



## THINGS ABOVE FROM FR. BILOT

At the end of my column last week I asked how you were doing during this time of Lent. I know people who really enjoy Lent, for it gives them an opportunity to step back, reevaluate their relationship with the Lord and why they are doing what they do. Many see Lent as the spiritual “spring cleaning” that needs to be done but normally overlooked unless it is put before them. Others find Lent to be a time of frustration. The frustration stems from not knowing what to do or perhaps how to do it. Some feel that there must be a “right way” of “doing” Lent. Frustration can stem from a lack of connection to our spiritual life. The Lenten resolve can feel like it is something that is endured until one can go back to their previous enjoyment of what was given up or taken away.

The Church gives us the time of Lent to help us to know Jesus and to become a stronger and confident disciple of His. Being a steadfast disciple of Jesus allows us to be bold and courageous in turning away from vice and the lures of a toxic culture that has little regard for God. A frustrated Lenten observer is challenged with taking time to just be with the Lord in prayer, so Jesus can ease the mind and heart. In this time of quiet it allows Jesus to speak to our heart drawing us closer to him. The most important quality of Lent is to be in relationship with Jesus. In the relationship the vices, habits, self-centered (non-discipleship of Jesus attitude) melts away.

The Lenten observer who enjoys Lent has the opportunity to help those who struggle with the frustrations of Lent to be one of encouragement, support and prayer. The happy observer has to be mindful of their reasons for embracing the resolves. In the end, if the resolve is for personal gain and is devoid of growing in relationship with Jesus, then it is time to check in and reevaluate our motivations.

In the end we need to put prayer, fasting and almsgiving in its proper perspective. We desire to clear our heart, spirit and mind of the distractions that pull us away from a profound knowing and loving of Jesus who died on the cross for us. Together we can do this. Engaging in the Consecration to St. Joseph is an excellent Lenten endeavor. St. Joseph will show us

how to be mindful of our calling to faithfulness and obedience to the Lord.

On a parallel point, we will be doing some cleaning in the church during Lent. In particular, the tile in the Gathering Space, the main aisle and the sanctuary of the church is in need of deep cleaning and restoration. Beginning the week of March 8 there will be entrances or aisle way closures in order to facilitate the work. I realize that this is going to be an inconvenience, especially for those who attend daily mass. However, we can offer up the inconvenience so our church will look beautiful for the glorious celebration of Easter. Please be patient, kind and understanding during the two week cleaning project.

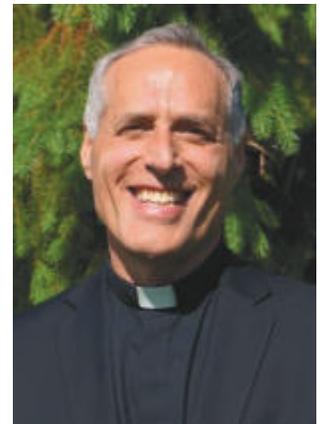
People have been asking why the sanctuary in the church is so bare. No plants. No flowers. The Church asks us to simplify our worship space so that when we attend Mass we are reminded of Jesus’ forty days in the desert. Lent hopefully strips us of our comforts. Please see the article on page 5 for more insights into this Catholic practice.

On page 7 are photos of our RCIA candidates who will be entering the Catholic Church on Easter. Please remove this page and place it somewhere so you can be mindful to pray for them as they prepare in a very concrete way to receive the Sacraments of the Church. It is a very exciting and emotional time for them.

Finally, you may notice that there are some temporary directional signs on the property. A long time project is finally coming to a conclusion with the construction of signs for the parish. Many guests come to St. Paul and they do not know where to go. With the beautiful signage we can help people navigate our beautiful complex.

In prayer as we continue to journey through Lent,

Fr. Jim





# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2021

<b>SUN 3/07</b>	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
<b>MON 3/08</b>	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
<b>TUE 3/09</b>	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
<b>WED 3/10</b>	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
<b>THR 3/11</b>	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
<b>FRI 3/12</b>	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
<b>SAT 3/13</b>	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
<b>SUN 3/14</b>	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent
<b>Monday:</b>	St. John of God, Religious
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Frances of Rome, Religious
<b>Sunday:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

With our world in such constant turmoil and conflict, it makes such good sense to return to the simple directives given in the Ten Commandments. God's unassuming guidelines provide the perfect recipe for ordering our relationships with God, others, and even ourselves. But yet, we are so quick to glance beyond them and even remove them from public view because we foolishly believe we can create something better. Arrogance runs far deeper in the members of our society than we can ever imagine. Lent is a perfect time to call ourselves back to our foundations and the basic relationships that comprise our lives. It is also a time to remember that Jesus is the true sign of God's presence. Everything he says and does, including his suffering and death, is a sign of the God who sent him. The anger we witness when Jesus exhorts those in the temple to stop making his Father's house a marketplace can equally be seen in his anger and frustration over humanity's constant mission to turn God's creation into a secular world. We have a lot of work to do for sure.

## (Fr.) Colin's Column

### An introduction to inspirational information

**Title:** The Little Catechism of The Cure of Ars

**Category:** Sainly Wisdom

**Timeframe:** Early 1800s

**Density:** Light (but profound)

**Pages:** p 139 (free online PDF)

In this little book, St. John Vianney leads all of us in a spiritual battle for our souls. Each of the thirty-six chapters is three to four pages long and highlights an aspect of the spiritual battle we all face. In seminary, St. John Vianney struggled in his studies, but through prayer he attained such a close relationship with God that the divine knowledge flowed through him. Here is an excerpt on suffering:

Whether we will or not, we must suffer. There are some who suffer like the good thief, and others like the bad thief. They both suffered equally. But one knew how to make his suffering meritorious, he accepted them in a spirit of reparation, and turning towards Jesus crucified, he received from His mouth these beautiful words: 'This day thou shalt be with Me in Paradise.' The other, on the contrary, cried out, uttered imprecations and blasphemies, and expired in the most frightful despair. There are two ways of suffering – to suffer with love, and to suffer without love. The Saints suffered everything with joy, patience, and perseverance, because they loved. As for us, we suffer with anger, vexation, and weariness, because we do not love.

On the Way of the Cross, you see, my children, only the first step is painful. Our greatest cross is the fear of crosses ... We have not the courage to carry our cross, and we are very much mistaken; for, whatever we do, the cross holds us tight – we cannot escape from it. What, then, have we to lose? Why not love our crosses and make use of them to take us to Heaven?



# LENT AND HOLY WEEK INFORMATION

## Stations of the Cross during Lent

Tuesdays 7:10pm  
(following Benediction)  
Good Friday, April 2 12:00noon

## Confessions during Lent

Tuesdays 6:30-6:55pm  
Saturdays 3:30-4:15pm  
(No Confessions on April 3)  
Monday, March 29 1:00pm-2:00pm



## Tuesday

March 30, 2021

**Eucharistic Adoration** 8:45am-7:00pm  
**Stations of the Cross** 7:05pm  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation** 6:30pm  
(until all are heard)

## Holy Thursday

April 1, 2021

**Mass of the Lord's Supper** 7:00pm  
(no morning Mass)

## Good Friday

April 2, 2021

**Stations of the Cross** 12:00noon  
**Liturgy of the Lord's Passion** 1:00pm  
**Chaplet of The Divine Mercy** 2:45pm  
(no morning Mass)

## Holy Saturday

April 3, 2021

**Blessing of the Food** 1:00pm  
**Easter Vigil** 8:00pm  
(no morning Mass)

## Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

8:00am, 10:00am church & gym (overflow)  
and 12:00noon

## How to go to Confession...

**PREPARATION:** Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ's commands to "love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this "examination of conscience," you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).

**GREETING:** The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.

**THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:** Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [*give days, months, or years*] since my last confession."

**CONFESSION:** Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: "I am sorry for these and all my sins."

**PENANCE:** The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

**ACT OF CONTRITION:** After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more.

A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. (Rite of Penance, no. 45)

**ABSOLUTION:** The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, "Amen."

**PRAISE:** The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good." And your response would be, "His mercy endures for ever" (Rite of Penance, no. 47).

**DISMISSAL:** The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, "Go in peace."

# LENT

## REMEMBERING HIS SACRIFICE

You may have noticed some changes in the sanctuary during these days of Lent. What's with all the purple? Where are all the beautiful flowers? And why is there a covering over the tabernacle? The short answer is to say that Lent is a "penitential" season. And purple is the traditional penitential color of Lent. But this requires further explanation.

To say that Lent is a penitential season is to say that we are turning away from our sins and back to God as we prepare for Easter. But embracing this reality can be a challenge for many. Some of us tend to avoid the negative and focus only on the positive. We don't want to think about how we may have failed in our spiritual lives, how we may have hurt others, or how we may have hurt the Lord in our sin. But unfortunately, sin is a reality.

Bishop Robert Barron has a sobering insight on this when he teaches on the relationship between the love and mercy of God. He writes, "It is not correct to say that God's essential attribute is mercy. Rather, God's essential attribute is love, since love is what obtains among the three divine persons from all eternity. *Mercy is what love looks like when it turns toward the sinner.*"

This is to say that God's mercy makes no sense unless we are first acutely aware of sin and its destructiveness in our lives. Only then can we truly appreciate God's mercy as a response to sin in general, but in a powerful way, to our very own particular and personal sins.

This is why the Church calls us to make acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These gestures should help us contemplate our sinfulness, which leads us to express our sorrow and then to renew our hearts and our lives as we grow in love for the Lord.

What does this have to with the Liturgy? Well, just as we are called to make personal acts of penance and self-discipline – such as giving up certain foods, or giving up our time and talents in prayer and almsgiving – so too we "give up" for a time some of the more glorious and joyful aspects of the Liturgy.

During Lent we omit the Gloria — the joyous hymn the angels sang the night our Savior was born — and also the Alleluia. The purple adornments, vestments, and the removing of flowers from the altar makes the Mass more visually somber. This helps to purify our souls and focus our minds on being penitential. The veil in front of the tabernacle reminds us of the separation between our own sinfulness and God's holiness. In the Old Testament, the purple veil was a barrier placed deep inside the temple to make sure that man could not carelessly and irreverently enter into God's awesome presence within the Holy of Holies.

The Liturgy uses signs and symbols to teach and inspire us, and to help us along the way toward Christ. There are many elements to the Liturgy: readings and hymns, vestments and vessels, art and architecture, priest and people, and so forth. The selection, combination and arrangement of these various elements are not random. Rather, they teach us and inspire us in our worship and in our faith.

Scripture says there is "a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance" (Ecclesiastes 3:4). May this penitential season of Lent be one where we trust that our weeping and mourning will lead to the glory and joy of the Easter Resurrection!

-Anonymous



# Four things I wish I had known about marriage

Michael O'Rourke

January 26, 2021 Our Sunday Visitor

After 23 years of marriage, I was standing alone in my bedroom, fists clenched, enraged stare piercing the heavens. "Lord, I. Will. Not. Divorce!" How could it have gotten so hard? At that moment, it seemed as if the only thing left holding my marriage together was sheer willpower. Truth is, it was. And it was enough. When I hit rock bottom, I found the rock, and it supported me.

## 1. 'Til death do us part' is the hardest consolation

I never expected to feel hatred in marriage as intensely as I had felt love. If you're scandalized by that, so was I. However, the Catechism of the Catholic Church (No. 1767) sheds light on the passions and explains that feelings are neither good nor evil. The feeling of hatred is an involuntary response to something highly offensive. In contrast, harboring hatred and/or acting in an evil way, that is sinful because your will is engaged; you choose it. My wife and I had chosen something else: commitment. We had promised to never say the "D" word. Divorce was not an option. When a friend of mine was entering his third marriage, he told me how strongly he felt that this time was different. Three years later, it was over. He said, "I've noticed a common denominator in my three marriages: me. And that kinda scares me." I shared with him my own intense struggles and how, after 30 years, my marriage is solid and so worth it. When I explained our "no -D-word" commitment, no matter how upset we feel, he reflected for a moment and said, "Divorce has always been one of my options. That may well have made a difference for me." It's made all the difference for us. When everything seemed to accelerate toward that cliff, the grace of till-death-do-us-part held me safe. I was able to pause, breathe and begin again. I felt no practical hope for our marriage, but our will to love — to seek the good of the other — was enough for God to breathe his new life.

## 2. Loving wholeheartedly requires revealing your anger

What moved us from desolation to consolation in marriage? Learning vulnerability through marriage counseling.

Once, when I complained about the anger I felt toward my wife, the counselor asked, "Have you told her?" I hadn't, I said, and the counselor asked why. Exasperated, I responded, "because she can't handle it!" "Hiding your anger is a barrier to intimacy. How can she know what you really feel and where you are coming from if you won't tell her? You're not giving her the chance to love you and work through your problems. That isn't love." My world was shaken. Anger is one of the seven deadly sins. Doesn't that make it bad? I figured it was best and even virtuous to set anger aside — to not feel it or act on it. However, I did notice, over time, that little offenses would evoke big responses in me, and the weight of those past hurts would spill out. I had to learn that while committing an evil act out of anger is wrong, the feeling of anger is simply a signal indicating some injustice. That injustice needed to be clarified, understood and dealt with, not ignored. Of course, I needed to choose a healthy way to express my anger, but I needed to express it before it damaged my relationship. A priest-psychologist once said that, in 30 years of counseling, he had seen far more damage from silence than violence. The total and wholehearted commitment to love by seeking the best for the other in marriage requires us to speak up, be vulnerable about our true feelings and carefully work them out together.

## 3. 'Freely and without coercion': Even more important after you get married

No woman wants a man to marry her because he has to, and vice versa. Part of the joy of marriage is the freedom of choice; you have been chosen by the other for life. It's a sweet gift, both to receive and to give. That freedom to love continues to be essential every day after the wedding. Many of the deeper wounds I inflicted on my wife came from instances where I indeed coerced her. Let me explain. I was at a meeting. I had promised my wife I'd be home by 5 p.m., but I stayed late to talk through future collaboration opportunities. When I finally called her two hours late, she was furious. She felt way overtaxed by the kids and was livid that I had broken my promise. I explained that I had good reason due to the value of my discussions for our future income. In fact, I had just used financial security to trump her. What I should have done was call her after the meeting and discuss my proposed change of plans so that she could weigh in. Of course, she has a stake in finances, but I also have a stake in her mental health and the care of the kids. That all needed to be weighed out, together. The result of my Lone Ranger approach was that she felt forced into what I decided to be best, instead of us deciding that together. Taking care of the kids should be an act of love, but I had removed her free will. My coercion wounded her and hurt both of us. True love requires the work of constant communication and collaboration to allow each spouse to give freely.

## 4. Kids can accelerate or block your love

Being open to new life and filling my quiver with 10 children has been one of the highlights of my life. Since children truly are a blessing, why would I limit God's generosity? What I didn't realize initially is that while children have the power to strengthen the love within a marriage, they also have the power to kill it. Children require attention. Lots of it. We used to joke that through our first three children, our defense strategy moved from 2-on-1, to man-to-man, then zone. Now you could say it's a "prevent." Throughout parenthood, we grew to accommodate the kids' needs, which has made us better lovers than I believe we ever would have been on our own. However, we often made the mistake of not putting that same skilled attention into our relationship with each other. Just like we did for our kids, we needed daily check-in times, free from children and focused on each other's heart: How are you really doing? What do you need? What would you like? We needed scheduled date nights as well as marriage get-aways, just the two of us, for a weekend — better yet, a week — each year. We waited 20 years too long before making those rituals. For our 20th anniversary, we finally snuck away from our nine kids for a three-day beach weekend. It took a day and a half to unwind before we started to enjoy just being a couple again. By the end, the spark was rekindled. We felt energized and even looked forward to seeing our kids. My wife then admitted that she had been truly afraid we wouldn't connect as a couple again. If we hadn't course-corrected, that may well have been our fate. When you prioritize your marriage, the demands of kids increase your capacity to give generously and love deeply. If you let your kids always take first place, then you leave no place for your spouse.

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**Trinity Smith**

# RCIA

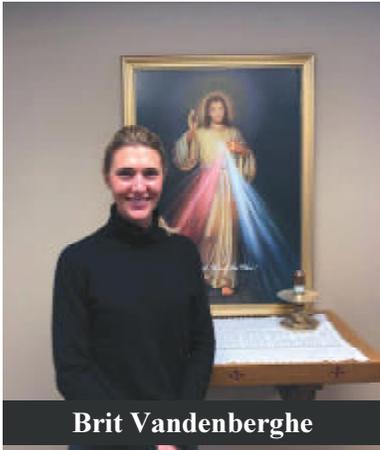
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FOR ADULTS

## St. Paul *on the Lake*

Please pray for these candidates who are preparing to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 3, 2021.



**Melissa Frame**



**Brit Vandenberghe**

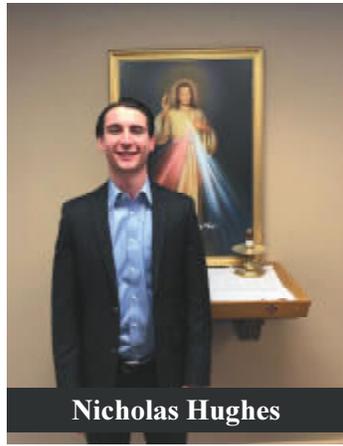
”Lord God,  
whose love brings us to life  
And whose mercy gives us new birth,  
look favorably upon these candidates  
and conform their lives  
to the pattern of Christ’s suffering.  
May He become their wealth and wisdom,  
And may they know in their lives  
The power flowing from His resurrection,  
Who is Lord for ever and ever.”



**Meghan Concannon**



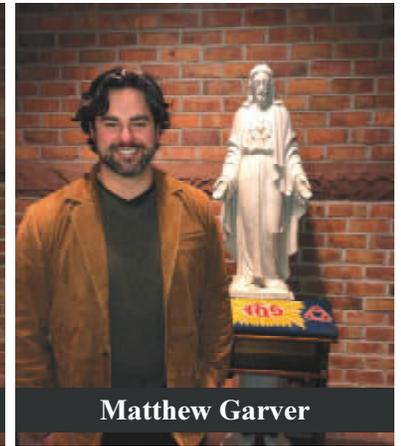
**Vanessa Crocetto**



**Nicholas Hughes**



**Scott Grishaber**



**Matthew Garver**



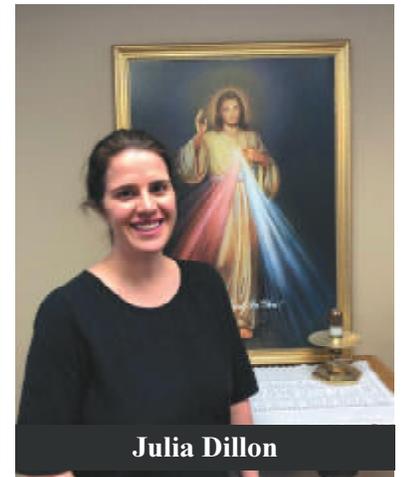
**Krysta Smith**



**Linda Josefiak**



**Lillian Hasselman**



**Julia Dillon**

# How we serve God is how we serve those around us!

*"The fruit of love is service, which is compassion in action" ~ Mother Theresa*



Mother Theresa was most definitely smiling down upon the students and staff of St. Paul on the Lake during Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme was "Faith. Excellent. Service". Our project was focused on caring for others within the community of Detroit by creating Blessing Bags, notes of encouragement and lunch bags! God calls us to serve one another on earth because it reflects the fellowship we will have with one another in Heaven.

**What is a Blessing Bag?** ... a small assortment of basic toiletries, items for daily living and snacks in a sealable, reusable bag. Blessing Bags are given to people in times of need or despair.



Working together as a community of faith, every grade had a specific item to decorate, create, organize or assemble. The eighth grade classrooms assisted by packing all the items into 100 Blessing Bags. The bags contained many essential items that we often take for granted ... toothpaste, Q-tip swabs, rosaries, nail clippers, socks, hand and feet warmers, snack pack, etc. The completed bags were donated to St. Aloysius Catholic Church and will be given to many of our homeless brothers and sisters who need help while living on the street. Many of our younger grades decorated beautiful lunch bags that will be used in preparing lunches for hungry guests at St. Aloysius and The Pope Francis Center.



Fr. Marlo and Miss Beth Allison visited the students to thank them for their gift of service to the St. Aloysius community.

# Operation Outreach

## ST. PAUL PARKING LOT PANTRY

Our efforts to serve and care for the homeless guests at the Pope Francis Center and the St. Aloysius Food Pantry continues. Many members of our St. Paul Family have truly made a difference...even while volunteering from a distance! **Sharing a smile one meal at a time!**

### Upcoming Parking Lot Pantry Dates

#### March 11, March 25

We have a dedicated team of drivers who will provide contact-free porch pick-up from your home on Thursday mornings between 9:00-10:15 am. Here is the current list of items needed:

- ♥ Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches (individually packed in sealed Zip Lock bags, any type of bread or jelly, no cutting necessary)
- ♥ Fresh bananas, oranges or Cuties (soft fruit is best)
- ♥ Cases of bottled water (any individual sized bottles are welcome)
- ♥ Individual-size cartons of organic white/chocolate milk (sold in 6, 12 or 24 count cases)
- ♥ Individual-size bottles of orange juice
- ♥ Individually wrapped SOFT granola bars or treats (i.e. Rice Krispie Treats, Hostess products, RAISINS ARE A FAVORITE, NO CHIPS PLEASE)
- ♥ Homemade baked treats (i.e. cookies, brownies, Rice Krispie treats)
- ♥ CLOTH protective masks



**Questions? email or text Therese Schueneman at [thereseschueneman@yahoo.com](mailto:thereseschueneman@yahoo.com) or (313) 598-2167**

### LOOKING FOR ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THOSE IN NEED?

#### SHOP AND PACK GROCERY BAGS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS OR BLESSING BAGS

St. Aloysius Parish has a food pantry program that benefits senior citizens in need of food. They also offer services to homeless men and women in need of essential items. Volunteers or families are encouraged to shop and pack one or more **“Senior Bags”** or **“Blessing Bags”** for those in need. See the checklist for suggested items.

#### CHECKLIST FOR SENIOR GROCERY BAG CONTENTS

All items should be placed in a sturdy paper grocery bag, and everything should be sized for ONE OR TWO PEOPLE. PLEASE NO #10 SIZED CANS

- Fruit: 1 or 2 cans
- Vegetables: 2 cans
- Soup: 2 cans
- Juice: 1 can or 2 juice boxes
- Meats: 1 can of one of the following – Tuna, Chicken or Beef
- Cold Cereal: 1 box
- Hot Cereal: 1 container Oatmeal or Grits

#### Dry Items to include:

- 1 bag of dried rice
- 1 bag of dry beans
- 1 box of macaroni and cheese
- 2 boxes of different of pasta or noodles
- 1 desert/brownie or cake mix
- 1 sleeve saltine crackers
- Sauces: 1 can spaghetti sauce OR 1 can of tomatoes
- Instant Potatoes: 1 box or can
- Milk: 1 package dry milk
- Canned Meals: Spaghetti O's, Beef Stew, Chili, Pork & Beans, etc.

#### CHECKLIST FOR BLESSING BAGS

Please place the following necessities in a clean gallon sized Ziplock bag, along with a note of encouragement:

- Hand-warmers (2-3)
- Thick socks (1-2 pairs)
- Winter gloves and hat
- Hand sanitizer
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Small container or bag of Q-Tips
- Individual pack of baby wipes or wash cloth
- Chap Stick
- Band-Aids
- 2 Granola or energy bars (All kinds)
- Boxes of bags of trail mix, or raisins
- Chewing gum or hard candy
- Beef Jerky sticks
- Travel-sized First Aid kit (OPTIONAL)
- Bag or roll of quarters for laundry (OPTIONAL)



## **SHARE THE JOY OF EASTER!**

**Prepare an Easter basket for a needy child.** Fill an Easter basket with Easter grass and sealed packages of candy (jelly beans, chocolate eggs, etc.) a tooth brush, small tube of toothpaste and dental floss, plus an assortment of some the these items: crayons, pencils, erasers, note pad, small book, coloring book, card game, small toy or game, small stuffed animal, etc... (Items a child or young teenager might enjoy!) Please do not put any food that is perishable (no hard-boiled eggs) in the basket.

**NO LOOSE CANDY PLEASE!**

Wrap the basket with cellophane, tie it with a bow, and bring it to St. Paul Church Gathering Space by Sunday, March 28, 2021.

For more information, please call the Parish Office at (313) 885-8855

Thank you!  
Easter Blessings!





## A SEASON FOR SERVING OTHERS IN NEED

For more than 25 years, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church has very generously supported our efforts to shelter, feed and clothe the homeless individuals who participated in the rotating shelter program. God has clearly put on our hearts that our parish is being called to serve this year in a different way. We look forward to partnering with St. Aloysius Parish and the Pope Francis Center to answer our gospel call to serve those in need. Both of these Catholic organizations are on the front lines of helping the homeless in our neighboring community of Detroit. We are thankful for your generous support in past years. We look forward to standing shoulder to shoulder with you to offer love and support to our homeless brothers and sisters.

### OUTDOOR FLASH-BBQ AT ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH:

**Saturday, February 27, Saturday, March 13**

**Saturday, April 10 (arrival at 10:30 a.m. departure between 1:30-2:00 p.m.)**

Volunteers (age 16 and older) will gather outside the St. Aloysius Parish Office building located at 1234 Washington Blvd. in Detroit. Upon arrival, we will prepare and serve lunch to those in need of a meal. A list of needed supplies is available on the Sign-Up Genius link. We will also distribute survival backpacks, blankets and other much needed items.

### TEAM ST. PAUL SERVING BREAKFAST AT THE POPE FRANCIS CENTER:

**Friday, February 12 and Friday, March 26 (shift from 6:45-11:15 a.m.)**

Our team of volunteers will prepare and serve breakfast to the guests of The Pope Francis Center, currently located within the TCF Mission Center (located at 1 Washington Blvd in Detroit).

### VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP:

Visit the Sign-Up Genius to sign-up. Volunteer spots for both dates are limited, but we hope to add additional dates in the spring. All volunteers are required to follow proper social distancing and safety protocols, which includes wearing a protective mask while inside the Pope Francis Center. Sign-Up Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA5AA2CA4FE3-christian>

Please contact Tom McCarren (313) 378-3300 [cheerND@comcast.net](mailto:cheerND@comcast.net) or Tricia Kesteloot (313) 885-7022, [tkesteloot@stpaulonthelake.org](mailto:tkesteloot@stpaulonthelake.org) if you have any questions or require assistance with the volunteer sign-up.

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35*



## EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

*If your recent packet of church envelopes does not include an envelope for an Easter Flower Offering, there are envelopes available in the Gathering Space for your use. PLEASE NOTE there is space on the envelope to indicate a special intention or someone for whom you wish prayerful remembrance. Thank you for your generosity.*

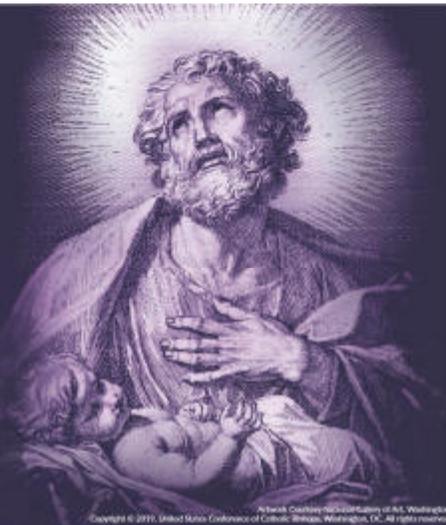
## St. Joseph Adoption Novena

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March 10-18



[usccb.org/adoption-novena](http://usccb.org/adoption-novena)



Leading up to the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19, join us in praying the St. Joseph Adoption Novena. Invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, we will pray the Lord blesses all who travel upon the path of adoption. Visit [usccb.org/adoption-novena](http://usccb.org/adoption-novena) for the novena, which begins Wednesday, March 10.



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**Monday, March 15th**  
**3PM, Church Lawn**

Led by instructor Emma Garner, this event will feature a play-based, outdoor learning activity for our children. They will search for hidden seeds, enjoy sensory play with dirt and plant a wildflower rainbow in honor of St. Patrick's Day.



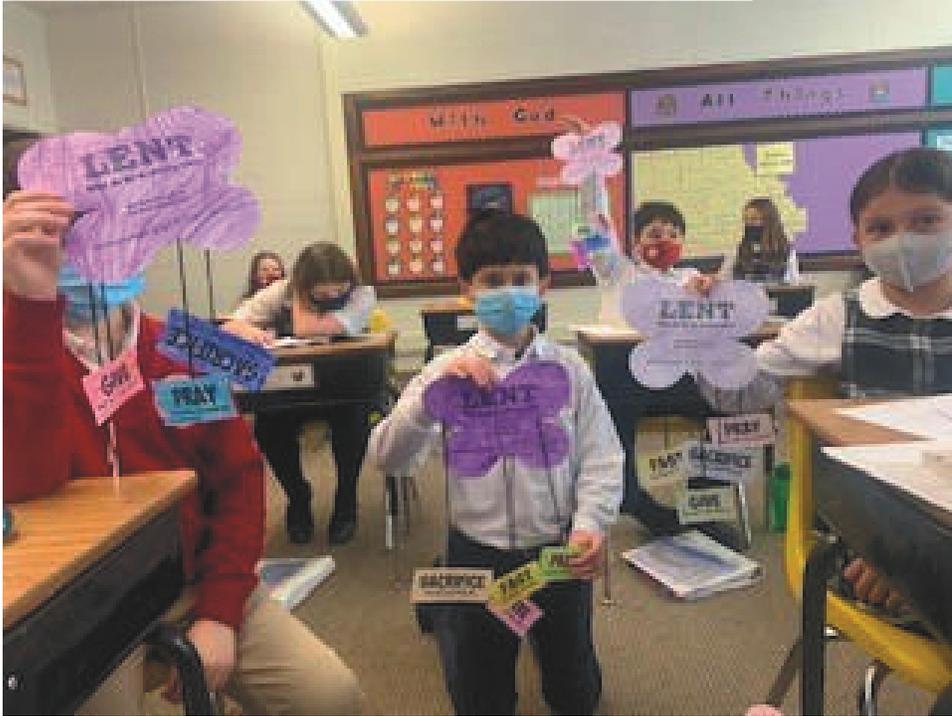
All moms & children are welcome!  
We will gather on the lawn by the parking lot.  
Bundle up and please bring your own chairs.

***Please RSVP to [parishmoms@gmail.com](mailto:parishmoms@gmail.com)***



## 4TH GRADE

Mrs. Dyer's fourth graders spent time reflecting on the principles of Lent. They created Lent butterflies and they serve as a reminder of the importance of fasting, praying, sacrificing, and giving.



## Keeping St. Paul Students Anchored in Faith!

The Covid-19 pandemic has not allowed for our students to attend public Mass in the Church since March 2020. Near the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, Fr. Jim decided to bring Mass to them. Every Friday, Mass is safely celebrated in the school gym at 8:15am for a small section of students. The remaining students watch from their classrooms.

Pictured here are second grade students that read at Mass in the Gym last week.



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## WEEKEND CELEBRANTS

Day, Date, and Time	Celebrant
Saturday, March 13 4:30 pm	Fr. Fricke
Sunday, March 14 7:00 am	Fr. Fricke
Sunday, March 14 8:30 am	Fr. Fricke
Sunday, March 14 10:00 am	Fr. Bilot
Sunday, March 14 12:00 noon	Fr. Bilot

Schedule is subject to change at any time.

## BEREAVEMENT

Care Notes are written for people dealing with intensely emotional situations who are looking for concise, easy-to-read guidance and support. That's why these booklets are designed with smaller, more manageable sections.

If you find this topic helpful to you or a loved one, you may find this booklet along with others in our gathering space.

If you need additional assistance or wish to speak to a priest or deacon, please call 313-885-8855.

## SENIORS AT ST. PAUL



**We will continue to livestream Mass. Mass links are available all week for post-live-viewing.**

**Schedule and live links are available at [stpaulonthelake.org](http://stpaulonthelake.org) or our Facebook page.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Day	Date	Mass Time	Intention	Also to be Remembered
Sunday	March 7	7:00 am	Priestly Vocations	
		8:30 am	Clergy Intentions	
		10:00 am	All St. Paul Parishioners	
		12:00 noon	Mary Veda By: Family	Rick Warchol Gerald Fisher Michelle Kozak Pat Cartier
Monday	March 8	6:30 am	George J. Blake By: Wife and Daughters	
		8:15 am	Joseph DeFoe, Sr. By Family	Raimondo "Dino" Ciavatta
Tuesday	March 9	6:30 am	Matty Moroun By: Patrick Fabian	
		8:15 am	Michael Hessen By: Joyce and Pete Ronan	Fr. Robert Blondell
Wednesday	March 10	6:30 am	Peter Mercier By: Patrick Fabian	
		8:15 am	Craig Janutol By: Ronald and Kimberly Marsh	Marcella Seymour Joan Dennehy Marco D. Razzeto
Thursday	March 11	6:30 am	Michael Hessen By: Joyce and Pete Ronan	
		8:15 am	Ann Mercier By: Mickey Schaefer	
Friday	March 12	6:30 am	Sr. Ann Margaret Hughes By: A. Moroun	John Donahue
		8:15 am	Rose Kiss By: Mike and Karen Allison	
Saturday	March 13	8:15 am	Patty Kornelis By: Mary Ghesquiere	Robert Curran, Sr. & Jr.
		4:30 pm	Elaine Zawisa By: The Forbes Family	Lucille Roncelli-Schultz Alfred Napolitano Judge Roland L. Olzark
Sunday	March 7	7:00 am	Clergy Intentions	
		8:30 am	Clergy Intentions	
		10:00 am	All St. Paul Parishioners	
		12:00 noon	Dr. Vincvent Scegllo By: The McLeod's	Anthony Vitale

### *Adorers Needed!*

*St. Paul on the Lake offers Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 8:45am - 7:00pm.*

*We are in need of adorers during the afternoon: 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm.*

*Please contact Fran Bauer at 313-885-8855*

*or email her at [fbauer@stapulonthelake.org](mailto:fbauer@stapulonthelake.org) if you are able to pray.*

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Maureen Brunton



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**Family members** please call the Parish Office at 313.885.8855 to update/confirm your service person's military active status.

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for more information!

## SUPPORT SERVICES

### Addiction

Destroys lives and families! Community is a Catholic faith-based approach to treatment. Call for help at 313.550.8107, 313-550-8106 or visit [hopereborn.org](http://hopereborn.org).

### E.T.C. Eastside Take Control

An Ecumenical Career Network Group. Contact Susan Bristol (Lead Volunteer at St. Paul) at [susanbristol.soc@comcast.net](mailto:susanbristol.soc@comcast.net).

### Think you might be pregnant?

Pregnancy Aid will help, call 313.882.1000.

### Hurting from an abortion experience?

Contact Project Rachel Post Abortion Ministry, 888.722.4355.

### Are you caring for a loved one suffering from Alzheimer's, dementia, or memory loss?

CarePointe - Support Group for Caregivers can help. Join other caregivers to share experiences and gain support. CarePointe meets on the third Saturday of every month from 1:00pm-2:30pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Information [carepointesupport.org](http://carepointesupport.org)

### Need somewhere to turn?

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800.799.7233.

### Mental Health

#### NAMI, The National Alliance on Mental Illness

is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. Call Barb, 313-886-8004, for information on meetings in Grosse Pointe.

**FIND HELP IN A CRISIS:** CALL THE NAMI HELP LINE AT 800-950-NAMI, EMAIL AT [info@nami.org](mailto:info@nami.org) OR TEXT "NAMI" TO 74174.

### Marriage Resources: [foryourmarriage.org](http://foryourmarriage.org)

An initiative of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops with information and support relating to dating and engaged couples, parenting and the family, marriage (including troubled marriages), and Marriage Resource Center.

### Reporting Sexual Abuse

Inform the Archdiocese of Detroit regarding the sexual abuse of minors by priests, deacons, and other church personnel and/or to speak to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, **contact**

**866.343.8055**. This line is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within archdiocesan institutions and ministries only. Persons with complaints not involving clergy or church personnel should refer to the archdiocesan web site at [www.aod.org](http://www.aod.org) for contact information for civil authorities.

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## NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Please call/stop by the Parish Office or download the form from [stpaulonthelake.org](http://stpaulonthelake.org).

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

**Only registered parishioners** may make arrangements for weddings at least 6 months in advance to ensure adequate preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage. **Please call the Parish Office at 313-885-8855.**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Baptism Preparation Classes are suspended at this time. Please email [ctolliver@stpaulonthelake.org](mailto:ctolliver@stpaulonthelake.org) to register for online class. Baptisms** take place the **2nd & 4th Sundays** of most months following the 12:00 noon Mass.

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