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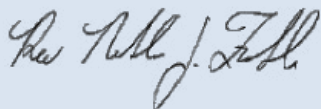
One of my favorite philosophers is Josef Pieper, who wrote extensively in the mid-twentieth century. He has a wonderful way of capturing the human condition and articulating our highest call to enter deep union with God. There is a certain poetry to his line of thought. One of themes that emerges in his works is this idea that our life is in *statu viatoris* (on the way). Essentially, in this life we are pilgrims, journeying towards our eternal home in Heaven. If we are pilgrims, then we can recognize that throughout this life we have not yet reached the goal, even as we travel towards it. If this is the case, then we also can recognize that my ultimate fulfillment will not be found here and now. At the same time, however, the fact that we are progressing towards something implies that I am experiencing a growing closeness to my ultimate destiny.

In our day and age, I think this idea of pilgrimage is particularly helpful in navigating some of the chaotic circumstances of our world. If I can recognize that my hope is not in the present life, then the world can literally fall apart around me, and it need not impact my deepest sense of peace. It does not erase pain or suffering, but it allows me to contextualize it within a grander scheme, an eternal scheme that is rooted in salvation won by Jesus Christ! St. Paul summarizes this well in our weekend's second reading. In proclaiming the great gift found in Jesus Christ he also acknowledges this: "It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus."

The virtue of hope is what ultimately encourages us to continue our pursuit of Christ and the tremendous gift of Heaven even amid passing things. Our recognition that we are pilgrims opens our heart to this virtue. This is intensified in the final weeks of Lent as we turn more intentionally towards our Lord's own pilgrimage towards Jerusalem where he will carry out the plan of redemption. Known traditionally as Passiontide, the final weeks of our Lord's life before the Cross are an important reminder that while we cannot escape suffering in this life, it needs not be the end for us. We look forward through the Cross to the Resurrection, towards something beautiful and eternal.

Let us continue along this pilgrim path laid out before us with great hope. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Our Lord, his Cross, and his Resurrection, knowing that we progress each and every day toward the fulfillment of all our longings. Let us say with St. Paul, "I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus."

In Christ,



Fr. Froehle



LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 6:30PM

Fr. Froehle and several other priests will be here to hear your confessions on Tuesday, April 5 at 6:30PM. Come receive the grace of the sacrament.



CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

- 7:30AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00AM Missionary Day of Reflection
- 10:00AM Confirmation—Cathedral of St. Paul
- 3:00PM Confession
- 4:30PM Mass Intention—Donald Johnson+

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

- 8:00AM Mass Intention—Donald Jenkins+
- 9:00AM KC Pancake Breakfast
- 9:15AM Faith Formation PK—Gr. 8
- 9:15AM Respect Life Prayer Group
- 9:15AM RCIA
- 10:30AM Mass Intention—Church of St. Michael Community
- 10:30PM Faith Formation PK—K
- 12:00PM Baptisms

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

- 8:05AM Rosary
- 8:30AM Mass Intention—Peter Solinger+
- 10:00AM Mass at Trinity Care Center
- 6:30PM Lenten Reconciliation Service

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

- 8:05AM Rosary
- 8:30AM Mass Intention—Renee Auge
- 6:00PM Faith Formation Pre K—Gr. 8
- 6:30PM Prayer Shawl Meeting
- 7:15PM 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

- 8:05AM Rosary
- 8:30AM Mass Intention—Lee Kindem
- 3:00PM Our Lady's Rosary Makers
- 7:00PM Women's Ministry

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CENTERED IN THE EUCHARIST

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

- 8:05AM Rosary
- 8:30AM Mass Intention—Edward & Marjorie Rother+
- 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration
- 10:00AM Rosary at Trinity Terrace
- 6:30PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

- 7:30AM Men's Bible Study
- 3:00PM Confessions
- 4:30PM Mass Intention—Brian Kadlec+

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

PALM SUNDAY

NO RCIA

- 8:00AM Mass Intention—Fasting Brothers of Church of St. Michael
- 9:15AM Faith Formation PK—Gr. 8
- 9:15AM Respect Life Prayer Group
- 10:30AM Faith Formation PK—K
- 10:30AM Mass Intention—Church of St. Michael Community



GOSPEL MEDITATION

We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.

When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." God's tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.

There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think they have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God's mercy. Then, Jesus' request to "go and sin no more" will be one we proudly heed and follow.

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CHRISM MASS

Thursday, April 14, 2022

The Chrism mass happens once a year at the Cathedral of St. Paul on Holy Thursday. The sacred oils are blessed at this special mass and priests reaffirm their promise of obedience and unity to the Archbishop. All Saints has chartered a bus and invited us to join them. Bus leaves All Saints at 8:45AM and returns around 12:30PM. To ride bus contact Chris Kuhn, ckuhn@allsaintschurch.com or 952-469-6480.



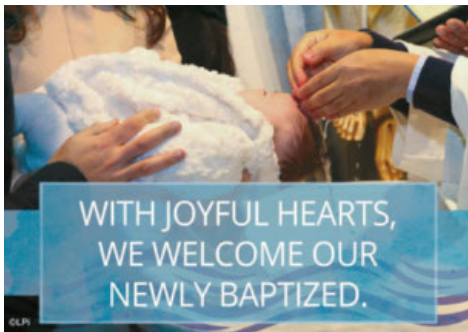
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DO YOU KNOW?!

What is the 3rd Station of the Cross?

Last week: List the first hierarchy of angels. Seraphim, Cherubim, and Thrones

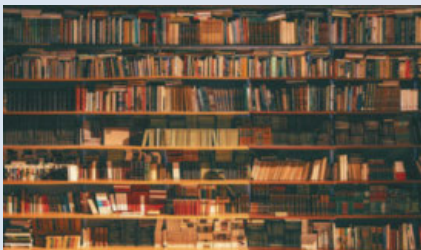


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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20—23 9:30AM—12:00PM

June 23 6:30PM

All youth age 4 (by May 30) through Grade 5 are invited to participate in VBS this summer. Each day includes: Bible Story, games, snacks, crafts and music.

Cost is \$30/child with a family maximum of \$80 if registered by June 1. Registration forms are available in the Gathering Space and on the parish's website under Faith Formation. Volunteers are also needed.



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



THANK YOU

We thank our Sunday morning 5th grade Faith Formation group for packing the 31 bags of food for the Backpack Project. Today they put their faith into action by helping children who attend North Trail Elementary School.

Thank You!

GROWING IN FAITH

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 3, 2022

SUN 4/3	Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
MON 4/4	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20
TUE 4/5	Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
WED 4/6	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
THUR 4/7	Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
FRI 4/8	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
SAT 4/9	Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
SUN 4/10	Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14–23:56 or 23:1-49

OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 3, 2022

Sunday:	5 th Sunday of Lent
Monday:	St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
Next Sunday:	Holy Week begins; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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REFLECT

First Reading: (Is 43:16–21)

Active during Israel's captivity in Babylon around 550BC, the prophet Isaiah reminds the Israelites of God's saving acts in their history and offers hope for a new future beyond exile. How does your faith in the Lord offer you hope in times of distress?

Second Reading: (Phil 3:8–14)

Paul speaks to the Philippians of his firm belief that what matters most in his life is his intimate connection to Christ Jesus. How do you think anyone develops this depth of passion for Jesus?

Gospel: (Jn 8:1–11)

The scribes and the Pharisees tested Jesus' fidelity to the Mosaic Law by using a woman caught in the act of adultery. In reply, Jesus exposed the hypocrisy of the religious leaders and showed mercy on the sinful woman. When has someone shown you mercy over judgment?

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MAKING DISCIPLES

FABRIC NEEDED

June 8, 2022

We are having our first Mass and Mission event of the summer. The mission part is tying blankets for local charities. We are in need of fabric for this project. Your donation can be dropped off in the tote in the Gathering Space. Everyone is invited to join us for this activity.



Joe and Gretchen Wagner

Ben and Brittney Myren

Thomas Laughlin

Duane and Michelle Kappes

MASS ATTENDANCE

	2021	2022
March	1611 4 weekends	2267 4 weekends
February	1212 4 weekends	2051 4 weekends

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We want everyone to have one. If you or someone you know still needs one, please take one from the rack in the gathering space.



BACKPACK PROJECT

Starting this week, the number of students benefitting from our backpack project increases to 31 (representing 20 families). Your generosity is greatly appreciated by these children and their families. Items in need include: Mac & Cheese cups, Fruit cups, Pudding cups and Single-serving size chips.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Jul - Feb 2022	Jul - Feb 2021
Sunday Collections	\$ 548,206	\$ 539,875
Budget	\$ 568,667	
Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ (20,461)	
Debt Reduction Fund	\$ 39,359	\$ 38,309
Budget	\$ 20,000	
Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 19,359	
Maintenance Fund	\$ 31,689	\$ 34,500
Budget	\$ 16,667	
Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 15,022	
Operating Expenses	\$ 579,481	\$ 589,924
Budget	\$ 607,609	
Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ (28,127)	
Loan Debt		
Balance 2/28/2021	\$ 821,733	\$ 1,034,179
Monthly Payment	\$ 14,725	Principal/Interest
YTD Add'l Principal Pmts	\$ 40,170	Principal Only

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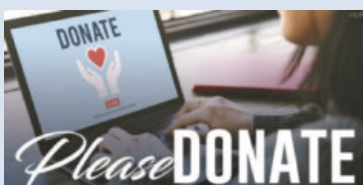
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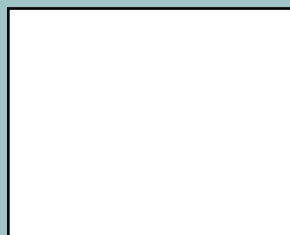
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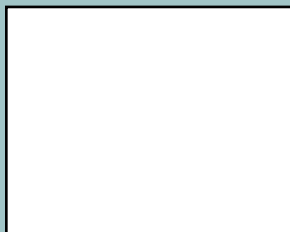
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