

# ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

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## Your Will Be Done!

When we pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Your will be done," do we really mean it? Or are we saying the words without giving it a deeper thought? In normal circumstances, we might not give it a deeper thought, but when caught in a situation where we don't have control, we surrender, and God takes control. We should not wait until we have reached a point of breakdown to remember to surrender to God. In every situation, no matter how simple it might appear, we need to say, "Your will be done."

There is a story of a lady who was bedridden for six months with a serious lung infection. She had tried all kinds of treatment and prayers, and nothing worked. She became depressed. One day someone dropped a pamphlet with the story of a missionary woman who had contracted a strange disease. That woman was sick for eight years, and she could not understand why God let this tragedy happen to her. She prayed every day to get healed so she could resume her missionary work. Her prayers went unanswered. One day in her desperation, she cried out to God, "All right, I give up. If you want me to be invalid, that's your business." Within two weeks, the missionary woman was fully recovered.

The lady who was bedridden for six months said the story didn't make sense, but she could not forget about it. One day, she cried out to God in words similar to those of the missionary, "God, I am tired of asking you for health. You decide if you want me sick or healthy." After a couple of days, her health began to return.

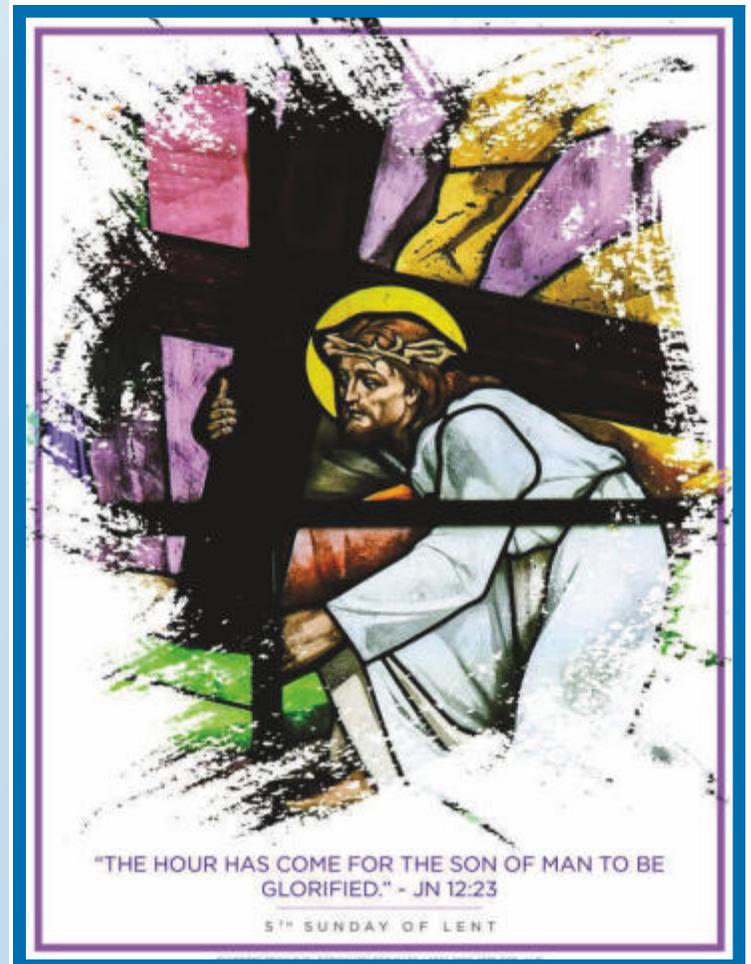
In today's gospel, we hear Jesus in his agony, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." Jesus knew the passion he was to go through, and he surrendered his will to the Father. Jesus had the option of taking what appeared to be the easy way out. Fully human, Jesus said, "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name."

As Christians, what does this mean to us in our everyday life? Maybe your marriage is falling apart and you need outside help, but you are too proud to ask for it. Maybe you are struggling with addiction of some kind, but you keep on denying it. Whatever struggle you might be going through, let your will die by accepting that you are not in control. Seek help, and let the will of God be done.

*Fr. Peter Patrick*

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent**



**March 21, 2021**

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**Parish Staff**

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**Parish School** 445-2846 Fax 445-0448  
 Jade Cottrell, *Principal* Office Open 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

**Parish Trustees**

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**Pastoral Council**

Brendan Holahan, Kathy Kent, Mary Krolikowski, Matt Melendes, James Napper, Jessica Quintanilla, Lisette Quintanilla, Kris Reck, Brenda Scharping, Becky Troy

**The Week Ahead**

Sunday, March 21	9:00 am Mass (Church) Treats from the St. Joseph Table
Tuesday, March 23	8:30 am Mass (Church) 9:00 am Book Discussion (FKCC) 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul (FKCC)
Wednesday, March 24	Diocesan Celebration of Reconciliation 8:00 am - 8:00 pm (St. Marg. Mary)
Friday, March 26	8:30 am Mass (Church) 9:15 am Stations of the Cross (Church)
Saturday, March 27	9:00 am Food Pantry (FKCC)
Sunday, March 28	8:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:00 am Palm Sunday Mass (Church)

**Virtual Tour of Holy Week**

We invite you to participate in a Virtual Tour of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday as we prepare for Easter. Join the Tour, Sunday, March 28, at 2 p.m. We ask each individual or family to prepare to share one Lenten practice they engaged in throughout the season. For the virtual link, email Jon Metz at jmetz@saintsebs.org. Give yourself this Lenten gift!

**Archdiocesan Lenten Reconciliation - March 24**

*Pray, Reconcile, & Rejoice: Lenten Day of Reconciliation* takes place at 16 parishes throughout the diocese, on Wednesday, March 24. The nearest church is St. Margaret Mary, 3970 N. 92nd, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Other sites at archmil.org/pray-reconcile-rejoice. Times vary at each location.

**Facing Racism**

Oh Lord, help us defend the victims of injustice, prejudice, or discrimination whose faith has been shaken by intolerance - so they will not lose hope for God's loving care. Diocese of Dallas

<b>Regular Contributions thru 3/14/20 - Week 37</b>	\$125,782
Prior YTD Amount	<u>121,123</u>
<b>Surplus/Deficit vs. Prior Year</b>	\$ 4,659

**Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings**

**Sunday, March 21 Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9:00 am † Carl E. Edmund (Mark Edmund)  
 Jer31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-15 /Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

**Monday, March 22**

8:30 am Mass at St. Sebastian  
 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Ps 23:1-3a-6/Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday, March 23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo**

8:30 am † Bonnie Dougherty (Lieb Family)  
 Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday, March 24**

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56 /Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord**

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**Friday, March 26**

8:30 am Expectant and New Mothers  
 Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

9:00 am † Joey Badora and Maria Buhler (Julie Ristow)  
 Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-24 /Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Sunday, March 21 - Fr. Larry**

Lector Harry Beal

**Sunday, March 28 - Fr. Peter Patrick**

Lector Brendan Holahan

**Reflections on this Sunday's Readings**

Today's Gospel reminds us that the passion of Jesus is coming closer. Jesus is aware that his hour is coming, and he begins to prepare his followers. He states that the Son of Man is to be glorified: "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." Jesus is referring to the Paschal Mystery here; his death and resurrection. We experience this Pascal Mystery all the time in our lives. Something dies, but it makes way for something new. The four seasons of the year help us understand this; winter makes way for spring that makes way for summer and then fall. I often tell this to students: Letting go is hard, but think of when you graduate high school. This can be sad, like a death, but then you have a rebirth into your college life (or vocational life). All of the sudden, there are new possibilities; things you never imagined before can come true. This new opportunity would not have been possible if you wouldn't have experienced that loss through the death of the old. We grieve what is lost, but our new opportunities are life giving.

Jesus was trying to prepare his followers for this too. He said that the grain of wheat must die, but that is how we receive the fruit. There must be a sacrifice to bear the fruit. Jesus was saying "Get ready. You are going to experience sadness and grief, but it is not the end of the story! Something miraculous is about to happen. There is more to come. Just wait for it!"

- Think of a loss you have had. What came after that brought new life in your life?
- Think of someone in your life who is suffering. How could you help them see their suffering is not the end of their story?
- Keep the Pascal Mystery in mind as Easter draws near. *J. Metz*

## Pray for Our Sick

Maryl Barrett, Michael Barton, Carol & Joe Brien, Tom Cavanaugh, Annie Coleman, Ellie Cunningham, Barb Haig, Ernest Herre, James Krutina, Evelyn Martinez, Bev Narus, Diane Neicheril, Steve O'Connell, Andréa Olds, Tom Plakut, David Pleskatchek, Ron & Trudy Ranallo, Don Richards, Margaret Schmidt, Sr. Mary Ann Schmidt, Doug Scott, Carmel Stage, Bill Steger, Larry Teufel, Nancy & Eduardo V., Kathy Z.

## School News

The school committee will have its first parents' meeting on March 24 at 6 pm. The purpose of the virtual meeting is to introduce the committee members to the parents and communicate what a school committee does. To make it easy to join, the Zoom link is posted on the school's Facebook page.

## Senior Ministry

"We can make a difference. We can help make the lives of caregivers better. Thanks to Governor Tony Evers, there's a proposal in Wisconsin's State Budget that finally acknowledges and gives renewed understanding of the challenges of caregiving. It proposes funding numerous key initiatives that will help persons living with Alzheimer's or dementia. Here's the deal: The Alzheimer's Association has organized a great opportunity for us to take action this month. **On Monday, March 22, and Wednesday, March 24,** we have a chance to participate in Advocacy Days. The event will be held virtually, and I'm looking forward to being personally involved. I hope you'll join! Register [p2a.co/qkFj2AC](https://p2a.co/qkFj2AC)." *Marty Schreiber*

## Sustainability Tip

Consider taking the time to reflect on the Stations of the Cross through the frame of ecological conversion at [ourcommonhome.org/media/2020/02/ecological-stations-english.pdf](https://ourcommonhome.org/media/2020/02/ecological-stations-english.pdf)

## Circles of Support

Do you have a loved one who is incarcerated? You are not alone. We offer circles of support in a safe setting for you and released formerly incarcerated individuals. We meet virtually on the first Monday of the month from 6:30 -8:00 p.m. Additional sponsors are Blessed Savior Catholic Church and Community Advocates. Info: Project Return-Amanda Smit, 418-7312 or [amda@projectreturnmilwaukee.org](mailto:amda@projectreturnmilwaukee.org). Joan Plumley and Dante Martin facilitators. Come, join us!

## Your Centennial Committee Invites You . . .

to participate as we prepare for the celebration in November, 2022. **Name the pastors/administrators** who have served the parish in the last 25 years. Submit your answer at [secretary@saintcatherine.org](mailto:secretary@saintcatherine.org) or to the parish office. The winner and right answer will be posted on our website and announced in the bulletin. **Submit names/contact info** of graduates of our school: yourself, your relatives and friends to the parish office.

## Church Cleaning - Tuesday, 10 am

Enter through the parish office or the west middle church door

## Recovery Groups-All groups meet in the Community Ctr.

AA: Sunday 11:00 am      AAA: Thursday 7:00 pm  
Tuesday 7:00 pm  
Friday 6:30 pm

## Celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph

Pope Francis has designated this year to celebrate St. Joseph. To celebrate his feast, we will have home-baked cookies at our "St. Joseph's Table." Cookies will be given to you in a sandwich bag by a hostess as you leave church.

## Reserve Your Space for Easter Sunday Mass

Since we are limited to the number of people who can be in church due to Covid-19, it takes careful planning to effectively maintain social distancing. To reserve a space for Easter Mass at Saint Catherine, contact the parish office at 445-5115 or by email at [prussell@saintcatherine.org](mailto:prussell@saintcatherine.org). You will need to provide the exact number of people in your group. Reservations will not be needed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday services. Also, these services will be live streamed.

## Support the Catholic Stewardship Appeal

Your financial help serves to ignite, renew and energize Catholic life across southeastern Wisconsin. Donate online: [catholicappeal.org](https://catholicappeal.org), at Mass or by mail to Catholic Stewardship Appeal, 3501 S. Lake Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53207.

## Flowering Plants for Easter

Please submit your flower donation and order form (found in the back of church) in the offertory basket or the rectory **today**.

## It's Not to Late to Enter Lent Stations of the Cross - Friday Mornings -9:10 a.m.

Walk the Way of the Cross virtually or in person in church.

## Small Group Discussion of "The Search"

Join any time, in person, Tuesday mornings following 8:30 a.m. Mass, or virtually, Wednesdays nights, 7 p.m. **Virtual option for either Stations or discussion:** contact [jmetz@saintsebs.org](mailto:jmetz@saintsebs.org)

## St. Vincent de Paul's Lenten Food Drive

Bring one food item for each day in Lent. All the food will go to our Food Pantry. Please see the posted flyer for details.

## Capuchin Hygiene Bags & Rice Bowls

Thanks to all who participated in filling the Capuchin Hygiene Bags (on the back table). We'll continue to collect them & Rice Bowls thru Easter Sunday. 75% of Rice Bowl money goes to CRS & 25% goes to our parish outreach ministries. Info: Margaret Lee

## Reflections of Faith is Your Voice

For 25 years and in 128 issues, *Reflections* has offered parishioners a venue to express their faith stories. For the upcoming issue, consider who/what formed you and how you have been transformed to RE-form your life, your community, the world.

**Eucharistic Liturgies** are celebrated on Sundays at 9:00 am. Weekday Mass is at 8:30 am in church, T & F; at St. Sebastian, 8:30 am, M.

For an **Infant's Baptism**, contact the parish office during the prenatal time to begin preparation.

Those discerning a call to **Marriage** should contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date.

For **Non-Infant Baptisms, First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation** and **Information about the Catholic Church**, call the parish office.

**Confessions/Reconciliation** -Schedule with Fr. Peter Patrick at 445-5115 for an appointment.



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