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The mission of St. Edward Parish is to be  
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FALL SILENT

*Return to  
the Father*



## **Fourth Sunday of Lent – “Fall silent and return to the Father”**

In this week's Gospel we hear a familiar story about the prodigal son, his brother, and their loving father. Lent is a good time to fall silent before God's unconditional love for us. Whatever our faults and weaknesses, whatever our sin, God -- like the loving father in the parable -- comes rushing toward us, eager to embrace our brokenness and ready to forgive even the most embarrassing and shameful failure.

### **For reflection:**

When have I found myself running away from God, and how did I run? What caused me to do this?

What graces do I need from God to Fall Silent and return home?

How does it feel to be embraced by a loving Father?

**MARCH 27, 2022—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, March 28

Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

7:30am Genevieve Everett†

### Tuesday, March 29

Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Jn 5:1-16

7:30am Thomas Keane†

### Wednesday, March 30

Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30

5:30pm Frank Cooper†

### Thursday, March 31

Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47

9:00am Gladys Koenigsfeld† (School Mass)

### Friday, April 1

Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

NO MASS Clarice Weepie†

*Please join Fr. Bullock in praying for this Mass intention while he is on retreat.*

### Saturday, April 2—St. Francis of Paola

Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53

5:15pm Frank Caya†

### Sunday, April 3

Is 43:16-21 / Phil 3:8-14 / Jn 8:1-11

8:00am People of the Parish

10:30am Lois Bute†

## REQUIESCANT IN PACE

- Kay Bovy

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Palm Sunday:

(April 10)

Vigil at 5:15pm (April 9)

Mass at 8am & 10:30am

### Good Friday:

(April 15)

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

### Wednesday, April 13:

Mass at 5:30pm

Agape Meal at 6pm

(Registration required.)

### Holy Saturday:

(April 16)

Easter Vigil Liturgy at 8pm

### Holy Thursday:

(April 14)

Mass of the Lord's Supper at  
7pm

### Easter:

(April 17)

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am, &  
11am  
(special schedule)

## FROM THE PASTOR:

**Open Wide the Doors to Christ:** While you will see more details about your parish's ongoing efforts to enhance the accessibility of our church, I want to comment on a question that has been posed to me on multiple occasions over the last few weeks. Having had the experience of worshipping at Blessed Maria Assunta Pallotta Middle School at Christmas, **some have wondered if we're heading to an alternate location for Holy Week and Easter this year.** The short answer is NO. *Continued* →

As with Christmas, you could have expected multiple communications by now if such a move was in the offing—but it is not. As it turns out, the project has progressed to such a point that, by Wednesday of Holy Week, the vestibule can serve as an emergency exit. You might recall that city code dictated that, without the possibility of an emergency exit through the vestibule, the other exits did not provide enough exit capacity (the experts call this “emergency egress”) needed for a full church like we would expect at Christmas. Now, once a bit more work is done, the vestibule will be able to function as an emergency exit. So...when it is ready, we'll post signs on the new exterior doors indicating that they are able to be used only as emergency exits. You will also soon notice limited use of the balcony, primarily for live-streaming and for use of the organ. There will be a time soon when we will be able to use the balcony again for seating (once the vestibule doors can function as emergency exits), and we will be indicating this clearly with signage when balcony seating is possible. As with all construction projects, there could be variations on how we can use spaces from time to time, so be watchful of signage. It is our general expectation that, with emergency egress possible through the vestibule, there will be more opportunities to use our balcony again. Also, use of the lower-level bathrooms is on the horizon, again when emergency egress is possible through the vestibule. **PROGRESS!**

**Agape Meal**—You will see sign-up sheets at the exits of the church for our annual Agapé Meal, to be held during Holy Week on **Wednesday, April 13, following the 5:30pm Mass.** This ancient meal was held after the Eucharist, when the faithful would gather for a meal and an occasion to encourage one another in their faith (often under most trying circumstances that even led to martyrdom!). As part of our Lenten efforts to prepare spiritually for Easter, I invite all to attend this beautiful evening of song, readings, reflective presentations by three of our parish members, and good discussion. I hope you make the Agapé Meal a part of your spiritual journey towards Easter!

**Parish Mission**—Remember to put our upcoming Parish Mission (a joint effort with Blessed Sacrament Church) on your calendar—beginning at 6:30 pm on each of the evenings of Sunday, April 24; Monday, April 25; and Tuesday, April 26. The Mission will be led by the Missionaries of the New Evangelization and, entitled “God's Healing Love,” will be an experience of healing by the Holy Spirit. I encourage all to trust that, if we come to the Holy Spirit, we will be treated royally by our most loving and merciful God! See you there!

**Parish Hall Clavinova**—The piano used for practices and events in the parish hall is really showing its age and is only marginally functioning. After becoming aware of the need, some generous donors have given funds to be designated for the purchase of a “Clavinova,” an electronic keyboard—**THANK YOU!** As for the old piano, our technician tells us that it is in bad structural state—but if any of the parish family would like to have the old piano, please contact the parish office. Old piano, R.I.P.

**Fr. Scott Bullock**

## OUR MISSION: TO BE AN EVANGELIZING COMMUNITY . . .

### 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 continue 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.



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*“Jesus wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you.”*

St. Teresa of Calcutta



Give Jesus the chance to love you. Spend time with Him at the Perpetual Adoration Chapel located at Columbus HS. Available 24/7 to all. Specific needs are Wednesdays at midnight, Thursdays at midnight and 5am, Fridays at midnight and 2am, and Saturdays at 11am and 7pm. If interested call Maria Pranger at 319-429-4920 or email [cvadoration@gmail.com](mailto:cvadoration@gmail.com).

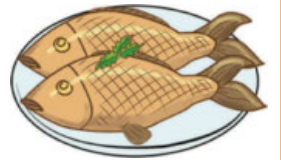
### CUB SCOUT CAN DRIVE

The Cub Scouts Pack 3025 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!



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY

Waterloo Knights of Columbus are combining efforts for Lenten Fish Frys this year!! The next fish fry will take place April 8 at the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. Catholic Daughters will have a bake sale at the fish fry. Tickets are \$15 per meal. Children ages 5-12 will be \$6 and under 5 years old eat free. See you there!



### PARISH MISSION

You are invited to our Parish Mission on April 24-26 starting at 6:30pm each night at Blessed Sacrament Church in Waterloo. Experience three nights full of prayer, preaching, and a vibrant and rich experience of the healing love of God in the Holy Spirit! This event is led by Fr. Greg Bramlage of Missionaries of the New Evangelization. It is free of charge, and no registration is needed.



### CARING FOR PEOPLE IN UKRAINE

As we watch the tragic situation unfold in Ukraine, many people are seeking ways to help those fleeing violence. [Catholic Relief Services \(CRS\)](http://CatholicReliefServices.org) and [Caritas Ukraine](http://CaritasUkraine.org) are in Ukraine helping displaced individuals and families. Go to [crs.org](http://crs.org) for more information and to make a donation. You can also write checks to Catholic Relief Services and mail them to this address: Catholic Relief Services PO Box 17090 Baltimore, MD 21297-0303.

### THANK YOU FROM MSGR. SIMINGTON

I wish to thank Father Scott Bullock, the Parish Staff, and St. Edward Community for hosting the Mass and reception for my 60th anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood. I am most grateful for all the cards, gifts, and greetings. May God bless all of you for your kindness to me.  
- Father Ralph





## LENT 2022

Week of March 28

### *Fall Silent, Return to the Father*

#### **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 SELF-PACED RETREAT:** Waterloo Catholic Faith Formation has brought together our weekly themes for an online retreat. It's not too late to start! The link is also available at [sted.org](https://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](https://sted.org) or call the parish office. Print registration forms are available at church entries and in the parish office.

### **THANK YOU FROM OUR SISTER PARISH IN HAITI**

Pray this finds you and your family well, thanks be to God!

On behalf of the Haitian people, I thank you so very much for your continued support towards the parish. No words are enough to express my gratitude and respect to you. Your help is greatly appreciated!!!

Thank you again and again for all that you do for my people! It is a privilege to know you and work with you!

May God continue to bless your endeavor to help the Haitian people.

- Fr. Renal Benjamin



## 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. Contact Anastasia for more information or to be trained for any of these ministries.

- **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** 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.
- **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.

## SOCIAL OUTREACH

**Habitat for Humanity:** The next Habitat for Humanity work day 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 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](mailto:dbq210s4@dbqarch.org) or 319-233-8060.

## PARISH LIFE

As we resume hosting Parish Life events, we invite you to make them a success:

- **Parish Hospitality Ministry:** Assist at private church hall events (baptism receptions, birthday parties, etc.).
  - **Coffee and Donuts:** Prepare, serve, and clean up our coffee and donuts social starting April 24.
  - **Parish Life Committee:** Help plan and implement parish activities. Some past activities include Family Meals, Trivia Night, and Advent Caroling.
- To learn more, contact Megan McFadden at 319-233-8060 or [dbq210s2@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq210s2@dbqarch.org).

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