

Fifth Sunday of Lent

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

Mass Intentions Lenten Weekday MON 8:00 am + Dennis Griswold (Barb and Ralph Hasler) 4/4/22 **Lenten Weekday** TUES 8:00 am † Mark Becker 4/5/22 (Susan Becker) **Lenten Weekday** WED 10:00 am Mass at St. Joan of Arc 4/6/22 **Lenten Weekday** THURS 4/7/22 **Lenten Weekday** FRI 4/8/22 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD SAT



Financial Stewardship THROUGH MARCH 27, 2022

<u>COLLECTIONS</u>	LAST WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
Budget	\$ 12,125.00	\$ 552,750.00
Offerings	\$ 11,281.27	
Online	\$ 1,610.50	
Credit Card	\$ 20.00	
Total Actual	<u>\$ 12,911.77</u>	<u>\$ 547,990.95</u>
Surplus (Shortfall)	786.77	(\$ 4,759.05)

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED

While you can always bring your envelopes to Mass, it would be greatly appreciated if parishioners would use one of the available alternatives to send us contributions.

Please consider mailing your contribution to the Parish Office (checks only please), using the online giving system available through our cluster app, or setting up ACH for direct payments through the Parish Office. You may also drop off envelopes in the locked box outside of the Parish Office. Thank you for whatever assistance you can provide.

Update your email with us! Contact Cindy Birkel, 920-474-7000, email: <u>cbirkel@scsjcluster.org</u> or turn in the below to the parish office.

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SUN 4/10/22

4/9/22

8:00 am Mass at St. Joan of Arc 10:00 am † John Schmitt (Helena Dabrowski)

5:00 pm Mass at St. Joan of Arc

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MON 4/4/22

8:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's

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Financial Stewardship THROUGH MARCH 27, 2022

Lenten Weekday YEAR TO DATE COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK \$ 670,484.00 Budget \$ 16,550.00 Offerings \$ 5,327.00 10:00 am † James Barden Online \$ 2,715.00 ACH \$ 4,761.00 \$ 627,584.88 Total Actual \$ 12,803.00 **Lenten Weekday** (Shortfall) (\$ 3,747.00) (\$ 42,899.12)

 Debt Reduction:
 \$ 525.00
 Flowers:
 \$ 235.00

 Ukrainian Collection:
 \$ 130.00
 YTD
 \$ 5,695.81

Urgent Roof Replacement! Cost - \$85,000

Last week's collection was \$ 5,015 YTD - \$ 109,480 Pledged amount: \$3,000

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Lenten Weekday

SAT 4/9/22

5:00 pm † Robert Felder (Deb Gormez-Felder)

SUN 4/10/22 8:00 am †Barbara Kay (David Kay)

10:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022

3:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society (SJ)

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022

10:00 am Human Concerns Commission (SJ)3:00 pm Play Practice (SJ)7:00 pm Exploring the Gospel (Zm)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022

3:00 pm Children's Choir (SJ)6:00 pm Individual Reconciliation6:00 pm RCIA Faith Sharing (SJ)7:00 pm Lenten Taize Prayer (SC)

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022

7:30 am Exploring the Gospel (Zm) 3:00 pm Play Practice (SJ) 7:00 pm Choir Practice (SJ) (SC)

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022

3:00 pm Play Practice (SJ) 5:00 pm Confirmation Retreat/Service Project (SJ)

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022

8:00 am Confirmation Retreat/Service Project at the Catholic Ecology Ctr. FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 9:15 am Family Program (SJ)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 3, 2022

Sunday:	Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
	[3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or
-	13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/
	Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-
	21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52,
-	53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
	Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4,
	5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd,
-	13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40/ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9,
	17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/
	Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or
	23:1-49

A note from Creation Keepers...

We welcome SPRING and all the opportunities to enjoy NATURE. We acknowledge our responsibility to keep and protect God's gifts of CREATION. We renew our commitment to make changes and choices that are inconvenient but necessary for sustainability.

ST. JOAN'S/ST. CATHERINE'S READS BOOK CLUB

Our May 17 book will be *Lightning Strike* by William Kent Krueger. Twelve year old Connor and his friend find a man he admired hung from a tree. He and his father,



the sheriff, each work to find out how this could have happened, in this quiet Minnesota town, near an Indian Reservation.

This is a true story about the author, William Kamkwamba, who was born in Malawi. In this African country, magic not science ruled. William was able to go to a boarding school, but a nation wide famine left his family unable to pay his fees, so he had to drop out of school. But William had a desire to help his family farm with bringing it electricity and water, and this is his story. We will meet on July 19 to discuss The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and....

Hope you will join us for the discussions. Questions, call Mary Miller at 262-567-9306, leave a message. We meet at the Waukesha State Bank, Fowler Room downstairs. The bank is next to Chili's, off Hwy 67, near I-94. We meet at 10 a.m.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is the model of compassion and kindness. He shows us how to be merciful and nonjudgmental.



When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace, and mercy into our hearts and into the hearts of those suffering in poverty.

Good Friday Nightwatch of the Holy Thursday April 15 St. Joan/St. Catherine Resurrection together at St. Joan/St. Catherine St. Joan of Arc together at St. Catherine's The Easter Vigil April 14 7:00 PM April 16 The Celebration of the St. Catherine Mass of the Lord's Death 8:00 PM Lord's Supper 1:00 PM St. Catherine 3:00 PM St. Joan of Arc **Easter Sunday** Collection for the Holy Land April 17 **Collection for the Poor** (St. Vincent de Paul Society) Day of Fast and Abstinence St. Joan of Arc 8:00 AM St. Catherine 10:00 AM

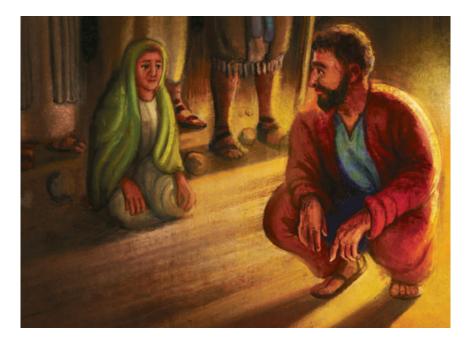
THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!!

	EASTER FLOWERS
living or <u>in memory</u> of someone warround us" during this joyous	nurches for the Easter Season can be donated <u>in honor</u> of someone who has died. What a wonderful way to have our loved one(s) time! Enclose this form with your offering and we will publish the bering in prayer with our Easter flowers.
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



An Inward Gaze

Loving and merciful God, you are steadfast and unwavering in drawing us to yourself. Hold us in mercy as we look within and discover how we need to change. Give us the courage to eliminate all judgment from our hearts. Grant us the grace to continue moving toward what lies ahead, being one with you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 3, 2022 No Judgment, Know Jesus

Today's readings: Isaiah 43:16–21; Psalm 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6; Philippians 3:8–14; John 8:1–11. Jesus' lesson to the crowd early in the morning changed when a woman was brought before him. Placing the woman in the middle of the crowd, the Pharisees tested Jesus by stating the charge of adultery and the punishment: "Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?"

The few words Jesus used, along with his actions, taught the crowd about withholding judgment and showing compassion. Challenging the Pharisees to look within themselves, Jesus responded: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." To the woman, he showed compassion and support, telling her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." Those who tried to entrap the Lord left one by one. The woman was able to walk away with her dignity restored.

God may work in unexpected ways but always acts with justice and compassion. Even in the desert, in a difficult relationship, in the middle of struggle and distress, God can make a way for us that leads to joy and fulfillment. Jesus invites us to look within and make needed changes so that we grow in holiness and steadfast faith. As followers of Christ, we are to mirror his actions by withholding judgment and acting compassionately.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 4 I Know, Do You?

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "I know where I came from and where I am going." In the first reading, from Daniel, Susanna clearly knows who she is, and stands firm though she knows she will face serious consequences for her righteous decision. As you make your way through the week, notice how you claim your identity as a Christian in your words and actions. *Today's readings: Daniel 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62 or 13:41c–62; Psalm 23:1–3a; 3b–4, 5, 6; John 8:12–20.*

Tuesday, April 5

He Spoke

Many came to believe because of the way Jesus spoke. He taught with a new authority and he spoke with words rooted in the Father. His direct and assured manner of relating to others attracted followers looking for the truth and repelled those who wanted to remain in power. Does the way you speak attract people to Christianity? *Today's readings: Numbers 21:4–9; Psalm 102:2–3, 16–18, 19–21; John 8:21–30.*

Wednesday, April 6 Be Set Free

All of us sin, and at some points in our lives, may become slaves to sin. Jesus shares his life with us, sets us free from sin, and invites us to live in the truth. The sacrament of reconciliation allows people to begin anew in freedom each time sins are confessed. Set a time for you and your family to receive this sacrament of healing. *Today's readings: Daniel* 3:14–20, 91–92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31–42.

Thursday, April 7 Life in the Covenant

Over and over again, Jesus is challenged by the authorities, and, repeatedly, he shares that he is who he says he is. He is the new covenant, and in him we receive eternal life. The Lord keeps his covenant forever. Journal today about how you keep your side of the covenant with the Lord. Do you attend Mass, pray regularly, offer service, work for justice? *Today's readings: Genesis 17:3–9; Psalm 105:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 8:51–59.*

Friday, April 8 The Lord Is with Us

Long before Jesus gets to Jerusalem and endures his passion, leaders try to trap him and find reasons to arrest him. Jeremiah deals with similar persecution. Even in the darkness of terror and wickedness, God is present with us. Pray the stations of the cross with your parish family, or in your home today. *Today's readings: Jeremiah 20:10–13; Psalm 18:2–3a, 3bc–4, 5–6, 7; John 10:31–42.*

Saturday, April 9 Where Am I?

Holy Week begins tomorrow. The time has come for Jesus to move toward Jerusalem. Take stock of your Lent so far. Have you made any changes in your life? How is your prayer life as compared to the beginning of this season? Write down several spiritual goals as we step into the most holy of weeks in our tradition. Make plans to set aside time to participate in the services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. *Today's readings: Ezekiel 37:21–28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11–12abcd, 13; John 11:45–56.*



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Greetings from Joanna Vanderhoef Office Manager for Ministry Operations: School and Christian Formation

Hi Friends!

Its me again, giving Mary Sue a Spring Break, while also bringing a little Lenten real world parenting to you!

Weeks ago as we neared Ash Wednesday, I was trying to think what I wanted to do differently to mark the season of Lent. There are so many cute and meaningful suggestions out there on Pinterest and other websites, but frankly, it was overwhelming and to be 100% honest, I went into Lent without any real plan.

I think many of my fellow parents of school age children can totally sympathize. I work around 60 hours a week, manage schedules of activities, ensure homework is

complete, laundry is done, and mouths are fed, all while attempting to attend to my own individual needs—the gym, adult time with friends, and my own spirituality. In fact, to the right is a picture of us eating Lunchables and grocery store sushi for dinner at the grocery store 10 minutes before a Girl Scout Cookie Booth, after we rushed home from work to change, and then high tailed it to volleyball practice! My family also has the added challenge of co-parenting across two separate households. I'm seriously exhausted just thinking about it!

So. After feeling somewhat guilty and that I wasn't adequately fulfilling the spiritual needs of my children (or myself), I stopped. And practiced what I truly needed to do as my first and foremost Lenten practice:

Give Yourself Grace

We all have so much on our plates, and if you're even a little bit of a perfectionist, the voice inside your own head can sometimes be your worst enemy. God created each of us with such care, all goodness created in the likeness of God. My first challenge to myself this Lent is to change the script in my head. To see myself how God sees me-a gift, loved unconditionally, all while called to be the best version of myself I can be. This means resting when I need it, giving myself grace when I need it, pushing myself when I know I can do better, and addressing the areas of my life where I'm not living up to my full potential. Not only are two little pairs of eyes watching how I as an individual fulfil my full potential, the little girl within me is watching what I'll do too. Which brings me to my next Lenten practice:

Model What You Want to Instill in Your Children

As my children get older, I can see pieces of me in them, both good and bad, and it has really caused me to think about if I'm more of a "Do as I say, not as I do parent" or if I'm really walking the talk. I want my children to be kind—am I modeling kindness myself or am I abrasive and self absorbed? I want my children to stand up for themselves and be confident in their own worth—do I interact with others in a codependent and toxic way or do I set respectful boundaries? I want my children to know and own their faith—am I engaged in my parish, attending Mass, and talking about it at

home? I want my children to be hard working—do they actually see you working at something (whatever it might be) and how you prioritize your time? Take this time in Lent to be intentional with your time and actions, but always remember the first point—grace. And finally:

Get Outside!

Mary Sue recently spoke on the benefits of time spent outside for children, and I can tell you, the same benefits such as fresh air, sunshine, disconnecting from electronics and with each other instead, and moving our bodies ALL apply to adults too! Starting in Lent we have gotten back to our regular

practice of walking outside, even after a long day at school and work (particularly on those

most challenging days!) to get all those benefits I mentioned above. While most days it starts with whining and grumbling, when we return home, we are centered, calm, and engaged with each other. This isn't an earthshattering practice and can of course be done at any time of the year if you're brave—but we are being particularly intentional during Lent.

One final suggestion—if you can, try to hold the Triduum holy—Holy Thursday,

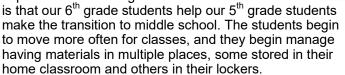
Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Avoid lots of activities, attend our church services. and if you can, take off work. I guarantee it will bring all new meaning to walk those days with Jesus.

In the end, we're all trying our very best. I too sometimes feel like I'm failing on a daily basis. I hope these can help you to find meaning in these 40 days. And maybe the next time you see me losing my cool with my children during Mass, you'll remind me—grace. ;)

Joanna

Greetings from Mrs. Holly Cerveny *Principal of St. Joan of Arc School*

Next up in our classroom spotlight series is our 5th and 6th grade homeroom. At St. Joan of Arc, middle school begins at the 5th grade and one of the beautiful aspects of this multiage homeroom



In our 5th and 6th grades, the students receive all instruction in the multiage grouping with the exception of math instruction. Students are instead provided math according to their appropriate level. This gives the students the best opportunity to learn the material in a more sequential way, making sure the students have mastered multiplication and division before they are asked to multiply and divide fractions, for example.

This year our science and social studies classes have been presented in a block schedule format. Students had 90 minutes of social studies in first semester and now have 90 minutes of science in second semester. This allowed the students to dig deeper into one subject each day rather than shift gears. This block scheduling gave the students the opportunity to conduct experiments, like observing a reaction between substances, that might have otherwise been challenging to complete in the shorter period of time.

Because 5^{th} and 6^{th} grades are in a multiage format, the content in these classes is looped. During the time in 5^{th}



and 6th grades, the students will learn Civics and American history up until the Revolution in their history studies and in the opposite year will learn about the geography of the Western hemisphere, which

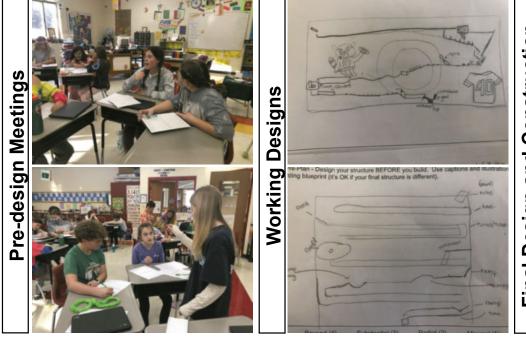
was the area of focus this year. In science, the students will complete a "science sampler" one year (bits of life, earth, and physical science) and will complete a deeper study of earth science the opposite year. This content loop allows students the opportunities to reap the benefits of multiage education while also learning all topics that those in all school philosophies cover.

A favorite project in the 5th and 6th grade is the marble maze STEM project, and because at St. Joan of Arc we have always focused on a well-rounded and balanced education, the students have been completing and benefiting from these types of projects enjoyed since before STEM because a broad educational focus in other schools. The students are given a measure of materials and the most successful maze is the one where the marble moves the slowest without stopping. Check out the photos below from various steps in the process.

Our middle school is taught by Mrs. Mary Gross, our 5^{th} and 6^{th} grade homeroom teacher and focusing on math for all middle school and Mrs. Eli Wilson, our 7^{th} and 8^{th}

grade homeroom teacher and focusing on English and Language Arts for all.

5th and 6th Grade Marble Maze Team Project





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Individual Reconciliation Wednesdays, 6 pm at St. Joan of Arc Baptism Preparation and RCIA: Contact Ellen Heitman Marriage Preparations: Please make arrangements with pastor at least 6 months prior to tentative marriage date

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