

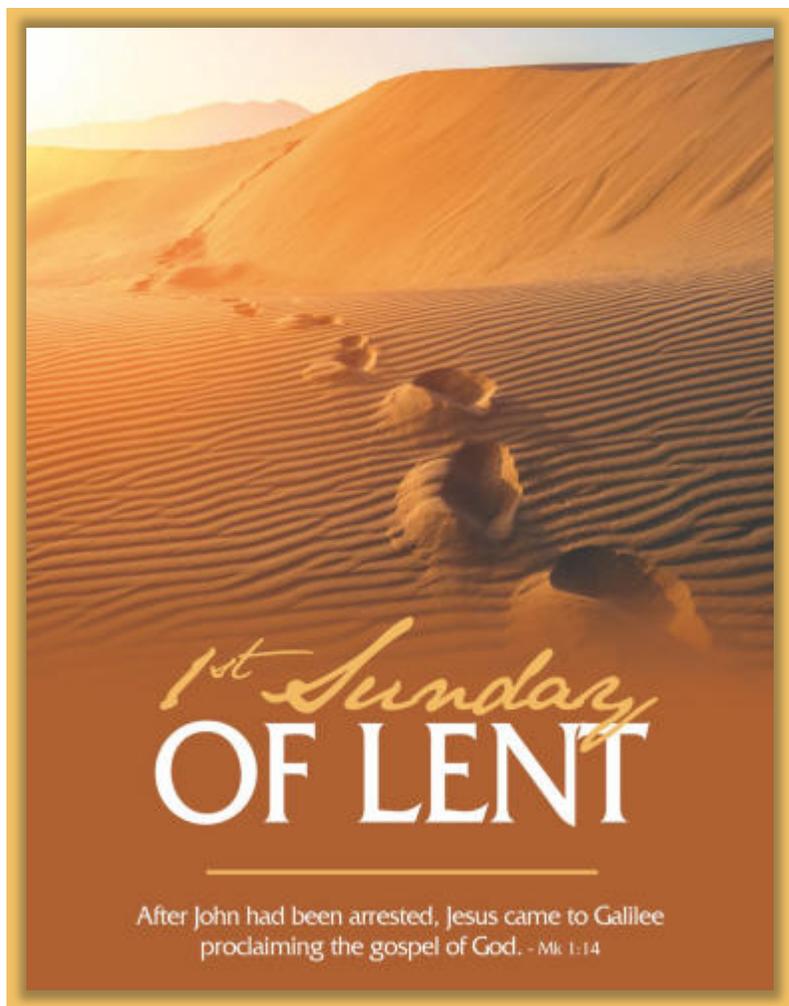
Welcome to  
Our Lady of Lourdes  
Parish Family

1305 Lourdes Avenue, De Pere, WI 54115



Sunday, February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent



**Pastoral Team:**

Fr. Peter Ambting, O. Praem. Pastor  
Deacon Michael Vander Bloomen  
Carol Gibson, Parish Business Manager  
Jody Strnad, Director of Music & Liturgy

**Parish Office:**

1307 Lourdes Avenue  
De Pere, WI 54115  
(920) 336-4033

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**School:** 920-336-3091

**Religious Education:** 920-337-0443

**Parish Website:** [www.lourdesdepere.org](http://www.lourdesdepere.org)

**Email:** [parish@lourdesdepere.org](mailto:parish@lourdesdepere.org)

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Weekend Mass: Saturday 4:30 PM • Sunday 8:15 AM • Sunday 10:15 AM • Sunday 11:15 AM (Communion Service)

Daily Mass: Monday 7:30 AM Word Service • Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 7:30 AM • Wednesday 8:45 AM

Confessions: Friday 8:00-9:00 AM • Saturday 3:30-4:15 PM • By appointment

Adoration: Friday 8:00-9:00 AM

Norbertine Fathers

OLOL Vision: "A thriving parish, where all are needed, welcomed, and excited by engaging ourselves in the life of the parish, following the example of the First Christians, giving witness to the Gospel of Christ."

**Mass Intentions**

Monday, February 22 7:30 a.m.	The Chair of St. Peter Word Service
Tuesday, February 23 7:30 a.m.	+ Morris Ragona
Wednesday, February 24 8:45 a.m.	+ Jan VanSistine
Thursday, February 25 7:30 a.m.	+ Lynne Berendsen
Friday, February 26 7:30 a.m.	+ Don & Grace Hockers
Saturday, February 27 4:30 p.m.	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family + Doris Hoffman and Joseph & Louise Traeger
Sunday, February 28	Second Sunday of Lent
8:15 a.m.	+ Harold Hendricks
10:15 a.m.	+ Michael Burke

**Sunday Lenten Challenge**

Today, fast from the internet. It may be harder than you think!

**Blood Drive**

Mark your calendar for the next Blood Drive, which will be held on Tuesday, March 2, in the Social Hall from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thank you!

**Sacrament of Baptism**

We welcome **Briggs Michael Peot** and **Teo Lorenz Jansen** to the Living Body of Christ! May God continue to bless them both always.



**PARISH – SUPPORT –**

**Your Financial Support at OLOL**

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Week of February 8-14

Parish Support.....	\$10,766.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 377.00
Total.....	\$11,143.00

Parish Support Budget for July 1-Feb. 28.....	\$661,825
Parish Support Income through Feb. 14.....	\$625,700
Amount needed to make budget through Feb. 28...\$	36,125

**2021 Bishop's Appeal – Building Disciples of Christ: Catholic Charities**

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## *The Forty Days of Lent*

Last Wednesday, we started the holy season of Lent, forty days of preparation for the great feast of Easter. The sprinkling with ashes is an outward sign of our internal intention to use this time as a time of fasting and conversion, to grow in the relationship with God. Forty days are given to us to grow deeper in our relationship with God and our neighbors.

The last couple of years there is renewed attention for fasting. When you search for books about fasting on the internet, you will find a whole range. There are also programs that support people in fasting. In a way, it is good that there is support to help people in their Christian fasting. However, we should be very well aware of the intentions of Christian fasting. We do not fast for the sake of fasting, and we do not have to impress God or people around us with heroic achievements. Fasting is also not exercising your stamina or losing weight, although both could be indirect results of fasting. Fasting is not a competition with yourself to show yourself how strong willed you are. Fasting is not putting yourself in the center, but it is about your relationships with God and our neighbor.



### **Fasting, alms, and prayer**

Taken from the Bible, the Fathers of the Church put in particular emphasis on three things: fasting, alms giving and prayer. Fasting is denying yourself things for the greater sake of your relationships with God and the neighbor. The abstinence, especially in the first couple of days, could be uncomfortable since our mind and body react to it. We are used to particular habits and when we break these habits, it feels inconvenient. For example, some people have the habit of having a glass of wine before they go to bed. When they break that habit during Lent, the mind tells the person that it should have that glass. Another example, we are used to a particular amount of food and when we eat less, our body is asking for more. Believe me, after a couple of days we get used to the change, and our mind stops thinking of that glass of wine and our body stops asking for more food. Moreover, it is not a bad thing when it feels uncomfortable since the inconvenience is a reminder that we are fasting.

We could substitute our inconveniences with focusing more on God and the neighbor. Prayer is our communication with God and during Lent, we intensify that. Like Jesus intensified his focus on the Father, when he spent forty days in the desert, we try to focus more on our relationship with God. In the business of daily life, our minds go in all directions. Our responsibilities in our families, communities, and at work can scatter our focus on God. Lent is eminently the time to refocus and to intensify our relationship with God. We could decide to plan some extra time for prayer every day, to read in the Bible or to meditate. Like every year, this year the parish has the Little Black Books available for you to help you pray.

Our relationship with God also goes through our neighbor. As Jesus says, "What you do to the least of mine, you do it to me". Together with fasting and praying, the Fathers of the Church ask us for alms giving during this sacred time. We sacrifice from ourselves to help our neighbor, especially those in need. This does not necessarily mean that it has to be money that you give. You could also give time and effort to your neighbor by visiting or helping your neighbor. Especially in the difficult time we live in, many people would like a phone call or a little bit of attention in some way. There are many ways to help others and to reach out to the neighbor.

In summary, we can say that during Lent, we are called to take away the focus from ourselves and our habits to focus more on God and the neighbor. All these efforts are not to prove ourselves for God, the neighbor, or ourselves but to grow deeper in the relationship with God and the neighbors.

I wish you all a blessed season of Lent!

### ***Thank You!***

Thank you to **Amy Brauer, Kay Diederich, Lisa Draves, Margy Eastman, Terry, Carey, Seth & Kailey Fink, Liz Gale, Leah Kocken, Carol Meyers, Nancy Mooren, John & Carol Mueller, Linda Scharine, Chris Schmidt, Emily Sharapata, Bob & Mary Summers, Ron & Mary Van Dyck, Elmer, Anne & Nicki Waystedt** for helping deliver the Mardi Gras goodie bags to our families with children.

These wonderful folks were out delivering during the season's coldest temperatures. We really appreciated all the help!

### ***We want to hear from you!***

As you know, we are living in interesting times! With that being said, God has blessed us with many positive things. We want to find out what one positive thing you have learned this past year. We are asking everyone to submit one thing. Young and old can participate! You would remain anonymous. We hope that we can lift each other to see how God has worked in our lives this past year. We will publish your item in future bulletins, Flocknotes, and on Facebook. You can submit your entry via email, snail mail, email, offertory basket, or call the Parish Office (you will remain anonymous).

**At Rest in the Lord +++**

**+ Joan Brunette, 84, mother of parishioner Keith (Sheryl) Brunette**, passed away on January 29. Joan was a kind, welcoming, witty person who was strong yet compassionate. Her family meant everything to her and her faith guided her throughout her life. Joan is also

survived by four other children and their spouses, grandchildren, and extended family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dale, and a daughter.



**+ Michael Burke, 80, a longtime parishioner and husband of parishioner Patricia Burke**, passed away on February 5. A memorial will be held here at a later date. Michael served in the U. S. Coast Guard and was employed at Moore Response until his retirement. He enjoyed

spending time in his workshop, building furniture and toys for his grandchildren, working on his yard and gardens, and watching the Packers. In addition to Patricia, his wife of 56 years, Michael is further survived by two daughters and a son and their spouses, grandchildren and extended family.



**+ Nancy Geurts, 72, a charter member of the parish and wife of parishioner Gene Geurts**, passed away from Alzheimer's disease on February 6. Nancy worked with her parents for many years, taking care of the janitorial needs at St. Joseph School. She was also employed in

the cafeteria and catering area at St. Norbert College and for more than 20 years at Eillien's Candies. Nancy enjoyed watching all of her children and grandchildren's events, attending Sunday Mass at OLOL and visiting with friends after, dancing at family weddings, and going out for a good fish fry. Along with Gene, her husband of 51 years, she is also survived by a son and two daughters and their spouses, grandchildren, and extended family.



**+ Joseph Krzewina, Jr., 74, brother of parishioners Carol (Lee) Meyers and Bob (Barb) Krzewina**, passed away on February 7, and was accorded Christian burial at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pestigo on February 15. Joe graduated from UW-Green Bay and served with

the U. S. Marine Corps in Vietnam. He was employed by Sentinel Structures in Peshtigo until his retirement and enjoyed sharing his faith with others, being outdoors, and spending time with family and friends. He is also survived by another sister and brother and their significant others, nieces and nephews, and extended family.



**+ Sally Lurquin, 74, a charter member of the parish**, passed away on February 11, and was accorded Christian burial here on February 18. Sally worked hard to raise her three children after becoming a widow at age 32. She was employed at a factory, at the Holiday Inn, and at

Rennes Health and Rehab, specializing in housekeeping and laundry services. She enjoyed bowling, knitting, cooking, doing puzzles, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Sally is survived by a son, two daughters, and two sons-in-law, grandchildren, and extended family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim, her partner of 35 years, Bill, and a granddaughter.

**+ + May Joan Michael, Nancy, Joe, and Sally rest in Christ's peace! ++**

**Food Pantry Collection**

As our good deed and to offer a helping hand to those in need, for the upcoming Lenten season, we will be collecting specific items each week for the De Pere Christian Outreach Food Pantry. So that we can all see the "good that we do to give glory to God," we ask that you place your donations in front of the altar in church. Please be sure to keep a path clear for Fr. Peter to access the altar. The following is a suggested list of items, but feel free to bring whatever you'd like:

**February 27-28:** Canned and boxed foods

**March 6-7:** Cereal and baking items

**March 13-14:** Laundry and dish soap

**March 20-21:** Health and beauty needs

If you would prefer, monetary donations can be placed in an envelope marked "For the Food Pantry" and put in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Office. This money will be used to buy items in greatest need for the pantry. Thank you for your generosity!

**Lenten Speaker Series**

In the dark and cold days of winter, we all could use a little bit of hope, a light at the end of the tunnel. Join the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family this Lenten season on Thursday nights in March for a speaker series focusing on finding hope in dark days. Every Thursday night from 7:00-8:00 PM tune in to Facebook Live on our Facebook page to hear from some amazing speakers including: Fr. Brad Vanden Branden, Julianne Stanz, Jane Angha, and Sarah Gietman.

Each night will include praise and worship from special guests Meg Lehman and Brianna Healy, engaging speakers with a Q & A segment, and fun prize giveaways for those who tune in live. In addition, if interested, there will be a small gift bag to accompany each of the speakers' talks. Please call the Parish Office at (920) 336-4033 to find out more information on picking up your gift bag before the events!

**40 Days for Life**

Please consider joining members of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family as we stand and peacefully pray for an end to abortion this Wednesday, February 24 between 12PM-1PM in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 2605 S. Oneida Street.

If you have never joined us, consider it. It will be a blessing in your life and the life of your family. Please join us. There are only five Wednesdays left! We will social distance as we pray the rosary and if you are uncomfortable with that you can sit in your car and join us in saying the rosary. If you would like more information, please contact Mickey Van de Ven, 351-4137.



*Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate.*

*Psalms 127:3-5*



## A Message From Our Principal

Dear OLOL Parish,

The staff and I had a very fruitful day last Friday. We touched on a variety of topics which focused on student learning. We started our day by having the teachers learn more about the computer science initiative that we are piloting. We are working with CESA 7, Brown County, and Microsoft to bring a dynamic computer science curriculum to our school. Tina Lemmons, who is leading our team, was able to present the vision to the teachers.

We then moved into a spiritual retreat for the staff by watching a lecture by Fr. Mike Schmitz. His lecture really emphasizes what type of faith we want every student, staff member, and family to have as we move on through these uncertain times. I would like each stakeholder of OLOL to be courageous in faith, academics, life choices, and commitments. If each individual in our community can have the type of anti-fragile faith that Fr. Mike talks about, what we can do here at OLOL would be unlimited.

We concluded our day by analyzing the COVID-19 Academic Response materials that a team that GRACE has put together. The staff at OLOL has focused on seeing the gaps that not being in school last spring has caused. Our plan not only focuses on this year but also the summer and what we can do when we start again in the fall.

*"Productivity is never an accident. It is always the result of commitment to excellence, intelligent planning, and focused effort." - Paul Meyer*

The Lourdes Way,  
Jeffrey Young  
Principal



### Meeting Schedule—Week of February 22

Tuesday, February 23 – Pastoral Council

6:30 p.m., Social Hall/Zoom

Thursday, February 25 – Music Team

6:30 p.m., Social Hall/Zoom

Thursday, February 25 – Small Church Communities

6:30 p.m., Parish Center Conference Room

### "For Those Who Server" Scholarship

Thanks to the generosity of a parish family, we have a new "For Those Who Server" scholarship to offer to high school seniors who are pursuing post secondary education. Applicants for this scholarship must be parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes who have shared their time and talents as Mass servers or in other ministries that support the Mass (lectors, ushers, greeters).

Applicants should include their name, address, phone number, and the name of the college they will be attending in the fall, along with the following: a list of the Mass ministries you have served in with the length of time you served in each ministry and a one-page typed response to the following question: "What skills have I gained from my service to Our Lady of Lourdes that will help prepare me for my future?"

Please submit the above information by **Friday, April 30**, to the OLOL Parish Office, Attn: For Those Who Server Scholarship, 1307 Lourdes Ave., De Pere, WI 54115. If you have questions regarding the scholarship, please contact Carol Gibson at the Parish Office at 336-4033 or by email at [carolg@lourdesdepere.org](mailto:carolg@lourdesdepere.org).

### Recipe for Lent:

#### Panera Copycat Corn Chowder

Ingredients:

- 2 cups Finely Diced Potatoes
- 1 can Cream Style Corn (14.75 oz)
- 1 can Evaporated Milk (12 oz)
- 3/4 cup Salsa
- 1/2 cup Frozen Corn Kernels (optional)
- 1/2 tsp Garlic Salt
- 1/4 tsp Pepper

Place the potatoes in a large saucepan and cover with water. Place on stove and bring to a boil. Reduce heat a bit and continue to gently boil until the potatoes are cooked (about 10 to 15 minutes). Drain the potatoes, being sure to reserve one cup of the potato cooking water. Return the cooked potatoes and the one cup of reserved potato cooking water to the pot.

Also add to the pot the can of cream style corn, the can of evaporated milk, and the salsa. If you would like a little additional corn in the soup, also add in the 1/2 cup of frozen corn kernels (there is no need to thaw them first). Finally, add in the garlic salt and the white pepper and stir to mix everything together. Continue to heat until soup is warm and steaming. Then remove from heat and serve.

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

<b>SUN 2/21</b>	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
<b>MON 2/22</b>	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
<b>TUE 2/23</b>	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
<b>WED 2/24</b>	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
<b>THR 2/25</b>	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
<b>FRI 2/26</b>	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
<b>SAT 2/27</b>	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
<b>SUN 2/28</b>	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

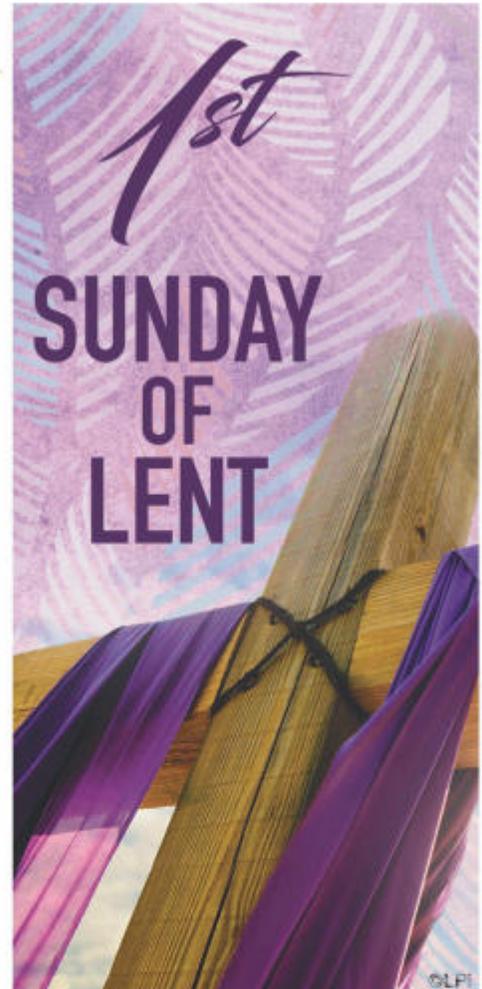
### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent
<b>Monday:</b>	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
<b>Sunday:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

Throughout history God has given His people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God's sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear the slate and take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God's covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert!



*Repent,  
and believe  
in the gospel.*

— MARK 1:15

## Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Directory

PARISH CENTER OFFICE - 336-4033  
 Parish Business Manager - Carol Gibson  
 Financial Secretary - Kathy Kocken  
 Parish Secretary - Ally Wrenn

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP** - Register with Parish Office.  
 Members 18 years and older - please register individually.  
 All are welcome to be an active part of our parish family.  
 Your most important contribution is your regular presence at  
 Sunday Mass. Beyond that our material support is based on  
*Christian Stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.*

**BULLETIN** - Announcements due by Monday morning.  
 Please email the Parish Office, parish@lourdesdepere.org

### PARISH TRUSTEES

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If you would like to contact one of our  
 Parish Trustees, Finance Council  
 Chair, or Pastoral Council  
 Chair, please call the Parish Office!

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL

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### PASTORAL COUNCIL - Chairperson, Casey Schetter

**BAPTISM** - Parents must be registered, active Catholics  
 4 months prior to Baptism. First-time parents are required  
 to attend a Baptism Prep Program before their child is  
 baptized. Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

### CONFESSIONS

Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 9 a.m.  
 Saturdays 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION** - Confirmation is celebrated in fall of the  
 Senior year for our high school students after participation  
 in the preparation program. Contact the Religious  
 Education Office for further details.

**MARRIAGES** - Weddings to initiate Christian Marriage are  
 celebrated for persons who have demonstrated an active  
 practice of our Faith. At least six months notice is required  
 for the required Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program.  
 New parishioners contemplating marriage in our parish  
 must be registered with the parish and show active  
 participation for at least 6 months prior to setting a  
 wedding date. Weddings can be scheduled any time on  
 Friday afternoons or on Saturdays, no later than 1:00 p.m.

**SACRAMENT of the SICK** - The Sacrament of the Sick is  
 celebrated communally during Advent and Easter. If  
 you're anticipating a hospital stay, please call the Parish  
 Office. In an emergency, call anytime!

**FUNERALS** - In the event of a death in your family, please  
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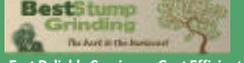
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