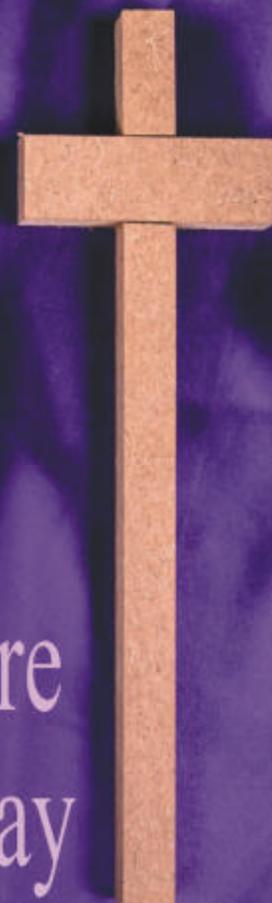


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Welcome to worship on this third Sunday in Lent. May zeal for God's house consume us, as it did Jesus (John 2:17), but remember that the Holy Spirit lives in every human heart.

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 586.751.3340.

## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

(Ex 20:11)

In God's revelation to Moses of His "10 Commandments," seven of the ten Commandments regulate how we are to relate to each other. Which of these seven Commandments challenges you most?

### SECOND READING

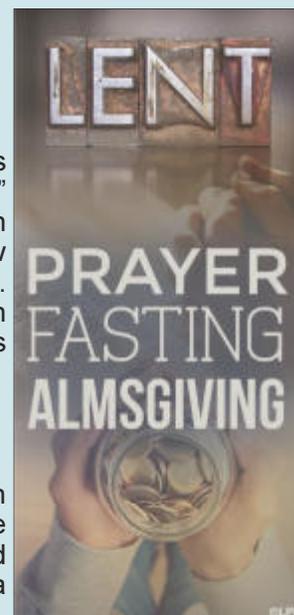
(1 Cor 1:25)

Paul speaks of Jesus as both the "power of God and the wisdom of God." How could you prove Paul's assertion to a non-believer?

### GOSPEL READING

(Jn 2:19)

John connects Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem to Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead with a quote from Psalm 69: "Zeal for your house will consume me." During this season of Lent, how passionate is your faith?



## DISPENSATION EXTENSION UPDATE

**Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is extended until March 13, 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.

## St. Louise Happenings

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are by request only. Please call the office and leave a message.



Daylight Saving Time begins

**Sunday, March 14**

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays, February 19 thru March 26  
11:30 am ~ Mass 12 Noon

### Easter Flowers

Flowers add beauty to our celebrations as we give glory to God. They naturally speak of God's wondrous glory as they are part of God's Creation.

Use the specially designated envelope that was included in your monthly envelope mailing for memorial donations for the flowers that will grace our church during the Easter season.

**PRINT CLEARLY** the name of the person/persons you are making the donation for. All names received by **Sunday, March 28** will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



Many prefer a "create as you go" approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a "you can't tell me what to do" attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other's space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of "anything goes" and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on "relativism island" where only a possible suggestion to "love and do not harm" may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus' display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life's preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

# St. Louise Happenings

## OLD LIGHTS AND STAMPS UPDATE

First off a BIG THANK YOU to all that contributed to this effort. Since the response to the lights was so great, I took the time to weigh them and was surprised to learn that I was delivering over 90 pounds of them to the Boy Scout Troop at St. Fabian in Farmington Hills.

Regarding the Stamps, I also weighed them and found that 4 pounds of them were collected and they were delivered to the Felician Sisters Motherhouse in Livonia. Considering the weight of one stamp on the small piece of envelope, there are a lot of stamps in the 4 pounds.

Both St. Fabian Parish and The Felician Sisters were thankful and appreciative of our collection, and so was I.

Jerry Schmidt



Dear Parishioners of St Louise de Marillac,

A big thank you for the many, many, many bags of used Christmas lights!! Not only do we raise money by selling the copper wire to metal recyclers, but, we are also keeping our landfills free of more debris. We are so very grateful to your parish for taking the time and energy to collect, save, store and transport all those lights to our church, St. Fabian, in Farmington Hills. Thank you for your wonderful helpers, Jerry and Pat Schmidt for storing and transporting all those lights. We do not have a total yet, but expect to be able to update some of our old worn out equipment with the funds.

Thank you!!!

God Bless,  
Boy Scout Troop 327

## ANCIENT GUIDANCE ON PRAYER

When we pray, we are not to pray for ourselves alone. We do not say, "My Father, who art in heaven" or, "Give me this day my daily bread"; we do not ask for our own trespasses alone to be forgiven; and when we pray that we may be delivered from evil, we are not praying only for ourselves either.

Our prayer is for the general good, for the common good. When we pray, we do not pray for our own single selves; we pray for all God's people, because they and we are one.

--Cyprian, bishop of Carthage (third century)



## ST. LOUISE PARISHIONERS AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILIES



McRest (Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team) has asked for help with the homeless brother's and sister's laundry. McRest is asking for donations of laundry pods, dryer sheets, Ziploc quart-sized baggies, and \$4.50 in quarters.

Sign-up boards will be available the weekends of March 13-14 and 20-21, asking for donations that can be brought in the Parish Office during regular business hours, (Mondays - 10 am - 2 pm; Wednesdays and Fridays - 11 am - 3 pm) or in Church on the weekends.

Feel free to contact me with any questions, 586.751.3340 ext. 305 or 586.216.9962. Stay tuned for further updates.



Marsha Wisniewski  
Christian Service



## PADDLING THROUGH LENT - AND LIFE



Lent is a time for restoring balance to our lives. The Eskimos practice balance as they venture into freezing Arctic waters in little boats. If you've ever paddled a kayak, you know how easy they are to tip. Thankfully kayakers are just as easy to turn back upright. That isn't a bad image for Lent - or for life as a whole. Whatever spiritual disciplines we adopt, if we succumb to temptation, it's no biggie. One of the lessons of Lent is that as long as we're traveling light, it takes only a quick twist of the paddle to right us. That paddle twist might take the form of a quick but heartfelt prayer: "Jesus, set me straight again!" Or it might mean some extra time set aside for quiet meditation with God. Don't get worried if your spiritual discipline fails now and then. Just let Jesus help you get upright once more, and keep paddling!

--adapted from Carlos Wilton, in *Homiletics*

St. Louise Happenings



**Parents Just Don't Understand**

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin - he's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation - He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid - they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too - the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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**LOST & FOUND**

Over the past several weeks, a number of items have been left in the Church and have been placed in the Ushers room in the 12 Mile vestibule. Eye glasses, gloves, etc. make up most of the items. Please take a minute to give them a look sometime over the next couple of weeks. On or about the 10th of March, any items not picked up will be removed. Typically eye glasses will be given to the Lions club or some other such organization.

Jerry Schmidt

**WONDER OF WONDERS**

The world is filled with wonders, writes Nathaniel Olson. Consider chemistry: Salt is formed by two poisonous substances (sodium and chlorine). The alnico magnet, the world's strongest, contains three nonmagnetic substances (aluminum, nickel and cobalt). And water consists of oxygen (which is flammable) and hydrogen (which burns easily); yet water puts out fires!

That pales in comparison to the wonder of salvation through Jesus. Every day, Olson writes, Jesus transforms filthy, hopeless sinners into new, forgiven creations. "On the skid rows of our cities, in wealthy and poor homes, in jungles ... whenever any soul wants Christ, the wonder of the new birth is taking place."

Our God is the true Wonder of wonders. "None can compare" (Psalm 40:5).



**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.

Grateful Giving - Joyful Living

Stewardship Update as of	02/28/21
Weekly Offering Goal	\$7,100
Weekly Offering Received	\$6,622
(Weekly Offering Rec'd includes Online Giving and Christmas Donation)	
Capital Improvement/Utilities	\$326
YTD - Budget	\$247,500
YTD - Actual	\$245,285
(YTD Actual includes Holy Mass collection plus Online Giving and Christmas Donation)	

# St. Louise Happenings

## Community Prayer List

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

- |                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Baby Isabella             | Trevar Lloyd             |
| Rosa Bear                 | Al & Pat Mandel          |
| Maggie Black              | Barbara Mezzapelle       |
| Debbie Bonilla            | Penny Molony             |
| Terrie Cervera Family     | Barbara Montalvo Family  |
| Angel Chua                | Mary Nicoli              |
| Jim Crepeau               | Ted Niedbala             |
| Kevin Crepeau             | Julia Nowicki            |
| Jim Dodge, Jr.            | Coleen Omell             |
| Rita Dodge                | Aiko Osaki               |
| Jude Lynn Trembley-Dulong | Priscilla Podowski       |
| Beverly Gemmete           | Jim Patrick              |
| Jelka Gem                 | Amy Polsinelli           |
| Anthony Gigliotti         | Dieter Profit            |
| Cecelia Gigliotti         | Glecy Quendangan-Angeles |
| Elvira Grafilo            | Olivia Rokicki           |
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| Teresita Jimenez          | Eleanor Weathers         |
| Zoë Kinsella Johnson      | Joe Zan Duzer            |
| 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.



*In Our Prayers*

Almighty Lord,  
Cover your children with your sovereign hand, bring restoration and healing to their bodies.  
In Jesus name, Amen.

## Mass Intentions

- Tuesday, March 9, 2021**  
12 Noon Eileen Wright by Ann Campbell  
Anastasia Twork (20 yrs) by Daughter, Linda
- Thursday, March 11, 2021**  
12 Noon John Nowak by Paul & Joann Padyiasek  
Luis Briones (2 yrs) by Family
- Friday, March 12, 2021**  
12 Noon Bill Summers, Jr. by Family  
Conrad Sporupski by Irene Kropa
- Saturday, March 13, 2021**  
4 pm Lawrence & Marilyn Thompson by Family  
Lillian Grates by Son
- Sunday, March 14, 2021**  
9:30 am Joseph & Jessie Urbanowski by Family  
11:30 am For the Parishioners of St. Louise

## Calendar of **EVENTS**

- Monday, March 8, 2021**  
Faith Formation All Levels 5:15 - 6:45 pm
- Tuesday, March 9, 2021**  
No activities planned
- Wednesday, March 10, 2021**  
No activities planned
- Thursday, March 11, 2021**  
No activities planned
- Friday, March 12, 2021**  
Stations of the Cross 11:30 am  
Road to Redemption Bible Study 6 - 8 pm
- Saturday, March 13, 2021**  
Reconciliation 9:45 - 10:30 am
- Sunday, March 14, 2021**  
Daylight Saving Time begins  
No activities planned



An angel says---

... families function better if the rules of the household are not multiple choice.

# Kids Activities Page

# PRAYER HANDS

Make these hands as a helpful prayer guide.



### What you need:

- 7 pieces of construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Colored pens
- Stickers

### What you do:

1. Trace your hand (the same one) on each piece of paper.
2. Cut out and stack the hands. Staple together atop the pinky.
3. On the top hand (the front cover), write "Prayer Hands." Decorate with stickers.
4. On the second hand, write "Praise God." On the third, write "Ask for forgiveness." On the fourth, write "Thank God." On the fifth, write "Pray for others." On the sixth, write "Pray for me."
5. Use your book to remember what to pray for every day.

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