

St. William Parish Community



Walled Lake, Michigan 48390

March 14, 2021

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“Unprecedented.” That’s a word that is used to describe, quite accurately, the times that we are living in. It can even feel overwhelming. At such times we need an firm anchor to ground us.

I remember our Archbishop commenting, when he was going through some especially difficult and challenging moments in his life, that he would get up in the morning and ask himself this question: “Do I really believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead?” (He said that the answer was always “Yes.”) That helped put things in perspective for him!

We too, need that grounding, especially when we don’t know what’s going to happen next. However, some stability is starting to return. One very major development is that, as more and more people are being vaccinated and restrictions are easing, **this weekend the Archbishop has rescinded the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass**, although certain categories of people are still exempt, such as those sick or seriously at-risk. (See our website for details.) The Eucharistic Celebration and reception of Holy Communion are at the very core of what it means to be Catholic. And while livestreamed Masses have been helpful, there is no substitute for actually being at Mass and sharing the Bread of Eternal Life.

So, unlike last year, this Easter Sunday we will be able to joyfully celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus as a gathered community. It may have special meaning for many people this year as we emerge from the “tombs” of COVID, including isolation, depression, FEAR, sickness, and even the experience of the death of a loved one. Jesus invites us to join him in his victory and offers us eternal life—beginning now. Without Jesus overcoming death, our lives would be pretty meaningless.

With that in mind, I especially encourage everyone to consider attending the *Easter Vigil*. There are good

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Welcome Back!

“Lord, place a hedge of protection around our parish grounds, the church building, all of our parishioners, and those who will join us as we start to return to public worship. Keep in what is holy and is of you, and cast out what is not. We ask this in Jesus’ holy name. Amen.”

Inside this week . . .

Lenten Schedule—
Confession & Prayer opportunities

Ushers Club Easter Egg Hunt

Ushers Club College Scholarships

. . .and more!

Parish Mission: *“To live the Good News so joyfully, that we can’t help but proclaim it!”*

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 pm,
Sunday *10:00 am (*also Live-streamed)
and Sunday 12:30 pm
Tues., Wed. & Thur., 8:00 am

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Many issues can be taken care of with a phone call, 248-624-1421.

Registration

For many reasons it is important to be formally registered as a parishioner. Contact the rectory for friendly help. Ext. 341

Baptism

To begin the preparation process for Baptism please call Deacon Bob Dreyer at 624-1421, ext. 345. Baptisms are normally scheduled the first and third Sundays of the month.

Marriage

To celebrate a valid marriage Catholics must have the help of a priest or deacon. Call at least six months in advance.

Funeral

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Ministry To The Sick

We are happy to visit the sick and provide anointing. Please contact the Parish Office at 624-1421.

RECTORY

Email: Rectory1@stwilliam.com
531 Common Street (248) 624-1421

Pastor	Rev. Michael G. Savickas	Ext. 346
Deacons	Rev. Mr. Bob Dreyer	Ext. 345
	Rev. Mr. John Liddle	
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EDUCATION CENTER

135 O'Flaherty Street

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CYO Sports		
Athletic Director		ad@saintwilliam.net

Eucharistic Exposition, Benediction & Rosary

Tuesday
March 23rd
7:00 pm

Since Sunday Masses have been reduced to the public, contributions have greatly declined.

If you are in a position to help, automatic giving can be easily arranged online. Go to Faithdirect.net, or follow the link from our website, www.stwilliam.com.



Offertory Report

(The fiscal year begins July 1)

	Collected	Budgeted*	Over/(Under)
As of Feb., 2021	*\$532,417	\$666,664	(\$134,247)

*This does NOT represent *needed* income, but only the amount we expected would actually come in.

Note: For clarity and accuracy, this report now shows reconciled month-end balances.

The "One-Hour Challenge!"

To have a *happy, peaceful life*, it is important that we have our lives in order, with our grateful response to God for his gifts being our top priority. That is how a disciple responds in the areas of *prayer, family, finance, and service*.

If you need help to put balance in your life, take the "one-hour challenge": Each week, spend at least...

- One hour in prayer and worship.
- One hour, special, focused on your family or other important relationship.
- One hour's wage (if you have a job) for the Lord. No job? Then give what seems right for you.
- One hour in service. (Helping another, or working for some cause.)

It's important to be *specific* in what steps to take in order to ensure that each "hour" actually happens!

May God bless you!

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reasons for choosing this Mass over the other Masses of Easter, even if you normally prefer to attend Mass on Sundays rather than on Saturday afternoon. It is not at all like a “Saturday afternoon Mass”. In fact, it’s important to bear in mind that THERE IS NO 4:30 MASS ON HOLY SATURDAY.

I’m mentioning this now because it’s important to plan ahead and mark your calendars. Otherwise as the time gets closer, there will probably be a tendency to decide to go to another Mass merely because it might seem more convenient. **Eight-thirty in the evening** probably won’t qualify on the basis of “convenience”! (The Vigil is not supposed to start before dark. The only scheduled liturgical celebration that starts later is Midnight Mass on Christmas.)

The reasons for going to this one anyhow, is that the Easter Vigil and Mass, is **THE** big celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection. The other Masses on Easter Day are, in a sense, a reflection or reiteration of the Vigil Mass, in much the same way that all other Sundays of the year are reflections or reiterations of Easter Sunday.

The Vigil and Mass is, by far, the most *dramatic* liturgy of the entire year. I believe it could well be described as “stunning”. It tends to do wonderful things for your own faith, your sense of discipleship, and your sense of being Catholic, and we could really use that these days. We’ll be receiving new members into the Church: I’m anticipating there will be three catechumens (to be baptized) and two candidates who will be coming into full communion with the Catholic Church. (Candidates are those who are already validly baptized, but in another Christian Tradition, or who are Catholic but never completed their initiation with Eucharist and Confirmation). These folks are really getting excited!

The entire Vigil—including the blessing of new fire, the procession with the Easter Candle, the *Exultet*, the readings, and then the Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion of our new members—is quite moving. If you’ve not attended one of these in recent years, you owe it to yourself. If you have... well, I don’t think I need to say anything more to you; you’ll be there anyway.

Of course, any celebration of Easter, no matter how beautiful, is not very exciting to a person who hasn’t had much of a Lent with which to prepare. If **your Lent hasn’t been anything to rave about, there’s still some time to salvage it.** Take courage. And take action!

One way to help your Lent be successful is to make a decision about getting to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Even in these difficult times, confessions are still being heard—we’re just being careful to keep proper “social distancing”. (Chairs are 6 feet apart or better, and we’re not using kneelers or screens since those would have to be sanitized after each use.) I’ve been announcing confession times at Mass and through emails to parishioners. The ushers have been doing a great job of

keeping everything organized while people are waiting, and I will have two extra priests helping during Holy Week: on Monday evening, March 29, at 7 PM, and for the following Wednesday at noon and at 7 PM. **These confessions during Holy Week are the last scheduled opportunities before Easter.**

The Holy Week confession schedule and the schedule of the Triduum and Easter celebrations are included in the Easter Card that will soon be mailed to all our parishioners. Keep praying that everything will work out and be abundantly blessed! Pray, too, for all those who find themselves without a “sure and firm anchor” (*Heb 6:19*) in these unsettled times. Perhaps, with our help, they will find their way to the Lord.

In Jesus,
Fr. Michael

Confession Schedule

Thursday, March 18th, 4:30 PM
Wednesday, March 24th, 7:00 PM
Thursday, March 25th, 4:30 PM

The following times will have three priests available and will be the final opportunity before Easter:

Monday, March 29th, 7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 31st,
12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM

Prayer Opportunities for Lent

Liturgy of the Hours—Morning Prayer
with communion service
Mondays & Fridays of Lent, 8:00 AM

Weekday Morning Mass
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 8:00 AM

Rosary and Night Prayer
Tuesdays, March 16th & 30th
6:30 PM

Eucharistic Exposition, Benediction & Rosary
Tuesday, March 23rd, 7:00 PM

Friday Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM



St. Vincent de Paul Society
Fourth Sunday of Lent

In the Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime, quarter or dollar is multiplied by coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

**St. William Dads' Club
33rd Annual
Lenten Fish Fry
Drive-Thru Carry-Out**



Adult Fish Dinner \$10.00

5 pieces of battered fried Cod, french fries, cole slaw, roll, butter, tartar sauce

Fried Shrimp Dinner \$12.00

Golden fried shrimp, french fries, cole slaw, roll, butter, cocktail sauce

Baked Salmon Dinner \$14.00

Atlantic Salmon with our special sauce, cole slaw, baked potato, roll, butter, and sour cream

Baked Cod Dinner \$12.00

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Pasta Dinner \$ 5.00

Add-on Baked Potato \$ 1.00

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www.saintwilliam.net



**Knights of Columbus Council 4064
Activities Update**

The Knights of Columbus at St. William Parish have missed seeing our Friends and Fellow Parishioners this past year! Although we have not been able to hold our Monthly Breakfasts due to COVID restrictions, we are planning to RESTART them in the very near future, OUTSIDE if the weather permits!

We have managed to keep busy over this last year with our members doing Volunteer work with Hospitality House Food Pantry, Another Way Pregnancy Center, St. Dominic Outreach in Detroit, Boy Scout Troop 104 and St. William Parish! Did you know that the Knights renovated the Cardinal Maida Room for use by our Parish School as a Pre-School Program? We have other Projects in the planning stages over the next several months.

While we have not been able to hold ANY of our Charity Poker Fundraisers, we have still been supporting a variety of Charitable Organizations monetarily by tapping our 'Rainy Day Fund' and with some generous donations by Parishioners! We did conduct the Fall Tootsie Roll Drive in October, collecting \$4,500, which we distributed to our Parish School, Walled Lake Schools, and our State Council Charities!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

The Council will be holding a Corporate Communion on March 14th at the 10 AM Mass. All members are asked to attend and wear your Knights facemask if you have one. We usually hold these Quarterly as a show of Solidarity and Fraternity to the Order. This will be our first one since 2019!

We are conducting the Spring Tootsie Roll Drive on March 26th-28th, 2021 on various street locations in Walled Lake, Wixom, and Commerce Township. If you see a Knight with a bucket, drop in a donation!

We are always looking for New Members so if you're interested talk to one of the Knights after Mass.



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Hospitality Committee Update!

With 2020 behind us and the COVID issues diminishing, the St. William Hospitality Committee has held a couple of Virtual Meetings to discuss what we can do to help get the Parish back to a more normal environment. You've probably noticed there are more Greeters at the 10 AM Mass and the Tower Entrances are being "Refreshed" on a regular basis! We still need Greeters for the 4:30 PM and 12:30 PM Masses! We now have an 'Art Gallery' of Pictures and Posters in the corridor by the Main Restrooms – take a look after Mass! The pictures are being displayed here when not being used in the Restrooms or other locations in the Church.

We are always looking for Parishioners to become part of the Hospitality Committee so why not talk to one of the Greeters and let them know. We'll contact you when we have our next meeting. As the COVID restrictions are lifted, we'll be meeting in-person, rather than Virtual!

We're looking forward to planning events starting this Spring and continuing throughout the Summer!! We've missed seeing our Friends and Fellow Parishioners!

USHERS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Once again it is time for high school seniors to apply for the Ushers College Scholarship.

Applicants may obtain an application from any usher. The directions for applying are on the application form. We encourage all parish member high school seniors to apply.

Deadline for applying is May 2nd. Please read and follow the instructions. Any questions? Please contact Bob Dolder 248-318-5913. Good luck!



Augustine Institute Media TITLES FOR LENT!

Stop by the Augustine Institute Media kiosk in the East Tower and check out the latest CD's and Books. There are numerous Lenten CD titles for only \$3.00 each. We also have 2 of the books Father Michael spoke about in a recent Bulletin article available for \$5.00 each, a very good price! Why not take advantage of these offerings and share with your families and friends? Please remember that this is a self-funding program so please deposit monies in the box if you take a book or CD.

Easter Egg Hunt

Calling all children of St. William Parish, from tiny tots through 4th grade to find the Easter colored eggs! They will be hiding all around the rectory grounds, for all who attend the St. William Ushers' Easter Egg Hunt!

Have Daddy and Mommy mark their calendar for **Saturday, April 3rd** at 9:50 a.m. SHARP to bring you to have lots of fun finding all those eggs and receive a prize. Bring Grandma and Grandpa too! You never know, you might see a white furry bunny hopping along the trail!

You may be hungry after looking for all those eggs. The St. William Dads' Club will be cooking up some great hot dogs for lunch after the egg hunt. The lunch will be served in the Activity Center.



USCCB *Word of Life*

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life" (The Gospel of Life 28).



Right to Life — Lifespan Car Caravan

For all those who participated in last month's Car Caravan for Life, thank you for coming. If you could not attend, be sure to get a copy of the LIFESPAN News and see some of the great pictures of the event. At one point, near Campus Martius, cars filled with LIFESPAN members and friends lined both sides of Woodward, north bound and south bound, with our Love Life flags flying. We had close to 100 cars in our caravan! What a sight!

Everyday Stewardship

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Gracious

Vacations can be great times for refueling the body and renewing bonds within a family and between friends. No matter how good the vacation was, it is almost always good to get home when it is over. Sleeping in our own bed, taking a shower in our own bathroom, and resting on our own couch are some of the aspects of home we can miss while on the road. That's why encountering truly gracious and hospitable people while we are away is so important. These people are not family, but they sure can provide for us a glimpse of home. They can be waiters at a restaurant, desk hosts at a hotel, or even Uber drivers. They enrich our lives if for only a moment, yet that moment can make all the difference.

When disciples of Jesus Christ act in a gracious manner to all those they meet, they provide a glimpse of home. This home is not in a house in a particular location, but it is a home prepared for all of us for eternity. No matter how comfortable we may be in our earthly homes, it truly pales in comparison to eternity with God. In that heavenly home, there is no darkness, only light. There are no tears, only joy. There is no hate, only love.

We are ambassadors for heaven by how we offer ourselves to others. Our stewardship of hospitality allows others to see a glimpse of what God promises to us. Unless we truly step up and act in a gracious manner, will those we encounter ever know the Truth? I hate it when I am on the road and fail to meet people full of joy and welcome. At least I can look forward to coming home. What do those along the way look forward to in the next life that you can't show them a glimpse of in this one?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS. ©LPI

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

We may feel like the Prodigal Son but the gospel wants us to focus on the father who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent?

Children's Village Easter Basket Collection

St. William Youth Ministry is once again collecting all of the items to make up 16 Easter baskets for the girls of G Building at Children's Village. They are so grateful to get an Easter basket and it gives us an opportunity to show them our Christian love. We have enough plastic Easter buckets, but need items to fill them. We are especially in need of large basket bags, basket grass, plastic eggs, candy (no gum), small stuffed animals, full size toiletries including shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, toothbrush and toothpaste, and chapstick. Please drop off any items you would like to donate in the collection chests located in the tower entrances of the church. We have two weekends for this collection, since the teens will be assembling these baskets during Holy Week.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? -

Question: Why do priests wear a Roman collar?

Answer:

The practice of priests wearing the Roman collar developed in the mid-nineteenth century as an alternative to wearing the cassock which in some places was seen as impractical or which was even outlawed by anti-Catholic legislation. Since its introduction, it has taken different forms, and if you visit different countries today, you will see variation in what priests wear.

The Code of Canon Law simply observes that priests wear "suitable ecclesiastical garb" according to the judgments of the national bishops conferences and local custom (no. 284). The US Bishops have instructed that outside of liturgical functions, a "black suit and Roman collar are the usual formal attire for priests. The use of the cassock is at the discretion of the cleric." Priests who are members of religious communities are to follow the rules of their institute regarding the habit or other approved clothing.

In the end, whether a priest wears the Roman collar, a religious habit, or, as is the case in many European countries, a suit and tie (to distinguish them from Protestant clergy who wear a collar) the goal of their clerical clothing is to serve as a sign of their commitment to guide and to serve, and to also allow them to be truly public figures because they are ordained for the service of all.

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OUR MISSION

“We exist to provide a school environment in which Christ is encountered and Discipleship is fostered through the teaching and practice of Catholic Tradition, values and doctrine, while challenging each student to academic excellence.”

In-Person Open House for Preschool - 8th grade!



- **March 20, 2021 - OPEN HOUSE - 10am - 12pm - Activity Center - Small group - based on Covid mandates - sign up required - 2 sessions. Parents only at this time.**
 - Sign up through our website at: <https://stwilliam-school.com/registration-tuition/>



Preschool Open House!

Saturday, March 27th, 10am



- **Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt (must register - weather permitting)**
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Mass Intentions:

Tuesday, March 16th

8:00 am

Edward McElmeel (D) Mary Rikk

Wednesday, March 17th

8:00 am

James Rheaume (D) K of C

Thursday, March 18th

8:00 am

Betty Robinson (D) and **Joe Schuld (D)** Mike & Sharon Godfrey

Saturday, March 20th

4:30 pm

William Keenan (D) Laura & Mark Cieslak; **Raymond Winters (D)** Hazel Thomas; **Harry Thomas (D)** family; **Ferdinand Cohorst (D)** K of C; **Members of RAS Confraternity (L&D)**; **Lorraine Hanusin (SI)** Miklosi family; **Hazel Thoams (SI, B. Day)**

Sunday, March 21st

10:00 am

Members of St. William Parish (L&D)

12:30 pm

Ray & Marie Hibbeln (D); **Pham, Ngoc & Hoang families (D)** family; **Mary Lukasik (D)** family; **Judith Woznicki (D)** Roger; **Dave Kozora (D)** wife

Readings for the week

Sunday (Scrutiny): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 **or** 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a **or** Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 **or** Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 **or** 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

All-powerful and ever-lasting God, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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| ♦ Andrew Hailo | ♦ Norma Kirk |
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| ♦ Bonny Mesaros | ♦ Sharon Ryan |
| ♦ Casey Michael | ♦ Stephanie Kozlowski |
| ♦ Dan Lessard | ♦ Trevor Monfette |
| ♦ Dennis Ryan | |
| ♦ Ellen Dawson | Residents of: |
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| ♦ Helen Anderson | ♦ Brookdale |
| ♦ John Benedict | ♦ First & Main |
| ♦ John Shubsda | ♦ Henry Ford |
| ♦ Joseph Schuld | ♦ Maple Manor |
| ♦ Lahni Andrews | ♦ Novi Lakes |
| ♦ Larry Kern | ♦ Serenity |
| ♦ Mack Barnes | ♦ Sunrise Senior Ctr. |
| ♦ Mary Bologna | ♦ Waltonwood |



*Happy are those who have died in the Lord;
let them rest from their labors for their good
deeds go with them—Rev. 14:13*

Steven Geoffrey

Intercessory Prayers

Intercessory prayer boxes have been placed in the tower entrances. Our Intercessory Prayer Teams will lift your intentions up in prayer for two weeks. You may also email your prayer requests by clicking the link on our website, www.stwilliam.com. All prayer requests are kept confidential.

Gospel Meditation

Second Scrutiny

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man "sees" as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.

Look around at our world. So



much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of his sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and

wonder of God's kingdom.

Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God's children. What we see is often an artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Many human beings are living with severe cataracts that produce sight that is at best blurred. Are you one of them?

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Live the Liturgy

Seeing is much more than just a function of our eyes. We can look at something with clear vision but not really see it. Often what we think we see is colored by our presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and needs. We judge things by appearance, but God looks into the heart. God's sight has a much wider range and far greater depth. Receiving things or people just based on appearance can lead us to erroneous and hurtful judgments. We think we are seeing clearly, but we are not. Allowing God to restore our sight so that we can truly see is a worthy goal for our Lenten journey. Look within and look without. What do you see? Allow God to complete the picture for you. Ask Him to give you the insight to look into someone's heart. Don't draw hasty conclusions or presume you know the truth. Be open and humble enough so that you can receive the sight that only God can give.

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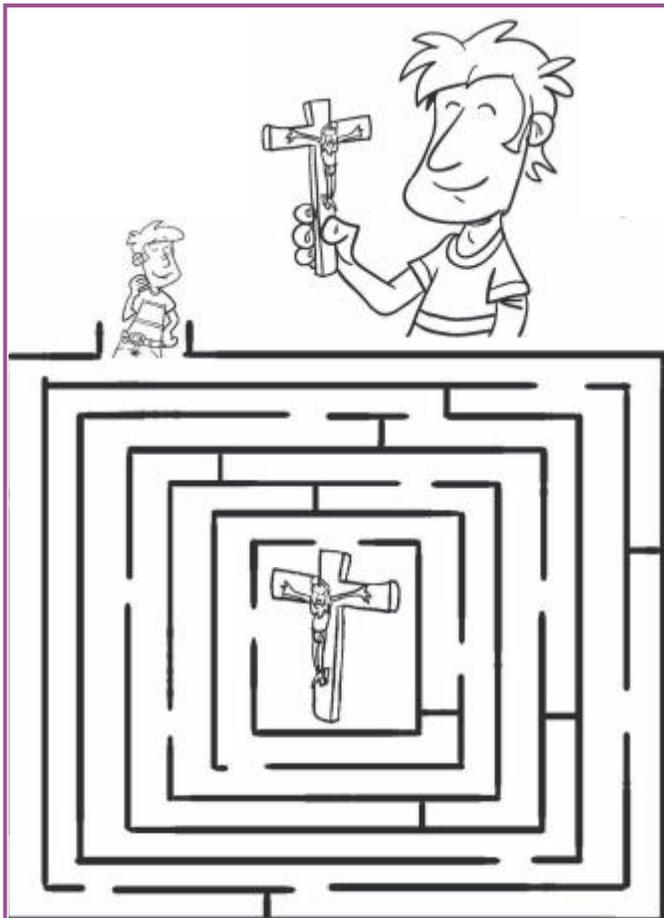


Pray the Rosary

Our Legion of Mary members invite you to join them Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm to pray the Rosary.

All are welcome to stay after and attend their brief meeting.





Gospel

When the Hebrews sinned in the desert, snakes came to bite them. Moses lifted up a metal snake in the desert. If God's people looked at the metal snake, their painful snake bites would be healed. Instead of dying from their snake bites, they would live. Our sins are a lot like those snake bites. Sins turn us away from God, hurt us, and hurt other people. When Jesus was lifted up on the cross, he washed our sins away.

Jesus gave us healing and forgiveness. We don't need to die from our sins. We can believe in Jesus, follow God with our whole hearts, and live forever.



Prayer

God, thank you for sending Jesus to wash away my sins. Amen.



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