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MARCH 20, 2022 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

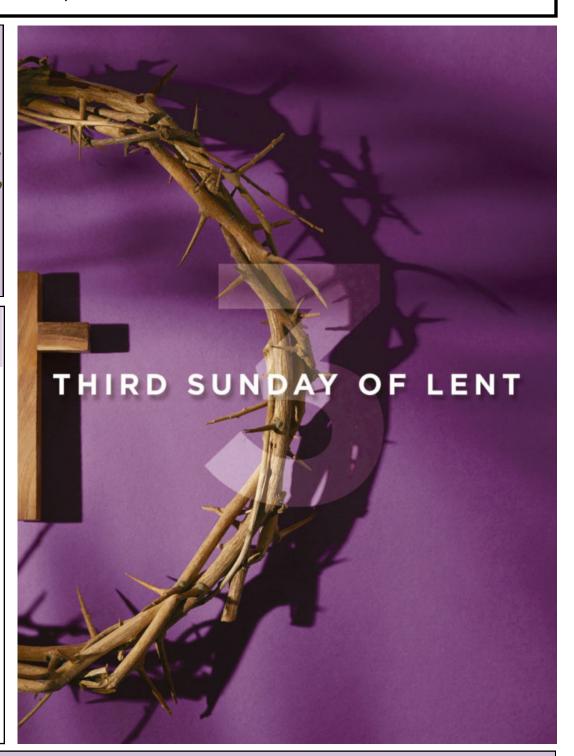
OUR CCCC LENTEN PROJECT A PLACE OF HOPE

Each year we select one charity for our Lenten almsgiving. This year's recipient is a **Place of Hope** in Saint Cloud.

Place of Hope is a multifaceted outreach program serving the Central Minnesota community.

Many people in our community are in great need for support and services because of homelessness, poverty, drug addiction, alcoholism and other crisis.

You can support a Place of Hope by almsgiving (donating money), volunteering to serve meals again and praying for the success of the ministry provided locally.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Deserts can be lonely, isolated and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the "I am" of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course. ©LPi

Stoking the Lenten Fire

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

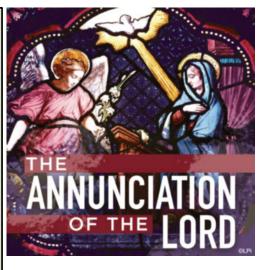
Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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CONFESSION

En route to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he could expect.

"Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved.

"Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."

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Be sure to checkout the FORMED Lenten Resource page on our website and watch for the Monday morning Flocknote email with the latest update on Lenten programs to checkout.

The Invitation: What does it mean to be a disciple? Presenter Nick Redd shares through his own testimony as well as historical evidence that Jesus didn't only call the elite. Jesus' invitation to follow him is for everyone. Short four-part series.

Lent with Brother Francis: Let's Learn about Lent. Join Brother Francis in this compact presentation of what Lent is all about and how we observe it as Catholics. Great for the whole family!



If you have any questions contact Chad.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Saint Mary's Choir - Via Crucis: This special Stations of the Cross will be Fri, Apr 8, at 7:00 PM. All are welcome in the upper church of Saint Mary's Cathedral in Saint Cloud for this free event.

Journey with Jesus to Calvary: Meet, share and perhaps cry with several "companions" that encounted Jesus along the road to Calvary.

Wed Apr 6 at 7.00 PM Eri Apr 8 at 7.30 PM Sup

Wed, Apr 6 at 7:00 PM, Fri, Apr 8 at 7:30 PM, Sat, Apr 9 at 7:30 PM, Sun, Apr 10 at 10:00 PM. Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, 10 miles north of Albany.

"Spiritual direction is ...the process of helping someone to notice the presence and action of God in their lives and to respond to it."-James Martin, SJ

Interested in one-on-one *direction* and *spiritual guidance*?
Contact: Sister Sharon Waldoch,
SSND





LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK:

First Reading

In his initial encounter with the Lord, Moses learns the name of God, "I AM". What insight does this give us into the nature of the divine?

Second Reading

Paul believed that the past mistakes of the ancient Israelites in the desert served as an example of the dangers of too much self-confidence. How can one best avoid arrogance in faith?

Gospel Reading

In the parable of the barren fig tree, Jesus taught the crowds of the need to repent in order to bear good fruit. For what do you need to repent in this season of Lent?

MOVIE & LIGHT MEAL

The film 'Unplanned' will be shown in the Saint Anthony Parish Center, Saint Cloud, following the 4: 30 PM Saturday Mass on April 2. Light meal served prior to showing.

SEASONAL HYMNS & TEXT

We will utilize the same Gathering hymns and Preparation song for the entire season of Lent, but the texts will change from week to week.

We gather to John Bell's "Take, O Take Me As I Am," interspersed with a verse from Bernadette Farrell's hymn "O God, You Search Me."

The Preparation song will be "Tree of Life," but with specific verses for the Lenten Sundays.

Additionally, we will utilize the common psalm for Lent, singing a setting of Psalm 91: "Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble". - Matt

LENT IS HERE!

Lent is a time when we strive to come closer to our Lord Jesus Christ; it is a time to reflect.

We can do this in many ways. A list is available via our "Lenten Resources" webpage. There is a button on our ChristCatholic.com homepage. If online isn't your thing, contact Deacon Dan and he can help you access the resources.

Several options need action:

- 1. Book study by Fr. Jacques Philippe (Interior Freedom), see webpage for details.
- 2. We need facilitator volunteers for Walking on Water. Training will be provided. Contact Deacon Dan.

TEEN & YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Confirmation: Please keep our Confirmation students in prayer as they make final preparations to receive the Sacrament on Sunday, March 27 at 2:00 PM at Saint Boniface.

Mission Trip: Our trip is now full. We're so excited to have this many teens interested in serving others through this unique opportunity! Please watch for ways you can help support these students through prayer and financial donations.

—Chad

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MIC NEWS

Church Closed until painting project is complete. See Mass schedule page 5 for times.

Stations of the Cross: Due to the painting project the leaders have decided to do the Stations of the Cross at Saint Wendelin's Church in Luxemburg every Sunday at 1:00 PM. All are welcome

500 Cards third Monday of the month at 1:00 PM in Parish Center. Call Mary Bruder. 11:45 AM lunch at Granite Edge Café. Everyone 60 + is welcome.

KC's meet third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM.

SB NEWS

If you are available to help with hemming of fabric for banners for the church, please call Alice S. thanks much!

SB members may donate for Easter flowers in memory of deceased family members. The memorial will be published in the Easter Bulletin. Any extra funds will be used to add to our banners to decorate the Church.

March Church Cleaners:

Becky Terwey Judy Kearin Darlene Erkens Delrose Hansen

Rockville Firefighters Relief Fish Fry Fri, Apr 1, 4:00 - 8:00 PM at Rockville Parish Center. Drive thru only (2 lanes).

Farming Lions 17th Annual Fish Fry Fri, Apr 1 serving 4: 30 - 8: 30 PM at Trappers Pub and Grub, Farming.

Healing after Abortion

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If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreat is April 1-3. Contact Nancy for more info see www.rvineyardmn.org.

SSPP NEWS

SSPP Quilters meet Mon & Tues, Mar 28-29 from 8: 30 AM - 4: 00 PM in the Quilting Room.

Golden Smiles meet the Third Tues of the month at 1:00 PM.

First Saturday Rosary at 8:00 AM, Mass at 8:30 AM. Call Ron Leither at 320-980-0271.

KC's meet second Monday of the month in Gathering Space.

500 Cards second Sunday of the month, 7:00 PM Saint Martin PC.

SJJP NEWS

Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM followed by Benediction on Thursdays of Lent
Save the date for our Corn Feed & Bazaar—August 6!

Legion of Mary: You are invited to the annual LOM ACIES, Sat, Mar 26 at Saint Anthony, Saint Cloud. 10:00 AM Opening prayers, Rosary, Mass. Consecration to Christ through Mary at Mass. Father Timothy Gapinski

Father Timothy Gapinski
Social to follow in Parish Center
Handicap accessible
For more info, call Tudie

Walking on Water (WOW)

Joining a small group is an excellent way to grow in your faith. It provides a way to become a better disciple and keep the fire burning. WOW is a small group guided process - a way to form & hold small group meetings.

If you want to give your prayer life a boost, learn how to pray with Bible passages, learn how to "be still" in prayer with the Holy Spirit, consider joining WOW.

*FACILITATORS NEEDED! If you are willing to facilitate a small group, but want to know more first, contact Deacon Dan. Preview the WOW Blog christcatholic.com/ walking-on-water.

SPANISH NEWS

Contact: Sandy Garcia Secondary contact: Maria Dominguez

PRAYER TO RECEIVE A NEW BISHOP

Praise to you, Lord our God, our eternal shepherd and guide. In your faithfulness, grant to the Diocese of Saint Cloud a shepherd who will lead us in being Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Rocori Food Shelf needs the following: soda

crackers, pancake mix & syrup. Thank you for your generosity!



LENTEN PARISH MISSION

by **WOW** presenter Deacon Ralph Poyo

March 27-30, 7:00 PM Holy Hour with confessions one hour before each talk.

Sun, Mar 27 - Assumption Church, Eden Valley "God's Savings Plan"

Mon, Mar 28 - Saint Anthony, Watkins "Spiritual Warfare"

Tues, Mar 29 - Saint Louis Church, Paynesville "Living in the Holy Spirit"

Wed, Mar 30 - Assumption Church, Eden Valley "Grounded in Discipleship"

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon, Mar 21 Weekday in Lent

2 Kgs 5: 1-15ab/Ps 42: 2, 3; 43: 3, 4/Lk 4: 24-30

8: 00 AM - SJJP

†Annabelle Nistler & Rita Huberty

8: 30 AM - SB †Jerome Minnerath

Lector: Roxanne Dorweiler EMHC: Ruth Kremer

Tues, Mar 22 Weekday in Lent

Dn 3: 25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18: 21-35

8:00 AM - MIC †Ione Koltes

8: 30 AM - SB †Merrill & Delores Hinkemeyer

Lector: Tudie Hermanutz EMHC: Jan Mick

Wed, Mar 23 Saint Turibius

Dt 4: 1, 5-9/Ps 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5: 17-19

8: 30 AM - SB †Rich Steil

8: 30 AM - SSPP †Nikki Christen

Thurs, Mar 24 Saint Turibius

Jer 7: 23-28/Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11: 14-23

8: 30 AM - SB †Clarence Lahr

Fri, Mar 25 Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7: 10-14; 8: 10/Ps 40: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10: 4-10/Lk 1: 26-38

8: 30 AM - SB †Tony Czech & Richard Witzmann 8: 00 AM - SJJP



ADORATION SCHEDULE

Tues after Mass to 1: 30 PM at SB Wed after Mass to 6: 00 PM SSPP Thurs 8: 00 AM - 7: 30 PM SJJP with Stations of the Cross at 7: 00 PM followed by Benediction

PARKING LOT COMMUNION

Fridays 10: 00 AM Saint Boniface

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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during Lent.

every Saturday at 3:15 PM SB 4:15 PM SSPP 7:00 PM Mar 30, SJJP 7:00 PM Apr 6, SSPP 7:00 PM Apr 13, SB Sat, Mar 26 3rd Sunday of Lent

Jos 5: 9a, 10-12/Ps 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5: 17-21/Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

4: 00 PM - SB †Anthony Czech

Presider: Father Cletus Lector: Joe Moltor

EMHC: Needed, Deacon Larry Sell, Ashley Edwards,

Eileen Schneider (Sacristan)

Ushers: Mark Dockendorf, Pete Dockendorf, Dave Dold, Keith Fuchs, Fran Ramler

AV Tech: Tyler & Joshua Schlangen Rosary: Derik & Ashley Edwards

5: 00 PM - SSPP †Richard Braegelmann

Presider: Father Matthew Lector: JoAnne Rothstein

EMHC: James & Irene Worm, Patti Plantenberg Ushers: Kenneth Athman, Nick Hemmesch Sr.,

Deana Sieben, William Sieben

Sun, Mar 27 4th Sunday of Lent

7: 30 AM - MIC (ATSB) †John Klein

Rosary: Dino Kremers
Presider: Father Nickolas
Lector: Kimberly Gruenes
EMHC: Renae Lashinski

Sacristan: Ann Filla

Ushers: Roger Lashinski, James Hartung

8: 00 AM - SJJP †Joseph Theisen

Presider: Father Cletus Lector: Ryan Holthaus

EMHC: Deacon Dan Dullinger

Ushers: Amanda Holthaus, Joel Willenbring

9: 30 AM - SB †Peter & Christine Hemmesch

Presider: Father Matthew Lector: Vicki Stommes-Faber

EHMC: Vicki Stommes-Faber

EHMC: Deacon Larry Sell, Alice Stalboerger,

Cindy Cawson, Dennis & Karen Rausch,

Jacob Willenbring (Sacristan)

Ushers: Louis Hennen, Harold Rahm, John Rothstein,

Brian Torborg, Ed Voight

AV Tech: Sherry Braeglemann Rosary: Brianna Larison

10:00 AM - SSPP

†Lawrence & Laura Scherping

Presider: Father Cletus Lector: Jeanine Mooney

EMHC: Linda Chromey, Jess Hemmesch, Darren

Kenning

Ushers: Paul Olmscheid, Loren Rademacher,

Charles Reichert, Butch Neu

1: 00 PM - MIC en español †Bill Krystosek

Presider: Father Matthew

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Submit names for Prayer Resquests: christine@christcatholic.com, deb@christcatholic.com; or call Deb at 320-204-1111.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Contacts for prayer request:
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Lemay Bechtold or Renee Theis.



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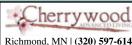
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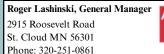


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