

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

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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: 12 Noon 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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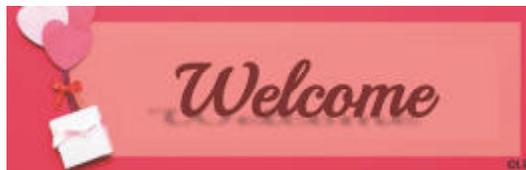
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Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. This Lenten season let's remember we are made from dust but crafted by God's creative hand and marked with the cross of Christ.

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

(Lv 13:46)

Ancient Israel isolated those with leprosy fearing the disease would spread to others. In what way can this be seen as a form of compassion?

SECOND READING

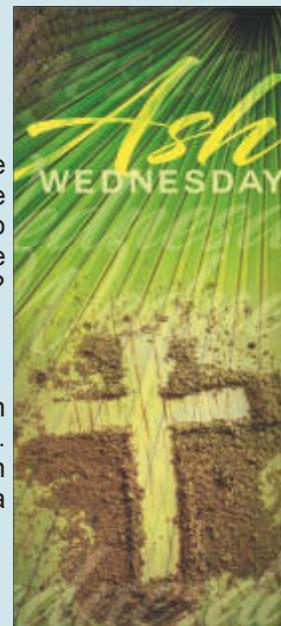
(1 Cor 10:31)

Paul places a high value on avoiding unnecessary conflict. Why do you think this is an important virtue for a Christian?

GOSPEL READING

(Mk 1:42)

The man healed of leprosy disobeyed Jesus' command not to share with others what had happened. Why do you think the man did so?

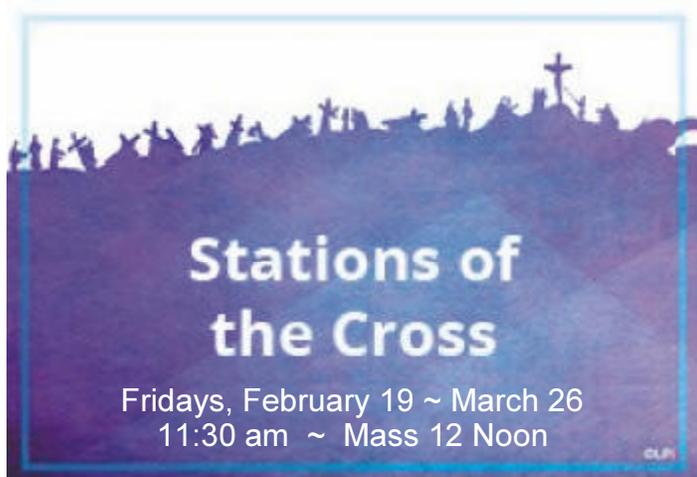


DISPENSATION EXTENSION

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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MASS SCHEDULE

12 Noon and 6:00 pm

Using the guidelines set forth by the Pope, the pronounced statement will be said over the entire congregation. When coming forth to receive ashes, they will be sprinkled on the head and not individually on the forehead. This will help with not touching individuals and cross contamination.

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER

Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism. Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days bearing the mark of ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth. May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.

~ Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision.

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ANNIVERSARY COUPLES 2021

This year we are celebrating one of our biggest groups of Anniversary Couples. If we were to add up all the years of experience in marriage, there would be a total of 1,025 years! AMAZING!! Please continue to pray for these couples and all couples who are married. Every year is significant, as they hopefully, draw us closer to having God the center of our families.

65 Years

Loretta & Norbert Chmielarczyk
Beverly & Joseph Gemmete
Pat & Al Mandel
Millie & Ted Omell
Pat & Jerry Schmidt

60 years

Dorothy & Don Maladecki
Frances & Peter Sakmar
Dolores & John Skorna
Marianne & Chet Wilamowski

55 years

Kathy & Tom Grutta
Kathy & Bob Serlin

50 years

Corinne & Aaron (David) Brown
Priscilla & Raymond Podowski

45 years

Theresa & Robert Cicillian

40 years

Shirley & Steve Braschayko

35 years

Maureen & Dennis Manzo
Debbie & Mike Sadlowski
Marsha & Walter Wisniewski

30 years

Renee & Tom Haas
Dolores & Bob Sowers

*May God bless
your marriage.*



MOTOR CITY CARAVAN 2021

On January 30, a band of parishioners came to St. Hugo of the Hills, to join a caravan of Right To Life faithful, to show their support of the fight against Abortion. One hundred cars strong, we continued the caravan from the church to downtown Detroit, showing all our strength against abortion. Maybe next year a few more will join us! The caravan continued until we arrived at White Chapel Cemetery, to drive past the graves of 5 aborted babies! A very moving moment!!



Lenten Bible Study: Road to Redemption will begin February 19 in the large social hall from 6 to 8 pm. Please arrive 10 minutes early, if possible, so all COVID information can be obtained. Temperatures will be taken. Books are on order. Please bring pen or pencil. Water, drinks can be brought in. No food please.

I look forward to this new Lenten Adventure.

Grace and peace,
Julia Czarnecki
Campus Ministry

THOUGHTS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day, a time when thoughts turn to love. But what is love? Is it a box of chocolates, or a pretty valentine? Is it a red rose, or maybe a dozen? Is it a peck on the cheek, a fond embrace, or a big bear hug?

Well, sometimes love is known in those ways. But love, real love, is how we relate to God and to one another if life is what it ought to be -- beautiful!



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The Unfailing Goodness of God

I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.

What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper!

As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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With Sympathy

Prayers and heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of **Anthony Joseph Mocerri** who passed into eternal life February 2.

Fondly known as "Deacon Tony", he served the St. Louise de Marillac parish from September 1993 to August 2000. He resigned as our deacon to serve as deacon to the Notre Dame High School in Pontiac.

To send a condolence to the family, go to www.villagefh.com

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Stewardship Update as of	02/07/21
Weekly Offering Goal	\$7,100
Weekly Offering Received (Weekly Offering Rec'd includes Online Giving and Christmas Donation)	\$7,199
Capital Improvement/Utilities	\$827
YTD - Budget	\$226,200
YTD - Actual (YTD Actual includes Holy Mass collection plus Online Giving and Christmas Donation)	\$226,983

PRAYER FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY

Lord of heaven and earth, we offer you our deepest appreciation for this blessed land. Stir up a sense of stewardship in every citizen so we all may care for our nation and each inhabitant of it.

We pray especially for our leaders. Prompt everyone in a position of authority, from local to national leaders, to strive for righteousness, justice and the welfare of all citizens.

Finally we pray that we may be every mindful of the psalmist's teaching that "Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord..." (Psalm 33:12, NRSV). May that promise become real "from sea to shining sea." Amen



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.

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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 | Cathy Mader |
| Bill Black | Al & Pat Mandel |
| Maggie Black | Barbara Mezzapelle |
| Margaret Brehmer | Penny Molony |
| Joyce Buehner | Barbara Montalvo Family |
| Terrie Cervera Family | Ted Niedbala |
| Angel Chua | Coleen Omell |
| Jim Crepeau | Aiko Osaki |
| Kevin Crepeau | Jim Patrick |
| Jim Dodge, Jr. | Dieter Proffit |
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| Jelka Gern | Juanito Romano |
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| Cecelia Gigliotti | Trish Smith |
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| Peggy Hall | Vennettilli Family |
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| Aiden Hassig | Steve Zimmerman |
| Myrna T. Hernaez | |
| Teresita Jimenez | |
| Zoë Kinsella Johnson | |
| Donald Kirkham | |
| Cindy Kolar | |
| Cecille LaBell | |
| Steven Laudicina | |
| Trevar Lloyd | |

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 16, 2021

12 Noon Constance Wrona by Dolores Marchesi
Marge Nothaft by Family

Wednesday, February 17

12 Noon For conversion of our hearts and fruitful lent for all parish members
6 pm For conversion of our country and return to the ways of God

Thursday, February 18, 2021

12 Noon Daniel Roman by Gensor Family
Don Rokicki by Wife, Marlene

Friday, February 19, 2021

12 Noon Eleanor Weather (90th Birthday) by Daughter

Saturday, February 20, 2021

4 pm For the Parishioners of St. Louise

Sunday, February 21, 2021

9:30 am Lucia Amalfitano by June Smith
11:30 am Albert Brylewski by Lawrence Surhigh Family



Calendar of EVENTS

Monday, February 15, 2021

Presidents' Day

No activities planned

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

No activities planned

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Ash Wednesday

No activities planned

Thursday, February 18, 2021

No activities planned

Friday, February 19, 2021

Road to Redemption Bible Study 6 - 8 pm

Saturday, February 20, 2021

Reconciliation 9:45 - 10:30 am

Sunday, February 21, 2021

No activities planned



An angel says---

... one of the beautiful things about friendships is that they are shared.

Kids Activities Page



This month, don't just *send* valentines; *be* a valentine! Create these Friendship Cards to express love through kind acts for your loved ones — all month long.



What you need:

- 29 index cards
- A small box or container
- Colored pens or glitter pens
- Stickers

What you do:

1. On each card, write something nice you can do for other people. Ideas include "Give someone a hug," "Clean someone's room," "Read to someone" and so on. You can use colored pens to draw a picture.
2. Decorate the box or container. Place the cards inside.
3. Each day in February, select a card and do that nice thing for someone!



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