

Fourth Sunday of

Lent

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of *the* Lord



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Welcome to worship on this fourth Sunday in Lent. As Jesus calls us his brothers and sisters, we greet one another as family in Christ and gather to praise the living Lord!

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

(2 Chr 36:19)

The author of 2 Chronicles reflects on how historically God's fidelity and mercy was often met with Israel's disobedience and arrogance. How does the Lenten journey provoke an examination of conscience for you and your faith life?

### SECOND READING

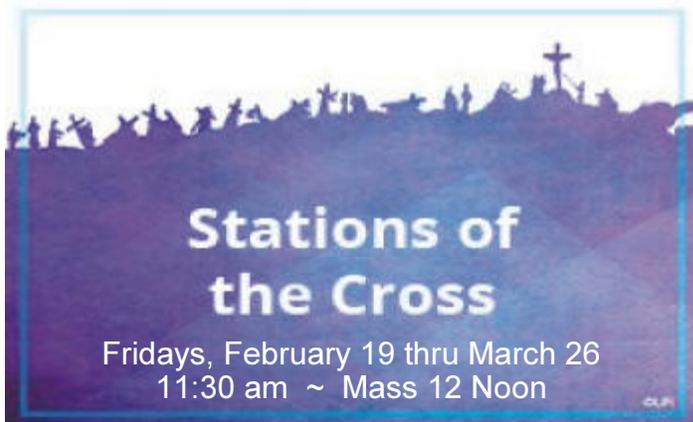
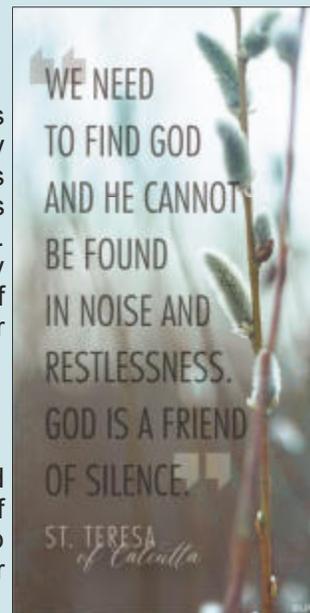
(Eph 2:10)

Paul speaks of our faith and our salvation as "the gift of God" to us. In what ways do you show appreciation for God's grace?

### GOSPEL READING

(Jn 3:16)

Jesus taught Nicodemus that God sent His only Son into the world to offer eternal life to believers. Who in your life needs to hear this message?



## St. Louise Happenings

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

#### ADDITIONAL TIMES FOR INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

Sunday, **March 14**  
3:00 pm to 3:45 pm

Tuesday, **March 16**  
12:40 to 1 pm



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



Mass Intentions are only accepted 3 months in advance. There are 2 Mass Intentions allowed per Mass, except when the intention is for the parish parishioners. Then that is the **only** intention.

Please consider these guidelines when requesting your next Mass Intention.



### 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.



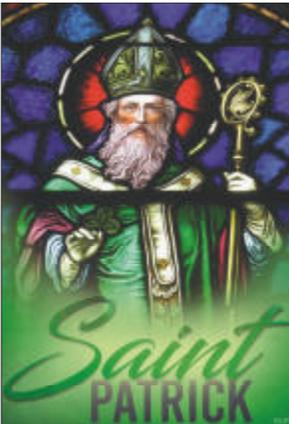
### GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.

# St. Louise Happenings



## ST. PATRICK

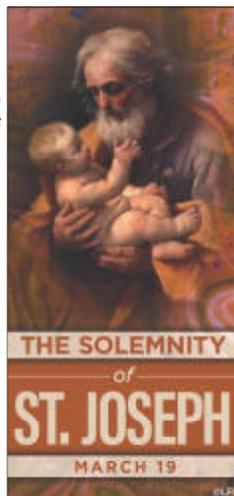
At the age of fourteen, Patrick was kidnapped from his home in Scotland and sold into the Irish slave trade, where he was trapped for six years. At that time, God spoke to him in a dream. Patrick was shown how to escape and return home, and the next day he followed his vision, finding a ship to take him back to his family.

Yet, when he returned, he shocked everyone by announcing he was joining the priesthood. He wanted to go back to Ireland and preach the Word of God to his captors and to those who were suffering. When Patrick returned to Ireland, he immediately began his ministry. Instead of using fear, brutality, or force - abuse the Irish were used to - he approached every person with compassion, respect, and love.

Patrick's years in captivity taught him how to relate to other. He became an advocate for the poor, the disadvantaged, and the excluded. His compassionate communication triggered a conversion across the country. By following Christ's example of reaching out to the poor and the downtrodden, he brought faith to the Irish nation and beyond.

## THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

On March 19th, we celebrate the holiness in the midst of unpredictable fatherhood. We first meet Joseph when he discovers his betrothed is pregnant...and not by him! St. Joseph does not know who the father is (yet), but he knows the punishment for adultery is death. He decides to divorce Mary quietly, and thus save her life. When an angel appears to reveal that Mary is pregnant by the Holy Spirit, St. Joseph trusts his dream and marries her. As a new foster father, Joseph must help his wife give birth in a stable. Later, he needs to escape the threats to his son's life by immigrating with his family to a foreign land. We know that St. Joseph is faithful, brave, and willing to sacrifice for those he loves. On the solemnity of St. Joseph, we don't merely celebrate a carpenter. We celebrate a hero!



## Lenten Project

### 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. This weekend and next weekend, March 20-21, we will have areas where you

will be able to sign up for what you would like to donate to this project.



There will be an area where you can sign up to help package baggies of laundry products (laundry pods, dryer sheets, and quarters). Our plan is to put together the baggies on Sunday, March 28 after the 11:30 Mass in the social hall. There will be separate tables where families can work together and package the products.



Please bring the products you purchase to either the Parish Office during regular business hours, (Mondays - 10 am - 2 pm; Wednesdays and Fridays - 11 am - 3 pm) or bring them to church when you come for Mass on the weekend. You can place them where you would normally place groceries.

Feel free to contact me with any questions, 586.751.3340 ext. 305 or 586.216.9962.

Marsha Wisniewski  
Christian Service

## PERFECT VICTORY

Many people enjoy making basketball picks in March, though their brackets are soon "busted." Selecting every correct victor throughout the NCAA tournament would be quite a feat. According to *Mental Floss* magazine, if you flipped a coin for each game, the odds of achieving a perfect bracket would be one in 9.2 quintillion! By comparison, your odds of becoming president are one in 10 million, and your odds of bowling a perfect game are one in 11,500.

For odds that are less of a long shot, consider this: Your chance of living an imperfect life is one in one. Sin is the ultimate bracket-buster, and you'd be hopelessly lost without a Savior. "But thanks be to God, who gives (you) the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:57).



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**Awake, O Sleeper!**

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked, Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give.

I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light, Christ was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



The St. Louise de Marillac community offers its prayers and heartfelt sympathy to the family whose loved one has entered into eternal life.

**Delphine Kozlowski**

Funeral Mass was celebrated Friday, February 26

We commend her soul to the Lord.  
May the angels lead her into paradise.

**HAPPY TO HELP**

The International Day of Happiness is observed on March 20 (also the first day of spring this year; coincidence?). Jesus said we'll be happy (or "blessed") when we're meek, merciful, pure and so on (see his Beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-13). In other words, happiness results from putting other's needs above our own.

Research confirms that helping others boosts people's self-esteem, forges strong friendships, offers a sense of belonging and purpose, decreases stress, increases gratitude and sparks others to "pay it forward." In fact, University of Texas researchers found that the "activism cure" is a great way to overcome bouts of sadness. So get helping - and get happy!

Grateful Giving - Joyful Living

Stewardship Update as of	03/07/21
Weekly Offering Goal	\$7,100
Weekly Offering Received (Weekly Offering Rec'd includes Online Giving and Christmas Donation)	\$8,958
Capital Improvement/Utilities	\$1,178
YTD - Budget	\$254,600
YTD - Actual (YTD Actual includes Holy Mass collection plus Online Giving and Christmas Donation)	\$254,243



**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.

# 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:

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Rebecca Alagar            | Al & Pat Mandel          |
| Baby Isabella             | Barbara Mezzapelle       |
| Rosa Bear                 | Penny Molony             |
| Maggie Black              | Barbara Montalvo Family  |
| Debbie Bonilla            | Mary Nicoli              |
| Terrie Cervera Family     | Ted Niedbala             |
| Angel Chua                | Julia Nowicki            |
| Jim Crepeau               | Rita Olano               |
| Kevin Crepeau             | Coleen Omell             |
| Jim Dodge, Jr.            | Aiko Osaki               |
| Rita Dodge                | Priscilla Podowski       |
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| Aiden Hassig              | Wilhemina Romano         |
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| Cindy Kolar               | Eleanor Weathers         |
| Cecille LaBell            | Joe Zan Duzer            |
| Steven Laudicina          | Steve Zimmerman          |
| 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.



*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 16, 2021**  
12 Noon Julie Dedan (8th Anniv) by Norb & Betty Skorpski
- Thursday, March 18, 2021**  
12 Noon Suzanne Gensor by Renee Gensor  
Joan Fredal by Friend
- Friday, March 19, 2021**  
12 Noon Theresa Tokarz by Helen Walczak  
Leona Maston by Helen Walczak
- Saturday, March 20, 2021**  
4 pm For the Parishioners of St. Louise
- Sunday, March 21, 2021**  
9:30 am Joan Surhigh by Family  
11:30 am Chester Twork (26 yrs.) by Daughter, Linda

## Calendar of **EVENTS**

- Monday, March 15, 2021**  
Faith Formation All Levels 5:15 - 6:45 pm
- Tuesday, March 16, 2021**  
Reconciliation 12:40 - 1 pm
- Wednesday, March 17, 2021**  
**St. Patrick's Day**  
No activities planned
- Thursday, March 18, 2021**  
No activities planned
- Friday, March 19, 2021**  
**St. Joseph Feast Day**  
Stations of the Cross 11:30 am  
Road to Redemption Bible Study 6 - 8 pm
- Saturday, March 20, 2021**  
Reconciliation 9:45 - 10:30 am
- Sunday, March 21, 2021**  
No activities planned



An angel says---

... hatred is like an acid. It can do more damage to the vessel in which it is stored than to the object on which it is poured.

# Kids Activities Page

## Make a SPRING TREE

Celebrate the season by creating a one of a kind spring tree.

### What you need:

- \* Container (such as an empty coffee can)
- \* Construction paper or wallpaper scraps
- \* Glue
- \* Small fallen tree branch
- \* Sand
- \* Easter grass
- \* Poster board
- \* Scissors
- \* Marker
- \* Hole punch
- \* Ribbon



### How to make it:

1. Use the container as a base. Decorate it by gluing construction paper or wallpaper scraps to it.
2. Place the fallen tree branch in the container and pour sand around it.
3. Place Easter grass on top of the sand.
4. Cut out of the poster board shapes that remind you of spring (eggs, rabbits, birds, butterflies, flowers, etc.). Use the marker to add details.
5. Punch a hole in each shape. Use ribbon to tie the shapes to the branches.

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