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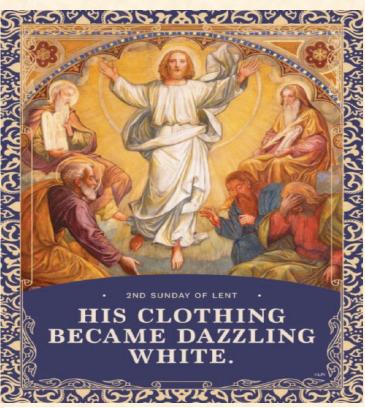
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Mass Schedule

Weekend - Saturday, 4:00 pm Sunday, 8:00 am and 10:00 am
Weekday - See page 2 of bulletin
Holy Day Masses - as Announced
Confessions - Saturday, 3:15-3:45pm and by appointment

Devotions

Mother of Perpetual Help, Tuesday after Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet, Wednesday after Mass Rosary, Thursday 5pm First Friday devotions & adoration after Mass until Noon



March 16, 2025

<u>Parish Registration</u> - Welcome new members! You may register in person or by calling Theresa at the parish office. Forms are also at all church entrances

OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
If you are interested in becoming Catholic or wish
to participate in ongoing formation as an adult
please contact Deacon John at the parish office

Baptisms - Contact Fr. Jeff to schedule

Marriage - Contact Fr. Jeff to schedule an appointment. The date of your wedding will be finalized at the first meeting. There is at least a 6 month preparation time.

Anointing of the Sick - Those who are seriously ill or are having surgery/procedure should contact Fr. Jeff for this healing sacrament.

<u>Helping Hands</u> (for food/financial assistance) 618-462-6902

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation 217-321-1155

From the Pastor's Desk

I will be away this Tuesday and Wednesday for our annual Spring priests meeting. This is a mandatory meeting in particular for pastors of parishes.

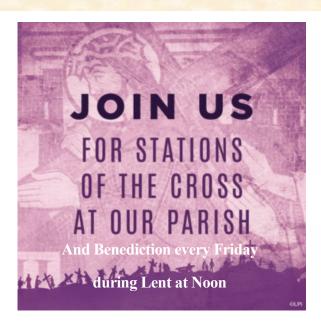
A blessed St. Patrick Day and St. Joseph Day this week. May these holy intercessors before the throne of God continue to help us follow God's will with a lively, faithful heart.

Welcome this weekend to the representatives of the Land of Peace company as they sell their beautiful olive wood carvings. The proceeds help the Catholics in the Holy Land support their families as well as the churches, shrines, schools, and clinics, many which are staffed by the Franciscan Friars.

God's blessing in this week of grace.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Jeff



Ladies of the parish, please mark your calendar for a day of Recollection and lunch at St. Peter and St Paul's parish on March 25, 2025. Mass at 11:15am

The exact times and agenda will be in the next bulletin.

Please call Gloria Gray (618-978-0489)

to make your reservation

SAVE THE DATE

Ss. Peter & Paul day of prayer will be Monday March 31st. Sign-up and details to follow. Any questions please contact Patti Kruegel at 618-980-5090.

Thank You, SSPP Pro-Life Committee

We are the Holy family carvings group, and we are proud to represent the Christian woodcarvers of Bethlehem. These artisans rely on tourism, but due to the war in Israel, they have lost their jobs and are unable to provide for their families.



Our goal is to sell beautiful hand-carved Olive Wood religious items, including Nativity Scenes, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Statues, Pictures of the Last Supper, and many other religious items, to Catholic Churches in the United States. By purchasing one of these exquisite items, you will be supporting the Christian families in the Holy Land and helping them provide for their families and maintain their jobs.

We invite you to take a moment to browse through the carvings that will be available on the weekend of March 15&16. By supporting this project, you are making a significant contribution towards keeping the Christian community present in the Holy Land.

Please join us in this worthy cause and help us make a difference. We deeply appreciate your support and understanding in this crucial matter.

Holy Family Carvings Hadeel Qumsieh



March 15-16 Second Sunday of Lent

4pm + JoAnn Walsh & + Joan & Emmett Fitzgerald

8am + Kathleen Williams

10am + Vicki Conley

No Mass on Monday March 17 St. Patrick

Tuesday March 18 Lenten Weekday NO MASS

Wednesday March 19 St. Joseph NO MASS

Thursday March 20 Lenten Weekday 8:15am All Souls

Friday March 21 Lenten Weekday 8:15am † Harvey & Pat Harmon 12pm Stations of the Cross

March 22-23 Third Sunday of Lent

4pm + David & Robert Logan

8am Living & deceased of the parish

10am † Terry & Carolyn Dooley

MUSIC - March 15-16 Second Sunday of Lent

Processional: #347 The Glory of These Forty Days

Readings and Responsorial Psalm: 888

Offertory: #726 Transfigure Us, O Lord

Communion: #S-17 Humbly We Adore Thee

Recessional: #352 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Readings for the week of March 16, 2025

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13,

16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

 $\label{eq:Friday:Gn37:3-4} Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt \ 21:33-43,$

45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9



March 22-23

Servers

4pm - Dave Cordes 8am - Patrick & Parker Williams 10am - Jim Schwegel

Lectors

4pm - Mike Fitzgerald 8am - Chris Dunphy 10am - Matt Muffley

Extraordinary Ministers

4pm - Deacon John present Chalice Bearers - Susan Hamilton & Pat Little

> 8am - Deacon John present Chalice Bearer - Ellen Hampton

10am - Deacon John present Chalice Bearers - Gloria Gray & Neil Schulz





March 16
Russ Meyer
Dave Cordes
March 18
Mary Ann Zahner
Mary Riker
March 19
Madelyn Phelps
Neil Schulz
March 21
Terrah Velloff
Aurora Arciga-Schiber

A Birthday Prayer

O God, who has added another year to my life, help me to remember that life is Your gift and is to be used for You. Teach me so to number my days that I may live wisely. Help me to remember You, my Creator, all my days. Let me not forget the shortness and uncertainty of life but let me do with my might what my hands find to do. Remember with Your blessing those who have remembered me this day, especially my family and loved ones, and keep us all in Your care. In Jesus name. Amen.

Weekly Financial Report	
Collection	12 pm Ash Wednesday March 5
Loose Contribution	\$ 204.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 365.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 150.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 719.00

Weekly Financial Report	
Collection	6pm Ash Wednesday March 5
Envelope Collection	\$ 25.00
Loose Contribution	\$ 71.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 135.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 45.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 276.00

Weekly Financial Report	
Collection	March 8-9
Envelope Collection	\$ 7,730.00
Loose Contribution	\$ 124.00
Online	\$ 284.43
Parish Tithing	\$ 10.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 75.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 60.00
Gift Shop	\$ 155.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 8,448.43 + 719 + 276 = 9,443.43
Budgeted Income	\$ 7,500.00
Overage/Shortage	+ \$ 1,943.43

Of 239 Envelope Holders 33 contributed to the Ash Wednesday March 5 Collection

Mass Attendance March 5 12 pm - 148 6pm - 75 Total - 223

Collection for Catholic Charities - March 15-16

Collection for Catholic Relief Services March 29-30

Stewardship Reflections March 16, 2025 2nd Sunday of Lent

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." – Genesis 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

Of 239 Envelope Holders 101 contributed to the March 8-9 Collection

Mass Attendance March 8-9 4pm – 156 8am - 65 10am - 92 Total - 313



Ladies of the Parish,

You are invited to attend the spring Altar Society trip to the St. Louis Basilica on April 8. We will have a group tour of the beautiful church, followed by Mass. After Mass, we will have lunch at Favazza's Restaurant on the Hill. Cost is \$25 for lunch. We will leave the SSPP parking lot at 9:45 and return approximately 3:00. We need to have your reservations by April 1. Please contact

Mary Anne Kilmurray at 618 531-8250 if you have not already signed up at an Altar Society meeting. Also, please let us know if you are willing to be a driver that day.

Here are the upcoming Alton Knights of Columbus Activities

March 26, Wednesday, Alton Knights 40 Days for Life, at the Granite City Hope Clinic, from 1 pm to 7 pm

April 2, Wednesday, Alton Knights 40 Days for Life, at the Granite City Hope Clinic, from 1 pm to 7 pm

April 9, Wednesday, Alton Knights 40 Days for Life, at the Granite City Hope Clinic, from 1 pm to 7 pm

April 9, Wednesday, Council Blood Drive at Ss Peter & Paul Alumni Hall, from 1 pm to 5 pm.

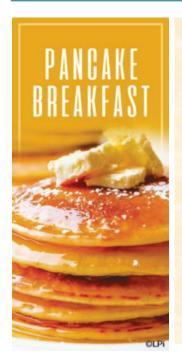
April 10, Thursday, Mass for the Military, open to all, at Ss Peter & Paul Church at 6 pm.

April 10 Thursday, Rosary at the Alton Council Meeting Room at 7:05 pm April 10, Thursday, Alton Council Meeting at Ss Peter & Paul School, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

May 8, Thursday Mass for the Military, open to all, at Ss Peter & Paul Church at 6 pm.

May 8 Thursday, Rosery at the Alton Council Meeting Room at 7:05 pm

May 8, Thursday, Alton Council Meeting at Ss Peter & Paul School, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm



SS Peter & Paul Annual Palm Sunday Breakfast!

Join us on April 13 after 8:00 and 10:00 Masses in the Sloan Room!

Pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausage, biscuits and gravy, donuts, fruit, coffee, juice and milk.

Free will offering to benefit SS Peter & Paul Parish.



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. Adults \$14, children \$7, under 12 free. Whitefish, whole catfish, buffalo, baked fish, or shrimp. Included are fries, onion rings, cole slaw, green beans bread and drink. Dessert available for additional charge.

Held 4-7 PM the first six weeks of Lent at the McNicholas Club

1713 Stamper Ln, Godfrey.
THERE IS NO FISH FRY ON GOOD FRIDAY THIS YEAR.



You are invited to join over 1 million volunteers in 855 cities across 61 nations for a peaceful, life-saving campaign to end abortion.

Prayer & Fasting

Spend time during your normal day fasting & praying.

Peaceful Vigil

Pray at the abortion facility in Granite City.

"Fill the Gap" during a non-adopted hour.



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Info &

Events

Celebrate, encourage & spread the news about the campaign.

Rosary Walk: Sunday, March 23, 3:30 pm Closing Potluck: Saturday, April 5, 4:00 pm

Sign-up & information: www.40daysgc.com

Share, like & follow us: Granite City 40 Days for Life

Contact us directly: 636-206-6220 or vigil@40daysgc.com

LENTEN REGULATIONS -

- ABSTINENCE Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fri days of Lent.
- 2. FAST Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
- 3. **To disregard** completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

LENTEN FISH FRY



MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH 200 North Lange - Maryville

DINNER WILL BE SERVED FROM 4:00-7:00 IN THE PARISH CENTER FRIDAYS DURING LENT, EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY

> \$12 - Two piece cod fish plate \$8 -One piece cod fish plate

Both served with cole slaw, hush puppies, bread, drink and your choice of fries or onion rings

St. Anne's Altar Society will sell desserts for \$2. Proceeds will benefit MPH for Life and ABL Pregnancy Center

St. Mary & St. Mark Parish

Engelbert Hall, 1613 Tenth St, Madison IL

Is sponsoring a

Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner



Sunday, April 6—11:00 am to ??

All You Can Eat

Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert \$15 a plate

(Wine and Soda-\$1.00 / Water and Tea-Free)

Join us for 10:00 am Mass at St Mary/St. Mark Church followed by a tasty meal at Engelbert Hall

Do you want to know a great way to make this Lent even better? Listen to Catholic Radio! Shut off the noise and listen to solid Catholic teaching, prayers, and call-in programs. You can listen on a smart speaker, tell Alexa to play Covenant Network Catholic Radio, on our App, Covenant

Network, onlineat OurCatholicRadio.org, or on your local Catholic radio station, AM 1080 and 92.7 FM. Make this a Lent to remember. Pray the Visual Rosary with sacred images for each prayer and the Stations of the Cross.





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Please call the office if a name is to be removed from the list. If you know of any parishioner that is in a Nursing Home or Homebound, please let the parish office know. Also, let us know which Nursing Home they are in. Thank You.

Mike Purcell

Bailey Beiser

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy or other church personnel (even if it is in the past) please call the Diocese's Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number at (217) 321-1155. Individuals may also contact Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1-(800)-25-ABUSE

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions For March

For Families in Crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 16, 2025 2nd Sunday of Lent Luke 9:28b-36

St. Thomas Aquinas said that friends share three things: time, possessions and secrets. For example, how do I know if you're my friend? Well, let's say we've been to Mexico together, you've tried my shaky attempts at pasta carbonara, and you know what ridiculous costume I wore in a music video I filmed in my early twenties. We, dear reader, are definitely friends. We've shared time, possessions and secrets.

How does friendship with Jesus develop? The same way. Jesus lives and eats with his disciples. Then he takes Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there reveals to them his deepest secret: his glorious, divine Sonship. The majesty of God shines from within his humanity in a way that goes beyond description. God the Father confirms this "secret," saying, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him" (Luke 9:35). It's all so precious that "they fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone." Do we take time to be alone with Christ, to allow him to mystically share this "secret" with us as his dear friends?

Lenten challenge: This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus — perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously re-living that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart.

Father John Muir

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