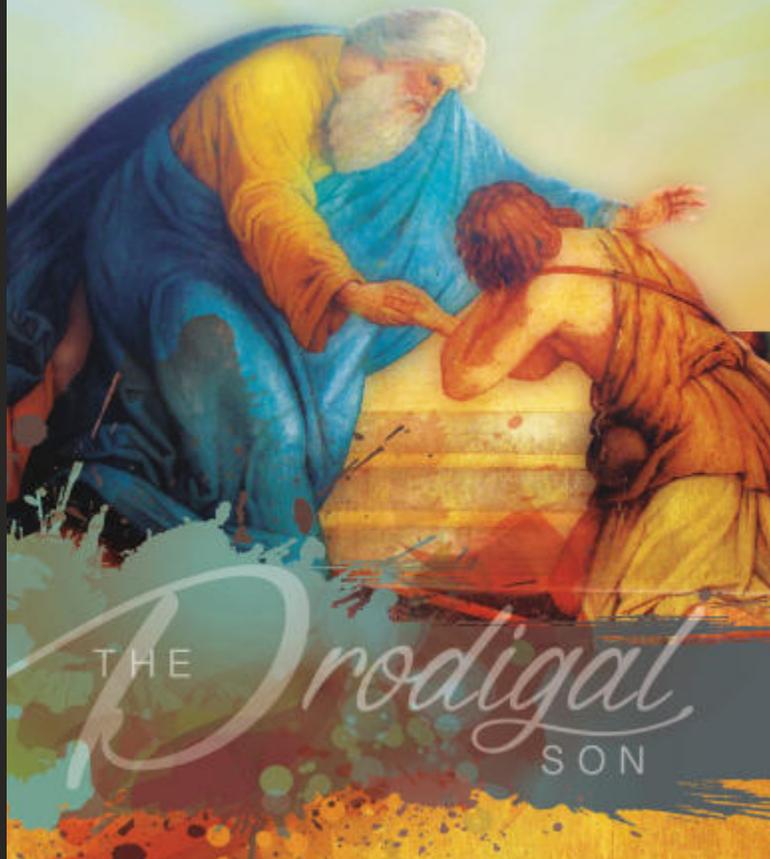


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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:15-4:00 pm or by appointment

Schedule of Holy Eucharist

Saturday Vigil - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 8:00 am and 10:30 am
Weekdays - Mon through Fri 8:00 am
Holy Days - 8:00 am and 7:00 pm
"Youth Music" Mass - 1st Sun. of month 10:30 am
"Children's Liturgy" Mass - every Sun. except 1st Sun. of month - 10:30am (Sept. through May)

Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesdays following 8:00 am Mass

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

Anointing of the Sick

1st Friday of the month after 8:00 am Mass

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Inspired by Saint Martin de Porres and the gospel values, our parish family seeks to provide for the spiritual needs of our diverse community through vibrant liturgies and ministries, thereby creating a supportive, loving, caring and accepting environment for all.

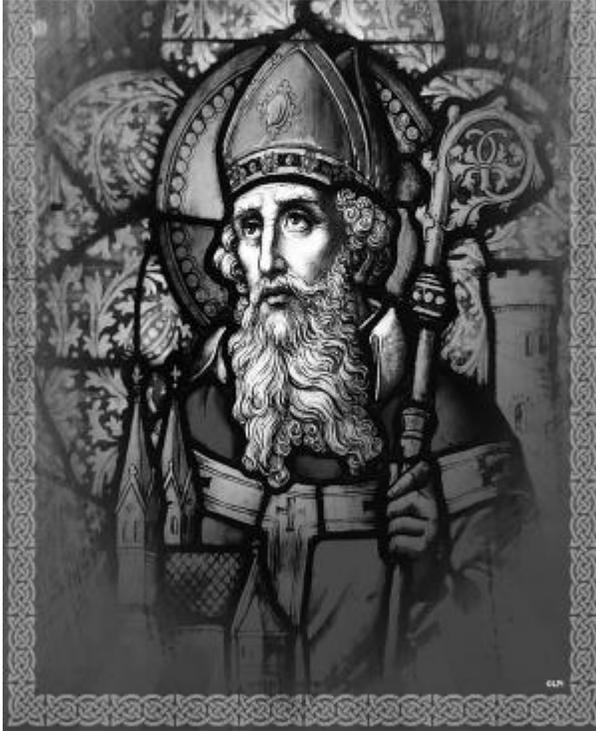
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Sacrament of Baptism Sunday after the 10:30 am Mass or by appointment after participation in Baptism Preparation Program. Our next Baptism Preparation Class is on **April 14th at 7:00 PM** to explain the sacraments and requirements. If you've never had a child baptized at St. Martin's, you must attend a class before scheduling a baptism. Call the office to sign up: 895-1100, ext. 2.

Sacrament of Matrimony Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to wedding to begin preparations.

Remember in your prayers

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



Dan Alley, Bob Baker, Sue Baker, Lauren Bane, Harrison Barry, Camellia Bealler, Lucy Beirith, Sharon Bethmann, Pam Betz, Charles Birke, Antoinette Blandford, Mary Ann Boyer, Terri (Corzine) Burke, Wanda Bogle, Rick Brown, Jeanette Carron, Jim Catalano, Nancy Chang, August Chilese, George Conrad, Margie Cravens, Dee Eckert, Donald Eckert, Louis Fennewald, Jim Faasen, Austin Fink, Meghan Fischer, Lisa Fitzgerald, K. Floyd, Cindi Frost, Catherine Goldman, Florence Grau, Martha Grein, Jessica Gray, Cookie Greer, Jerry Griffith, Kaye & Greg Gross, Tony Hasting, Kay Henley, Sheila Hennessy, Tom Hennessy, Ree Herbig, Amy (Krings) Hossfeld, Laura Howarth, Kitty Kelly, Tom Keppler, Charles Kintz, Andrea Kirsch, Dan Kreh, Brian & Cheryl Kubiak, Jane Kuhlmann, Ken Labruyere, Laura Lavell, Toni Leta, Donald Mabrey, Kay Marshall, Dennis Mudd, Harold Neighbors, Keith Newby, Grace Njorogi, Larry O'Brian, Roy Octerbeck, Kelle Oeste, Mark Pilla, Andrew Prince, Tina Roach, Linda Rodewald, Kim Rush, Fabian Schilly, Phillip Schmidt, John Schulte, Susan Shuey, Andrew Sloan, Daphne Szczuka, Tony Szczuka, Stacy Thompson, Dorothy Tricoli, John Verstraete, Larry & Phyllis Weber, Mike Wheeler.

A Season of Renewal

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Mass Intentions and Readings for the week

Mon. Mar 15	8:00 am	Cheryl Vautrain (Healing Mass)	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 & 4-6, 11-12a & 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tues. Mar 16	8:00 am	Bill Burton	† Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-1
Wed. Mar 17	8:00 am	Pat David	† Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
Thurs. Mar 18	8:00 am	Lynn Brown	† Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Fri. Mar 19	8:00 am	Tony Hasting (Appreciation Mass)	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Sat. Mar 20	4:30 pm	Rosalie Caulley	†
Sun. Mar 21	8:00 am 10:30 am	Parishioners Janet Neubauer	† Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20- 27, 33b-45



Laetare Sunday: Rejoice.

We know that finding joy in Lent might be a challenge. Joy is not the first thing most of us think of when we think of the season of Lent. It can be difficult to imagine how it's even possible to exude joy during Lent. Those of us who give up the regular indulgences of ordinary time- chocolate, caffeine, fast food , TV – often find ourselves feeling melancholy, may be even down right cranky.

For the most part, we think of Lent as somber, serious music in minor key. Why is that? The themes of Lent often call us to be aware of our shortcomings, to repent and change our lives, and to dig deeper into the practices of our faith. And so, in the imagination of the church, that has made Lent into a season of melancholy solemnity.

But we can find and experience joy, real and lasting, in our lives also during this time of Lent. The three pillars of Lent, fasting, prayer and repentance help and lead us to find the source of the real joy. We are asked to do these things with joy of the Holy Spirit. They are exercises of personal spiritual growth and becoming closer to the Lord. Acts of penance, and the joy that comes with thinking of and doing for others renews our relationship with God and others in our life. Fasting and abstinence unite us with Christ's sufferings and helps us live out the Gospel message in our thoughts, words and actions.

Joy through repentance and confession: this is one that really seems to send people into a Lenten funk. Who wants to dig up all the things they have done wrong? Everything about that sounds depressing.

But have you ever actually done it? Have you ever sat down and laid your faults and flaws, your errors and mistakes, in the presence of God and another person?

Maybe you have never felt like you are carrying around the weight of your mistake. Maybe you have never had that knot in your stomach from the thing you've done wrong that you try to hide from others. The fact is, the more we hold that stuff in – the more we try and hide it from others and ourselves – the more those sins harm us. However, when we let them go the weight lifts. The knot untangles. The act of confession, the sacrament of reconciliation – done with a trusted person and a full knowledge of God's mercy – is like casting off chains. The practice of repentance and confession allows us to feel free of the burdens of our past – what a joy that is.

Prayer: there are definitely other ways to spend the day that are more thrilling than sitting by yourself talking to God. But when we start the day with prayer is like putting on new glasses that allow us to see God at work in the world wherever we go that day. Surely God was there all along, but prayer opens our eyes to that fact, and prayer helps us to see more beauty in the world, and helps us to see God in the wide variety of people we meet. Prayer gives us the opportunity to see more beauty and kindness everyday and this is a joy during lent.

Fasting and Self-denial: surely there is no fun about fasting. Self-denial looks lots of different ways for people during lent. Some give up a food, others practice giving away some of their possessions, still others give up habits or hobbies that are a distraction. We tend to think of the simple life as being hard and austere. And yet there is now a whole movement around the joy of having less.

As we cut things out of our lives, we are able to become more aware of all the blessings that we have. Cutting out a time-consuming habit can help us to use our time doing things that are more productive and bring joy. Self-denial is not about making ourselves miserable and unhappy. It is about re-focusing our attention and our hearts on the things that are most important in our lives and the world.

Yes, fasting during Lent is a great way to cut out the things that are draining my energy and distracting me from my connection with God and my neighbors.

If we truly give our time, energy and attention to the practices of Lent as we are encouraged by the Church during this time, we will discover a new sort of joy. In fact, starting these practices during Lent can often change our habits in lasting ways that carry over to the rest of the year.

Pope Francis is known as the modern-day prophet of joy as he writes about it all the time. According to him joy is a grace and gift of the Holy Spirit, not just positive emotions or feeling cheerful. And without the Spirit one cannot have this joy. To be full of joy is the experience of the highest consolation, when the Lord makes us understand that this is something different from being cheerful, positive, bright.

PARISH CALENDAR

Masses are also live streamed on Facebook. Go to https://www.facebook.com/stmartindeporreshazelwood/?view_public_for=1028810490587477

MONDAY - MAR 15

* 8:00 am - Mass

TUESDAY - MAR 16

* 8:00 am - Mass.

WEDNESDAY - MAR 17

* 8:00 am - Mass.
 * 6:45 pm - PSR - Regular class
 * 8:00 pm - Youth Group

THURSDAY, MAR 18

* 8:00 am - Mass
 * 6:30 pm - Rosary- Church

FRIDAY, MAR 19

* 8:00 am - Mass.
 * 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MAR 20

* 4:30 pm - Mass

SUNDAY, MAR 21

* 8:00 am - Mass
 * 10.30 am - Mass



THE ROSARY

The rosary is prayed every Thursday at 6:30 pm.

Come join us.

Your gifts to God and Parish, March 7

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St. Vincent de Paul	\$704.00
Easter Flowers	\$953.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$30.00
Catholic Relief	\$630.00
TOTAL	\$16,208.00
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Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted-up, so that everyone who believes in him may have life."

The light of Christ enables us to see; seeing is believing. But we can only come to the light and believe if we "live in the truth" which is expressed in good works. Light and faith are gifts, and we demonstrate that we accept these gifts when we do good works. Our good works: reaching out to others, doing our daily tasks for our family with love and care, working professionally and honestly, acting justly and charitably, then our way of being is "lifted-up." This is how we live in the truth, so that our works may be clearly seen as done in God. Let us remember that the way of Christ is something more than personal salvation ~ it is the way we live in peace and love with our brothers and sisters everywhere.

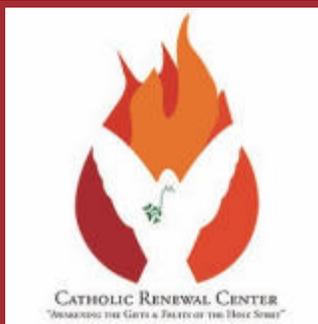
Jesus, you urge us to take up our cross, and so we pray **Jesus, we turn to you.**

For the grace to love life and faith into our families **Jesus, we turn to you.**

For the grace to have "God send us to the poor" **Jesus, we turn to you. Amen**

Through your generosity we were able to assist 28 Families consisting of 44 People from 1/12/2021 thru 2/28/2021

Society of St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Martin de Porres.



You are invited to a commuter lenten retreat for women and men!

"Lavish Love" will be held Friday, March 19, 7-9 pm and March 20, 8:30 am - 5 pm. It will be held at the Cardinal Rigali Center (Fleur de Lis Room) or by Zoom. Mass will be held at 7:30 pm at St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Crestwood.

Sr. Lucy Lukasiwicz, DLJC will be the presenter. Sr. Lucy will help "revive" us as we begin to move out of the pandemic restrictions. She will present the message of

God's Lavish Love poured out into our hearts (Romans 5: 5) which sets us on Fire to share God's message of Mercy and Hope with others. More information can be found at archstl.org/renewal or you can call 314-801-8688 (Catholic Renewal Center).

You may also contact the Wiswalls at 314-731-0933 for more information.



Neighbor to Neighbor Program

If you are praying and are in need of some help from a Neighbor or if you are a Neighbor who can offer some help to a Neighbor St. Martins De Porres is the answer to your prayers. Parishioners we offer a program called **Neighbor to Neighbor**. The program consists of **Helping Hands** – Minor household functions, cleaning gutters, changing lightbulbs, changing furnace filters, replacing a light switch. etc. **Transportation** – Transportation to and from church, doctor, beauty/barber shop, drug store, etc. **Martin’s Kitchen** -Help with meals for when someone is recovering from surgery or injury, new-borns coming home, etc.

You can be part of this!

We need more volunteers to be available to help out in each of these areas.

If you are willing and able to give of your time and energy to help out your neighbors please call the office. Those of you who are in need of help please also call and we can try to get you the help you need. (314) 895-1100.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Awake, O Sleeper!
So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting shade on the bad.

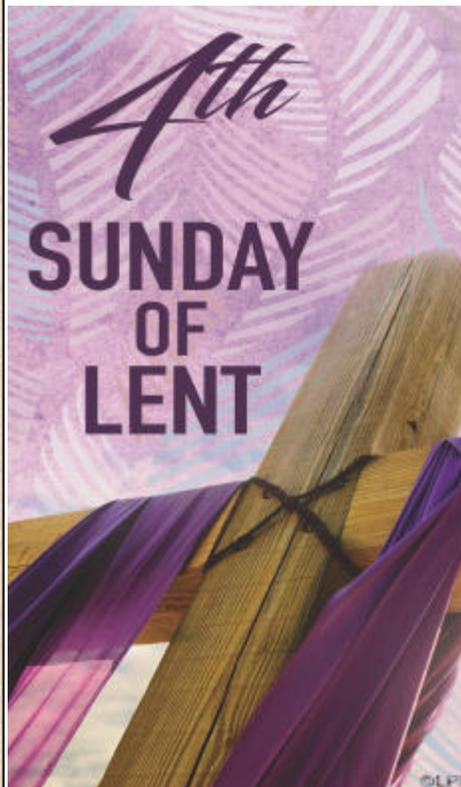
Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the “snooze” button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day?— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



Come join the quilters group for friendship and creativity. Wed. & Fri mornings.



Remember to send in your “Flowers for Easter” envelope with your regular donation by March 21st.



FIRST READING

Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. (2 Chr 36:19)



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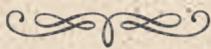
Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Ps 137)



SECOND READING

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

(Eph 2:10)



GOSPEL

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

(Jn 3:16)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 14, 2021

4th Sunday of Lent

As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin. Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. ©LPI



Stations of the Cross

AT ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

Please join us, Fridays in Lent 7 p.m.
MARCH 19 | MARCH 26
GOOD FRIDAY | NOON

Living Stations of the Cross on March 31st



Several parishes in North County are continuing to offer Fish Fry dinners this Lent, following health and safety guidelines and offering carry out, drive through and/or curbside options.
FISH FRY DINNERS



TRYING NEW FOODS IN TIMOR-LESTE

Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting, which makes a big impact on a child's

growth and future. Home gardens and fishponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children. What do you eat to stay healthy? What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Church	4-6:30 pm	Mar. 19	Curbside/Carry Out Only
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church	4-8:00 pm	March 19 & 26	Drive Thro with Latino Flavors 314-522-9264
St. Ferdinand Church	3:30 - 7:00 pm	Every Friday	Carry Out Curbside 314) 839-5312
Knights of Columbus - Florissant Duchesne Knights	3:30 - 7:00 pm	Mar. 19, 26 & April 2	Menu: https://kofc2951.squaresite.com/ Drive up, come inside.

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YOUTH GROUP

March 17 - Regular Meeting
March 24 - Regular Meeting
March 31 - Regular Meeting

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March 17 - Regular class
March 24 - NO CLASS SPRING BREAK
March 24 - Regular class



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March 13, 9:00 am until 4:00 pm

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Saturday 4:30 pm & Sunday 8:00 am & 10.30 am

LIVING STATIONS March 31st, 7:00 pm

HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY
Stations of the Cross noon, Good Friday Service -7:00 pm

SATURDAY VIGIL 8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY 8:00 am & 10.30 am



**BE THE
Light**

*“For everyone who
does wicked things hates
the light and does not come toward
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so that his works may
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-Jn 3:20-21

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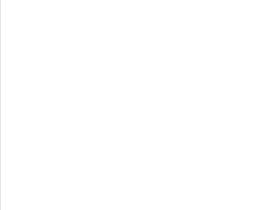
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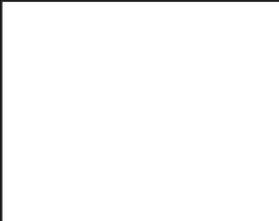
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