerry Meinel

10:00 am Mark & Jeri Ann Reichl

## PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

### Reading and Learning

For several years now, at the insistence of many of my trusted teachers, I have made it a point to continue learning. Thus, I am the forever student, reading and adjusting. It seems to me that my teachers made this insistence because of the Christian insistence that our world fundamentally is both good and for us (Gen 1:28-31). Perhaps more simply, the Christian sees correctly that the world and everything in it is a gift. We Christians are the perpetual children of our world, constantly delighted at the many gifts that our heavenly Father has given us; and we glee giddily every morning to the living room that is Earth, where there awaits shiny new discoveries beneath the wrappings of learning. Hence, we Christians are obsessed with building schools, mapping the stars, and creating magnificent cathedral buildings that nearly defy mathematics. Medieval monks made the Dark Ages not so dark by reading and writing when Europe could not, the itch to calculate Easter correctly granted the world accurate astronomy, and the Church's valuing of human beings led to hospitals and medicinal studies. All of these occurred, in short, because the Christian sees the world as a gift worthy of opening and discovering.

Now today, it seems that one of the greatest temptations is to deny that creation is a gift, and we do this whenever we look at creation, including other humans, and say *meh*. It is more than our refusal to learn, it is our refusal to let the flowers be smelled or the clerk to be looked at. God looked at the world He created and declared it good, but we can think that is a lie. Indeed, this is the first and perhaps greatest heresy, for it denies God's first declaration that He made creation good. Thus, our refusal to learn tells God that His gifts are not interesting. Our refusal to be loved tells God that He is a liar for saying we are made good.

The remedy to our unhealthy disinterestedness is reading. Read everyday and diversify. In just the last year alone, outside of school, I read several books and learned about integrated circuitry, photography, biblical commentaries, history, Thomas Aquinas, as well as some novels. I have a running list of books to read, so I never have an excuse to stop reading. It is no accident that the ancient word *liber* is the same word for both *book* and *free*. Freedom is intrinsically linked to the ability to read and learn; so be a student because students are a free people. God is the teacher, and this world is His lesson book; and O the many lessons that are in it! In Christ the Word, Fr. Weller



## ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

Registration is open for the 2023-2024 school year!



Contact Mrs. Kerry Meinel for a tour- [kmeinel@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto:kmeinel@assumptioncatholicschools.org), 715-422-0901

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program: Did you know that your child could attend Assumption Catholic Schools tuition-free? This program is open to new students AND current students entering K, 1<sup>st</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The 2023-2024 application period is February 1 – April 20, 2023. Visit [www.dpi.wi.gov/choice](http://www.dpi.wi.gov/choice) for more information and the online application.

### CELEBRATING READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK

OLQH School celebrated Read Across America Week with special themed dress-up days, estimation jars, a reading themed BINGO game, a bookmark contest, and we topped off our celebration with an author visit from local children's author Lisl Detlefsen.



Glacier Lake FNE Explorers "Pancake Breakfast": Sunday, April 23, 8:00 am – 12:30 pm at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church 1110 1st Street North, Wisconsin Rapids. Menu includes: buttermilk pancakes, sausage, real maple syrup, applesauce, cheese, cookies and choice of beverage. Adults \$10.00; Children ages 5-12 \$5.00; Children 4 & under eat free; Maximum Family Rate \$40.00. Please enter through the Drive-Up Entrance and use the Elevator to reach the Lower Level.

### Suggestions for Lenten Collections

SWEPS Food Pantry	Dry pasta, jelly and canned soups. Any hygiene items such as shampoo, hand soap, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, deodorant, toilet paper
First Choice Pregnancy Center & Infant Pantry	Diapers, baby wipes, baby toys, onesies or infant undershirts, bottles/sippy cups, Infant books, Baby bath, shampoo or lotion., bibs, or baby spoons.
Family Center	Hygiene items, laundry detergent, towels, wash cloths, and kitchen towels, peanut butter, ketchup, rice, pasta, spaghetti sauce, pancake syrup.
Shepherd's Loft	Gently used children's snow pants. Any type of gently used blanket. Also collecting gently used medical equipment like canes, crutches, wheelchairs or other equipment
Wood County Jail	Black and white composition notebooks (No spiral bound and no staples) Puzzles, Word Search books, crossword Sudoku books (no staples) Paperback books (no hard cover), they like series. (No explicit or violence)
SWC Humane Society	Paper towels, dog or cat food, treats or toys, Kitty litter, Lysol wipes

### 2023 Lenten Collections Ending April 9<sup>th</sup> (Easter)

**Greetings from the Social Justice Committee.** During Lent, in addition to giving up something, consider doing something extra to help someone else. As we have done in the past, here are

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