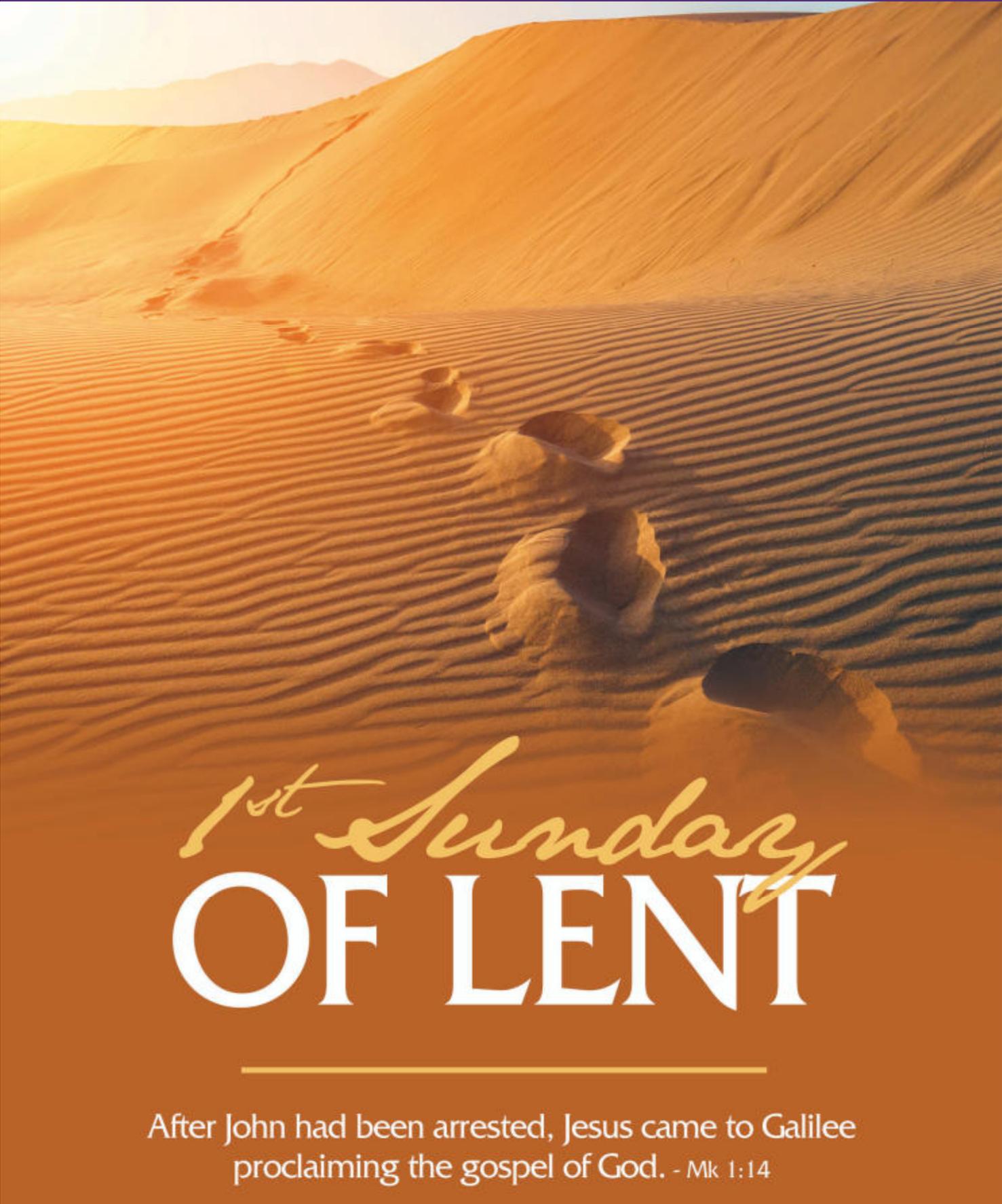


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After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee
proclaiming the gospel of God. - Mk 1:14

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February 21, 2021

Beginning the Season of Lent



In his homily on Ash Wednesday, Fr. Marcin told children of Bishop McNamara's Bradley Site about something he had learned when he was a boy, the Order of Invisible Hands. This concept in scouting centers on doing good for people without them knowing it was you. In starting Lent without the usual mark of ashes on our foreheads this year, we might all consider doing what we can to help others without drawing attention to ourselves.

Special thanks to all who helped with our Masses and Services on Ash Wednesday—Greeting Team; Cleaning Crew, Clergy, Choir, Volunteers at our Religious Education services, and all who worked to get the church ready for Lent and everyone who came to pray with us.



GOOD PIZZA/GREAT CAUSE! Religious Education Fundraiser

Support our RE Program while supporting local business! Everyone loves Monical's Pizza. From

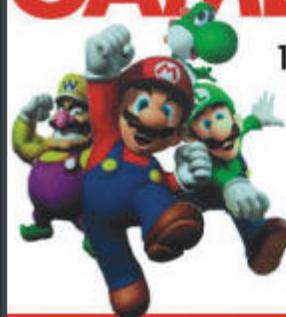
now until Friday, March 12, our Religious Education program is conducting this fundraiser. We're taking orders for oven ready pizzas (\$10 each) from Monical's. Parishioners are invited to participate. Download and print the order form at the parish website; complete it and enclose your payment in an envelope marked "RE Fundraiser." Put in the collection basket at Mass or bring to the parish office in the morning hours or mail to the parish by Monday, March 15. Or you can use Venmo online payment method to @MMeier54 with your name, contact info, and order (Qty & type of pizzas) in notes. Order sheets may be emailed to fourtogo@hotmail.com and paid by Venmo if easier. (Or just come to the parish office to get and complete the form).

Once you have turned in the form, your pizza certificates will be available on Wednesday March 24, between 4:30-5:45pm at the Parish Hall, or on Saturday, March 27, from 3:15-3:45pm and Sunday March 28, from 10:15-10:45am before Masses at the church. Watch the parish bulletin and social media for updates.

If you have any questions, please email Michelle Meier at fourtogo@hotmail.com. Thank You!-Anita Lovell & Michelle Meier

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SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

<p>Monday February 22 <i>The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle</i> 7 a.m. Communion Service</p>	<p>Tuesday February 23 <i>St. Polycarp</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Patti McElroy & Daughter, Lisa, by Larry</p>	<p>Wednesday February 24 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Jerry, Joe & Jim Power by Madge Power</p>	<p>Thursday February 25 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Janice Sims by Alan & Pat Knittel</p>	<p>Friday February 26 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Harold & Lillian Krueger by Estate</p>	<p>Saturday February 27 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Patti McElroy & Daughter, Lisa, by Larry</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday/Sunday February 27 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Tom Mitchell (Anniversary Memorial) by Alice, Wife</p>			<p>8:30 a.m. Mass † Ann Gifford (Anniversary Memorial) by Gifford Family 11:00 a.m. Mass † Sarah Fetterer (Birthday Memorial) by Linda Christensen</p>		

Please make reservations at the parish website to attend Weekend Masses. Look for Live Streams of Daily & Saturday Vigil Masses at the parish website. Video recordings will continue to be available.

STEWARDSHIP

Sometimes, Scripture can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation against the backdrop of God’s creation—plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself—turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot desert, tempted, living “among the wild beasts?” Noah departed from his ark with animals, observing God’s sign in the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through baptism. How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikeliest suspects? Let’s go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass time, amongst flowers and butterflies, but don’t forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain. God may be present in His creation, but that doesn’t mean it’s always easy to endure. Lent is a time to listen for God’s voice in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you’re craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during times of fasting. It’s a golden opportunity to see divine in all creation, even those unlikely suspects.-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Offerings for the weekend of February 13/14, 2021
\$6,099.00

4:00 pm: \$1,272.00

8:30 am: \$534.00

11:00 am: \$955.00

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Food Donations: 70.4 Pounds

Readings for the Week of February 21, 2021

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

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 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



We thank all parishioners who have been continuing regular monetary offerings. We are encouraging everyone who cannot attend Mass in person to please mail your envelopes. Our Electronic Giving options are the most convenient ways for making offerings and staying consistent. You can make automated ACH Offerings from your savings or checking accounts. Print the form on page 6 or download the form at the parish website; complete and follow the directions; mail to the parish. Or look for the PayPal Button at our website to set-up online contributions. Thanks again for your ongoing care, kindness and support.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is ...

X NOT graduation from Religion classes **X NOT** becoming an adult in the church **X NOT** earned by getting all the answers correct on a test or by performing a certain amount of service hours **+ IS** one of the three Sacraments of Initiation and perfects the grace of Baptism **+ IS** the beginning of a deeper life in Christ **+ IS** a gift from God, which enriches the candidate with the Holy Spirit giving the tools and strength to live and share the faith. **+ IS** a sacrament that is only received once but imprints a permanent spiritual mark on the soul.

Our Confirmation candidates and parents recently gathered to spend a little time learning more about the sacrament of Confirmation (**what it is and what it is NOT**), discussing what it means to them, and how to best prepare for it. They were all



reminded that it is up to the candidate, with the help of his or her parents and sponsor to determine how open and ready they will be to receive these special graces on May 2.



Like so many other parts of life, "What you put into it, will determine what you get out of it." Candidates were encouraged to spend time **actively and thoughtfully** focusing on their faith life-learning to become more aware and comfortable with how the Holy Spirit is working in their life.

St. Joseph's Confirmation Preparation Program is designed to provide candidates and families with opportunities for meaningful experiences through, prayer, service, and taking time for reflection. Our program also encourages candidates to become more familiar with their parish and all the different ministries, so they can bless their lives by becoming more active members of the parish family.



Please keep these families in your prayers as they spend the next few months growing in their faith and deepening their relationship with one another.



Thank you for generous support of the Mobile Pantry

Thanks as always to all of our helpers at the Mobile Pantry and to everyone who has been so generous with donations.



Stations of the Cross Fridays at 4pm during Lent

Join us for this simple and personal reflection on the Passion of Jesus and what it means to us.

You can still Sign-up for Daily Lenten Emails from St. Joseph's

We invite you to receive daily email reflections during the Season of Lent. These will assist you with your prayer life and Lenten observance as you explore the richness of our Catholic faith and learn to share the same sacrificial love Christ shares with all of us. You can sign-up at the parish website. Source of Content: www.mycatholic.life

LITURGICAL ROLES	February 27 4:00 PM	February 28 8:30 AM	February 28 11:00 AM
Greeters	Marian Worby (1) Janet Gregoire (2) Mike Worby (3)	Jasmine Elumbaugh (1) Barb Fortin (2) Cathy LaRocque (3)	Zaida Garcia (1) Julie Gindy (2) Angela Garcia (3)
Lectors		Ryan Adams	
Deacons	Deacon Leon Fritz	Deacon Leon Fritz	
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak

Helpers for our Cleaning Crew are needed on the weekends. Please volunteer at the parish website or call the parish office. Thanks again!



Bishop McNamara's Annual Las Vegas in Bradley: WE ARE BRINGING VEGAS TO YOU! The casino event and final Progressive Raffle drawing will be held virtually in 2021 and offer all of the fun and energy of a Vegas experience. It's a great opportunity to gather your family and friends and have some fun!

Registration is open! Sign up by March 1 at bishopmac.com/vegas. Contact our Vegas Team at lasvegas@bmcms.org to become a sponsor.

BLACK JACK, CRAPS and ROULETTE: With purchase of any High Roller, Lucky 7 or BINGO Package, all current Progressive Raffle ticket holders will receive ONE FREE BINGO card to play during the event on March 6. You could win a trip to Vegas and many other prizes!

**BINGO: This year for Las Vegas in Bradley we are offering a family option. Sign your family up for BINGO and watch your school principal call the numbers! We have great prizes-an annual membership to Fair Oaks, a Bowling Party, a day at Brookfield Zoo for 6 and much more!*

Online Lenten Program: "A Prayerful Walk to Calvary"
 The Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary are sponsoring this program via Zoom from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24. We will spend time in prayer and reflection following the steps of Jesus to the cross on Calvary. Register at www.sscm-usa.org/online-programming.html. For more information about other programs, email samann@sscm-usa.org.

Catholic Charities Offering "Stepping Up!"
 Stepping Up is a virtual class promoting empowerment, peace and ways to cope with life during this difficult season. More than ever, we need to take care of ourselves and keep moving in a positive direction. Meet virtually on Tuesdays, March 9-April 27, from 10-11:30 a.m. This group offers support and practical steps to make life feel more manageable. It provides a non-judgmental environment to share feelings. Topics will include: Living beyond your past; Coping during a pandemic; Time management; Goal setting; Effective communication; Budgeting; Boundaries; Racial and cultural identity. Need assistance connecting? All you need is a device with a camera and microphone and we can help. To register, call 630-519-6547 or email jnewburn@cc-doj.org.

Maternity BVM Credit Union Meeting
 The annual meeting of Maternity BVM Credit Union will be held on March 10 at the Maternity BVM Parish Center at 5 p.m. There will be limited attendance and masks and social distancing required. Please contact us at 815-932-7131 if you would like to attend. (There will be no food or drink provided).

Automated Giving

Please realize, that although you are not here a given week, your parish still needs your support.

Below is the authorization form enabling you to have your Sunday contribution electronically provided to St. Joseph's via ACH Auto-Deduct. If you choose to sign up, you will continue to receive your Sunday/Special Collection envelopes in the mail. Your contribution envelopes have a box that can be checked stating "I give electronically". You can continue to use your offertory envelopes and simply check this box.

All that is required is to fill out the form below, attach a Voided check, and return by mailing to the parish office. Your banking information is kept secure and confidential.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the business office at (815)939-3573.

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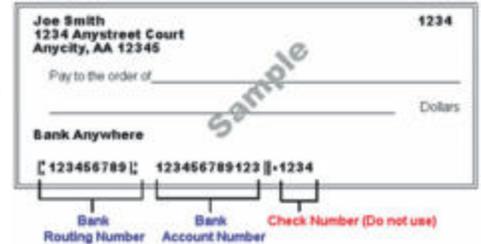
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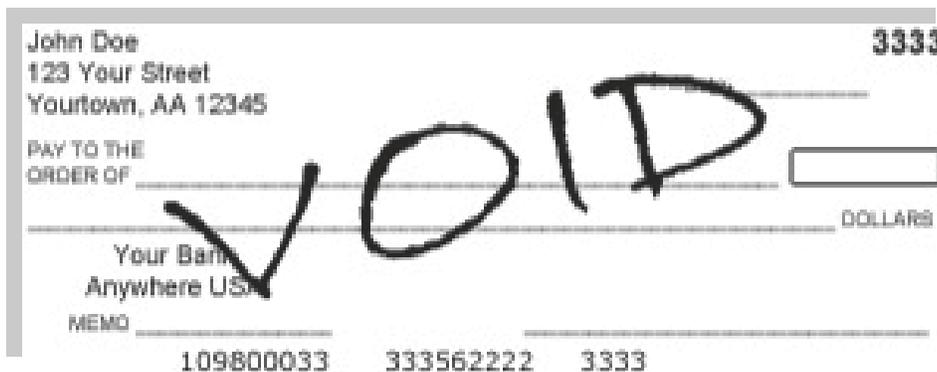
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 Tuesday-Thursday 7:00 am Mass
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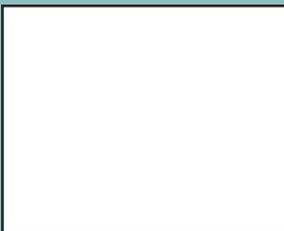
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