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Third Sunday of Lent — "Fall silent and bear fruit"

This Gospel reading speaks of the temptation to judge, which is so present in today's world. Also, it can be so easy to just write each other off or become complacent. Jesus seems to be warning them—and us—not to quickly make judgments. To repent requires really humbling ourselves to one another, and to trust that in doing so, God will help us to bear fruit. Lent is a good time to fall silent and pray for the serenity to change what can be changed and to be patient with that which will take a lot more time and grace to change.

For reflection:

Who do I find it easy to judge or write off? When am I most likely to do this?

What are the areas in my moral and spiritual life where I have grown and matured over the years? What are the areas which require more practice and more patience?

What does it mean to me to "bear fruit"? How am I called to Fall Silent for this to happen?

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 21

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab / Lk 4:24-30 7:30am Mary (Pat) Hill

Tuesday, March 22

Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Mt 18:21-35 7:30am Ann Fonteno[†]

Wednesday, March 23—St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Mt 5:17-19 5:30pm Mary Cook[†]

<u>Thursday, March 24—St. Óscar Romero</u> Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23

9:00am Thomas Keane[†] (School Mass)

Friday, March 25—The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38

7:30am Jeanne Noonen[†]

Saturday, March 26

Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14

5:15pm Lois Bute[†]

Sunday, March 27—Laetare Sunday

Jos 5:9a, 10-12 / 2 Cor 5:17-21 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

8:00am People of the Parish

10:30am Denny Willer

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THANK YOU FROM CASEY FLACK

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your generous support of me and my vocation to the priesthood through the Trivia Night.

Without prayers and support from you it would be impossible to dedicate myself to my formation. Know that you remain in my prayers daily, and I look forward to seeing you all soon!



- In Service to Christ, Casey Flack

FROM THE PASTOR:

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: We're moving into the season of spring now (as if I needed to point that out!) which means that our construction will soon resume on the outside portion of the project. You can see more details about what to be expecting over the next couple of months in this bulletin, but for now, know it is our plan to have a solemn blessing of the project on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. Will the project be done by that time? Could be...depending upon the weather. We do reasonably expect that, at the very least, much of the work will be done by then. Continued

However, the weather will call the shots about the final completion of the project. And...any who have gone through any major construction project know that "things happen." So, we'll join the practice of offering a Blessing, even if everything isn't totally completed. Please continue to pray for the safety of those working to complete our project to more fully "Open Wide the Doors to Christ!

FISH FRYS: Our friends, the Knights of Columbus, continue to sponsor Fish Frys, two more during the remainder of Lent, on March 25 and April 8 at Blessed Sacrament Church. In case you need any more encouragement to attend (besides the delight of a gathering of the Waterloo Catholic community), our St. Edward Knights of Columbus have pledged to provide, out of their profits, a new refrigerator for our parish hall's kitchen. The current refrigerator is old and could "give up the ghost" at any time. So...thanks to the generous support of our Knights. Men—if you're not a member, why not consider it? There is such a high value for men to join other men who share their faith, for mutual support and encouragement!

COFFEE AND DONUTS: We expect to resume the practice of gathering on Sunday morning for some refreshments (coffee and donuts), now after the 8am Sunday Mass. Since this is the Lenten season, a season of penance, it seems fitting to await the resumption of these gatherings until the Easter season. So, we'll plan to resume "coffee and donuts" on Sunday morning, April 24th (the Sunday after Easter Sunday). After the rigors of Lent, those treats are going to be especially delicious—the treat of a donut and the treat of a gathering of our parish family!

MASS INTENTIONS: Several weeks ago, I included in this column some of the background, rationale, and specific guidelines of the venerable tradition of having Masses offered for a particular intention, often the eternal rest of a beloved person who has died. You will notice in this bulletin, and also as part of the weekend "Universal Prayers" (prayers of the faithful) at Mass, the names of persons for whom someone has asked that the Mass be offered as "the intention of the Mass." You would want to know that there are currently several openings in the near future for such Masses to be offered for your intention. If you have some interest, either contact the parish office or send a written request for such Masses to be offered for your intention. The recommended donation for a Mass offering in all the parishes of our Archdiocese is \$5.00, though such a donation is not required. As a priest, I would want to add that it brings me special joy to receive requests to remember loved ones at Mass and to offer the Mass for that intention!

Fr. Scott Bullock

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

WEEKLY LENTEN DISCUSSION: Mondays at 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.

LENTEN BOOK DISCUSSION: Thursdays at 7:00-8:00pm. Live Video Discussion. This weekly online discussion, facilitated by members of the Faith Formation Team, examines the book *In His Spirit* by Richard Hauser SJ. Free copies of the book are available for pickup at St. Edward Church. Learn more at: https://waterloocatholics.org/lenten-book-discussion. Use this link to join the discussion: https://bit.ly/In-His-Spirit.

WHAT TO DO WITH BLESSED PALMS?

As we enter into Lent, you may be wanting to know what to do with palm branches you have from previous Palm Sunday celebrations. Since they are blessed items, these branches or fronds serve as a sacramental—an item meant to draw us closer to the celebration of the Sacraments. These branches can be used in reverent decoration in the home, or disposed of by being buried in the ground or reverently burned, with the ashes committed to the ground.

You can also place palms in the baskets under the tables of the church entries and the Liturgy Committee will reverently dispose of them for you.

CUB SCOUT CAN DRIVE

The Cub Scouts Troop II will be collecting cans and bottles on Saturday, April 2 from 9-11am in the St. Edward Church parking lot. If you have cans or bottles to drop off, please drop them off only during these designated hours. Thank you!

TURN IN YOUR HY-VEE RECEIPTS

St. Edward Elementary School's Hy-Vee receipt drive will run until April 1. Please drop off your receipts at St. Edward Elementary School's main office or at any St. Edward church

entrance. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 319-233-6202.



OPEN WIDE THE DOORS TO CHRIST

Great progress has been made in the front entrance! We've included some pictures here of our interior space, and you can see the interior finishes are coming along nicely. While everyone is anxious to see it in person, it is still a construction area, so we're called to continued patience for a few more weeks.

With warmer weather, we can now look forward to moving construction back outside as soon as the frost is out of the ground. Here is a general chronological order to what you can expect to see starting early April and continuing through May/early June:

- storm water work resumes in Miller Park
- clearing, preparation, and installation of concrete for new ADA parking spaces on the northeast side of the church
- installation of the retaining wall on the Mitchell Avenue side of the new driveway
- installation of curbs around the new circular driveway
- forming and pouring of tiered sidewalk from Mitchell Avenue to patio at the main entrance
- pouring asphalt on Kimball Avenue entrance and new driveway
- interior lighting
- backfill, site lighting, masonry work, and exterior painting
- seeding and landscaping
- installation of new front doors and walkway repairs at the Parish Center and New Life Center entrances
- reroute electrical service to New Life Center from Church
 - these last two will be worked in when contractors and materials are available

Stay tuned for more details about traffic flow and parking in the coming weeks as well as plans for the blessing of our new space!



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LENT 2022 FALL SILENT, BEAR FRUIT

Wednesday:

Soup Supper at 6pm (Church Hall)

Thursday:

Lenten Book Club at 8am (St. Clare Room)

Friday:

Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm (Church Proper)

Saturday:

Evening Prayer at 6:15pm (Eucharistic Chapel)

Sunday:

Lenten Book Club at 9am (Church Hall)

ONLINE RETREAT OPPORTUNITY: Waterloo Catholic Faith Formation has brought together our weekly themes for an online retreat. The link is also available at sted.org. https://dbqwcya.wixsite.com/fallsilent

AGAPE MEAL: Following 5:30pm Mass on Wednesday, April 13. Enjoy this ancient Christian meal that allows us to reflect upon the death and resurrection of Jesus through Scripture, song, witness talks, and discussion. To register, go to sted.org or call the parish office. Print registration forms are available at church entries and in the parish office.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday (April 13):

Mass at 5:30pm Agape Meal at 6pm (Church Hall)

Holy Thursday (April 14):

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm

Good Friday (April 15):

Stations of the Cross at noon Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 5:30pm

Holy Saturday (April 16):

Easter Vigil at 8pm

Easter (April 17):

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am, & 11am

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Habitat for Humanity: The next Habitat event will be on Saturday, April 9. It is a great opportunity to share the love of Christ and help families in need. Contact Brenton Kuchera via at 319-296-5933.

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

Hospitality Committee: Assist at private church hall events (baptism receptions, birthday parties, and more). To learn more, contact Megan McFadden at 319-233-8060 or dbq210s2@dbqarch.org.

Altar Server Training: St. Edward Parish is in the process of reinstating the altar server ministry for anyone from grade 4 to adult. All who are interested in being altar servers are required to take part in a training session: 5:30-7pm on Tuesday, March 29, or 3:30-5pm on Thursday, March 31. To sign up or for more information, contact Anastasia at a.nicklaus@dbqarch.org or at the office.

Liturgical Ministry: As we continue to welcome more folks back to Mass, please consider if God may be calling you to share your time and gifts as a liturgical minister:

- **Lectors** proclaim the word of God in the Scripture readings.
- Cantors and Accompanists aid community participation as we sing the liturgy.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMs) distribute the Body of Christ in Communion.
- Liturgy Hosts/Ushers welcome all who gather and tend to assembly members' questions and needs.
- Sacristans help in the background to prepare for Liturgies and clean up afterward.
- Livestream Video Camera at the 10:30am Mass and other live-streamed liturgies/prayers. Contact Anastasia for more information or to be trained for any of these ministries.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY

Waterloo Knights of Columbus are combining efforts for Lenten Fish Frys this year!! The next fish frys will take place March 25 and April 8 at the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center from

5:00pm to 7:30pm. Tickets are \$15 per meal. Children ages 5-12 will be \$6 and under 5 years old eat free. See you there!



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