

February 26th, 2023

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Office Hours

Mon.-Fri.: 9:00AM—3:00PM

Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM
1st Saturday of Month - 9:00
(with Anointing of the Sick)

Saturday (Vigil)
4:00 PM

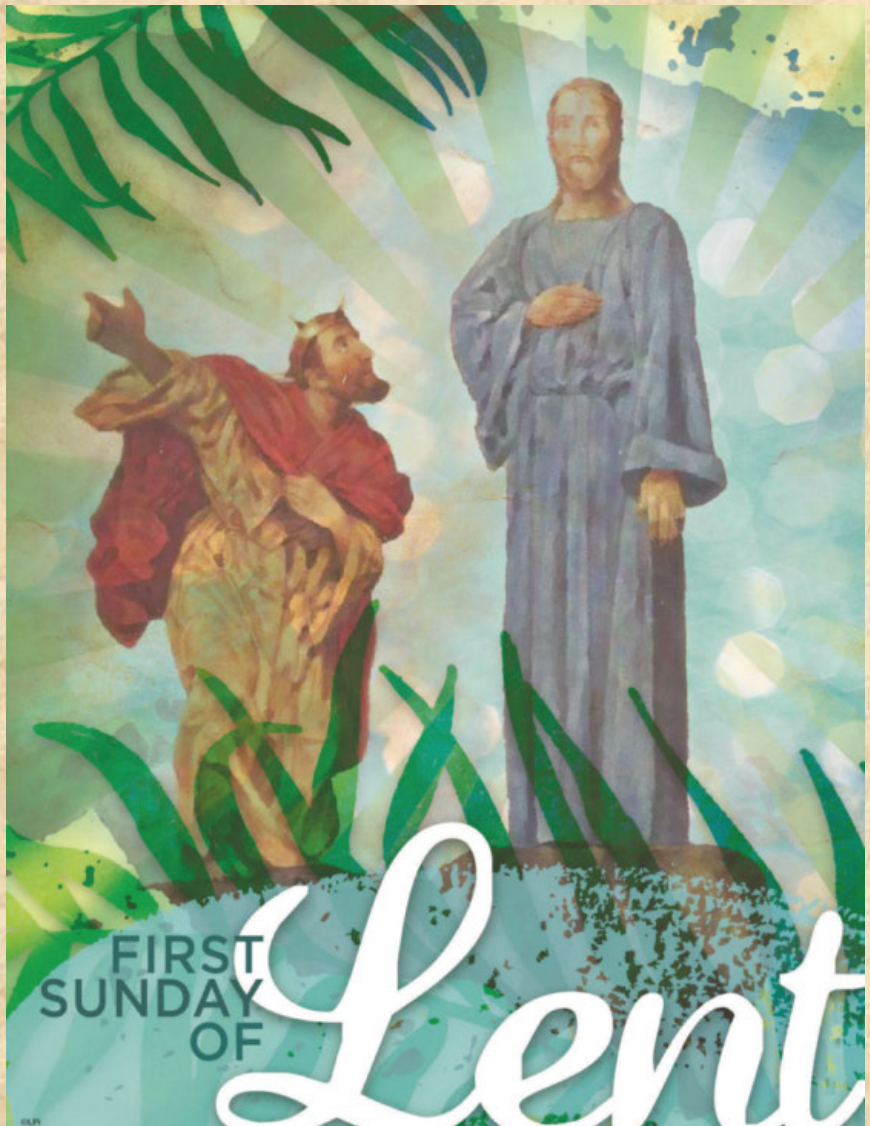
Sunday
October—May
8 AM & 10:00 AM

June—September
9:00AM

Holy Days
Vigil 7:00 PM, 9:00 AM

Confessions

1/2 hour before weekend Masses



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WEB: www.stjameschurchlp.org

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays

After 9:00 AM Mass - 12:00 PM

Sacraments

Baptisms

Last Saturday of the Month
or by appointment

Weddings

Contact Parish Office

Anointing the Sick & Homebound

Please contact the parish office at least 2 days prior to admission to hospital, if possible.

Altar Flowers



To contribute to the flower fund or to sponsor flowers for Sunday services in memory of a loved one or for any special intention, please fill out a flower fund envelope and place it in the offertory basket. Checks should be made payable to: **CCW of Lake Placid.**

Holy Water

The holy water dispenser is located in the vestibule of the church.

Votive Candles

Votive candles are located in the church and in the chapel.

Remembering your Parish in your Will or Family Trust

Gifts provided through wills and trusts enable donors to make significant contributions that may not have been possible during their lifetime.

Thank you for your consideration.

Your gift to the CFA helps subsidize the great work of Catholic Charities, who in turn serve more than 40,000 of our neighbors in need.

Collections

2/19: \$5,138.89
CFA: \$2,426.80



Readings for the week of February 26th

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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Please Pray for:

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| Teena Thomas | Dustin Brewer |
| Georgia Lee Eshelman | Andrew Lewis |
| Shadden McAllister | Emily Lewis |
| Diana Patricia | Beth Bergendorf |
| Madalin A. Cabrera | Lucas
Diana Patricia Cabrera |
| Jim, Jean & John | |
| James Horvath | Jimmy Rollins |
| Lisa Mullins | Bryan Jack |

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, February 27th, 9:00 AM

†David Measday, by Charlotte Measday

Tuesday, February 28th, 9:00 AM

†Nelson Caldwell Jr. & his son †Stewart, by their family

Wednesday, March 1st, 9:00AM

†Lois Juccaronne, by Arthur Hoglander & family

Thursday, March 2nd, 9:00 AM

†Adela Olmo, by Friends

Friday, March 3rd, 9:00 AM

†Francis (Frankie) Wade Burke, by Floyd & Linda Osterman

Saturday, March 4th, 9:00 AM (Healing)

Healing for John, Michael, Gavin, Triston & Elizabeth Caldwell, by mother/grandmother

4:00 PM (Vigil)

†Ellie Baer, by Stan & Carol Lisiecki

Sunday, March 5th, 8:00AM

†Rosalie Sullivan, by Joe Sullivan

10:00AM

†Colin Anderson, by Michael & Glenda Brannen



My Dear People,

I want to thank the Council of Catholic Women for the bottle project to raise money for special projects in the church.

From the waters of the Jordan, the **Spirit** leads Jesus into the **desert** to be **tempted** by Satan. This is the rugged Judean wilderness west of the Dead Sea. Here Jesus goes for a grueling **forty days** and **nights** of fasting. He faces not only harsh conditions, utter loneliness, and the gnawing discomforts of hunger, he also endures the assaults of his archenemy, the devil. Matthew presents this ordeal as an escalating series of three temptations. The first temptation is the most subtle, the second is less so, and the third is the most blatant and audacious. All are attempts by Satan to divert Jesus from the path of human suffering and obedience that his mission entails.

The first temptation was this: **“If you are the son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread.”** The

devil would have Jesus perform a miracle to relieve the suffering of his languishing body. Some take this to mean that Jesus is tempted to gluttony, to stuffing himself beyond all limits of moderation, but there is something more subtle going on than a temptation of gluttony.

The focus is on the identity and power of Jesus. What was declared in public by the Father (3:17: “This is my beloved Son”) is now tested in private by the enemy.

The devil challenges Jesus to use his divine might for strictly personal benefit. In effect, the reference to bread is simply the bait that hides the hook. The temptation is not really about food but about turning Jesus away from the difficult road that the Father wills for his Son (26:39). His mission is not to serve himself by exploiting his divine prerogative but to serve others by a life of heroic sacrifice (20;28).

Jesus responds with the words of Deut: 8:3: **“One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”** The statement is a short lesson on God’s priorities for our lives, teaching us that physical needs are not our greatest needs. The Word of the Lord is more essential sustenance for life than bread. Obedience to his Word is something for which we should “hunger and thirst” (5:6). Committed to

this teaching, Jesus refuses to prioritize the cravings of his body over the higher obligation to do the will of the Father in all circumstances.

The second temptation brings Jesus to **the holy city of Jerusalem**. There the devil perches him high on the **parapet of the temple** and utters the words: **“If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down.”** As in the first temptation, the divine Sonship of Jesus is central to the test. This time, however, the challenge is buttressed

with a passage from Scripture, Ps. 91:11–12, in which God promises to protect and **support** the righteous person with **his angels**.

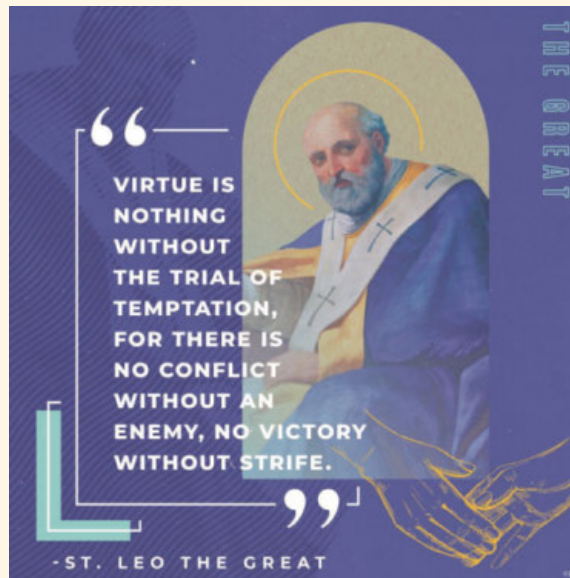
Immediately one notices how the tempter adjusts himself to the one being tempted. Jesus has quoted the Bible to express his commitment to live by God’s Word (v. 4), and so the devil turns to the Bible to press his second attack. Moreover, the setting of the temptation is significant. There are many elevations and steep cliffs throughout Palestine from which Jesus could

take a fatal plunge. Why bring him to the temple in Jerusalem? Because this is where the God of Israel has chosen to make his presence dwell among his people. If there is any place where a Jew could expect the Lord to heed his prayer for deliverance, it is at the temple.

This second temptation is essentially a challenge to the trustworthiness of God. Satan wants Jesus to subject his Father’s promises to verification. Instead of trusting in the Lord’s care, which is the real message of Ps. 91, the devil urges him to certify the truth of the Scriptures by making a daredevil’s leap from the sanctuary. Such an attempt to manipulate God into action is presumptuous. The Father will not be forced to prove himself at our bidding.

Jesus strikes back with words from Deut 6:16: **“You shall not put the Lord, your God to the test.”** The original context of this passage is the rebellion of the exodus generation in the wilderness. At Massah, the Israelites had grown so weary and irritable that some demanded God give proof of his presence among them (Exodus 17:1-7). Failing to trust, they dared to put the Lord to the test. Jesus will not make the same mistake. The Son will not turn his own experience of testing into a pretext for testing the Father.

The third temptation brings Jesus to the summit of a



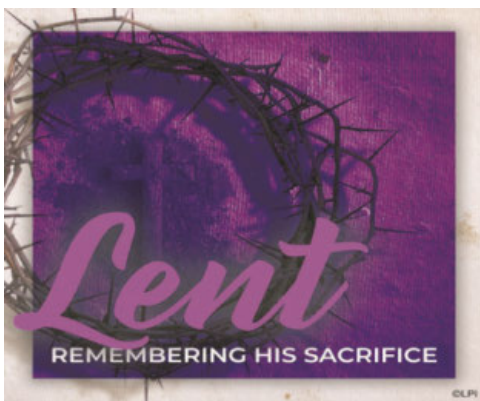
very high mountain. The purpose is to give him a panoramic vision of **all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence.** This time the devil's mask comes off. Insinuation has proven ineffective, as has quoting from Scripture. Now the foul ambitions of the demon are laid open to view.

Peering out at the great empires of the world, the devil says: **"All these I shall give to you, if you will prostitute yourself and worship me."** **In essence, Jesus is being offered a shortcut to achieving his messianic objectives.** Kingly power and international glory can be his without any humiliation or torment. In exchange, Satan wants nothing less from Jesus than a brazen act of apostasy and idolatry. Jesus has refused the offer to serve himself rather than his mission from the Father, and he has declined the challenge to test the Father's goodwill. Now he is asked to repudiate the father altogether by surrendering himself to the lordship of Satan, the "ruler of this world" (John 12:31).

Still Jesus remains unmoved. He responds. **"Get away, Satan!"** and drives the devil off with the words of Deut 6:13: **"The Lord, your God shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."** The context of the quotation is instructive, for it prohibits the worship of "other gods" (Deut. 6:14). Bowing before Satan would be such an act of idolatry, and Jesus will have no part of it. In the end, Jesus has proven himself the loyal Son of God. Neither the pangs of hunger nor the prospect of worldwide kingship have been able to bend his will away from the Father's. In a final scene, we are told that **angels** from heaven **came and ministered to him.** Most likely this means that Jesus was fed by the angels, much as Elijah was in the Old Testament (1 Kings 19: 4-7).

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Vincent Clemente



Mondays at 6 PM
in the Social Hall.
All are welcome to
attend!

Feb. 27. The Creed
Mar. 6. The Way of the
Cross

Please join our RCIA group for this beautiful, inspirational evening that will bring you on a closer walk with Jesus during the Lenten season. Lynda Fairfield and Betty Thornton read it and they add music and lyrics from Roger Grenier's CD.

Mar. 13-16. Parish Mission.
Mar. 20. The Lord's Prayer
Mar. 27. The Meaning of Holy Week

April 3. Easter Vigil Retreat
April 8. Easter Vigil Services

Please give us a call if you have questions. Elsie 863-633-8142 or Lynda at 863-655-2370.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lenten Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers: Fridays in Lent at 5:30PM in the Social Hall. Free.

Fish Dinners. St. Catherine's will be hosting Friday fish dinners. 4:00-6:00PM. \$15 gets dinner, dessert, coffee and tea.

OLPH Retreat: February 25 & 26, Father Timothy Gallagher, OMV will offer a two-day commuter retreat entitled "Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement: An Ignatian Path to Hope" at San Pedro Catholic Church in North Port. www.olph-retreat.org.

The Way of the Cross: March 6th, 6PM in the Social Hall. Please join our RCIA group for this beautiful, inspirational evening that will bring you on a closer walk with Jesus during the Lenten season.

St. James Lenten Penance Service: Wednesday, March 15th at 6:30PM.

A graphic for donating blood. It features a red bus with "BUS" written on it. The text "DONATE BLOOD" is prominently displayed. Below it, it says "St. James Catholic Church Thursday, March 2 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM". It lists benefits for donors: "\$20 eGift Card", "St. Patrick's Day T-shirt", and "Wellness Checkup". It also includes a fact: "A single car accident victim can require 100 pints of blood." and a website: "oneblood.org/donate-now".



Lent is a call to "give alms for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Is there a family you know who needs help? Give them the StVdP phone number—863-840-1168. Together we can reach families in need.

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In observance of 40 Days For Life, St James is organizing a trip to the Planned Parenthood facility in Sarasota on Monday, March 6th. We will leave after the 9AM Mass, and the Knights of Columbus are offering transportation for those who do not wish to drive. Please call Glenda Brannen (863-274-6168) to reserve a spot. The purpose of our trip is to join others in Sarasota peacefully praying for an end to abortion. We will be at PP for about an hour. You may bring a folding chair if standing is difficult. We will stop for lunch before returning home.



Letter from the Bishop

February 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the date of the Diocese’s Eucharistic Congress approaches, I encourage you to participate in this important spiritual event. The Congress, meant to reinvigorate and restore reverence for the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, will be held on Saturday, March 25, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Caloosa Sound Convention Center at 1375 Monroe Street in Fort Myers.

The theme of this Eucharistic Congress in the Diocese of Venice is “*The Word Became Flesh.*” Inspirational talks by nationally known Catholic speakers will be presented, with men’s and women’s breakout sessions and offerings in both English and Spanish. Topics covered, for example, will include “Becoming a True Daughter of the King by Way of the Eucharist,” and “Men of the Eucharist: Taken, Blessed, Broken & Given.” The day-long event will also include opportunities for Adoration and Confession, culminating in a public Eucharistic Procession in Fort Myers, followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

On the prior evening, a Diocesan Youth Rally – with age-appropriate topics and an inspiring performance by the popular musical group *The Vigil Project* – will take place, for those of you with teens or young adults! You can find all the details on the Diocese of Venice website, by clicking [here](#). On the same site, please find a link to [register](#), as well as an opportunity to [book your hotel room](#) at the Luminary Hotel at a special rate, should you choose to stay overnight (doors open at 8:00 a.m. on the 25th!)

Won’t you join us for this important celebration of the presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist? I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Frank J. Dewane

Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida



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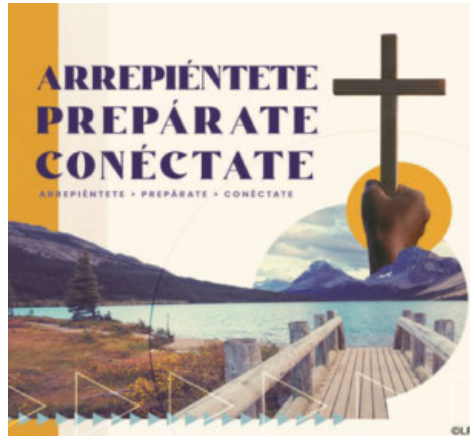
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Preparados o no, ya estamos en el Primer Domingo de Cuaresma. Después de Navidad, escuchamos durante seis domingos de Tiempo Ordinario. Durante ese tiempo fuimos preparando el corazón para entrar en la Cuaresma, tiempo litúrgico que comienza con el Miércoles de Ceniza. Es un tiempo de preparación a la Pascua y termina el Jueves Santo, después de mediodía. También, es un tiempo intenso de preparación para los catecúmenos, quienes van a ser bautizados en la Vigilia Pascual. Los ya bautizados se preparan para celebrar la pasión, muerte y resurrección de nuestro Salvador.

La liturgia de hoy nos introduce al misterio de Cristo. Ayuno, limosna y oración son los elementos importantes de este tiempo. Es un tiempo de reflexión y conversión profunda para volver a Dios. El color litúrgico de este tiempo es el morado, color que significa penitencia. El Evangelio nos muestra el ayuno y las tentaciones de Jesús en el desierto. Cuarenta días de ayuno y oración y el rechazo de la tentación. La oración da fortaleza para rechazar al enemigo y el ayuno prepara el espíritu para arrepentirnos con hechos de nuestro enorme egoísmo, y de la falta de respeto a los demás. Es también, tiempo para hacer de la justicia un escudo que lleve a creer en el Evangelio de Jesús. Significa, también, esfuerzo para ajustar el cambio adecuado en nuestra vida a los criterios, enseñanzas y ejemplos de Cristo. Acompañar el recorrido hacia Jerusalén con un corazón dispuesto a morir en la cruz para resucitar gloriosos con Jesús. ©LPi



Horario de Misas
 Domingo: 10:00am
 Jueves y Viernes: 7:00PM
 Primer viernes del mes– Misa a las 7:00pm y la exposición del Santísimo Sacramento desde las 5:00pm hasta las 7:00pm
 Confesiones: 9:30am domingo
 Bautismos: 4o sábado del mes a las 4:00 pm
 Platicas del bautismo: 3o viernes del mes a las 7:30pm después de la Misa
 Quinceañeras: hablar con el sacerdote



La ofrenda:
 2/19: \$621.75



Mis Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

A medida que se acerca la fecha del Congreso Eucarístico de la Diócesis, los animo a participar en este importante evento espiritual. El Congreso, destinado a revitalizar y restaurar la reverencia por la Presencia Real de Jesucristo en la Sagrada Eucaristía, se llevará a cabo el Sábado 25 de marzo, de 9 a.m. a 6 p.m., en el Centro de Convenciones Caloosa Sound en 1375 Monroe Street en Fort Myers.

El tema de este Congreso Eucarístico en la Diócesis de Venice es "*El Verbo Se Hizo Carne*". Se presentarán charlas inspiradoras de oradores Católicos conocidos a nivel nacional, con sesiones para hombres y mujeres y ofrendas en Inglés y Español. Los temas cubiertos, por ejemplo, incluirán "Convertirse en una Verdadera Hija del Rey por medio de la Eucaristía" y "Hombres de la Eucaristía: Tomados, Bendecidos, Quebrantados y Dados". El evento de un día de duración también incluirá oportunidades para la Adoración y la Confesión, que culminará en una Procesión Eucarística pública en Fort Myers, seguida del Santo Sacrificio de la Misa.

La noche anterior, se llevará a cabo un Rally Diocesano de Jóvenes, con temas apropiados para la edad y una actuación inspiradora del popular grupo musical *The Vigil Project*, ¡para aquellos de ustedes con adolescentes o adultos jóvenes! Puede encontrar todos los detalles en el sitio web de la Diócesis de Venice, haciendo clic [aquí](#). En el mismo sitio, encuentre un enlace para [registrarse](#), así como la oportunidad de [reservar su habitación](#) de hotel en el Hotel Luminary a un precio especial, si decide pasar la noche (¡las puertas abren a las 8:00 a.m. el día 25!)

¿No te unirás a nosotros para esta importante celebración de la presencia de Cristo en la Sagrada Eucaristía? ¡Espero verte allí!

Sinceramente tuyo en Cristo, + Frank J. Dewane, Obispo de la Diócesis de Venice

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CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

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3rd Sunday of the Month

2:00 pm

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2nd Sunday of the Month, 2:00pm

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PARISH HAPPENINGS**FEBRUARY 26th— Sunday.**

Faith Formation, 11AM-Noon, Social Hall.

FEBRUARY 27th— Monday.

RCIA, 6PM, Social Hall.

FEBRUARY 28th— Tuesday.

Child. of Our Lady, 10AM, Social Hall.

MARCH 1st— Wednesday.

Bible Study, 10AM, Social Hall.

Confirmation Class, 6PM, Social Hall.

MARCH 2nd— Thursday.

CCW Meeting, 10AM, Social Hall.

Legion of Mary, 1PM, Social Hall.

Bible Study, 7PM, Social Hall

MARCH 3rd— Friday.

Kraft Korner, 10AM-12PM, Social Hall.

Video Stations of the Cross and Soup

Supper hosted by Bible Study and the

Legion of Mary, 5:30PM, Social Hall.

Free! All Welcome!

MARCH 4th— Saturday.

CCW Meeting, 8:30AM-1:00PM,

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