# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PARISH



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LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES! We are a Catholic parish where people experience Jesus Christ in a way that changes how they live.

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent March 19, 2023

#### Holy Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30AM Tuesday, 5:30PM & Thursday, 7:30AM Saturday, 4:30PM English 6:30PM Spanish Sunday, 8:00AM and 10:00AM All Masses are live streamed.

#### **Reconciliation Schedule**

Saturday, 3:15-4:10рм Sunday, 9:00-9:50ам

#### Adoration

Monday, 2:00-4:00рм Tuesday, 4:15-5:15рм Friday, 9:00-10:00ам

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday, 9:00ам-5:00рм Friday, 9:00ам-Noon

#### **Church and Chapel Hours**

Monday-Friday, 7:30ам-5:00рм Saturday, 10:00ам-6:00рм Sunday, 7:00-11:00ам

#### Misa en español

Sábados a las 6:30pm

#### Confesiones

Sábados

3:15-4:10рм y por cita previa

#### Adoración al Santísimo

Lunes 2:00-4:00PM Martes 4:15-5:25PM Viernes 9:00-10:00AM

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma 19 de marzo de 2023 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Psalm 23

# CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

El Señor es mi pastor, nade me faltará. Salmo 22

# INTO THE DEEP

#### FINAL PASTORATES & PRIEST ASSIGNMENTS





# PASTORATE 21

#### PARISHES

- Madison Our Lady Queen of Peace
- Madison St. Thomas Aquinas

#### PRIESTS

- Fr. Brian Wilk Parochial Administrator
- Msgr. Jim Gunn Parochial Vicar
- Fr. Jay Poster Parochial Vicar
- Fr. Miro Szynal Priest in Residence
- Fr. Gabi Lopez-Betanzos Hispanic Ministry

*Into the Deep* seeks to realign our resources so that our parishes and other Catholic institutions might move from "maintenance to mission" for the sake of the Gospel. All changes will go into effect July 1, 2023. For a complete list of pastorates and priest assignments, please visit: INTOTHEDEEPMADISON.ORG

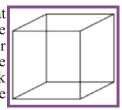
- PARISH SCHOOLS
  - Madison Our Lady Queen of Peace

## **Gospel Reflection**

#### by Dcn. Jerome Buhman

#### John 11:1-45

This is the Necker cube, an optical illusion that can be seen either as a cube with the front face being oriented to the lower left, or to the upper right, depending on your focus. It is the same cube, and yet it is two different cubes. The trick is we can only focus on one at a time. We choose how we want this cube to look.



In today's Gospel, we have the healing of a blind man which occurs on the Sabbath and which infuriates the Pharisees. They believe any work, including healing, done on a Sabbath is a sin. They have a particular blindness when they focus on the letter of the law and not the spirit. They focus on Christ's healing action in only one way.

And what about the blind man's parents? The Pharisees bring them into court to testify about their son. The parents testify that indeed their son was blind, but could now see, but they would not testify how this had come about. The reading implies they knew that Christ healed their son, but they were afraid of the Pharisees and thus refused to give further information saying, "Ask my son." The parents were afraid of being kicked out of the synagogue, so they passed the buck.

The parents could see the cube, and they could see two different faces of the cube. On the one hand, they could acknowledge that Christ healed their son and then be expelled from the synagogue, or they could profess ignorance and let the matter slide. We know how they decided.

In the same way we are faced with these sort of cubes in everyday life, and we have a choice as to which face of the cube to focus on. Are we sometimes afraid to admit to truths we believe? Where does our focus lie?

### **Tributes to Timmerman**

As Fr. Bart has shared, this July he will be moving on to serve a new pastorate and bring joy, laughter and wisdom to his new community in Beloit. The news is bittersweet, but we know he's destined to touch the lives of many! Each week, please enjoy an article from a member of the STA staff- a fun memory, a letter of thanks or an example of one of the many ways Fr. Bart has positively impacted their own lives. Enjoy!

#### Fr. Bart Is My 'Birthday Buddy' by Jenny Ludtke, Director of Evangelization & Parish Outreach



As soon as he arrived at St. Thomas Aquinas as the new pastor, we discovered that we shared the same birth date. From that moment on, I knew he was one of the good ones!

Each year we did our best to make it over to Nitty Gritty to get our free birthday mugs, and toast another year. Once, when I was in Italy over the special day, we lifted our glasses separately, and sent selfies, toasting each other across the ocean. The year that Fr. Bart turned 40, my husband and I joined his family and closest 100 friends in a birthday tailgate and Brewer's game. It was so fun to see his school friends laughing, reminiscing, and teas-

ing him about getting older...they even had can koozies made with some of their favorite "blast from the past" phrases from way back in high school. It's a beautiful sign of who he is that he stayed close to so many friends over the years, and, to this day, remains a priest who can genuinely and fully embrace all the joy and fun of life.

In 2020, our birthdays arrived only a month after everything shut down due to the pandemic. That was such a difficult time, and Fr. Bart was devastated by his inability to be with his people. Plus (on a less serious note), he was pretty sure that his birthday was going to be awful. Unbeknownst to him, several parishioners were organizing a drive-by birthday parade. It took a little sneakiness, but once we were out in front of the church, it was awesome! We saw car after car after car for nearly 45 minutes, filled with parishioners who honked, and cheered, and gave Fr. Bart the most memorable birthday ever. It was an amazing gift for MY birthday to see this huge outpouring of love, and to recognize how lucky I am to have this priest as my boss. And yes, I cried (although so did Fr. Bart – imagine that)!

It has been a great privilege to work with Fr. Bart for these past ten years. We have shared laughter, tears, joys and struggles as we served our wonderful parish family. Fr. Bart is a genuine, joyful, and deeply faithful priest. He has been a blessing to all of us, and will be a blessing to those in his new parish family in Beloit. He and I will just have to share a few more birthday selfies and toast each other across the miles!







## LA DIÓCESIS DE MADISON EN COLABORACIÓN CON EVANGELICAL CATHOLIC INVITA A PÁRROCOS, EQUIPO DE TRABAJO, EQUIPO DE EVANGELIZACIÓN, Y LOS "72"







Las personas deben registrarse

### Talleres de la Gran Comisión

Los participantes aprenderán habilidades prácticas y pastorales de evangelización para la misión.

Los talleres de la Gran Comisión se llevarán a cabo en cuatro lugares de la diócesis. Todos los lugares tendrán un horario de 8:00 am a 1:00 pm con Misa y Almuerzo incluidos.

- Santo Tomás de Aquino, Madison 15 de abril de 2023 (taller en español e inglés)
- San José, Baraboo 15 de abril de 2023 (taller solo en inglés)
- San Clemente, Lancaster 22 de abril de 2023 (taller solo en inglés)
- San José, Fort Atkinson 22 de abril de 2023 (taller en español e inglés)

### Grupos de Entrenamiento Misionero

Los participantes pueden inscribirse para asistir a tres sesiones semanales de 90 minutos desde el 1 al 15 de mayo de 2023 (opciones de zoom o en persona disponibles). Habrán grupos en español.

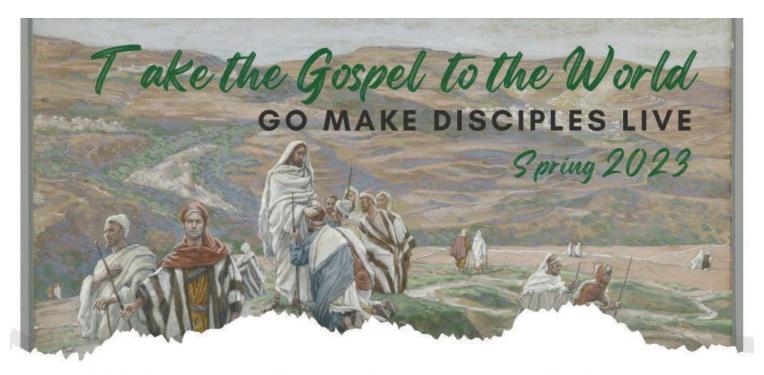
### Ve, eres enviado: Taller Culminante

El sábado, 20 de mayo de 2023 los participantes se reunirán para repasar su conciencia apostólica, sus actitudes y sus habilidades adquiridas a lo largo del entrenamiento para solidificar su apostolado personal en el mundo. El día finalizará al ser encomendados en una Misa con el Obispo Hying en IHM en Monona. El horario para el día es de 9:00 am a 1:00 pm.

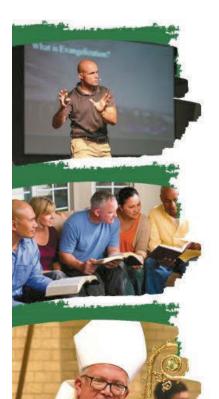
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# DIOCESE OF MADISON IN COLLABORATION WITH THE EVANGELICAL CATHOLIC INVITES PASTORS, STAFF, EVANGELIZATION TEAMS & THE "72"



### **Great Commission Workshops**

Participants will learn practical and pastoral evangelization skills for mission. Great Commission workshops will be held in four locations around the diocese. All locations will have an 8am-1pm schedule with Mass and Lunch included.

- St. Thomas Aquinas, Madison April 15, 2023
- St. Joseph, Baraboo April 15, 2023
- St. Clement, Lancaster April 22, 2023
- St. Joseph, Fort Atkinson April 22, 2023

### **Mission Training Groups**

Participants can sign up to attend three 90-minute weekly sessions from May 1-15, 2023 (zoom or in person options available).

### Go, You are Sent: Culminating Workshop

On Saturday, May 20, 2023, participants will gather to review apostolic consciousness, attitudes and skills gained throughout training to solidify their personal apostolate in the world. The day will end with a commissioning Mass with Bishop Hying at IHM in Monona. The schedule for the day is 9am-1pm.

Individuals should register (*a*) www.madisondiocese.org/gmd-live

For questions : OEC@madisondiocese.org

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## **Pastoral Ministry**

#### by Erik Gyr

#### **Know of a Hospitalized STA Member?**

If you or another STA member is in the hospital, please contact St. Thomas Aquinas and let us know. The priest can offer an anointing and/or someone from the pastoral staff can make a hospital visit.

#### Contact the main office at 608.833.2600

#### **Parish Care Team**

Are you, a friend, or a family member caring for a loved one? Is it challenging to stay positive when the day-to-day demands are increasing? Sometimes it is difficult to ask for help, but there can be great healing and benefit to allowing yourself to be cared for as well as your loved one. Our Care Team offers many services



to help you. We can meet with you to identify ways that we can assist you and your loved one. All of our team members are parish members who are interviewed, screened, background checked and trained.

To inquire about receiving services or become a member of our team, please contact Kathy Swanson at 608-444-9374 or Judy Niederberger at 608-845-7057.

### **Discipleship & Development**

by Holly Irving & Julia Hix

#### Pontifical Good Friday Collection

#### Helping Christians in the Holy Land

In this season of almsgiving, why not consider helping the Christians in the Holy Land by donating to the Good Friday Collection? Through our generosity last year, Catholics across our country helped make an incredible difference in many lives by helping to create more than 1,500 jobs and rehabilitate over 100 homes for Christian families in the Holy Land. Will you help make a difference again this year with your donation to the Good Friday Collection?



## **Justice & Peace**

#### How the Word is Passed Book Study

The Our Lady Queen of Peace Racial Justice Committee invites you to join a book discussion group to explore racial justice topics through the lens of our Catholic faith. This spring we will be discussing the book *How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America* by Clint Smith.

Beginning in his hometown of New Orleans, Clint Smith leads the reader on an unforgettable tour of monuments and landmarks—those that are honest about the past and those that are not—that offer an intergenerational story of how slavery has been central in shaping our nation's collective history, and our own. Pick one of three participation options!

- Monday mornings April 17 & May 15 from 9:30 - 11:00 am via in-person sessions at Our Lady Queen of Peace.
- Tuesday afternoons April 18 & May 16 from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm via Zoom.
- Thursday evenings, April 20 & May 18 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, via Zoom or in-person.
  Format will be decided after the group registers.
- Books will be available for loan if you do not already have this book.

#### Please register by March 22, 2023 by contacting Ruth Meyer: *meyerfamil@gmail.com*, 608-843-4363 and sharing this information:

- 1. Your name, your e-mail and your phone number
- Which discussion group you would like to join Monday morning (9:30-11 am), Tuesday afternoon (4:00-5:30 pm) Thursday evening (6:30-8:00 pm)
- 3. Do you need a book? (yes or no)



#### Vote! April 4

The April 4 Wisconsin Supreme Court election will impact many issues in our state, including whether Wisconsin's pro-life law

that is currently protecting unborn children remains in place. Please pray about this election, educate yourself and make time to vote on Tuesday, April 4. To find your polling place, please visit

https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Find-My-Polling-Place

### **Justice & Peace and Outreach**

#### Lenten Fast for Creation Care-Week 5

This Lent, consider a sacrifice focused on Care for God's Creation. Why a Lenten Creation Care Fast? Things we buy impact our environment, take time from our life and often control us.

Constant consumerism exhausts workers and resources and distracts us spiritually. Pope Francis urges us to seek a simpler, less materialistic life. Observing the Sabbath encourages detachment from temporal goods by putting aside time for God.



**"STUFF" FAST**: Try designating days this week for a more contemplative state. Pre-purchase necessary essentials and buy nothing on those days. If you are planning an

Easter meal, avoid disposables and decorations that will end up in the trash. Watch "The Story of Stuff" (YouTube) to reinforce your fast. Instead of shopping, reflect on the day's readings and give thanks to God for the beauty of His Creation.

# Catholic Worker Midwest Faith & Resistance Gathering



On **March 24-27**, members of the Catholic Worker movement will be gathering to reflect upon, learn about, and then act on their belief in the practice of nonvio-

lence. Andrea and Justin Novotney, STA parishioners, are key organizers of this event. St. Thomas Aquinas will be supporting these practitioners of nonviolence by hosting them for several meals, and they will spend part of their weekend planning and reflecting while at the parish on Sunday, March 26. You can learn more about this multi-day event and sign up to join them here: *catholicworker.org/event/20th-catholic-worker-midwest-faith-and-resistance-gathering/*.

If you would be willing to help with the Sunday lunch, please contact Jenny Ludtke at (608) 833-2606 or *jennifer@stamadison.org*. You can also contact the Novotney's at *novotnjm.justin@gmail.com*.

#### A prayer of gratitude for creation

God of the universe, We thank You for Your many good gifts — For the beauty of Creation and its rich and varied fruits, For clean water and fresh air, for food and shelter, animals and plants. Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources for granted And wasted what You have given us. Transform our hearts and minds So that we would learn to care and share, To touch the earth with gentleness and with love, Respecting all living things. We pray for all those who suffer as a result of our waste, greed and indifference, And we pray that the day would come when everyone has enough food and clean water. Help us to respect the rights of all people and all species And help us to willingly share your gifts Today and always. Amen.

- Fiona Murdoch, Eco-Congregation Ireland

#### **Justice and Peace Meeting**

The Justice and Peace Committee will be meeting on Monday, March 20 1:00-2:00pm Upper Conference Room . All are welcome. For more information contact Trudi Jenny, *trudijenny@yahoo.com* 

Join the STA Respect Life Team! Meet Thursday, March 23 6:30 pm Upper Conference Room Help defend the right to life! For more information contact Greg Chesmore at gchesmore@yahoo.com

#### 40 Days for Life

The Madison campaign runs *February 19 through April 2.* Join us in peaceful prayer, fasting, and compassionate witness at Planned Parenthood, 3706 Orin Road, Madison. Vigilers will be present seven days a week from 7am - 9pm. To sign up or for more information contact Dr. John Bohn at *director@vigilforlife.org*.

If you can't be physically present, please offer your prayers and sacrifices on behalf of the unborn and their families.



## **Small Groups**

#### New Small Group Members Welcome: Join Us on Our Journey!



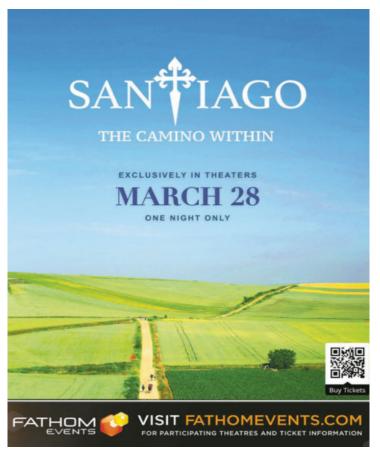
We began our "Journey" in the Spring 2019. After completing a faith-enriched series instruction called Journey, our group went through Alpha, read Pope Francis' encyclicals-Fratelli Tutti and Laudato Si, watched and discussed two seasons of

The Chosen and read a variety of books. We would love to welcome new members who seek different ways of supporting one's faith. We meet on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm. in Middleton. We have capabilities to meet via zoom. If you are interested in joining our group or would like more information, please contact Carol Wright at 608-697-7891 or *fam4kidz@gmail.com*.



The Chosen Continues! The STA small study group, Skein of Geese, continues to show "The Chosen" Season 3 on Fridays after morning

Even if you missed Seasons 1 & 2, please come to watch! Members of the Skein of Geese will direct you to the room. Refreshments will be served.



## **Lenten Opportunities**

#### Stations of the Cross

(no incense)

Tuesday, March 21 6:00 PM Friday, March 24 6:00 PM\* Tuesday, March 28 6:00 PM Friday, March 31 6:00 PM\* Tuesday, April 4 6:00 PM



\* Simple Supper served after Stations in the Social Hall on Fridays All Masses are Livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook

**Reconciliation During Lent** Saturdays: 3:15-4:10 PM Sundays: 9:00-9:50 AM Tuesdays: March 21, 28 and April 4 6-7 PM Friday, March 31 9-10 AM **Confesiones en Español** Sabados: 6:15-7:00 PM

2023 Holy Week Mass Schedule **Palm Sunday** April 1: 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM en Español April 2: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

> Monday of Holy Week April 3: 8:30 AM **Tuesday of Holy Week** April 4: 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM Last Confessions: 6:00–7:00 PM

> > Wednesday of Holy Week April 5: 8:30 AM

Holy Thursday April 6: No 7:30 AM Mass Diocesan Chrism Mass: St Maria Goretti 10:00 AM Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM

**Good Friday** April 7: 1:00 PM and 3:30 PM en Español Easter Vigil

April 8: 8:00 PM (incense, bilingual/bilingüe) No Saturday 4:30 PM or 6:30 PM Mass

#### **Easter Sunday**

April 9: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM (incense) (Overflow seating in the Social Hall) w/live-stream and Communion

## Young Adults, Faith Formation, & Family



A simple supper will be hosted by various church ministries every Friday of Lent.

Please join us in the Social Hall after Stations of the Cross.

There is no cost; donations gladly accepted.

#### Friday, March 24: Supper Menu

Tomato Soup (heavy cream & basil)

**Vegetarian Vegetable Soup** (potatoes, celery, carrots, corn, zucchini, green beans, garbanzo & kidney beans in tomato broth)

With Savory Garlic bread & saltines



#### Sharing Sunday - Personal Care Items Collection Drive: March 18-19

In addition to food, our neighbors who visit the food pantry are often in need of personal care items for their health and hygiene. Many of these items are in short supply on the pantry shelves. Our Sharing Sunday focus for the month of March will be on Personal Care Items.

Later this month, as a part of their Lenten practice of learning to be intentional about service, our STA MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY students will be partnering with the STA St Vincent de Paul Conference to assemble these items into Personal Care Kits for the Lussier Community Education Center Pantry. Please help provide our parish youth the opportunity to make their efforts matter knowing that they have helped to fill the pantry shelves with an abundance of products that provide dignity and confidence to our neighbors.

The following items have been identified by the pantry staff as some of the most needed items, but all donations are always welcome. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Toilet paper • toothpaste • shampoo/conditioner soap/body wash • deodorant • combs (wide tooth) laundry soap/detergent (smaller sizes for care pkg.) first aide supplies (bandages, antibiotic cream, etc.)

> MAKE SUNDAYS SPECIAL! Show your love for God and others by helping those in need.



Middle & High School Youth Sessions are for ALL students, not just the confirmed. Come in and join us any time.

#### **High School**

March 19-Prayer & Friends (the Saints) March 26-Special Night (TBD)

**Middle School** March 22-Stations of the Cross March 29-Reconciliation

> Preschool & Elementary March 21&22, 28&29

#### **Faith Formation Office**

**608-833-2606** or *formation@stamadison.org Follow us on Instagram: @sta\_youth\_ministry* 

#### Young Adults

March 23 at 7p, we will meet in the Youth Room at STA and will continue talking about the Lenten Sunday readings.

There will be food and fellowship. Come join us, spread the word, and invite!

NOTE: Young adults are those who are single or married ages 18-35.



#### **Celebrating Families!**

Do you have a special wedding anniversary coming up next month? We'd like to celebrate your commitment with you. If you are celebrating a five-year milestone anniversary (5,10,15,20, etc.) send us a wedding picture and a

recent photo as well. We'd like to include you in our video updates that we play before Mass on the  $2^{nd}$  weekend each month. Your joy is our joy!

Pictures can be emailed to Pastoral Associate, Erik Gyr, *erik@stamadison.org*, or we can scan your portraits that you bring to the office.

## **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 4:30 PM Thomas & Ruby Byrne + 6:30 PM Maria Teresa Peralta 🕈 Sunday, March 19 Fourth Sunday of Lent 8:00 AM Family of Antonio Bonanno 10:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Ingwell and Alghieri Families Monday, March 20 St. Joseph, Spouse of the **Blessed Virgin Mary** 8:30 AM Anthony Plaza + **Tuesday, March 21** 5:30 PM John Hurtgen + Wednesday, March 22 8:30 AM Pope Benedict XVI Thursday, March 23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, **Bishop** 7:30 AM Marlene Mahoney + Friday, March 24 8:30 AM Mary Lou Chesmore 10:00 AM (Oakwood) TBD Saturday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord 4:30 PM Joe Lawton ₱ 6:30 PM Humberto and Rogelio Macias♥ Sunday, March 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent 8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners 10:00 AM Vanessa and Fabiola Hernandez

## Weekly Readings

- **Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/ Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41
- Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16/Ps 89:2-5,27 and 29/Rom 4:13,16-18,22/Mt 1:16,18-21,24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9,12/Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145-8-9,13cd-14,17-18/ Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a,12-22/Ps 34:17-21 and 23/ Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30
- Saturday: Is 7:10-14;8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45

## Weekly Offertory Update

Weekend Offertory	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2023 Year Goals	\$1,400,000	\$405,000
2023 Year TOTALS	\$284,624	\$102,048
Week 1 3/5/2023	\$18,123	\$3,129
Week 2 3/12/2023	\$12,197	\$505
Week 3 3/19/2023		
Week 4 3/26/2023		
March ACH 3/28/2023		
March 2023 Totals	\$30,319	\$3,634
March 2023 Goals	\$132,000	\$15,000

\*Envelopes, stock gifts, PayPal Credit/Debit and ACH online, ACH monthly withdrawals, plus loose offertory (cash), adjustments to totals may occur. **Counter Schedule** 

> **Monday, March 20:** Dulli, Ihlenfeld, Marx, Sawyer

Monday, March 27: Baik, Degenhardt, Dulli, Hurtgen, Ihlenfeld, Peterson

### **Prayers**

#### March 19th Fourth Sunday of Lent

May all who suffer from the wounds of abortion be filled with the hope that does not disappoint, and be healed by Christ; *We pray to the Lord.* 

When we are tempted to break our Lenten resolves, let us again find our shepherd Jesus and renew our commitment to tend to others' "needs" not our "wants"; *We pray to the Lord.* 



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