

St. Louise de Marillac

Catholic Parish • Warren, MI

January 31, 2021



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!"

- Mk 1:23-25

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Monday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Wednesday & Friday: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Closed Saturday & Sunday

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4 pm **Sunday:** 9:30 am, 11:30 am
Tuesday: 6:30 pm **Thursday:** 12 Noon **Friday:** 12 Noon
 Holy Days: Consult bulletin

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms - 1st Sunday of the Month at the 11:30 am Holy Mass
Reconciliation - Saturdays 9:45 - 10:30 am
Marriage - 6 months prior notification

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We are delighted you've joined us. May God's word today strengthen your faith, inspire curiosity and learning, and motivate your service of others.

If you are visiting with us today, we are very glad you came. Interested in becoming a parishioner at St. Louise? Contact our office at 583.751.3340.

REFLECT

FIRST READING

(Dt 18)

Moses taught the Israelites that God would send prophets to assist them in knowing His will. Why do you think people so often reject the prophetic message?

SECOND READING

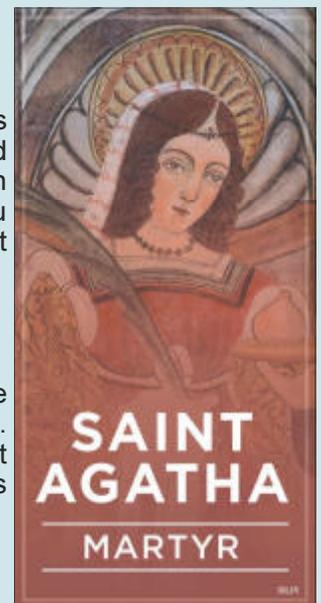
(1 Cor 7:34)

Paul speaks of the inevitability of anxiety in life. How does your faith assist you in handling what makes you anxious?

GOSPEL READING

(Mk 1:22)

In the story of the healing of a demon-possessed man, Mark reports how the demons knew Jesus' true identity as "the Holy One of God." What does this reveal about the unseen order?



MISSION STATEMENT: St. Louise de Marillac Parish is a Christ-centered Community committed to worship, service and the development of our faith. Through the sacraments we are empowered to embrace the future, welcome people from diverse backgrounds and follow the example of our patroness, St. Louise de Marillac, serving the spiritual and temporal needs of others.

DISPENSATION EXTENSION

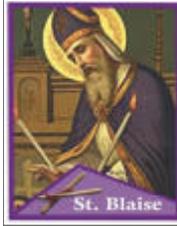
Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is extended until Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

This extension is given so as not to unduly bind the consciences of those who are greatly troubled by the destructive potency of the coronavirus, and to care for the most vulnerable among us, such as the elderly.

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ST. BLAISE DAY BLESSING FEBRUARY 2

To commemorate the feast of St. Blaise, a general blessing will be given at the 6:30 pm Mass on Tuesday, February 2. There will be no individual blessings of the throats.





<<<< NOTICE >>>>
Blessed Candles

There will be NO blessed candles for sale this year.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 12 Noon Mass, Friday, February 5, lasting 45 minutes. Due to Adoration, there will be no reciting of the rosary afterwards.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE NEWS



The Anniversary Celebration for our couples will be Sunday, February 14. We are inviting all anniversary couples celebrating a milestone year to let Christian Services know. Fr. Andrew will acknowledge the couples at all the Masses that weekend and you will be prayed for. There will be no picture taking or reception following due to the virus restriction.

Contact Marsha Wisniewski with your name no later than February 4.

Marsha Wisniewski
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“Learn to light a candle in the darkest moments of someone’s life. Be the light that helps others see.”
~ Roy T. Bennett



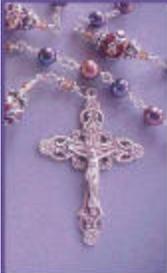
GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God’s special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, “When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world’s difficulties.” We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life’s challenges. That sounds doable, doesn’t it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.

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HOLY ROSARY PARTICIPATION

Please join us in the recitation of the Holy Rosary after Mass during the week. What a beautiful way to honor our Blessed Mother.

The rosary will not be said after the Masses on the weekends in order to allow time to properly clean the church for the next Mass.

In addition to reciting the rosary in church, consider offering up a spiritual gift for our country by reciting the rosary, or at least a decade, at 7 pm everyday. Pray for the end to unrest, anger and mutual disrespect in our country, and for the return of civility, harmony, and peace in our society. Every prayer will help.

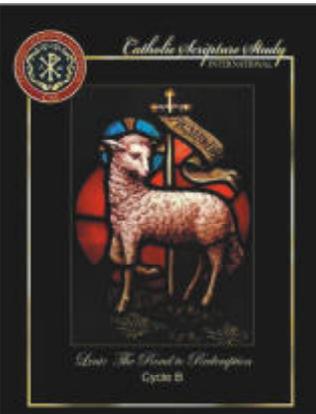
STAMPS

Although the big mail flood of 2020 is over, you will be getting envelopes with stamps during the year. Please continue to collect them and from time to time, bring them into the Ushers room in the Church marked to my attention. Thanks to all that have done so during the past couple of months, keep up the good work.

LAST CALL FOR CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

If you have not yet brought those old strings of lights to the Ushers Room, please do it in the next couple of days. Thanks to all that have already contributed to this effort.

Jerry Schmidt
586-254-9006



LENT CYCLE B: THE ROAD TO REDEMPTION (2021)

Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ

As a source of spiritual development during the Lenten season, we will be offering a six-week reflection study group to help us accept the passion of our Lord so we may share in His glorious Resurrection. We are asking you to make a commitment now for this program.

passion of our Lord so that we may share in his glorious Resurrection? The six weeks leading up to Easter mark our own 40 days in the desert with Jesus. Lent is an intense time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving for the entire Church.

This year the Sunday gospel readings at Mass come from the Gospels of Matthew and John. Our engagement with these gospels creates a beautiful tapestry of prepared anticipation for the Easter season into our hearts.

This study follows the Catholic Scripture Study format, but concentrates on the Sunday lectionary readings and incorporates the ancient method of *Lectio Divina* (praying the scriptures). *Lectio Divina* is a powerful way to 'hear' God speaking to us personally through scripture.

The study group will be held on Friday evenings starting February 19 through March 26, from 6 - 8 pm, in the social hall, and limited to 25 people. The cost of the book is \$18 and is due with your registration. **Last day to register, February 8.**

Won't you consider joining us this Lent as we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ? Are we ready for the King? Are our hearts ready to accept the

Julia Czarnecki
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THE ROAD TO REDEMPTION REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Home/Cell Phone Number _____

Email _____ Number of Books (\$18 ea) _____

Make Checks Payable to:
St. Louise de Marillac Church
In Memo area please reference *Road to Redemption*

Registration deadline -- February 8

Drop form and book fee in basket located in Church or drop off at Parish Office during regular business hours.

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Embracing Change in Christ

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

CLIENT CHOICE PANTRY

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Faustina's St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. They are operating on Monday and Tuesday by appointment with curb side pick-up during COVID-19. The current needs are JELLY, PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT, CANNED TUNA AND CHICKEN, VEGETABLES and BOXED CEREAL. Paper goods are also welcome.



Thank you.

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Stewardship Update as of	01/17/21
Weekly Offering Goal	\$7,100
Weekly Offering Received (Weekly Offering Rec'd includes Online Giving and Christmas Donation)	\$5,781
Capital Improvement/Utilities	\$148
YTD - Budget	\$204,900
YTD - Actual (YTD Actual includes Holy Mass collection plus Online Giving and Christmas Donation)	\$206,917

Stewardship Update as of	01/24/21
Weekly Offering Goal	\$7,100
Weekly Offering Received (Weekly Offering Rec'd includes Online Giving and Christmas Donation)	\$5,908
Capital Improvement/Utilities	\$140
YTD - Budget	\$212,000
YTD - Actual (YTD Actual includes Holy Mass collection plus Online Giving and Christmas Donation)	\$212,825



KROGER REWARDS

The new quarter for the Kroger Community Rewards Program starts February 1. Consider signing up for a Kroger Plus Card (not a Kroger credit card) and help our parish benefit, no matter how big or small your purchases are, they all count. The easiest way to enroll is by phone and a Kroger representative will walk you thru the process. You can shop any Kroger store you choose.

The Kroger phone number is 1-800-576-4377 and our program number is **PH 317**. It's really that simple. Please try it. The greater the number of participants the greater the Kroger Rewards for the parish.

Let's do it today!

Jerry Schmidt
586-254-9006

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Community Prayer List

Let us pray for our sick and continue to hold in our hearts and minds those who cannot be here today:

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| Baby Isabella | Trevar Lloyd |
| Sandy Bauer | Jen Ludwig |
| Bill Black | Cathy Mader |
| Margaret Brehmer | Al & Pat Mandel |
| Joyce Buehner | Barbara Mezzapelle |
| Terrie Cervera Family | Penny Molony |
| Angel Chua | Barbara Montalvo Family |
| Jim Crepeau | Ted Niedbala |
| Kevin Crepeau | Julia Nowicki |
| Jim Dodge, Jr. | Coleen Omell |
| Rita Dodge | Aiko Osaki |
| Jude Lynn Trembley-Dulong | Jim Patrick |
| Marshall Dunham | Priscilla Podowski |
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| Anthony Gigliotti | Lou & Jane Rettig |
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| Zoë Kinsella Johnson | Eleanor Weathers |
| John Keane | Mary Wisneski |
| Donald Kirkham | Noah Yang |
| Cindy Kolar | Steve Zimmerman |
| Cecille LaBell | |
| Steven Laudicina | |

REMINDER

If your name or the name of a loved one has been removed from this list and is still in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 586.751.3340 to be placed on the list for another month.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father God, we pray for all those who are facing sickness in their bodies. We ask that you would restore their health, soothe their pain, and ease their worry. Give them your peace and comfort as they wait. In Jesus' name. Amen!

Mass Intentions

- Tuesday, February 2, 2021**
6:30 pm Jim Patrick (Successful Surgery) by Nancy Patrick
Richard Pustula by Bob & Theresa Cicilian
- Thursday, February 4, 2021**
12 Noon Conrad Skorupski by Don & Dorothy Maladecki
Rose Orris by Rose Marie & Don Gortat
- Friday, February 5, 2021**
12 Noon Rose Orris by Norbert & Betty Skorupski
Alberto Grafilo by Family
- Saturday, February 6, 2021**
4 pm For the Increase in Vocation to Priesthood & Religious Life
- Sunday, February 7, 2021**
9:30 am Stella Singer by Family
Barbara Singer by Family
11:30 am For the Parishioners of St. Louise

Calendar of

- Monday, February 1, 2021**
Faith Formation All Levels 5:15 - 6:45 pm
- Tuesday, February 2, 2021**
No activities planned
- Wednesday, February 3, 2021**
No activities planned
- Thursday, February 4, 2021**
No activities planned
- Friday, February 5, 2021**
No activities planned
- Saturday, February 6, 2021**
Reconciliation 9:45 - 10:30 am
- Sunday, February 7, 2021**
No activities planned



An angel says---
... the task ahead of you is never as great as the Power behind you.

UNDAUNTED

The year just past was wracked with violence, racism and political rancor. We long to fix these problems, but how? We may feel as frustrated as the church board member who spouted, "We've already tried prayer. It didn't work!"

Those words might resonate today, yet things aren't always what they seem. We can't see God behind the scenes crafting a new reality, but Scripture promises it. And though our prayers won't undo earthly death, they surround the grieving with strength and love. We can't "solve" sin, but our prayers can bring communities together and spur us to look out for one another.

The Jewish Talmud states, "Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly now. Love mercy now. Walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it." In this new year, may we be undaunted in doing what we can. It might not seem like much, but things aren't always what they seem.

Puzzle!

The 10 words below are spelled correctly but are missing the letter O. Use them to complete the Bible verse below, where you'll find all the missing O's.

S, NE, JHN, ANTHER, GD,
LVED, UGHT, T, ALS, LVE

Dear friends, since ___o___ ___o___
___o___ ___ ___ us, we ___ ___o___
o___ ___ ___o___ ___o___
o___ ___ ___o___ ___ ___
1 ___o___ ___ 4:11, NIV

Answer: Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:11, NIV



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