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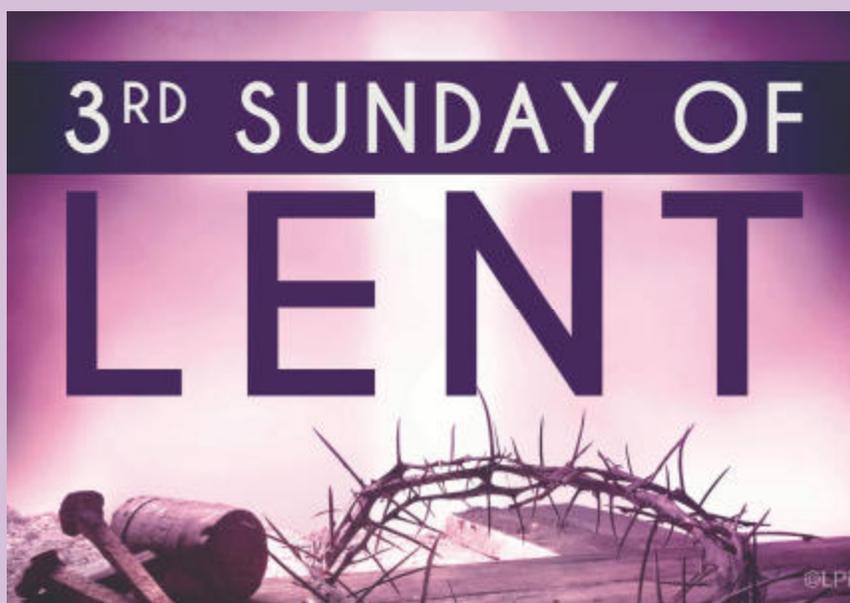
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# March 7, 2021

Parish Office Hours: 8:30am-3:30pm  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
CLOSED WEDNESDAY



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

March 7, 2021

*The Lord give you peace!*

Did you know that God designed our hearts to find its lasting fulfillment in a deep, abiding, ongoing personal friendship with Him? That's what we mean when we speak of "*communion with God*." It's why the first three commandments, as we read in today's First Reading, have to do with our relationship with God. The problem we run into, due to sin, is our tendency to look for fulfillment in all the wrong places. That's why Jesus gets more than a little worked up in this weekend's Gospel passage. Because the Temple where people could go to pray and encounter communion with God had been turned into a mall filled with distractions to be bought and sold by the merchants and money changers. The place that should have helped people find God had gradually become full of obstacles to encountering Him. Jesus passionately wants us to find God, because he wants us to find our true satisfaction, our lasting fulfillment. During this great Season of Lent, let us continue to allow Christ to cleanse the temple of our hearts to be filled with His lasting friendship, not with "stuff" that only gets in the way of what we truly desire and for which we long.

I have loads of gratitude to share:

- A huge thank you to the exceptional teamwork of the Men's Club and everyone making our Lenten Fish Frys such a success. Joe Martin did an outstanding job to make on-line ordering easy and efficient. Chris Russick stays on top of all the necessary ordering of food and supplies while supervising the many helping hands of the Limestone ROTC. Ed Maubach coordinates all the chefs and kitchen help to prepare the food. And special thanks to all the people who take and fill the orders with Dave Templin at the helm (and till). And thank you to everyone who patiently comes to our "drive-thru" each Friday night....the line can get long—but anything that good is worth waiting for (photo below).



- Thanks to Fr. David Heintz for covering Masses and to everyone who helps make sure everything is set and cleaned up after daily Mass while I was with my Mom back in Ohio last week. She made it through her second COVID vaccine with flying colors. Not only did she receive a shot, but she received a sticker to show for it (photo below)! I would give out suckers like we got when we were kids, but nobody asks for my opinion in these matters.

## Mass Intentions

### MONDAY, March 8–Lenten Weekday

5:30pm Intentions of Kevin & Craig Jochman by Joe Jochman

### TUESDAY, March 9–Lenten Weekday

7:00am †Jean Quigley by Joan Kirchgessner

### WEDNESDAY, March 10–Lenten Weekday

7:00am †Kenneth Sanderson by Joe & Connie Ertel

5:30pm †Richard Clemens by Anne Beran

### THURSDAY, March 11–Lenten Weekday

7:00am †Norm & Gerry Ralph Family by Family

10:00am **Mary & Martha:** Fr. Anthony Labedis OFM Conv.

### FRIDAY, March 12–Lenten Weekday

7:00am ††Rogelio Pamatmat by Family

10:00am **School Mass:** †Tom McIntyre by Sue & Molly McIntyre

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### SATURDAY, March 13

5:00pm †Olga Katus by Ronald & Shirley Holle

### SUNDAY, March 14

8:00am Our Parish Community

10:30am †Sr. Jean Francis Stenger by Cecilia Gurth

The Sanctuary Lamp intention for the week of March 6-12, 2021:

We remember in our daily prayers  
†Edwin Kirchgessner  
as offered by Family.



- Finally, thank you for all of the many cards, prayers, and condolences you have conveyed at the death of Fr. Tony. They have certainly assisted in grieving the loss of a dear brother, a fatherlike figure, and a friend.

See you at Mass!



*Readings:*

*Week of March 8-14*

- Monday:** 2Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25,34-43/Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1,5-9/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-20/Mt 12:28-34
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9,13-17,34-38



**MARY AND MARTHA SOCIETY**

I hope that all of you are staying healthy and warm this winter. Luckily we did not have a February meeting scheduled because it was definitely cold and snowy that week. Our next meeting is on March 11th, starting with Mass being said for Fr. Tony at 10 am. After Mass we will go to Trailside event center at 4416 N Prospect Rd Peoria Heights in the Trefzger's Building. We will have a meeting and conclude with a St. Patrick's Day luncheon catered by Barrack's Cater Inn. The cost is \$12 per meal with a choice of chicken breast or corned beef with all the trimmings. You can also order those options as a to-go-lunch. Reservations are required by Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and can be made by calling Joyce Trompeter at 682-7703. Don't forget to wear green!



**FINANCE CORNER**

If you would like to make contributions electronically, please contact our business office at (309) 688-3427 x 201

Anyone interest in a convenient method to make their regular Sunday contributions can use the link below. Here at Holy Family, we have implemented a secure website to accept your donations. The website for online donations is:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/peoriahollyfamily>

Thank you and God Bless you.

**Feb-21**

First Sunday	\$24,583.25
Second Sunday	\$7,053.00
Third Sunday	\$6,719.60
Fourth Sunday	\$6,697.55
Fifth Sunday	

Monthly Total	\$45,053.40
Monthly Budget	\$51,500.00
Monthly Surplus (Shortfall)	\$(6,446.60)

Fiscal Year Total	\$424,977.86
Fiscal Year to Date Budget	\$442,000.00
Fiscal Year Surplus (Shortfall)	\$(17,022.14)

**HOLY FAMILY MEN'S CLUB FISH FRY**

Every Friday in Lent the Men's Club holds a fish fry. Carry out only between 4:00-7:00 p.m. Come and check it out!

**MENU:**

- Catfish
- Baked Fish
- Walleye
- 6 or 10 Shrimp
- All of the above with choice of baked potato or fries.

**KIDS MENU:**

- Pizza & Fries



Use this link to order in advance:

<http://church.peoriahollyfamily.com/parish-activities/fish-fry/>

# BIDS, RIBS, AND BLESSINGS

Please support this unique 3-part fundraiser

## THE BENEFACTOR DONATIONS

One of the aspects of our **Bids, Ribs, and Blessings** fundraiser is cash donations to “jump-start” the event. This is a vital part, so we ask you to be generous and *help us reach for the stars!* When you make a cash donation, which is separate from the ticket raffle sales, you will have your name or *In Remembrance* of a loved one listed in the bulletin on the weekend of the main drawing. Also, your name will be entered in a special drawing for a **Mystery Box** that is only for those giving a benefactor donation. This drawing is not part of the regular ticket raffle, nor is it open to those not making a benefactor donation.

Levels of participation and the number of tickets:

\$5,000 and above	25 tickets
\$2,500-\$4,999	15 tickets
\$1,000-\$2,499	10 tickets
\$500-\$999	6 tickets
\$250-\$499	4 tickets
\$249 and below	2 tickets



## THE TICKET RAFFLE

This aspect of **Bids, Ribs, and Blessings** is like our normal Heritage Days Grand Raffle — but better! Everyone will be given a raffle book of 13 tickets, with each ticket being \$10, or the book for \$100. We are relying on you to buy (or sell to family and friends) the tickets. More books are available at the Parish Office. Mark your calendar and get your raffle tickets submitted early to be eligible for the *early bird drawing*. All tickets turned in before Monday, April 12th will be entered in the drawing to win \$100.

The prizes:

First Prize	\$5,000
Second Prize	\$1,000
Third Prize	\$ 500
Fourth Prize	\$ 300
Fifth Prize	\$ 200



## BIDS, RIBS, AND BLESSINGS

### SILENT HIGH BID PRIZES

#### HOW HIGH WILL YOU GO?

Put the amount you are willing to spend on the auction form you received, place it in an envelope labeled **Bids, Ribs, and Blessings**, put it in the collection basket, drop it off at the parish office, or mail it to the parish office. Be sure to include your name and telephone number. Feel free to make copies of the form or pick up more forms at the Parish Office. The amounts of the highest bids, with the names being kept anonymous, will be regularly published in the bulletin so you can keep bidding to make sure you win! **Highest bid wins the prize.**

**Dinner at the Friary for 8** - Enjoy a fabulous dinner hosted by Fr. Paul Joseph.

**Cocktail Party for 20 at the Friary** - Enjoy an evening filled with cocktails, good conversation, and hors d'oeuvres hosted by Fr. Paul Joseph.

**Italy Pilgrimage** - November 2, 2021 through November 13, 2021 - a joyful journey hosted by Fr. Paul Joseph designed to highlight our Catholic faith both past and present, learn more about the history of the Franciscan Order, and view the art which was inspired by our Church (this is for one spot on the pilgrimage sharing a room with another person, or a single room charge of \$795 not included).

**7 nights at South Padre Island, TX** 3-bedrooms, 3 baths, luxury beachfront condo including \$500 towards airfare (*donors: Anne and Robin Beran*).

**7 nights Siesta Dunes Siesta Keys, FL** 2-bedrooms, 2 baths, condo is 100 yards to the beach including \$500 towards airfare (*donor: Dave Templin*).

The main drawings will be held on Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with a parish drive-thru RIBS AND RIBEYES DINNER (more details to follow).



Please make checks payable to Holy Family Parish. In the memo line write **Bids, Ribs, and Blessings** and mail to or drop off at the Parish Office or put into the regular collection at Mass. All donations are tax-deductible.

*“For it is in giving that we receive.”  
Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

***Thank you to our parishioner, Ted Wolgamot, for his reflections which will be found here in our bulletin and will give us an opportunity to go deeper into the readings for each week. Fr. Paul Joseph***

### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

*"The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom." (1 Cor. 1:25)*

A "fool" is a person who is considered by society to be mad, irrational, imprudent, and unwise. If that's so, then ...

Saul of Tarsus was a fool.

He gave up the role of being a man of great standing in the Jewish world of his time. A fearless leader, he was determined to rid the Jewish community of the Messiah Movement that centered on Jesus of Nazareth. Instead, after a mystical experience in which he heard Jesus himself say to him: "*Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?*" Paul changed not only his name, but his entire life by becoming the most passionate and zealous preacher of all the early Christians, especially to the Gentiles. A full half of the New Testament is about Paul, and his own epistles were the earliest writing about Jesus the Christ.

Francis of Assisi was a fool.

Born into a wealthy family, he lost his zeal for a life of luxury and privilege and instead became a man dedicated to utter poverty and the existence of a beggar. As the founder of the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans), Francis became one of the most popular of all saints. Our present Pope has taken his name.

Dorothy Day was a fool.

An American journalist, social activist, and devout Catholic convert, she helped establish a movement called the Catholic Worker. To this day, this movement continues to combine direct aid for the poor and the homeless. The Catholic Church has presently opened the cause for her canonization and refers to her with the title "Servant of God."

Oscar Romero was a fool.

A bishop of the Catholic Church in El Salvador, he spoke out courageously against poverty, social injustice, assassinations and torture. He himself was assassinated by the brutal Salvadorian regime while offering Mass. As his canonization process continues, many already speak of him as "San Romero," the unofficial patron of El Salvador.

Mother Theresa was a fool.

A winner of the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize, she has recently been beatified as "Blessed Teresa of Calcutta." Her work, and that of her fellow Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity, has included running hospices and homes for people with HIV/AIDS, orphanages for abandoned children, soup kitchens, schools, and mobile clinics amongst the poorest of the poor.

People of the Old Testament such as: Abraham, Moses, David, and all the "barren" women who bore children way past their prime were "fools": Sara, Rachel, Hannah, Elizabeth. And, of course, one of the greatest of the "fools," Mary, the child bride who "foolishly" said yes to an angel! Jesus of Nazareth was a fool, too.

As our Gospel reading today points out so clearly, Jesus performed an act that is described in all four Gospel accounts. He went into the holiest place imaginable at that time, the Temple of Jerusalem, and displayed divine anger that resonated so deeply that it led to his death on a cross. His words still ring out down through the centuries: "... *stop making my Father's house a marketplace.*" The rage he displayed was once again an attack on those who extracted excessive costs and taxes on the poor and the defenseless. When you consider all these "fools," and so many others that could be named, it becomes crystal clear that, for some odd reason, God likes "fools". Maybe what is so attractive to God is their emptiness, their willingness to be filled with a Power greater than themselves.

Which then leaves you and me with a question to answer this Lent: Are we ready to take the next step into "foolishness"?

Ted Wolgamot, Psy.D.

### PRAY FOR FRANCISCAN VOCATIONS

Maria Serrano will have the Franciscan vocation picture and say the prayers for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially to the Conventual Franciscans of Saint Bonaventure Province.

**Please sign up for this important ministry opportunity in the vestibule.**  
**Questions, please call: the parish office 688-3720.**



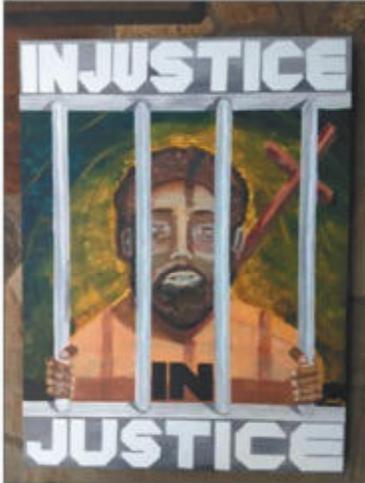
### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League will meet for the Rosary on Monday, March 15th at 9:30am at:

St. Anthony's Church  
2525 S. Skyway Road  
Bartonville, IL 61607



# The Injustice In Justice



**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

This Lent during the Stations of the Cross services there will be comparative reflections of “The Injustices In Justice” inflicted on our Lord over 2000 years ago to “The Injustices In Justice” we today inflict on others – especially on those that are incarcerated.

The one-hour services will include: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; a reflection on “The Injustices In Justice”; Stations of The Cross; and Benediction.

Presenters of the reflections will include representatives of Prison Cursillo and the Jobs Partnership Reentry Program.

**WHERE:**

Holy Family Catholic Church  
Peoria, IL 61615

**WHEN:**

February 19, 26 and March 5, 12, 19, 26  
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm



**Jesus is Condemned**

Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> Reflection: With biases they **unjustly** condemned Jesus, and today we too **unjustly** condemn with our biases.



**Simon carry's Jesus' Cross**

Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> Reflection: We all need help with our crosses. How do we help others with our time, talent, and treasures?



**Jesus accepts His Cross**

Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> Reflection: Jesus responded with forgiveness to the **Injustice** of His Cross. How do we respond to our crosses?



**Jesus is stripped**

Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> Reflection: He was stripped, yet He forgave. Today, how do we unjustly hurt others? When we are unjustly hurt, how do we forgive?



**Jesus Falls**

Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> Reflection: The trauma of His Cross and how do we respond to the traumas that cause us to **fall** again and again.



**Jesus dies on The Cross**

Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> Reflection: Today we can obtain the same promise of paradise, as did St. Dismas.

**YOUR DREAMS EVOLVE. YOUR COVERAGE SHOULD TOO.**



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