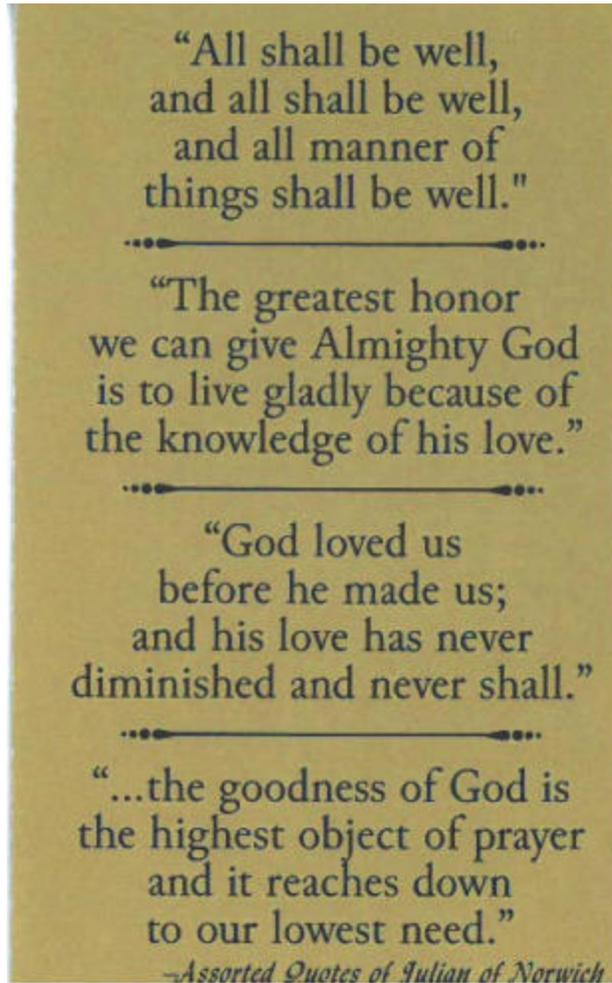


St. James the Greater

Fourth Sunday of Lent ☩ March 14, 2021



Steve. Thanks you guys for making our

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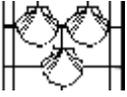
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Message from Fr. Tom

We are now in the heart of Lent. How has it been for you? Has it been any different than any other time this year? I think we all have to show mercy to ourselves, especially this year with all its challenges. One thing that has been difficult for me is simply remembering how long ago things happened, like a funeral or a baptism. Or sometimes I'll see a high school student or a middle school student on their parent's Facebook page, and can hardly recognize him or her. Perhaps you have had similar struggles. It has been a whole year now since we started our precautions. Last year, St. Patrick's Day was our last mass before we offered no more public masses until the end of May. What a strange and blurry year it has been. And yet people have grown, been born, died. God has continued to hold us.

I've enjoyed preparing YouTube videos on "Different Ways to Pray." These videos are not viewed as often as other ones the parish posts, probably since they are directed to a very specific audience of those who are interested in learning about different prayer forms. Nonetheless, if I offered this as a live, in-person event on a Thursday evening, for example, probably about 5-15 people would come. But even the least-viewed YouTube video on prayer has had well over 200 views. It's hard to know how many of those represent people who stayed engaged for the whole video, but it does affirm that our parish video ministry has really been a good way to reach out to people to nourish a spiritual thirst and help them feel connected to St. James even during these days of separation.

The Parish Pastoral Council met last week. After praying over this weekend's Gospel account, we discussed how we are praying together and if it is going well enough to continue on course. Next, the council saw the preliminary results of the two-question parish survey that went out via email. (This survey, by the way, will be available in hard copy at our masses this weekend, for people without email access.) There was no solution to our dilemma of how to welcome all who want to come to mass and how to keep safe distance between people. Some suggested having part of the church every other pew open and part of the church every third pew open. If people could easily see this when they sign up, that might be an interim solution, but it's not clear that we could make that obvious for all to see on the sign-up sheet. The overall sense is that people appreciate how hard staff is working to be accommodating while maintaining a safe environment, and that there should be less pressure, especially on the 4:30 mass after Easter, when restrictions might lighten and we probably will be offering a Saturday outdoor mass after the indoor mass. TBD! The meeting closed with the start of our strategic planning process led by council chair Paula Winter. Paula is giving generously of her time and talent these weeks as she interviews most if not all of our parish groups to analyze their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats in an effort to envision an exciting future. Tonight's meeting began and ended with our strengths, so that was a happy discussion!

I'm looking forward to our Night of Reconciliation this coming Thursday at 7 PM. Hopefully we can livestream this liturgy for those who cannot attend in person. It will be a new thing to try in these days of virus precaution. The Eau Claire Deanery is not sponsoring a large service with lots of priest confessors available or a day when all people are invited to go to Immaculate Conception Church for "24 hours of confessions," as we have done the last three or four years. Still wanting to do something, we will have a night of reflection on our sins and God's mercy. I will be the only priest there, however. After hearing thoughtful words from Pope Francis that he preached on Ash Wednesday this year, we will have some reflection time and everyone will make a prayer of contrition together. Perhaps you have heard the phrase "Perfect act of contrition." When making an individual confession is logistically difficult, the Church encourages people to make a "perfect act of contrition," that involves admitting your sins to God and yourself, making an act of contrition, and resolving to make a confession to a priest when you can do so more easily. The Church teaches that through this action, Reconciliation with God happens, God grants forgiveness. So, we will do that all together. Then, after the final blessing, for those who desire it, I will go outdoors to hear brief individual confessions of sins, without discussion, and offer absolution. I hope it goes well—by which I mean I hope that our people have a good experience of knowing themselves as loved sinners, freed to live generously, and ready to celebrate Christ's redeeming love during Holy Week. Peace.

7 March 2021, Third Sunday of Lent, *John 2:13-25*—Fr. Tom's Homily

Jesus cleansing the Temple, turning tables over, slapping at things with a whip he pieced together. He's angry. Some of us might be uncomfortable with an angry Jesus, thinking he is somehow above that emotion. I read something by Fr. Bryan Massingale who was writing about people's reaction to the sin of racism. What he said could be applied to any sin. He said that according to Thomas Aquinas there are **two common situations where anger is related to sin**. 1. Anger is a sin when it leads us into rage and fly out of control rage; when there is too much anger. 2. When a situation of great injustice confronts us and we do not get angry; that is, **it's can be a sin when we have too little anger!** In Jesus' case, he is confronted with irreverence, lack of respect for God and God's holy temple, and he, without sin, grows angry and takes action. As Christine pointed out, the money changers whose coins were scattered, mixed, mingled and lost, might not be so quick to say Jesus' action was not a sin, but hopefully you get my point that Jesus' anger is a righteous anger.

Righteous anger can be very threatening to those in charge of the system you're angry about. They do not trust Jesus and ask him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" It's a lot like back in Galilee when Jesus forgives people's sins and the leaders get uncorked, saying "God along can forgive sins! Who do you think you are? By what authority to you do this?"

Well, centuries later, we know by what authority Jesus does this: He is the Son of God. It is by him communion with his Father in heaven that he is able to speak with authority.

I wonder if we could turn the tables, a little pun, toward us and **ask ourselves where we root our authority**. We won't always be right or do the right thing, **but I think we all are asked to claim our voice and realize the value of our lives and our inner authority to live with a divine purpose**. That's what children of God do. To live with the dignity of a child of God means to live with an awareness that we have an inner authority; we have something to offer.

Parents might ask where their authority is rooted. You might quote the 10 commandments from the first reading that children have to honor their mother and father. Priests might demand others to respect because of their position (though that's not one of the 10 commandments!). But you know that idea of authority by position or title goes against the example of Jesus. People were amazed at his presence, because, as the Bible quotes them as saying, **"He speaks with authority and not as the scribes and Pharisees."** **They have the titles; Jesus has the authority**. I think **two things lead parents, and priests and all people to have a level of authority**: Wisdom and Love. Without these two over the long run, you will be respected but not serve as an authority with others.

The other piece we can learn from Jesus about authority is from what he tells his Apostles when he hears them bickering over who's the most important. He tells them, "You know how it is out there in the world where leaders make their authority over others felt in a dominating way? Yes, well, it cannot be like that with you. If you want to be great, to be a true authority for others, you have to be their servant, always having their good in mind. Just as I came **not to be served but to serve**, so it has to be with you." **Our authority isn't to make us strong but to help others be strong**.

So, developing a sense of authority after the example of Christ is not about power over others; it's about cultivating love, wisdom and a spirit of service. And we can't do that on our own. That's why we pray during Lent "Create in me a clean heart, O God." **Just as Jesus cleansed the temple, we ask him to cleanse us**, to take away anything that would cause us to be too shy, or anything that would make us too dominating. We need clean hearts that seek only to maintain communion with Christ and his people.

Jesus' Holy Spirit does this work in us, but we need to lay the groundwork by wanting it and being open to change.

Last image. In grade school I did a lot of book reports on Greek myths and one of my favorites was the very strong half-god and half mortal, Hercules. Hera, the queen of the gods, was jealous and drove Hercules mad so that he sinned badly when he was out of his mind. To make up for this sin, he had to follow the orders of a greedy moral king, who made him do 10 great labors, one of which was the dirty stinky job of cleaning the cattle stables of King Augeas, who had thousands of cattle that made mountains of manure over the years. So, Hercules got to work. He noticed that a river wound around the enormous stable complex where the cattle lived. Rather than going into the stables and shoveling, he opened two gaps on either side of the stables, and then dug channels in the earth to divert the river to flow through the stables.

I like that image of cleansing for our Lent. We prepare our bodies, our hearts, our minds, asking the Lord in his power and mercy to cleanse us. Not so we can be perfect, but so we can know our dignity once again, our authority as a voice, as hands, for God to use.

Fish Fries

Mar. 19 - St Olaf
St Raymond
Mar. 26 - Immaculate Conception
St Raymond
Apr. 9 - St Olaf
Apr. 23 - St Olaf

**Kylie Pope Memorial Fund**

On March 5, Kylie Pope, a 7th grade student at Regis Middle School, died unexpectedly. We ask you to please keep the Pope family in your prayers during this most difficult time and the journey they are embarking on.

As we come together as a community to support the Pope family, Regis Catholic Schools has set up a memorial fund in Kylie's honor for those who would like to make a financial donation.

To donate, please bring cash or check to your school's office or to the Regis Catholic Schools Central Office, located at 2728 Mall Drive in Eau Claire. (Please include a note that you are donating in support of the Kylie Pope Memorial Fund. Checks should be made out to Regis Catholic Schools.)

You can also donate online using PayPal. (You will have the option to indicate your willingness to offset the cost of the PayPal processing fee as you make your online donation.)

All donations will be directed to the Pope family.

A Regis Catholic Schools parent has also organized a Meal Train in support of the Pope family. Please contact Regis if you would like to show your support to the Pope family in this way.

SCRIP: Scrip is available at Regis Central Office Mon.-Thu. from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM, and Fridays 8:00 AM-12:00 PM. A limited supply of Scrip will be available at the School Office Monday-Thursday—and soon will be offered after Mass on weekends again!!

Parish Photo Directories

Have you picked yours up yet? You can get them after mass (find Christine) or at the parish office.

New Parishioners/Pastoral Visitations/Prayer Tree/Elizabeth Ministry: Please contact Christine if you would like to join the parish, be visited at home or at the hospital (within Covid guidelines and restrictions), have a prayer request, or if you or someone you know is expecting and would like to be supported by volunteers.

Sacrament of Baptism: A required Pre-Baptism class is offered by zoom; please contact Christine to be set up.

Sacrament of Marriage: Please contact Fr. Tom six months in advance of setting a date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:30-4:00 PM by the Last Supper sculpture or by appointment.

Mass Intentions & Schedule

Weekday masses are at 9:00 AM Tuesday-Friday.

Wednesday and Friday have limited seating when school is in session.

Saturday 4:30 PM, Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 AM.

Masks & social distancing are required.

Sat.	Mar. 13	4:30 Dick Crisp
Sun	Mar. 14	8:00 People of St. James 10:00 Theresa Meanner
Tue.	Mar. 16	Albert Baier
Wed.	Mar. 17	Tom BaDour
Thu.	Mar. 18	Special Intention
Fri.	Mar. 19	George Hanson
Sat.	Mar. 20	4:30 Peter Klaver
Sun	Mar. 21	8:00 People of St. James 10:00 Eddie Barnett

Notre Dame Parish in Chippewa Falls, WI seeks a Director of Music and Liturgy

Notre Dame Parish in Chippewa Falls, WI, is seeking an up-to-full-time Director of Music and. This position can be filled by a single individual or shared. The Director of Music plans for all liturgies; coordinates and rehears all choirs and musicians. The Director of Music manages worship aids and other duties.

The Director of Liturgy assists the pastor and staff in planning liturgies; and oversees liturgical ministry volunteers, coordinates with staff and volunteers to beautify and maintain the worship space; and other duties. Please send a cover letter and resume to Fr. Jesse Burish (pastor@thechurchofnotredame.org).

March at St. James Elementary School (Regis):

March 12 | Early Enrollment Ends

Mar. 25 - Battle of the Books

Mar. 26 - No School, Diocesan In-Service

Mar. 29-Apr. 5 - No School, Spring Break

April 5 | NO SCHOOL | Easter Monday

April 15 | Wisconsin Parental Choice Program Enrollment Closes

Sermon on the Amount

February 28, 2021

Sunday Adult Envelopes (98)	\$7,809.00
2020 same week (206)	\$18,304.50
Students	\$2.00
Plate	<u>\$138.00</u>
Total	\$7,949.00

Year to date Adult Env./CPL Income through Feb. 28, 2021:

Actual (July 1-Feb. 28) \$436,032.14

Budgeted (July 1-Jan. 31) \$417,320.00

Long term maintenance & facilities improvement fund and Past*Present*Future Campaign income for Feb. 28 was \$100.00 for a total since July 1, 2020 of \$47,283.44.



Parish Council of Catholic Women after saying the rosary for Enid Cota.

Sign up for Mass Cancellations

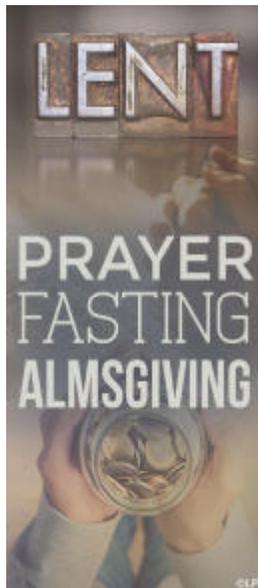
If you have a sign up for mass and cannot make it, PLEASE let Christine know. Masses are filling up, and no-shows are preventing someone else from being able to come to church.

Sign up Waiting List

We now have waiting lists for all weekend masses, which will be opened up as each mass gets full. Please use them! We can often get a seat for you when there is a cancellation, and it helps us know demand.

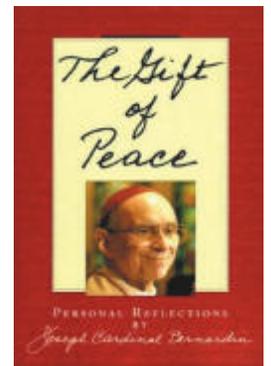
Parish Survey ends soon!

Please fill out the survey on church attendance and seating; we need your opinions! If you don't have a computer (or are more comfortable with pen and paper), we will have hard copies at mass this weekend.



Book Group:

When he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago was the objection of much attention from the press and he was very open about his process of faithfully living his last days. A bestseller in the 90's, this personal and easy to read memoir, this book will be discussed via Zoom on March 23, 6:30. Let us know in a comment if you're interested and not on our email list, and I will add you with Zoom details. -tk



American Red Cross Blood Drive

March 22, NOON to 6, in the . Gathering Space. Sign up on the Red Cross website, or through the parish office.

Growing Through Grief –

God doesn't give us what we can handle, God helps us handle what we are given. "All Are Welcome" as we create an environment of hope, support, respect, coping skills, care plans and mutual trust for anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one. This is a place to share positive discussions on a topic that is emotional, physical, sensitive and private. What is said in this group, stays in the group. For more information or to join a group contact Pat Hanson at 715-835-9811, or St. James Parish office 715-835-5887.

Communal Reconciliation Service

A prayer service Thursday, Mar. 18, 7:00 PM in church to examine our consciences and seek forgiveness. With Covid restrictions, we will not be hosting other priests to come in and hear confessions. Instead, to help us enter the spirit of repentance and forgiveness, at this service we will ponder sin in our lives and our world, and proclaim God's forgiveness. For those wanting the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Fr. Tom will be available afterward to hear very brief confessions and offer absolution. Other opportunities for the sacrament are at 3:30 on Saturdays at the Last Supper sculpture, and by appointment.

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April 15 at 4 p.m.

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Questions? Call (715) 830-2273, ext. 1400



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