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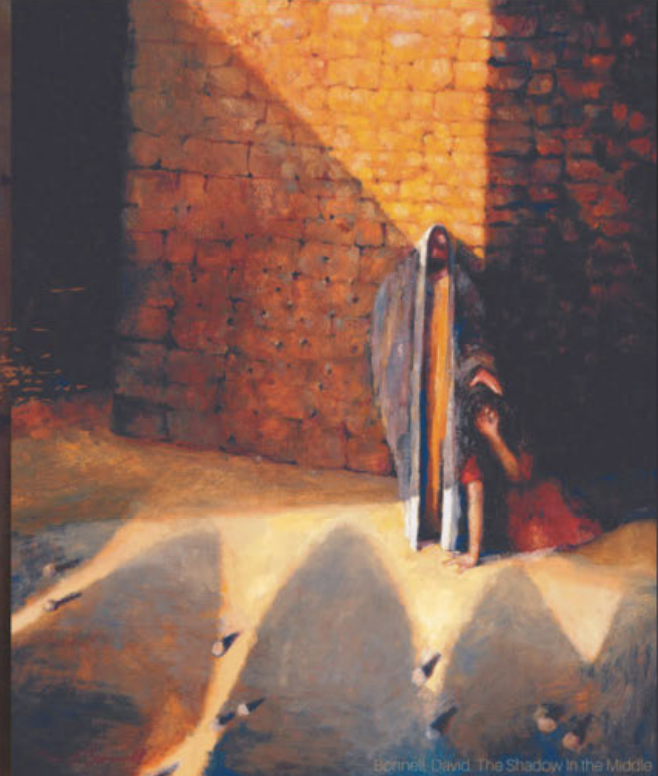
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an evangelizing community *by faith, with love, in hope.*

FALL SILENT

*Resist
temptation*



First Sunday of Lent – “Fall silent and resist temptation”

We enter Lent filled and led by the Holy Spirit. Yet, we also can feel filled with temptations. It seems sin regularly arises out of human fear, shame, or pride, and the corresponding temptation to deny, overcompensate, or shift the blame to others. This week, let us ask God for help in silencing all the distractions that can keep us from focusing on His love.

For reflection:

How can the noise of the devil distract me? What weaknesses or flaws am I trying to deny or hide?

What hungers or temptations are real in my life? (perhaps power, attention, material things, accolades...)

How might I ask Jesus to help my hungers "fall silent" so that I can listen to him?

MARCH 6, 2022—FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 7—SS Perpetua and Felicity

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Mt 25:31-46

7:30am Frank Kneeland Sr.†

Tuesday, March 8—St. John of God

Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15

7:30am Esther KaJewski†

Wednesday, March 9—St. Frances of Rome

Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32

5:30pm Dante Dalan†

Thursday, March 10

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 / Mt 7:7-12

7:30am Walter Hill† (No School Mass)

Friday, March 11

Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26

7:30am Robert and Mary Flynn†

Saturday, March 12

Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48

5:15pm Lori Blitsch†

Sunday, March 13

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 / Phil 3:17—4:1 / Lk 9:28b-36

8:00am People of the Parish

10:30am Bob and Betty McCoy†

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

- **Milton Dakovich**, husband of Kim Dakovich and father of Austin, Chancellor, and Brigitte



FROM THE PASTOR:

PANDEMIC UPDATE: As many of you know, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued new guidance regarding organizations and their recommendations regarding mask usage for indoor gatherings. In the current pandemic situation, the CDC has revised how it assesses the community risk in individual counties as the basis of their recommendations to organizations who gather indoors. All along the course of this two-year pandemic, we have sought at St. Edward to receive the counsel of national and local health officials, as well as the guidance of our Archbishop, to tailor our response and strategies to provide as safe as possible of a worship environment for our parish family. As the signs on our doors have indicated these last months, we adopted the guidance of our Archbishop to follow the current CDC guidance, which “encouraged” masking for those joining large indoor gatherings. With the new guidance of the CDC, the “encouragement” of masking is no longer the standard offered to organizations in counties designated by the CDC as “low” or “medium” risk.

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Since Black Hawk County is currently designated in the “medium” risk category, we will accept the guidance of the CDC and no longer encourage masking for all, **beginning March 7, 2022 and including the Masses at next weekend’s Masses (March 12-13, 2022).**

However, this does not necessarily mean that wearing masks will no longer happen. The CDC guidance in counties of low and medium risk shifts its focus to individuals, asking each to consider his or her health situation and individual risk. For counties with “medium risk,” the CDC advises, “if you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions.” So, there will certainly be members of our parish family who will want to continue masking to offer a level of protection to them, in consideration of their individual risks.

For the time being, I will ask our Eucharistic ministers to continue to wear masks when they are distributing Communion, out of respect for any individuals who are at high risk or those who still want to wear masks at Mass. Other ministers at Masses should follow the current CDC guidance, described above, by considering their individual circumstances and choosing to mask if they determine they are at high risk.

We will continue to reserve the two “wings” of the church (by the statues of St. Mary and St. Joseph) for those who might prefer a higher level of social distancing. Out of respect for those who might be determined to be at high risk and who want these areas of higher social distancing, I ask each of us to reserve these wing areas for those who might specifically prefer more distancing. I have noticed that, at most every Mass, some folks who arrive later will sometimes choose to sit in the St. Joseph wing area because it is a close option when arriving through the Mitchell Ave. door. To help with this, I’d ask our parish family to choose an available seat that leaves seats close to the Mitchell door for those who might arrive later. This will help with the temptation to take a seat in the St. Joseph wing, where folks are choosing a seat specifically to provide more social distancing and, often, are choosing to continue masking.

As with all of the pandemic, this is an occasion to assume the good will of others and to choose charity and patience. It is a grace that these modifications are happening during the beginning of the holy season of Lent! Let’s choose this season to “fall silent” to grow in wisdom and kindness towards each other.

Fr. Scott Bullock

MSGR. RALPH SIMINGTON CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Msgr. Ralph Simington will celebrate his 60th Anniversary of priesthood ordination at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, March 13, at St. Edward Church. A light cookie reception will follow in the parish hall. Msgr. Simington was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Dubuque on March 17, 1962. All are invited to join in this celebration. For more information, contact our parish office at 319-233-8060.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

WEEKLY LENTEN DISCUSSION: Mondays, starting March 7. 7:00-8:00pm. Live Video Discussion. This weekly online discussion, facilitated by members of the Faith Formation Team, give participants an opportunity to reflect on the Sunday scripture readings and discuss how the readings shape their personal lives. Learn more at: <https://waterloocatholics.org/lenten-discussions>. Use this link to join the discussion: <https://bit.ly/Lenten-Discussion>.

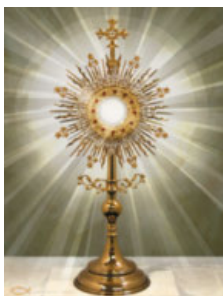


COLLECTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF MYANMAR

Sacred Heart Church of Waterloo will have a special collection during Lent for the People of Myanmar because that is their presiding pastor's, Fr. Paul Htai Naw's, home country. This country is in dire need of funds due to the escalating violence occurring there.

If you would like to contribute to this collection, please mark your donation envelope for the "People of Myanmar". Donations can be placed in the baskets at weekend masses or dropped off at the parish office.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



"O Sacred Heart of Jesus, You are my refuge and my sanctuary."
St. Gertrude the Great

Come visit that quiet place where you can find rest. The Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Columbus HS is available 24/7 to all. Specific needs are Tuesdays at 8pm; Wednesdays at midnight and 3am; Fridays at midnight and 2am; and Saturdays at

11am and 7pm. If interested call Maria Pranger at 319-429-4920 or email cadoration@gmail.com.



Daylight Savings

Spring Forward

(Move your clock forward one hour.)

Sunday, March 13

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

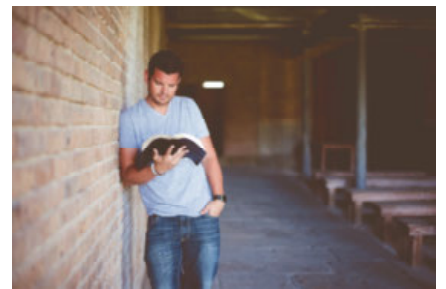
Looking for a way to work on your relationship with God this Lent? How about a spiritual renewal retreat? A Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) consisting of presentations, reflections, liturgies, and other activities is scheduled for March 25-27 at Blessed Maria Assunta Pallotta in Waterloo. Brochures are available at church. Call Mona Rottinghaus 319-827-6222 or Mike Williams 319-504-2641 with questions.



ARCHDIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 26th Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be livestreamed on Saturday, March 19, from 8:30am to 3:00pm at St. Edward Church Hall. This is the 26th Annual Catholic Men's Conference. Because it falls on the Feast of St. Joseph, the theme will be: "St. Joseph, model for all men," and it will feature two keynote presenters: Mark Hartfiel (Vice-President of Paradisus Dei) and Devin Schadt (Cofounder of the Fathers of St. Joseph). The cost is \$15, which includes refreshments, lunch, and materials.

Registrations are due before March 15. To register or for more information, please call Deacon Tom Lang at 319-883-8154 or Deacon Ray Larsen at 319-269-9138. Let's learn together what St. Joseph can teach us men!



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH CONFERENCE

Youth grades 6-8 and their parents are invited to grow their faith at the Iowa Catholic Youth Conference on Sunday, April 3rd at the Regina Education Center in Iowa City from 9:45am-4pm. The day will include games, talks, and music lead by NCYC 2021 artist, Dana Catherine! For more information, go to www.IowaCYC.org or contact Youth Minister Annie Zeets at anniezeets@gmail.com.



LENT 2022

FALL SILENT, RESIST TEMPTATION

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION: 4pm Sunday, March 6. Five priests will be available as we Fall Silent before the merciful love and forgiveness of God.

LENTEN BOOK DISCUSSIONS: This Lent, we are invited to read *In His Spirit* by Richard J. Hauser. These book discussions will occur on Thursdays at 8:00am in the St. Clare Room starting on March 3 and Sundays at 9:00am in the church hall beginning on March 6. This book will also serve as a preparation for our parish's mission on April 24-26 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Waterloo.

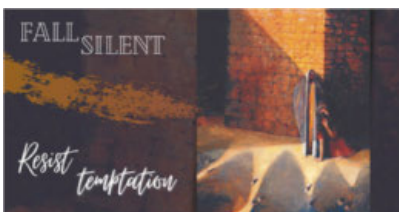
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 5:30pm on the Fridays during Lent (March 4-April 8) in the church proper. Join in this devotion commemorating the Way of the Cross and make a spiritual pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death.

EVENING PRAYER: following the 5:15pm Mass Saturdays (or around 6:15pm) starting on March 5 in the Eucharistic chapel. Everyone is invited to pray together the Liturgy of the Hours.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: They are following 5:30pm Masses on March 9, 23, and 30 and April 6. Join the parish community for a modest meal in the spirit of Lenten simplicity. A free will offering supports our sister parish in Haiti. No registration needed.

ONLINE RETREAT OPPORTUNITY: Waterloo Catholic Faith Formation has brought together our weekly themes for an online retreat. Check back for more information on how to access this meaningful way to grow deeper in God's love this Lent.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY: Thank you to everyone who attended the Knights of Columbus fish fry on Friday, March 4. The next fish fry will be on Friday, March 25 from 5-7pm at the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center. The Knights of Columbus members from St. Edward are pre-selling tickets after all parish weekend Masses.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for an opportunity to serve God by serving your parish? Prayerfully consider these opportunities at St. Edward Parish.

New Parishioner Welcoming: A committee of members will consider the important work of welcoming new members of our parish family. If you are interested, please contact Joan Dalan at dbq210s4@dbqarch.org or 319-233-8060.

Wedding Hospitality: Assist engaged couples with the practical aspects of their wedding, and provide hospitality for the rehearsal and wedding day. If you are interested, please contact Joan Dalan at dbq210s4@dbqarch.org or 319-233-8060.

Linens Ministry: Cleaning of liturgical linens used during Mass for a month at a time. Contact Anastasia for more information at a.nicklaus@dbqarch.org or 319-233-8060.

Holy Waterers: Making sure that the church plants get their needed drinks. For more information, please contact Anastasia at a.nicklaus@dbqarch.org or 319-233-8060.

Habitat for Humanity: The next Habitat event will be on Saturday, March 12. It is a great opportunity to share the love of Christ and help families in need. Contact Brenton Kuchera via call or text at 319-296-5933 for more information.



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