

March 21, 2021

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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THAT NOTHING  
IS SMALL IN THE  
EYES OF GOD."**

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Holy Spirit Catholic Community enkindles the fire of God's love in our lives  
through worship, discipleship and service.

## Mar. 21, 5th Sunday of Lent

9 a.m. Patricia & Richard Dillont

## Mar. 22

## Mar. 23, St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

7:30 a.m. Haugan family†

## Mar. 24

7:30 a.m. Gefre family

## Mar. 25, The Annunciation of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Sister Rosalind Gefre

## Mar. 26

7:30 a.m. Healthcare workers

## Mar. 27

4:30 p.m. Holy Spirit parish

Reserve your pew for Palm Sunday and Holy Week Masses at [holy-spirit.org/lent](http://holy-spirit.org/lent). Limited seating is available; pew reservations are required.

The deadline to RSVP for Palm Sunday is **Monday, Mar. 22.**

The deadline to RSVP for Holy Week is **Thursday, Mar. 25.**

If you are unable to RSVP online, please call the parish office at (651) 698-3353 and someone will assist you with your reservation.

## PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

Fri. 7:30 a.m. | Sat. 4:30 p.m. | Sun. 9 a.m.

## HOLY THURSDAY

Apr. 1 | 7 p.m.

## GOOD FRIDAY

Apr. 2 | 7 p.m.

## HOLY SATURDAY

Apr. 3 | 8 p.m.

## EASTER SUNDAY

Apr. 4 | 8 & 11 a.m.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Night of Spirit is in desperate need of your help! Due to the pandemic, our beloved auction has fewer items donated than it has in the past. We need your participation to make this year's auction a success!

Visit [nightofspirit.org](http://nightofspirit.org) to donate items and register to bid during the virtual event on Saturday, Apr. 24.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Tuesday–Friday

7:30 a.m. Mass

### Saturday

3-4 p.m. Penance | 4:30 p.m. Mass

### Sunday

9 a.m. Mass

Father Daniel Haugan, Pastor  
[haugand@holy-spirit.org](mailto:haugand@holy-spirit.org)

Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

## BULLETIN SCHEDULE

Please note the following deadlines for submitting items to the bulletin:

### Issue

Mar. 28  
Apr. 4 (Easter)

### Deadline

Monday, Mar. 22 at 8 a.m.  
Friday, Mar. 26 at 8 a.m.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Watch our virtual Stations of the Cross at [holy-spirit.org/lent](http://holy-spirit.org/lent) from the comfort and safety of your own home!

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY GIVING ENDING JAN. 30

	Jan. 2021	Fiscal YTD	YTD Budget
Sunday Envelopes	\$30,319.00	\$210,729.00	\$238,031.00
Electronic Giving	\$20,357.00	\$214,315.00	\$178,122.00
Plate	\$52.00	\$1,330.00	\$8,751.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50,728.00</b>	<b>\$426,374.00</b>	<b>\$424,904.00</b>

- Budgeted Financial Stewardship     \$424,904
- Overage/(Shortfall)                     \$1,470

Figures represent the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget divided by 12 months.

Thank you for your continued financial support of the parish! Funds through Sunday Giving support general parish operations including staff salaries and benefits, utilities, regular maintenance & repairs, and general business costs.

### UPCOMING EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

My name is Jack Fyten. I am an Eagle Scout candidate with Troop 82, a junior at Saint Thomas Academy and an alumnus of Holy Spirit Catholic School.

For my Eagle Project this spring, I am building a portable Gaga Ball Pit for the youth of the parish. The Gaga Ball Pit will feature 8 sides rising 3 ft. tall with safety guards to protect players from splinters. The Pit will also be portable making it easy to break down and set up according to weather conditions. The metal joints and safety guards will be colored red to match the Holy Spirit Flames. On the exterior of one of the walls will be a metal sign displaying the rules of play. This Gaga Ball Pit will allow kids from the Holy Spirit Catholic School, parish, and the community at large, to experience a new and exciting game for all.

For this project I need to raise \$1,500 by Apr. 18 to purchase the needed materials. I am asking for donations to offset the cost of the materials. If you would like to help me with this exciting project, please send donations to the parish office marked "Eagle Scout Project". Checks may be made out to: Church of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for your support!

The names of those who donated to the Easter flower fund will appear in the Easter bulletin. To have your name included, please return your envelope or donate at [holy-spirit.org/stewardship](http://holy-spirit.org/stewardship) by Thursday, Mar. 25.



*Photo by Jim Stipe/Catholic Relief Services*

### COMMUNITY IN MADAGASCAR

Poor nutrition can lead to devastating longterm consequences for individuals, communities and entire countries. That's why communities must work together to ensure that all children have access to better food and nutrition. New planting and cooking techniques are helping many communities in Madagascar improve the health and wellbeing of their children. How does your community work together for the good of others? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

Holy Spirit will collect CRS Rice Bowls through Sunday, Apr. 18. If you'd like to donate online, visit [crsricebowl.org/give](http://crsricebowl.org/give).

### HELLO, SPRING!

Shop safely and avoid the crowds at Gertens by ordering your plants and gift cards through Women of Holy Spirit's spring fundraiser.

A catalog of plants can be found at [holy-spirit.org/wohs](http://holy-spirit.org/wohs). The deadline to order is **Thursday, Apr. 22**. Orders must be placed at [gertensfundraising.com](http://gertensfundraising.com) (enter ID: 189).

If you do not have access to a computer, call the parish office at (651) 698-3353 for help placing your order. Please have your card details ready.

Contact Sue at [cssmlyons@gmail.com](mailto:cssmlyons@gmail.com) or (651) 699-6878 with questions.



## CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

**Question:** What is spiritual communion, and do you need to be in a state of grace to receive it?

**Answer:** The practice of making a “spiritual communion” dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aquinas described it as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers and most recently Pope Francis encouraged the practice when the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented so many Catholics from taking part in the Mass or receiving sacramental communion.

Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way.

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## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

*Fratelli Tutti*

**Mar. 23, Apr. 27 & May 25 | 7-8:30 p.m. | Virtual event**

The Center for Mission is hosting a five-part series to dive into the important encyclical from Pope Francis. This online series will feature specially-selected speakers to help us discern how *Fratelli Tutti* can influence and enrich our lives. The series is open to all. Visit [centerformission.org/whats-new](http://centerformission.org/whats-new) to register! Email Adam at [fitzpatricka@archspm.org](mailto:fitzpatricka@archspm.org) for more information.

### Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service

**Apr. 11 | 2 p.m. | Church of St. Joseph, Rosemount**

Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with a special prayer service which includes Eucharistic Adoration.

### Catholics at the Capitol

**Apr. 15 | Cathedral of St. Paul**

There’s no time more important than now to speak up for life and dignity. Join Catholics from across Minnesota for this year’s Catholics at the Capitol, a day of prayer, education, and advocacy in St. Paul. Be formed in the faith, beginning the day with Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Be informed on the issues, as we hear from speakers like international pro-life advocate Obianuju Ekeocha and Archbishop José Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the archbishop of Los Angeles. And be sent on mission, joining a Eucharistic procession from the Cathedral to the capitol before sharing your convictions with elected officials. Register at [catholicsatthecapitol.org](http://catholicsatthecapitol.org) to learn more and secure your spot.

### Guided Daily Examen Podcast

**Daily through Mar. 31**

**Hosted by Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Roseville**

Corpus Christi launched a podcast called “Listening for God.” Episodes will be posted following the Lenten season and the Sundays’ Gospels. Each episode includes a Daily Examen of Conscience. The podcast can be found on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and Anchor. Learn more at [churchofcorpuschristi.org/church/listening-for-god-lenten-daily-examen](http://churchofcorpuschristi.org/church/listening-for-god-lenten-daily-examen).

### Cuppa Joe: 10 Talks on the 10 Wonders of St. Joseph

**First Tuesday each month, March-December | 4 p.m.**

Cuppa Joe is a series of 10 talks by 10 theologians on the 10 wonders of St. Joseph, taking place at the locations in the archdiocese entrusted to the patronage of our spiritual father. These talks will premiere on the first Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m.—just in time for your afternoon coffee! Talks will be posted on Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram and at [archspm.org/synod/stjoseph](http://archspm.org/synod/stjoseph).

## MAR. 21 GOSPEL MEDITATION

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.



We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core

of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

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## WHEN OUR OWN HOUR COMES

We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is—illness, a job loss, life changes—we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being "troubled" and he speaks of "the time of judgment." There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

"Yet what should I say?" he asks them. "'Father, save me from this hour?' But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour—whatever that hour may hold.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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