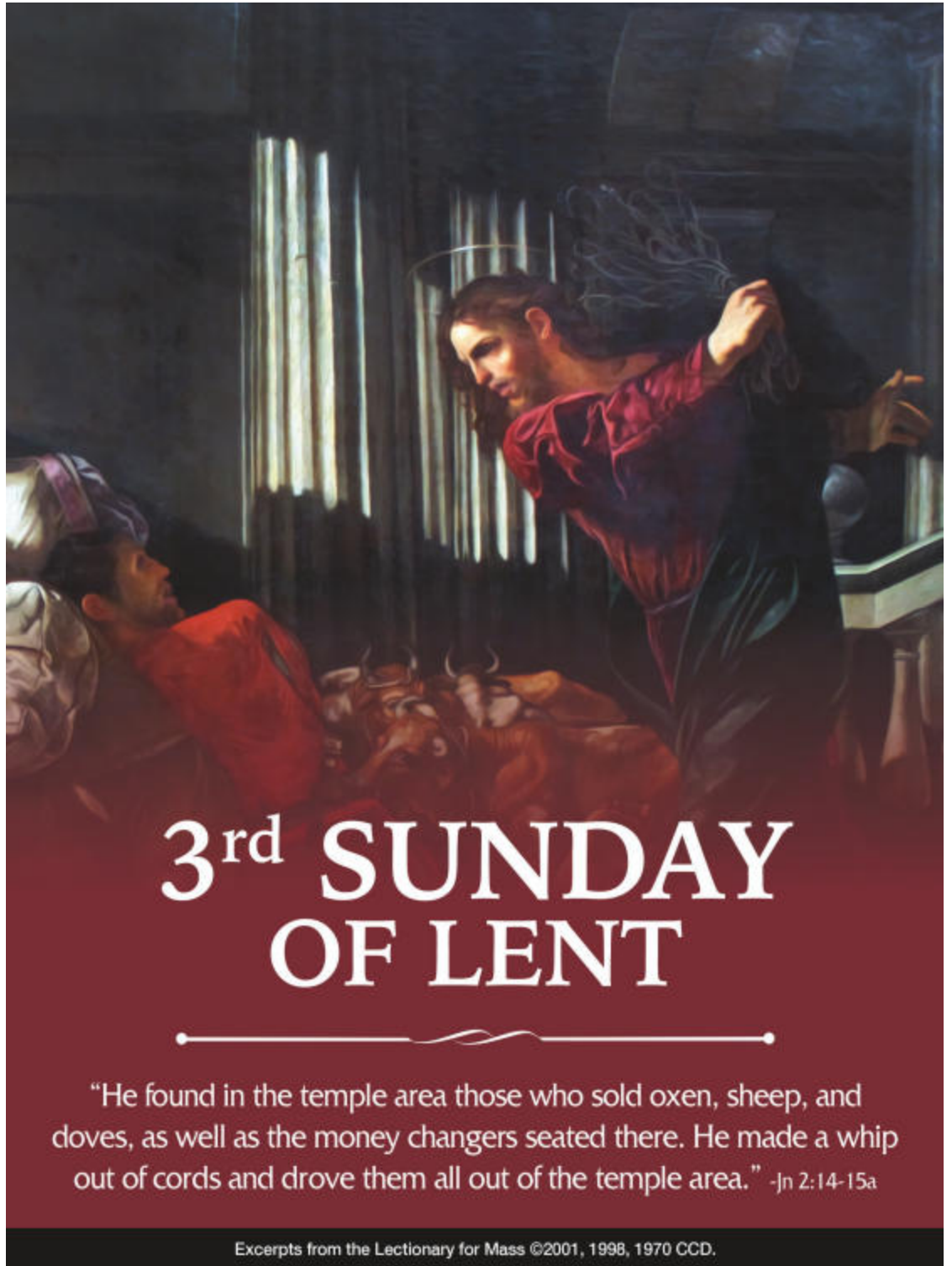


Church of the Holy Childhood

1435 Midway Parkway † St. Paul MN 55108

March 7, 2021



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

“He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area.” -Jn 2:14-15a

Pastor's Letter

OUR SEARCH FOR EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL LIFE AND THE MEANING OF OUR OWN: Part 1

I have been a fan of the science fiction genre since I was a small boy watching those alien creature and invasion movies of the 1950s and '60s on TV. As I got older and the US space program got into gear and I began to study science in school, my understanding of outer space and what it is and might hold for human advancement and exploration became much more refined and realistic. I still enjoy the science fiction genre, but now more for the background it provides for the human element involved in the story: facing, discovering, and exploring *any* unknown, both in outer space and in the inner space of the human mind and heart.

Over the past several decades, the serious question of “whether or not we’re alone in the universe” has received a lot of press, especially since the launching of the Hubble telescope and others from NASA and from the European Space Agency. The recent successful landing of NASA’s *Perseverance* rover on Mars has again thrust the topic of extraterrestrial life in the news. It still amazes me, however, that there has been such a real *anxiety* over the possibility of extra-terrestrial life. Personally, *I’d be thrilled* if any were discovered: “*Beam me up!*” Yet, even the late Steven Hawking urged extreme caution in sending out signals to potentially populated and advanced alien worlds, *for fear that some alien species may actually receive our message and come to conquer our planet!* Seriously? *We create in our own minds* the menace of alien life, and then *we fear the image of our own imagination?*

We have enough knowledge from the variety of planetary types in our own Solar system and in others recently discovered of how a planet needs to be formed in order to sustain the development of life. In 1960 the noted astrophysicist, Frank Drake formulated an equation that calculated the possibility of any intelligent or even rudimentary life developing on another planet in any given galaxy, as *1 single chance* among the billions of stars in each galaxy. *One*, that’s it. You really ought to check it out. The equation is fascinating in its simplicity, and you don’t need to be an astrophysicist to understand it! It’s still being debated, of course, but really can’t be disproven. Just look up on the internet “Drake Equation.”

(To be concluded next weekend.)

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT: *LÆTARE*:

II Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 Here is a teaching on the value of learning a valuable life-lesson through a bad experience brought upon us by our own poor choices. In even the worst of circumstances, while it may seem that God is far away, in reality he remains close; that he has abandoned us, but he remains faithful; that he no longer loves us, but he is still preparing us for future blessings.

Ephesians 2:4-10 If no other lesson is learned during Lent, it should be that we become all the more aware that it is the “God, who is rich in mercy” who has shown “the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.”

St. John 3:14-21 As we continue to strive to repent of our sins and correct our faults, we are reminded that eternal life is the ultimate goal of our faith and of our Christian life.

ONLINE STREAMING OF THE SUNDAY MASS

HOLY CHILDHOOD ON ZOOM AT 9:15 am MATERNITY OF MARY ON YOUTUBE AT 10:30 am
There will not be a livestream of the Mass on Sunday March 7 or 14. There will be a livestream of the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, March 13.

Contact Jim Evanoff to be added to the Zoom email invitation. evanoff.jj@gmail.com

Maternity of Mary - On YouTube through the Maternity of Mary website. Go to: www.maternityofmarychurch.org and click on the link: Maternity of Mary YouTube page to watch live Mass. This link is under the Live Stream of Mass information.

ONLINE STREAMING OF THE DAILY MASS

The 7:45 am is now being live streamed on Zoom. Contact Jim Evanoff to be added to the list.

COMMUNION AT HOLY CHILDHOOD

Communion will be available at door # 5 (lower level church entrance off of parking lot) at approximately 8:20 am, Monday - Saturday and 10:00 am, on Sunday for those not attending Mass in the church building.

IT IS SPECIAL PROJECT TIME AGAIN

Through the years when our parish has incurred unusual expenses we've had special projects to pay them off quickly. Past such efforts were the redecoration of our church, new roof on the school and church, improvements to the boiler plus improvements to the rectory. Now we have had to spend a little over \$ 11,000 to repair and replace water pipes both inside and outside convert number two. Our insurance won't cover the outside work which is the major part of the bill.

So here we go again! Please write "pipes" on the memo line on your check and we will get his project paid off in a hurry with your usual generosity. Thank you.

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

COMING SOON

March 27 and 28 Palm Sunday weekend will be a three star weekend. We will have a flower collection after the Masses, A food shelf collection for the Franciscan Brothers of Peace food shelf, and a **pre order bake sale which will benefit pro-life.

Look for order forms in the bulletin to pre order from a small selection of baked goods.

If you would like to donate an item to the Franciscan Brothers Food Shelf here are a few requested items.

- Small bottles of cooking oil
- White and brown sugar
- Ground coffee
- Cup of noodles
- Shampoo in medium size bottles
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Gas cards
- Store gift cards (Target, Cub)
- Fabric or paper masks
- Baby wipes
- Baby formula, Blue Similac

Of course, the Franciscans will be happy to accept anything we are willing to donate. Thank you so much for your generosity.

**** Not to be confused with the "Bakeless" Bake Sale by Maternity of Mary & HC Pro-Life group which is collecting monetary donations for Pro Life efforts.**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION
Sundays, 2:00 pm - Holy Childhood

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays, 6:00 pm - Holy Childhood
Fridays, 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm - Maternity of Mary

ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES
Monday - Saturday - 7:10-7:25 am
March 15-20 & 29-31 at door #6 (Bell Tower)
Thursday - 7:10-7:25 am March 11 & 25, door #6
Fridays, 5:15-5:45 pm door # 6
Saturdays, 4:00 - 4:30 pm at door #6
Sundays, 1:50 - 2:25 pm in conference room.

SAINT ANDREW KIM SCHEDULE

MARCH

- 7, 10:30 am - Confession (SCH)
- 11:15 am - Mass (CH)
- 12, 7:00 pm - Mass & Stations of the Cross
- 14, 10:30 am - Confession (SCH)
- 11:15 am - Mass (CH)
- 19, 7:00 pm - Mass & Stations of the Cross
- 21, 10:30 am - Confession (SCH)
- 11:15 am - Mass (CH)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 10 Judy Jacobsen



MATERNITY OF MARY

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We are in need of people who will commit to spending one hour each Thursday in Eucharistic Adoration in our beautiful Holy Family Chapel at Maternity of Mary. **There is an immediate need for the 11:30 am-12:30pm, 12:30-1:30 pm and the 6:30 pm-7:30 pm hour.** Please call Colleen at 651-489-5622 or email c.perfect@msn.com, so she can record your name and phone number. It is very important to fill your hour every Thursday. Thank You! Every Thursday - 8:30 am - 8:30 pm.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 6

7:45 am † Crystal Prax

5:00 pm Sue Quam

Sunday, March 7

9:15 am Parishioners

Monday, March 8

7:45 am † Maria Nimh Kim Nhung

Tuesday, March 9

7:45 am † Thomas Carroll

Wednesday, March 10

7:45 am † Karen Merth

Thursday, March 11

7:45 am † Tom Schraad

Friday, March 12

7:45 am † † Fran & Chris Ostertag

Saturday, March 13

7:45 am † Fr. Robert Kapoun

5:00 pm † Loren Quam

Sunday, March 14

9:15 am Parishioners

Parish Support



February 28, 2021 \$ 5553.00

Thank you for your faithful support of Holy Childhood.

Parish Information

Pastor, Fr. Timothy Cloutier

Parochial Vicar, Fr. Joseph Fink

Weekend Assistant, Fr. James Reidy, Ph. D.

Parish Office 651-644-7495

Buchanan Hall 651-647-0689

Our Current Services

Confessions - Saturday.....4:00-4:30 pm

Thursday.....7:10-7:25 am

Door #6 - in the bell tower entrance to Buchanan Hall

Saturday Anticipatory Mass..... 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass.....9:15 am

Weekday Masses...Monday - Saturday..7:45 am

Holy Day of Obligation as announced.

Rosary - Thursday 6:00 pm

Prayer Chain.....Peggy - 651-645-4955

Website.....www.holychildhoodparish.org

Email.....contact@holychildhoodparish.org

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Envelopes are available at the usher tables in church or call Mary in the parish office.

COMO PARK/FALCON HEIGHTS BLOCK NURSE PROGRAM



TODAY, Sunday March 7th, from 12:30pm - 2:30 pm, Como Park/Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse Program is partnering with

Como Park Lutheran Church on a Drive by Food Collection. All proceeds benefit Keystone Community Services.

This will be a contact free experience. Volunteers will handle all collections. The drop off site is on the corner of Hoyt Avenue and Hamline Street. If the weather is challenging that day, we will move a half a block down to the front of the church to make driving less of a hassle.

Thanks in advance. Together we will help those who have limited access to food.

MMSA School News

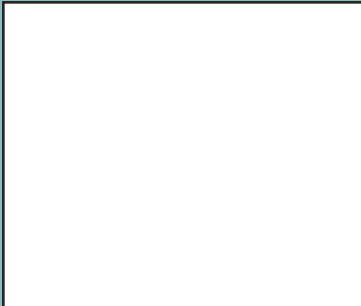


OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, March 13, 9:00 a.m.

We will be doing in person, socially distant tours. Come and see why MMSA is the best choice for your children. Learn more about our curriculum, school culture, tuition, financial aid and more! Our average class size is 15. We offer specialist classes in K - 8 in Phy. Ed., Spanish, Art, Music, Library, and Computer. To register for our **Open House**, go to mmsaschool.org -> Admissions -> Open Houses.



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