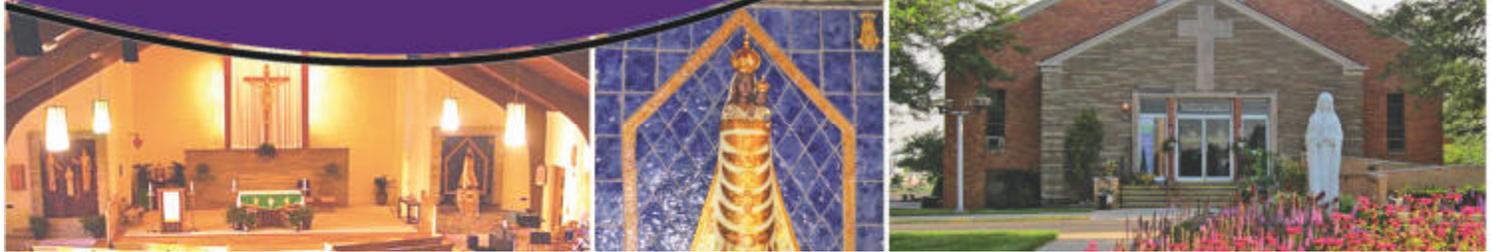


THE TRAVELER

Our parish Family is a Catholic faith community serving Jesus Christ and His Church. Together, we reach out to the congregation and larger community through prayer, service, evangelization and fellowship. We welcome and invite all on our journey with Christ.



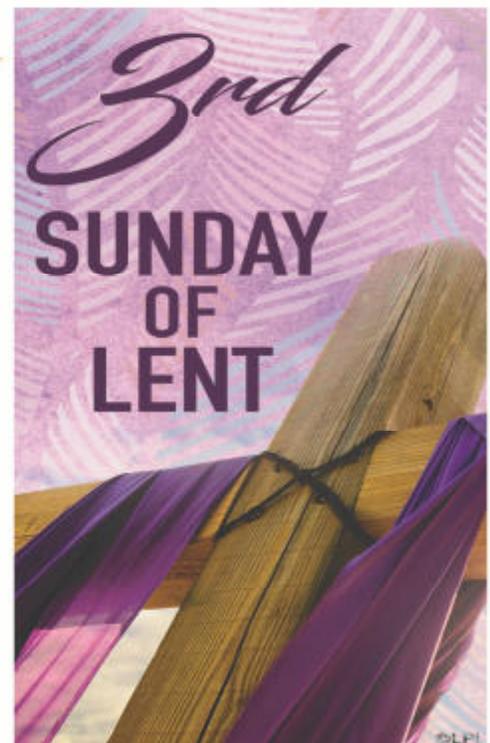
WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2021

- SUN 3/07** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
- MON 3/08** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
- TUE 3/09** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
- WED 3/10** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19
- THR 3/11** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
- FRI 3/12** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
- SAT 3/13** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
- SUN 3/14** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

With our world in such constant turmoil and conflict, it makes such good sense to return to the simple directives given in the Ten Commandments. God's unassuming guidelines provide the perfect recipe for ordering our relationships with God, others, and even ourselves. But yet, we are so quick to glance beyond them and even remove them from public view because we foolishly believe we can create something better. Arrogance runs far deeper in the members of our society than we can ever imagine. Lent is a perfect time to call ourselves back to our foundations and the basic relationships that comprise our lives. It is also a time to remember that Jesus is the true sign of God's presence. Everything he says and does, including his suffering and death, is a sign of the God who sent him. The anger we witness when Jesus exhorts those in the temple to stop making his Father's house a marketplace can equally be seen in his anger and frustration over humanity's constant mission to turn God's creation into a secular world. We have a lot of work to do for sure.



Your words are everlasting life.

— PSALM 19 —

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health once more. Please remember to keep in prayer...



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| Minnie Armstrong | Debbie MacDonald |
| Patty Baumgardner | James McDonald |
| Art Bork | Harlean McGrath |
| Tom Borkowski | Les & Carol Miner |
| Bob Brown | Marilyn Mootsey |
| John Dallacqua | Art Nash |
| Margaret David | Suzanne Nattress |
| Andrew Fedor | Mary Rayes |
| Tony Ferro | Tim Simpson |
| Nikole Frederick | Angie/Rich Sloan |
| Eileen Graham | Nelson/Pat Taylor |
| Jim Kilmark | Debbie/Pat Weier |
| Jim Kimpton | Lynne Wendt |
| Jennifer Koskie | Williamson Family |
| John/Nancy Lengyel | Joe Willim |
| Bea MacDonald | Woodward Family |

Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless otherwise notified. Please help us keep our prayer list current by informing us if a person's name should remain on the list by calling 313-534-9000.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Alan Baumgardner, Coby Carpentier, Cole Frederick, Cooper Frederick, David Fry, Christopher Gazley, Jordan Hebner, Heather Ingalls, Christopher Larry, Christopher Laveirge, Eric Polson, Robert Previch & Michael Genga.

Lord, Hold these men and women in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us and bless them for their selfless acts. We pray for peace in our world and an end to war. Amen



"Can you not spend one hour with Me?"

Eucharistic Adoration
Every Tuesday
After 8:30am Mass
until Noon

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

LENT CAN BE JOY-FILLED

How can I be both contrite and joy-filled this Lent? When we change our behaviors through sacrifices, almsgiving, admitting our sins and praying more fervently, we become more like Jesus. It is through examining ourselves that we have the desire to change for the better. Thus, following Jesus helps us to be more like him.

The first reading from Exodus states that Joy can be found in keeping God's commandments. In the Gospel reading today we see that the money changers were out for themselves as they cheated the poor in the Lord's house. Jesus found their practices idolatrous. Jesus purges the money changers. Today we can purge our prayer life by examining our motives, time spent with the Lord, and our quality of prayer. A fruitful Lent requires us to look carefully at our ways of praying and how we love ourselves and others.

Lord, we need your grace to help us seek you with true love in our hearts. This practice will bring moments of peace and joy to our minds and souls, especially when we seek to help others this Lent.



Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE NEWS

Donation items being requested for next week are:

- Boxed potatoes, rice, noodles, Mac & Cheese.
- Thank you!



The Legion of Mary

TRAVELING STATUE OF OUR MOTHER MARY

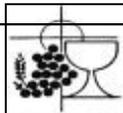
The Legion of Mary has a traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima. If you would like us to bring her to your home for a week please give Bill a call @ 248 320-0435 or Mary a call @ 734 743-5506.

Because of Covid-19 we will make an appointment to drop her off at your doorstep on a Saturday that is convenient for you and pick her up the following Saturday. Inside the small suitcase will contain the statue and a book of suggested prayers. A rosary said daily around Our Lady is highly recommended.

During this time of fear, anxiety and sickness Our Mother will surely bring you healing, peace and many graces. Please consider the honor of blessing your home with this beautiful, blessed statue.

God Bless and keep you.
The Legion of Mary

MASS INTENTIONS



- Monday, March 8, 2021
8:30am + Ed Gerber by Friends
+ Dennis Livernois by Friends
- Tuesday, March 9
8:30am + Margaret Higgins by Friends
+ James Johnson by Friends
- Saturday, March 13
4:00pm + Josephine Berry by the Family
Spec.Ints. Marilyn Mootsey by the Family
- Sunday, March 14
10:00am + Natalina Marchesotti by Friends
+ Carol Marontate by Friends

STEWARDSHIP

HOW LENT CAN HELP US NOW

From: therecordnewspaper.org

"It feels like we've been observing Lent for a whole year now. A year ago, during Lent, our churches were closed and we were forced to observe 'The Great Eucharistic Fast.' For the first time, in 2020, Lent and Easter were celebrated virtually, and though the joy of the resurrection could not be suppressed, it was definitely muted as all of us struggled with economic hardships, social unrest and political discord.

Now there appears to be light at the end of the tunnel the world entered a year ago. Lenten prayer, fasting and charitable giving prepare us for the season of joy.

Authentic prayer invites us to 'lift up our hearts to the Lord' and to unburden ourselves of all the difficulties that we carry in our daily lives. Especially when we focus our prayers on gratitude for all God's gifts, the blessings we receive are immeasurable.

In fact, when we pray for those who are seriously ill or out of work or suffering, we have the opportunity to step outside of our own difficulties and unite ourselves with our sisters and brothers in need.

Fasting, too, can be an occasion for solidarity with those whose needs are much greater than ours. During the past year, all of us have had to do without things that we enjoy — family gatherings, travel, sports activities, cultural events and more.

Almsgiving, which is nothing more or less than being generous stewards of all God's gifts, is needed now more than ever as individuals and

families struggle to survive the economic hardships that have resulted.

Lent 2021 invites us to continue being the generous, givers that God loves!

Sad to say, it's unlikely that we will be fully normal by April 4, but if we experience the spiritual renewal of Lent, we can be confident that hope will not be disappointed.

Lent may seem redundant, but in fact it is more important than ever. The graces we receive from the spiritual and sacramental activities of this holy season are meant to strengthen us and to remind us that we don't live for ourselves but for the sake of all our brothers and sisters in Christ. May Lent 2021 be a special time of grace for all of us who long for the joy of Easter!" God Bless!



Welcome!

Our Lady of Loretto faith community extends a warm welcome to our recently registered family:

Jesus & Veronica Alvarez
and their children Jacqueline,
Aysel and Adeline

May they always feel welcome and be blessed as they witness their faith at Our Lady of Loretto church.



In today's Gospel Jesus is asked "What sign can you show us?"

Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening..... 4:00 pm
Sunday..... 10:00am
Mon. & Tues..... 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS: Sat. 2:30 pm & by appt.

BAPTISMS: 2nd Sunday of the month. Family must be active registered parishioners. Class held as arranged.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made in advance (6 months min.). At least one of the couples must be an active registered member of O.L.L.

SICK & COMMUNION CALLS: We are happy to visit the sick. Notify the Rectory.

REGISTRATION: All new members are asked to register in person.

Stewardship UPDATE

Collection Report: Feb. 21, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,897
Sunday Loose	378
General Donation	150
Total	\$4,425
OLL Parish Weekly Goal	\$4,865
Mass Stipends	50
Candles	152
Books/CD's	7
Utilities	165
Easter Flowers	270
Religious Ed Fees	150
Central/Eastern Collection	519
Fish Fry	3,905
Total	\$5,218
Grand Total	\$9,643

3D SUNDAY OF LENT



THIRD WEEK OF LENT

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GOD HAS CREATED EACH OF US FOR A SPIRITUAL DESTINY

Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron
Cont'd

Basic Truth 2: God's plan for our happiness has been mangled, but not beyond repair

"Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, you shall not eat from it, ... by the sweat of your brow you shall eat bread, until you return to the ground, from which you were taken; for you are dust and to dust you shall return" Gen 3: 17, 19).

As I reflect on this truth, it strikes me that this is probably the easiest one for us all to understand. Each of us have some personal hurt, some suffering, some tragedy, as well as recognizing the ills of our society. There isn't one person among us whose brightest hopes have not been blighted at one time or another.

Our Lenten call to repentance is about receiving the solution God in his compassion offers us to the problem of evil. It is by acknowledging the bad news that the Good News looks really good. We live in a broken world, mired by sin almost everywhere we look. We acknowledge our inability to experience fully the life God has called us to. Even the greatest joy this world offers is only fleeting, followed by other times of suffering or pain.

During Lent we intentionally deprive ourselves of some of the goods of this world to share in the atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world. This time of penance is a reminder to keep our eyes fixed on a happiness that this world – and those "of this world" – can never know. It is a happiness that is only fully realized in Christ's Passion and Resurrection and a happiness in which we will participate fully in heaven.

Practical Response: Spend time this week pondering over the paradox of Christian discipleship which is a reminder of the futility of the promises of this world's happiness, remembering that whatever hope or desire we have which is not placed into the hands of Jesus, will ultimately be lost:

Then Jesus said to his disciples,

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay everyone according to his conduct."

Basic Truth 3: Sin is the Problem

"Through one person sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all, inasmuch as all sinned" (Rm 5: 12).

Building on our acknowledging the problem of evil, whether moral or physical, I need to be clear about the diagnosis. God did not make suffering and death; he is a God of the living, bountiful in sharing life. The blight in human existence is caused by separation from him. "Sin entered the world," as St. Paul says, the Fall happened because our First Parents – Adam and Eve – believed a lie. They insisted on finding happiness their own way, not God's way, and in so doing they ruptured their friendship with him, the very relationship on which their happiness depended. What Satan beguiled them into thinking would make them

happy brought them, and all of us coming after them, misery.

Sin continues this same pattern in our lives. We can see this time and again; I am deceived into thinking that happiness comes from going my own way, insisting on my own will, or thinking about myself apart from God. Sin deceives us into thinking that obedience to God and living as his faithful son or daughter is a threat to my happiness.

Because we know that sin leads to death, our Lenten observances of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are a direct response to sin. It is a way we acknowledge the eternal danger of sin and resolve each year to pro-actively root out sin in our lives. Fasting is a particular way we fight against sin and its hold on our lives.

Practical Response: To help root out sin in your life, make a particular resolution to fast from something this week.

Pray daily ~~

"With the help of God's grace, I say *no* to _____ so that I can say a greater *yes* to God."

to be continued...



THE MONTH OF MARCH IS DEDICATED TO ST. JOSEPH.



The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of March 2021

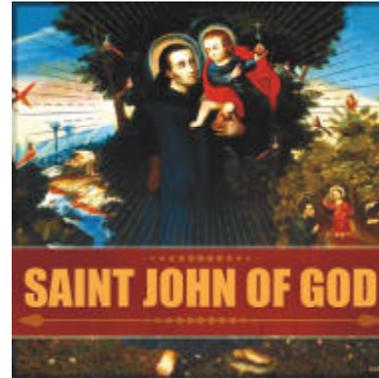
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

As we continue our journey "up to Jerusalem" during the month of March, three prominent ideas are proposed for our contemplation by the liturgy of Lent: the Passion and Resurrection of Christ, baptism, and penance.

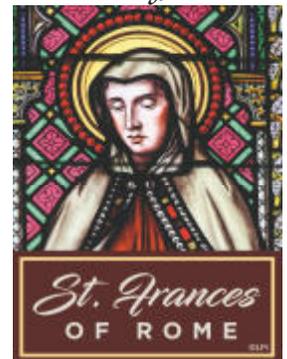
The **Solemnity of St. Joseph** is a special landmark this month in which we will celebrate the great honor bestowed upon the foster father of Jesus.

ALL Saints

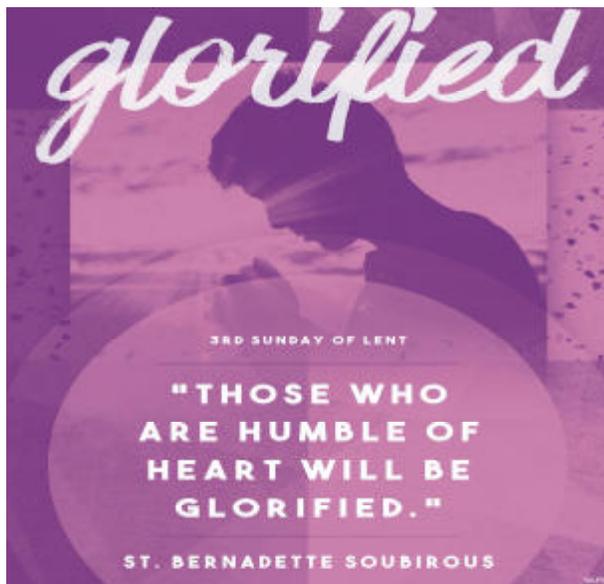
Monday, March 8th



Tuesday, March 9th



A Season of Renewal



OLL PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

Presents "Living Well" by J.J. Keller & Associates

No JOke: REleAsE STRESS by FInding the FUNNY!

Once there was a family who stayed at a Missouri hotel, near the home of Mark Twain. The mom loved make-your-own breakfast waffles and was thrilled to see that the hotel's breakfast room had not only a waffle maker but a pancake maker.



She excitedly poured gooey batter onto the circular heating pad.

And realized it was a coffee warmer.

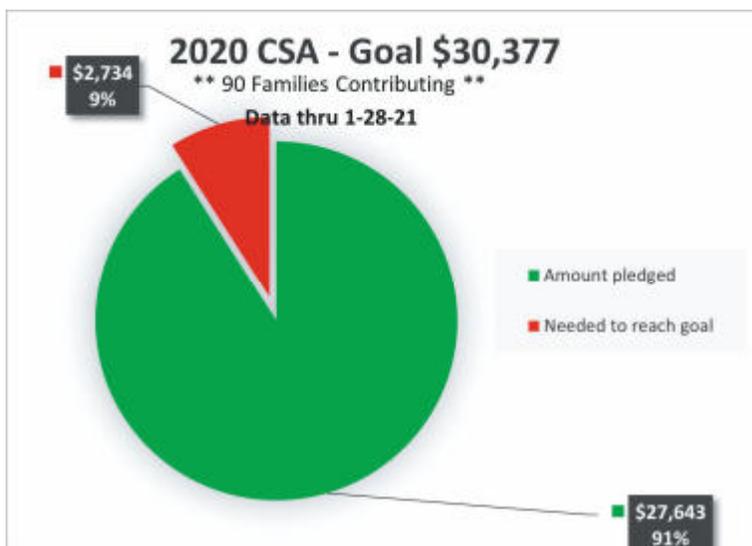
She didn't get pancakes for breakfast, but now had a story that never fails to make her, and her family, laugh.

Sometimes a silly mistake turns into a gem, a touchstone you can bring to mind when you need a little humorous stress relief.

Enjoy the benefits

Laughter is a great way to relieve stress. It can:

- Increase the release of feel-good endorphins,
- Bring more oxygen into your body, which stimulates your lungs, heart, and muscles,
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- Ease anxiety and lessen depression.



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