

Fifth Sunday of

Lent

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the Way
of the Lord



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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 Mass

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Marriage - 6 months prior notification

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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.



Welcome to worship on this fifth Sunday in Lent. Some people said to the disciple Philip, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus" (John 12:21). We are here because we too wish to see Jesus. Open your heart: Jesus is here.

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

(Jer 31:34)

Around 600 BC, Jeremiah prophesied that God would establish a new, unbreakable covenant with his people, one written "upon their hearts." In what ways is your faith heart-felt?

SECOND READING

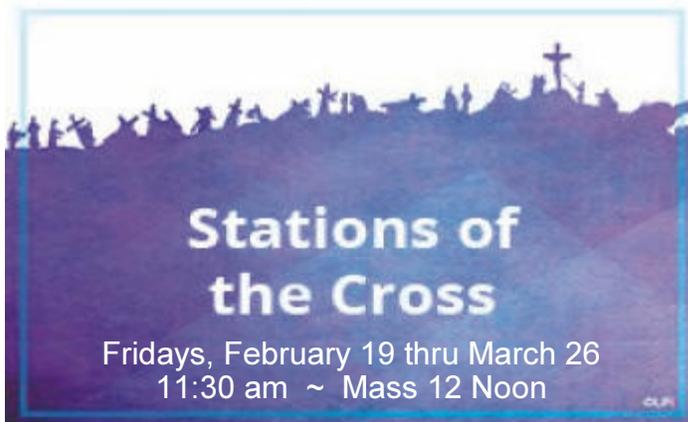
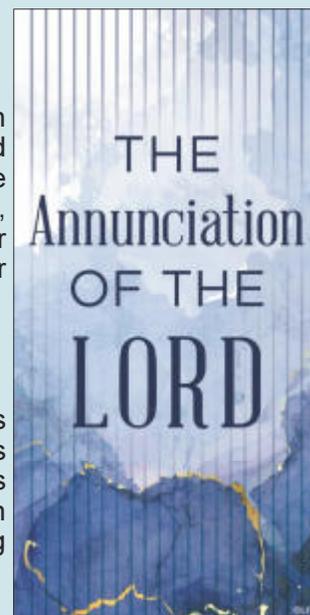
(Heb 5:8)

The author of Hebrews teaches us that Jesus learned "obedience" from his suffering. What have been some fruits from the suffering in your life?

GOSPEL READING

(Jn 20:24)

We hear today of Jesus' own struggle with his impending death. During this Lenten season, what has been a struggle for you?



St. Louise Happenings

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION CANCELLED

Saturday, March 20



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

Easter Flowers



Use the specially designated envelope that was included in your monthly envelope mailing for memorial donations.

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.

ST. STEPHEN ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel will reopen Monday, March 22. Hours are 9am to 8pm, 7 days a week.

In order to enter the chapel, you must register your name, address, phone number and the approximate time you will be visiting before we can give you an access code to enter.



All Covid-19 guidelines will be followed:

- Sign-in and sign-out
- Masks must be worn at all times
- No more than 4 people in at one time
- Disinfect your area when leaving
- Please restrict your adoration time if people are waiting

Call the parish office during business hours (see inside page of bulletin for hours) or leave a message and we will return your call, 586-751-3340 and press 0.



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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



Even though we say that we believe, there is a part of us that doesn't. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those things that are essential to our sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, the very meaning and essence of life is lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair and that is precisely who God desires to be in our life as well.

God calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, "Come out!" He desperately wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of His resurrected presence is a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn't negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn't diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don't cancel each other out. God truly has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to each detail, we find that they all lead us back to Him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Are we going to listen this time?

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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.

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD MARCH 25

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him . . . might have eternal life." (John 3:16) At the Annunciation, God revealed this good news to Mary. She was the first to hear and to believe that God would do what he promised. Her faith told her that nothing is impossible for God. Mary also heard God's invitation calling her to be the Virgin Mother of his Son.



This call meant that Jesus would be formed in her womb, and she, as his mother, would nourish and care for him. This call meant that she had a special place in God's plan for salvation. Mary replied, "I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38) In saying yes, Mary agreed to God's plan because she wanted what God wanted. She was willing to accept all the joy and pain, all the unexpected events. She was willing to bring Christ to a waiting world.

Bible Quiz

According to Matthew's account, what was torn when Jesus died?

- A. Mary's headdress — she tore it as a traditional Jewish sign of grief
- B. A Roman guard's sash — Peter grabbed and ripped it in anger
- C. Jesus' robe — the soldiers divided it among themselves
- D. The temple curtain — torn in two from top to bottom

Answer: D (See Matthew 27:51.)

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 is the last weekend 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). We will gather together in the social hall on **Sunday, March 28 from 1 to 3 pm** to put the baggies together. 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

PARISH REGISTRATION & STATUS



Parishioner status is maintained by registration in the parish, active participation in parish worship and sharing one's stewardship through time, talent and treasure. All family members 18 years and older should be individually registered with the parish. Parish registration is necessary for those requesting the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, and Marriage. Register by calling the parish office at 586-751-3340.

DON'T SETTLE

For most of us, the great danger is not that we will renounce our faith. It is that we will become so distracted and rushed and preoccupied that we will settle for a mediocre version of it. We will just skim our lives instead of actually living them.

--John Ortberg, *The Life You've Always Wanted*

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When Our Own Hour Comes

We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is, illness, a job loss, life changes, we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being "troubled" and he speaks of "the time of judgment." There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

"Yet what should I say?" he asks them. "Father, save me from this hour?" But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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ST. VINCENT de PAUL NOTES

Our blue bin has been temporarily been removed. They were unable to service the pickup due to the virus. This will eliminate the unsightly overfill that we had been noticing.

In our area there are other organizations that could take your donations. Our thrift store is taking some donations:

St. Vincent de Paul
28720 Stephenson Hwy
Madison Heights
248-206-5644

Salvation Army
25152 Van Dyke
Centerline

Grace Centers of Hope
26740 Dequindre
Warren
Store: 586-582-9334
Pickup: 855-435-7424

Locally a business: **College Hunks Moving Junk** also does donation pickup and delivery to organizations. 248-841-4438. I am not certain what the price might be.

With any donations, during the virus, call to see if they are accepting donations and what specific donations they are taking.

Our Conference continues to keep you in our prayers.

Pat Domka



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	03/14/21
Weekly Offering Goal	\$7,100
Weekly Offering Received (Weekly Offering Rec'd includes Online Giving and Christmas Donation)	\$6,445
Capital Improvement/Utilities	\$450
YTD - Budget	\$261,700
YTD - Actual (YTD Actual includes Holy Mass collection plus Online Giving and Christmas Donation)	\$260,688

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 |
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| Jude Lynn Trembley-Dulong | Jim Patrick |
| Beverly Gemmete | Amy Polsinelli |
| Jelka Gern | Dieter Profit |
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| Cecelia Gigliotti | Teodocia Quendangan |
| Elvira Grafilo | Msgr. Thomas Rice |
| Dolores Hill | Olivia Rokicki |
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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 23, 2021

12 Noon James Campbell by Ann Campbell
Deceased Seniors of St. Louise Parish by Helen Walczak

Thursday, March 25, 2021

12 Noon Ann Wright by Ann Campbell
Renee Gensor by Suzanne Gensor

Friday, March 26, 2021

12 Noon Josef Mackiewicz by Wife & Family

Saturday, March 27, 2021

4 pm Raymond Jones by Shirley Braschayko
Casimir & Clara Gajewski by Skorupski Family

Sunday, March 28, 2021

9:30 am For the Parishioners of St. Louise
11:30 am James Smith Family (Spec Intent) by Roy & Caroline Bjornson

Calendar of EVENTS

Monday, March 22, 2021

Faith Formation All Levels 5:15 - 6:45 pm

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

No activities planned

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

No activities planned

Thursday, March 25, 2021

No activities planned

Friday, March 26, 2021

Stations of the Cross 11:30 am
Road to Redemption Bible Study 6 - 8 pm

Saturday, March 27, 2021

Reconciliation 9:45 - 10:30 am

Sunday, March 28, 2021

No activities planned

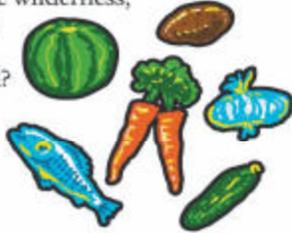


An angel says---
... to get out of a difficulty, one usually must go through it.

Kids Activities Page

Bible Quiz

As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, they longingly remembered some of the foods they'd had in Egypt. Which foods were not mentioned?



- A. carrots and potatoes
- B. onions and garlic
- C. fish and leeks
- D. melons and cucumbers

Answer: A (See Numbers 11:4-6)

PUZZLE

BIRDS IN THE WORD

The Bible mentions many kinds of birds. How many have you seen?

Directions: Unscramble the bird names, using the Bible references and pictures as clues. Then insert the final unscrambled bird name to complete the passage below.

- VDEO _____ (Genesis 8:8)
- LWO _____ (Psalm 102:6)
- GEELA _____ (Isaiah 40:31)
- TOKRS _____ (Jeremiah 8:7)
- APROSWRS _____

“Are not five _____ sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ... Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many _____.”

LUKE 12:6-7, NIV

Answer: dove, owl, eagle, stork, sparrows

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