

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*Then Jesus said,  
"I came into this  
world for judgment,  
so that those who  
do not see might see,  
and those who  
do see might  
become blind."*

~ John 9:1-41

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## *food for thought*

*"God Who is infinitely rich became man in order to experience the poverty and misery of fallen man, not because He needed this experience, but because we needed His example. Now that we have seen His love, let us love one another as He has loved us. Thus His love will work in our hearts and transform us into Himself."*

~Father Thomas Merton, OCSO

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Join the St. Brendan Knights of Columbus as they host Coffee & Donuts after the Sunday 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses in the Davidson Rooms.

### Holy Mass\*

**SATURDAY VIGIL** 5:30 PM

**SUNDAY** 7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM

### Daily Mass\*

**MONDAY** 6:30 AM, 8 AM, 5:30 PM

**TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY** 6:30 AM, 8 AM

**WEDNESDAY** 6:30 AM, 5:30 PM

**SATURDAY** 8 AM

### Reconciliation\*

**WEDNESDAY** 6-7 PM (during Adoration)

**SATURDAY** 9 AM

Or, schedule a Confession with one of our priests, by calling the parish office.

*\*Regular Mass and Confession times may change. Find this week's calendar in the weekly bulletin or on our website.*



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Weekdays, 9 AM-12 PM & 1-4 PM

## Church Hours

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## From Our Pastor ON THIS FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

("Laetare" Sunday), we hear the familiar Gospel of Jesus healing the man born blind. Every miracle of Jesus is meant to teach us something and this miracle of the healing of the blind man teaches us that Jesus came to cure our spiritual blindness. There were other people in the Gospel who could see, yet they were spiritually blind. They were the Pharisees. We need to ask ourselves: Is it possible that we may

have a blind spot with regard to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and our need of God's mercy? As we continue on our journey during this Season of Lent, may I suggest that each of us go to the Pool of Siloam to wash our spiritual eyes so that we can see again what the Lord's call is to each of us. For years I have recommended that Catholics go to Confession once a month to receive the graces of this wonderful sacrament. I am firmly convinced that we do not fully comprehend the enormous graces God gives us when we receive this sacrament. One way I like to think about it is that as we confess our sins, the blood of Jesus flows over us from Calvary and cleanses us. We believe that during Mass, Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary is extended through time to us, and in the same way when we receive Jesus' forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation – that forgiveness is flowing to us from Calvary. I believe that in the sacrament we receive not only forgiveness but strength for living the Christian life.

This is what Jesus said to St. Faustina about the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

*"There the greatest miracles take place and are incessantly repeated. It suffices to come with faith to the feet of my representative and to reveal to him one's misery and the miracle of Divine Mercy will be fully demonstrated. Were a soul like a decaying corpse so that from a human standpoint there would be no hope of restoration and everything would already be lost, it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full. When you go to confession, know this, that I myself am waiting for you in the confessional; I am only hidden by the priest, but I myself act in the soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to my generosity."*

Jesus also said to Saint Faustina the greater the sinner, the greater the mercy:

*"Summon all those to confidence in the incomprehensible depth of my mercy for I desire to save all. The well of mercy was opened wide with a lance on the cross for all souls. I do not exclude anyone."*

When Jesus says, "I do not exclude anyone," He means it. Approach Jesus, our loving, compassionate, merciful, forgiving Savior in the confessional. Let Jesus open our eyes as He did to the man born blind. See with the eyes of faith how wonderful God is for sending His Son into the world to save us from ourselves.

**MANY THANKS** to all who chaired, organized, sponsored, donated, supported and attended the March 7, **Casino Royale** to benefit our Parish School. A wonderful time was had by all, and money was raised to benefit our school students! Thank you, all! (See details on following pages.)

During a couple of homilies, I made mention of **THE ABBEY OF GETHSEMANI** (near Bardstown, Kentucky) and since then, I have had several inquiries from parishioners about the Abbey. Yes, the Abbey is open for lay adults wanting to make a retreat. I would encourage anyone to go there, as the Trappist Monks at the Abbey provide an incredible, distraction-free weekend (or weekdays) of prayer, reading, meditation, introspection, and spiritual renewal. Or, go there to spend a day. No matter how long you stay, your visit will provide a glimpse into the monastic life of the Trappists who live, work, and worship there in community, following life according to the Rule of Saint Benedict: "ora et labora" – "prayer and work." Founded in 1848, the resident monks have observed 7 daily hours of prayer, rain or shine, summer and winter, in wartime and peace, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The seven daily chanted liturgies that make up the Liturgy of the Hours are: **Vigils** (3:15 AM), **Lauds** (5:45 AM), **Terce** (7:30 AM), **Sext** (12:15 PM), **None** (2:15 PM), **Vespers** (5:30 PM), and **Compline** (7:30 PM). These literally do not last an "hour" each; all seven combine for 2-1/2 to 2-3/4 hours each day; attendance at the Liturgy of the Hours is optional, but I would encourage you to attend. Mass is celebrated at 6:15 AM. After lunch each day, you can take advantage of the rolling Kentucky hills and set out to walk along the trails that traverse the 2,000 acres that belong to the Abbey. Silence is observed throughout the monastery's retreat house, grounds, gardens, and walking trails, as well as the dining room where retreatants are offered the gentle reminder, "Silence Is Spoken Here." The monastery offers a place apart "to entertain silence in the heart and listen for the voice of God – to pray for your own discovery" (Fr. Thomas Merton, OCSO). I encourage each of you to experience all that the Abbey offers for a silent retreat – the Abbey is only a four-hour drive from Columbus. Visit their web site for retreat information and reservations – [www.monks.org](http://www.monks.org) – and while you are there, order some of their delicious fudge and fruitcake (it's the only fruitcake I have ever enjoyed!) which they produce to help support the mission of the monastery. God bless!

*Fr. Mike*

Fr. Michael Lumpe, Pastor

## Holy Week & Easter Schedule

### March 29

#### PALM SUNDAY

**7:15 AM, 8:45 AM, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM Mass**

(Reg. Mass/Adoration schedule.)

**Sat., March 28: 5:30 PM Vigil Mass**

### March 30

#### RECONCILIATION MONDAY

**6:30 AM, 8 AM, 5:30 PM Mass**

**6-9 PM Confession**

**6-10 PM Adoration**

(Reg. Mass/Adoration schedule.)

### March 31

#### TUESDAY

**6:30 AM, 8 AM Mass**

(Reg. Mass/Adoration schedule.)

### April 1

#### WEDNESDAY

**6:30 AM, 5:30 PM Mass**

(Reg. Mass/Adoration schedule.)

**6 PM Adoration, Holy Hour & Confession**

### April 2

#### HOLY THURSDAY

**6:30 PM** Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Eucharistic Procession to the Altar of Repose

**8-11:30 PM Adoration**

(No 6:30 / 8 AM Mass. Only one Mass is permitted Holy Thursday)

### April 3

#### GOOD FRIDAY

**3 PM** Lord's Passion Mass with General Veneration

**4 PM, Stations of the Cross & Confession until all are heard.**

(No 6:30/8 AM Mass or Adoration. Parish Office is closed.)

### April 4

#### HOLY SATURDAY

**9 AM** Blessing of Food

**9 PM** Easter Vigil Mass

(No Adoration or Confession. No 8 AM or 5:30 PM Mass.)

### April 5

#### EASTER SUNDAY

**7:15 AM** Church

**8:45 AM** Church & Gym

**10:45 AM** Church\* & Gym

\*Livestreamed Mass

(No Adoration or 5:30 PM Mass.)



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## A Recap of the Event...

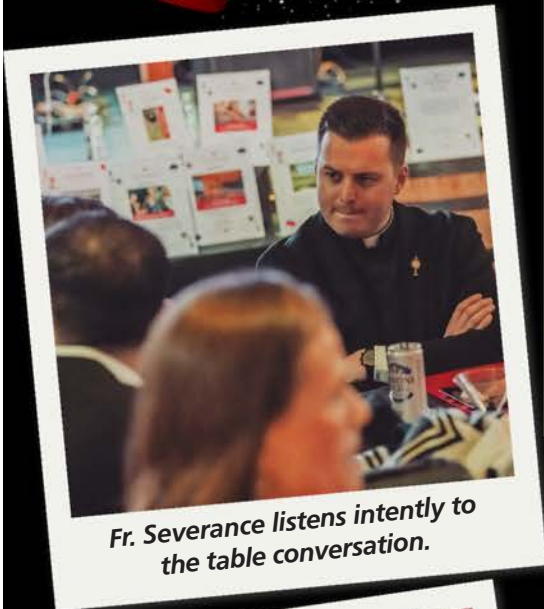
The **2026 Casino Royale** marked our school's premier fundraising event of the year. With a record attendance of **over 375 people**, the evening was a vibrant celebration of our community. Funds raised directly support our Home and School Association and its mission to enhance our school. Highlights included professional catering by **Berwick**, live music from **Mid-Life Crisis** and casino-style entertainment by **VIP Rentals**.

**Our deepest gratitude goes out to the entire community** for supporting our only school fundraiser of the year. Special recognition is due to our incredible sponsors (see list on next page), including the Bishop, as well as our tireless Auction Committee, our emcee, Steve Maziarz, Auctioneer, Rich Jenkins, photographer, Bill Jilenik and graphics by Lee Salcone, all who donated their time to our amazing event. The total amount raised is still undetermined, but the **Dunk DeMassimo House Challenge** raised **\$6,545** with students in the Neumann House winning the chance to dunk principal, Mike DeMassimo this Spring!

**2026 Auction Committee Members:** Dionne McCarthy, Mary Lang, Marie Adams, Matt Adams, Chistine Mack, Jenny Intrieri, Linda Skelton, Erin Bailey, Emily Abraham, Natalie Chilicki, Adrienne Starkey, Brittany Djoice, Kate DeStephen, Natalie Powell, Amanda Reeves, Laura Peters, Melissa Blackburn, Ellen Bakle, Doug Whipp, Beth Schloss and Lauren Poremski



*Auction Emcee, Steve Maziarz with our Auctioneer, Rich Jenkins*



*Fr. Severance listens intently to the table conversation.*



*Fr. Mike provided prayer & added an auction item - dinner with the Bishop!*



# Auction HIGHLIGHTS



**FUND-A-NEED:** The auction was a huge success, but we are still striving to reach our **\$25,000 goal** for the playground **Fund-A-Need** by installing equipment specifically designed for those with special needs. **To give: Make checks** out to St. Brendan Home & School Association with "Fund-A-Need" on the memo line; Through your **PushPay** account (scan the QR code); Via the Auction **Give Smart** at <https://tinyurl.com/stbplayground>



*Live Auction bidding in action!*



*Fr. Weldit gives a high five in response to the right card turning up at the perfect time!*



*"Mid-Life Crisis" provided music for dancing during the after-party.*



*Fr. Jake, trying his luck at one of the gaming tables.*



*Fr. Mike and Auction Chair, Dionne McCarthy, announce the next item.*



*Our Principal, Mike DeMassimo, enjoyed helping boost up the bids!*

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# Month of March: Dedicated to St. Joseph

**ABOUT SAINT JOSEPH** *Article is by Fr. William Saunders, courtesy of the Catholic Exchange.*

St. Joseph truly is the silent figure of the New Testament. For instance, the Gospel does not record one spoken verse for St. Joseph. Nevertheless, what this great saint did in his life for God speaks volumes. To appreciate him and his role in salvation, we need to glean the Gospels.

St. Joseph was "of the house and lineage of David" (Lk 2:4). Because of this ancestry, St. Joseph is the linkage between the old covenant made with Abraham and Moses, and the new, perfect, and everlasting covenant which will be made through the blood of Jesus. He brings to a close the notion of the Patriarch's promised land and King David's established kingdom, and prepares the way for Jesus, the Messiah, who will establish the new Kingdom of God and the new Promised Land – not a kingdom of land, castles and armies, but one that is within oneself of shared life with the Lord, lived now and fulfilled in Heaven.

St. Matthew identifies Joseph as "an upright man." The original text uses the word "just" or "righteous," which better reflects that he lived by God's standard, keeping the commandments and emulating God's love.

St. Joseph first appears in the Gospel infancy narratives. While St. Luke's Gospel focuses on the Annunciation to Mary, St. Matthew's Gospel focuses on St. Joseph. Here, St. Joseph was engaged to Mary when he discovered that she was pregnant. Remember that in Jewish society, when a couple became formally engaged declaring their intent before two witnesses, they were considered married as husband and wife. After one year usually, the groom went to the home of the bride with great ceremony and brought her to his own home where they consummated the marriage and lived together as husband and wife. (This tradition is the basis for the parable of the five foolish bridesmaids in Mt 25). Since St. Joseph did not yet know God's plan but knew his wife was pregnant not by himself, the Gospel reads that he "decided to divorce her quietly" (Mt 1:19). According to the Torah laws, St. Joseph could have had Mary stoned to death for infidelity (cf. Deut 22). If St. Joseph knew Mary was pregnant, did the town gossip circle also notice? One can only wonder what shame and hurt he must have felt. How his heart must have been broken.

Nevertheless, the Angel of the Lord appeared to St. Joseph in a dream, revealed to him that Mary had conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and commanded that he take Mary as his wife and Jesus as his own Son. Without question or hesitation, St. Joseph did as the angel commanded. Here again, we see the important role of Joseph: He is to take Jesus as his own Son and to name him, thereby giving Him legal recognition and legal personhood.

St. Joseph fulfilled his obligations courageously. Throughout the Gospel, he faithfully and unquestioningly obeyed the commands of God: taking his family to the safety of Egypt to flee the wrath of King Herod; returning to Nazareth; presenting his child in the Temple for circumcision and formal presentation; and traveling to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. He accepted the responsibility of his vocation — being the

faithful spouse and father. He provided the best he could for his family, whether that meant the stable in Bethlehem or the home in Nazareth. Although the Gospels recount hardly any information about the Holy Family's life in Nazareth, they were people of modest means: When St. Joseph and Mary present Jesus at the Temple, they offer two turtle doves as a sacrifice, an exception made for poorer families who could not afford the usual offering of a lamb.

To provide for his family, St. Joseph worked as a carpenter. The original word in the Gospel is "tekton" which means "craftsman" or "artisan," thereby suggesting that he could well have been a builder of homes as well as a carpenter. As a good Jewish father, St. Joseph passed this trade on to his Son, and indeed Jesus is known as "the carpenter's son" (Mt 13:55) and "the carpenter" (Mk 6:3).

Although St. Joseph was not the physical father of Jesus, he was a father in every other sense of the word. Again, as a good Jewish father, he was responsible for the religious education of his Son, include teaching Him to read the Sacred Scriptures. St. Joseph must have been a fine, masculine example for Jesus considering that God, the Father, had entrusted His Son to his care.

Finally, Jesus must have loved and respected St. Joseph and Mary very much, for the Gospel reads, after the finding in the Temple, Jesus returned to Nazareth and "was obedient to them" (Luke 2:51). In all, he selflessly set aside his own needs for the good of his family.

Tradition holds that St. Joseph died before Jesus began His public ministry. This belief is based on two points: He never appeared during the public ministry while Mary did, and from the cross, Jesus entrusted the care of His mother to St. John the Apostle, indicating she was a widow with no other children to care for her. Tradition also holds that he died in the presence of Jesus and Mary. For this reason, St. Joseph is the patron saint of a holy death. Although not defined by the Magisterium, St. Francis de Sales (d. 1622) believed that St. Joseph was assumed body and soul into heaven: "What is there left for us to say now if not that, in no way must we doubt that this glorious saint enjoys much credit in Heaven in the company of the One who favored him so much as to raise him there, body and soul; something which is all the more likely since we have no relic of him here below on earth. It seems to me no one can doubt this truth; for how could He have refused this grace to St. Joseph, he who had been obedient at all times in his entire life? (Complete Works)

Other great saints held great devotion to St. Joseph: St. Bernardine of Siena (d. 1444) preached, "He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of His greatest treasures, namely, His divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife. He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying, 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.'" St. Teresa of Avila (d. 1582) in her Life wrote, "I took St. Joseph as my advocate

(...continued article, "About Saint Joseph")

and protector, and recommended myself very earnestly to him. He came to my help in the most visible manner. This loving father of my soul, this beloved protector, hastened to pull me out of the state in which my body was languishing, just as he snatched me away from greater dangers of another nature which were jeopardizing my honor and my eternal salvation! For my happiness to be complete, he has always answered my prayers beyond what I had asked and hoped for. I do not remember even now that I have ever asked anything of him which he has failed to grant. I am astonished at the great favors which God has bestowed on me through this blessed saint, and at the perils from which He has freed me, both in body and in soul.

Popes through the ages of the Church have also recognized the importance of St. Joseph: Pope Pius IX declared him the Patron of the Catholic Church (1870).

Pope Leo XIII in "Quamquam Pluries" (1889) wrote, "Joseph was the guardian, the administrator and the legitimate and natural defender of the divine household of which he was the head. It was thus natural and very worthy of St. Joseph that, as he supported in another era all the needs of the Family of Nazareth which he wrapped in is holy protection, he now covers with his heavenly patronage and defends the Church of Jesus Christ."

Pope Saint John Paul II in "Redemptoris Custos" (1989) exhorted the faithful to look to St. Joseph in our troubled age: "This patronage must be invoked, and it is always necessary for the Church, not only to defend it against dangers ceaselessly cropping up, but also and above all to support it in those fearful efforts at evangelizing the world, and spreading the new evangelization among nations where the Christian religion and life were formerly the most flourishing but are now put to a difficult test... May St. Joseph become for all, a singular master in the service of the saving mission of Christ that is incumbent on each and every one of us in the Church: To spouses, to parents, to those who live by the work of their hands or by any other work, to persons called to the contemplative life as well as to those called to the apostolate."

Lastly, St. Joseph has been honored in our liturgy. Since the legalization of Christianity in A.D. 313, a Mass has been offered in his honor, beginning in the East. Pope John XIII on Nov. 13, 1962 ordered St. Joseph's name inserted into the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), a proper recognition for the Guardian of the Universal Church. Moreover, St. Joseph's feast day of March 19 is a solemnity and traditionally a Holy Day of Obligation throughout the Universal Church (*Code Canon Law*, #1246); however, the United States was granted an exemption from the requirement at the request of the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore (1884) because of the difficulty of observing holydays in a non-Catholic environment. In 1955, Pope Pius XII established the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1 to present St. Joseph as the exemplar of all working men and to focus on the true dignity of human labor in contrast to the "May Day" celebrations of communist countries.

# Mass Intentions

## MONDAY, MARCH 16

6:30 AM Robert Brockman †  
8:00 AM For the needs of parishioners as we begin the week.  
5:30 PM Robert Eckstein †

## TUESDAY, MARCH 17

6:30 AM Linda Ann Dreier †  
8:00 AM Lorraine Kaiser †

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

6:30 AM Fesehaye Desta †  
5:30 PM Caterina Luppino †

## THURSDAY, MARCH 19

6:30 AM Linda Ann Dreier †  
8:00 AM John Bennison †

## FRIDAY, MARCH 20

6:30 AM Tyler Norwood †  
8:00 AM Linda Ann Dreier †

## SATURDAY, MARCH 21

8:00 AM Maxine Murphy †  
5:30 PM Theresa Parasida †

## SUNDAY, MARCH 22

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:15 AM For the People of St. Brendan Parish  
8:45 AM The Eugenio/Valencia Family †  
10:45 AM Fred Buerkle †  
5:30 PM Dan Badarzynski †  
(† Intention for deceased.)

## Financial Stewardship

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**MONDAY** 6 PM–10 PM  
**TUESDAY** 8:30 AM–10 PM  
**WEDNESDAY** 7 AM–5 PM Holy Hour, 6-7 PM w/Confession  
**THURSDAY** 8:30 AM–10 PM  
**FRIDAY** 8:30 AM–10 PM 1st Fridays, 8:30 AM–Sat., 1 PM  
**SATURDAY** 8:30 AM–1 PM  
**SUNDAY** 6:30 PM–10 PM

# Halfway through Lent: How's it Going?

Article by Doreen Truesdell,  
courtesy of the Catholic Exchange.

**So, how's your Lenten conversion going?** Probably, like a lot of us, not as well as you had hoped. You might have started out with strong intentions, but you've flagged in recent weeks. The old zeal just isn't what it was back in the soul-searching days following Ash Wednesday. The clocks have changed, the weather has changed, and so have we.

But they don't call it the Gospel for nothing. The "Good News" now is that it's not too late to prepare our souls for the joy of Easter. With the sorrows and Passion of Holy Week coming soon, it's an ideal time to strengthen ourselves by rejuvenating our minds, our attitudes, and our prayers. Within Lent, there's time to start anew.

In fact, Lent is all about renewal, and even though the climax of new life occurs at Easter there are signposts of renewal all along the Lenten road. There is the Feast of the Annunciation, when the angel of God promises new life, Emmanuel, in response to Mary's fiat; there is Jesus' revelation to Nicodemus that we must become born again in the Spirit in order to reach the Kingdom of God; and there is the great miracle of Lazarus being raised from the dead, a powerful symbol of Christ's authority and triumph over sin and death.

To begin again in Lent, it's important to realize how much Jesus loves us. Lent is not purely a test of our compliance, it's an opportunity to return His great love in ways we have not explored before. Christ wants us to succeed in loving Him and He goes to great lengths to show us the way to the cross and to resurrection. He's on our side in the battles we have with ourselves, not watching from a distance and clucking His tongue at us in disappointment. That's a trick of Satan, not the practice of Our Lord.

"Conversion is nothing more than a deeper discovery of what we already truly desire," writes Venerable John Henry Newman, the English priest who converted from Anglicanism to Roman Catholicism and was a major figure in the Oxford Movement.

We already know what we desire, even if we haven't called it by name. We want to be loved. We want the fruits of receiving and giving love, such as peace and a satisfaction with life despite its manifold imperfections.

To draw closer to Christ in mutual love requires our conversion. We can't get there without it. If we want to make the most of these last weeks of Lent, we've got to give something that we'd really rather hold on to. It might be as big as forgiving someone who has done a great wrong to us; it might be as small as making frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament in the middle of our busy routines.

If you need guidance in finding your path to a Lenten conversion, look close to home first. God Himself knows which path is right for each of us and, with love, He sends the means to effect our conversion, whether we like it or not.

"The best of all penance is that which God sends us," said Bernard William Cardinal Griffin, speaking in 1952. "Acts of self-denial which we freely choose are precious in the sight of God. But far more precious are those sufferings which we have not chosen and which come to us unasked...To accept God's will without complaint is the greatest contribution that any Christian can make to the cause of world peace."

It's funny, we never think about world peace when we're faced with suffering, during Lent or at any other time. That's partly because we're so wrapped up in ourselves, but it's also because we don't

understand the mystery of the Body of Christ, and the supernatural relationship among each person on the planet. By drawing closer to Christ in love during Lent, we're assisting to draw the world closer together. Can you imagine what would happen if every Christian did God's will? The combined power would supersede all politics, all cultural wars, and all terrorism. The conversion of the world begins with you and with me. So the importance of our Lenten conversion becomes all the more significant.

To have a strong finish this Lent, let's go back to the beginning of it. The entire structure of the season is based on Christ's 40 days in the desert and the three temptations of Satan. Jesus was hungry, tired, lonely and weak. He was in the final stretch and needed rejuvenation, just as we do now. Satan launched his offensive, but the depth of Jesus' love for His Father, and for us, sustained Our Lord. Satan offers food to Jesus, knowing His great hunger. The bread symbolizes our own appetites, not only for food and drink, but for all material things including possessions, entertainment, leisure and a comfortable lifestyle. Our appetites for such temptations are never sated. We're always planning our next activity, our next purchase, our next enjoyment.

Satan then urges Jesus to test God, His Father, by throwing Himself from the heights and trusting God to rescue Him. Here is the great temptation of pride, which leads us into reckless behaviors because we think we deserve more than what God has ordained for our lives. We demand God should agree with what we believe we deserve. The truth is that striving for what we want should always dovetail with striving for what God wants from us.

Finally, Satan promises all the kingdoms of the world to Christ if He will worship the fallen angel. This is the promise of self-divinity, that we can be like gods and rule our own lives and the lives of others. It is the temptation that propels men and women to believe that sin does not exist, that heaven and hell are myths and that true enlightenment comes from within the human mind. Every time we limit our obedience to God, we are practicing self-divinization. Christ shatters all of Satan's illusions. By His faithfulness through temptation, we learn that it is God alone Who satisfies all of our appetites; that we must place our trust in His commandments and providence, and not in our own judgment; and that His love and omnipotence has established the one, true Kingdom where eternal life awaits us.

These are the temptations we are still battling today. These are the hurdles on our road to a Lenten conversion. Our hope is in Christ, Whose mercy led Him to establish God's Kingdom on earth at a great price. He has already won the battle for us, if we would follow His example and teaching. Christ has already overcome what we face right now.

"A man converted is a man who has changed his essential thinking and has aimed his faith in a different direction," said Antonin Gilbert Sertillanges, O.P., a Thomistic theologian and spiritual writer. "Every day, at every hour, we must be converted, that is turned about and turned back towards God from whom the current of life continually turns us away. Conversion means a willingness to see the truth...and conform (ourselves) to it."

***Pray for me, and I will pray for you, as we continue to walk the road to Calvary and the path toward conversion in Christ that He promises will lead to eternal life.***

# Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” +Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

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*The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph*

***“Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.”***

**+ MEMORARE TO SAINT JOSEPH**

## **Monday, March 16 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Lent**

**Holy Gospel: John 4:43-54** At that time Jesus left [Samaria] for Galilee. For Jesus himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his native place. When he came into Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, since they had seen all he had done in Jerusalem at the feast; for they themselves had gone to the feast.

Then he returned to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. Now there was a royal official whose son was ill in Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, who was near death. Jesus said to him, “Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe.” The royal official said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” Jesus said to him, “You may go; your son will live.” The man believed what Jesus said to him and left. While the man was on his way back, his slaves met him and told him that his boy would live. He asked them when he began to recover. They told him, “The fever left him yesterday, about one in the afternoon.” The father realized that just at that time Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live,” and he and his whole household came to believe. Now this was the second sign Jesus did when he came to Galilee from Judea.

**Meditation:** Recall in sacred scripture Isaiah’s prophecy that God would establish a new heaven and earth when he came to restore his people. Jesus’ miracles are signs that manifest the presence and power of God’s kingdom. When a Gentile official heard the reports of Jesus’ preaching and miracles, he decided to seek Jesus out for an extraordinary favor. It took raw courage for a Gentile court official to travel twenty miles in search of Jesus, the Galilean carpenter. He had to swallow his pride and put up with some ridicule from his cronies. And when he found the healer carpenter, Jesus seemed to put him off with the blunt statement that people would not believe unless they saw some kind of miracle or sign from heaven. Jesus likely said this to test the man to see if his faith was in earnest. If he turned away discouraged or irritated, he would prove to be insincere. Jesus, perceiving his faith, sent him home with the assurance that his prayer had been heard.

**Prayer:** O God, who renew the world through mysteries beyond all telling, grant, we pray, that your Church may be guided by your eternal design. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** If you think about it, it was probably not easy for this man to leave Jesus and go back home only with the assuring word that his son would be healed. Couldn't Jesus have come to this man's home and touched his dying child? The court official believed and surrendered to Jesus. He was ready to return home and face ridicule and laughter because he trusted in Jesus' word. God's mercy shows his generous love -- a love that bends down in response to our misery and wretchedness. Do you approach the Lord Jesus with the readiness to believe in his word and to do whatever he commands?

## **Tuesday, March 17 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Lent**

**Optional Memorial: Saint Patrick of Ireland**

**Holy Gospel: John 5:1-16** There was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem at the Sheep Gate a pool called in Hebrew Bethesda, with five porticoes. In these lay a large number of ill, blind, lame, and crippled. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When

Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been ill for a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; while I am on my way, someone else gets down there before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your mat, and walk." Immediately the man became well, took up his mat, and walked.

Now that day was a sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to carry your mat." He answered them, "The man who made me well told me, 'Take up your mat and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who told you, 'Take it up and walk?'" The man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away, since there was a crowd there. After this Jesus found him in the temple area and said to him, "Look, you are well; do not sin any more, so that nothing worse may happen to you." The man went and told the Jews that Jesus was the one who had made him well. Therefore, the Jews began to persecute Jesus because he did this on a sabbath.

**Meditation:** Water is an amazing creation of God. Water has the power to transform everything it touches – water brings life, healing, and restoration. Jesus offers himself as the source of this living water which he will pour out upon his disciples in the gift of the Holy Spirit. The signs and miracles which Jesus performed manifest the power and presence of God's kingdom and they demonstrate the love and mercy God has for his people. In the pool at Bethesda we see an individual's helplessness overcome by God's mercy and power. On this occasion Jesus singles out an incurable invalid, helpless and hopeless for almost forty years. He awakens hope when he puts a probing question to the man, "Do you really want to be healed?" And he then orders him to "get up and walk!"

**Prayer:** May the venerable exercises of holy devotion shape the hearts of your faithful, O Lord, to welcome worthily the Paschal Mystery and proclaim the praises of your salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Prayer + Saint Patrick:** O God, who chose the Bishop Saint Patrick to preach your glory to the peoples of Ireland, grant, through his merits and intercession, that those who glory in the name of Christian may never cease to proclaim your wondrous deeds to all. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** God wants to free us from the power of sin and make us whole. But he will not force our hand against our will. The first essential step towards growth and healing is the desire for change. If we are content to stay as we are, then no amount of coaxing will change us. The Lord manifests his power and saving grace towards those who desire transformation of life in Christ. The Lord approaches each of us with an important and probing question: "Do you really want to be changed, to be set free from the power of sin, and to be transformed in my holiness?" And so how each of us responds has life-long implications. In these last weeks of Lent, why not take the first step to reconciling yourself with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation? The path to eternal life has many stops in the confessional.

### **Wednesday, March 18 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Lent** **Optional Memorial: Saint Cyril of Jerusalem**

**Holy Gospel: John 5:17-30** Jesus answered the Jews: "My Father is at work until now, so I am at work." For this reason they tried all the more to kill him, because he not only broke the sabbath but he also called God his own father, making himself equal to God.

Jesus answered and said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, the Son cannot do anything on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for what he does, the Son will do also. For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything that he himself does, and he will show him greater works than these, so that you may be amazed. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives life, so also does the Son give life to whomever he wishes. Nor does the Father judge anyone, but he has given all judgment to the Son, so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life. Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to the Son the possession of life in himself. And he gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation.

"I cannot do anything on my own; I judge as I hear, and my judgment is just, because I do not seek my own will but the will of the one who sent me."

**Meditation:** God's actions always reveal to us his mercy and compassion, and his justice. Do you ever pause to recognize his action in your life, his saving grace and love, and the purifying fire of his Spirit who convicts us of sin and transforms us in his holiness? Jesus fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah when he brings healing, restoration, and forgiveness to those who accept his divine message. Unfortunately many people refused Jesus' message and authority to speak and act on behalf of the Father. The religious authorities charged Jesus as a "Sabbath-breaker" and as a "blasphemer." They wanted to kill Jesus because he claimed the same authority and power as God. He claimed equality with God— something no mortal could say without blaspheming. Jesus answered their charge of breaking the Sabbath law by demonstrating God's purpose for creation and redemption — to save and restore life. God's love and mercy never ceases, even on the Sabbath. Jesus continues to show the Father's mercy, even on the Sabbath day of rest. When they charged that Jesus was making himself equal with God, he replied that he was not acting independently of God because his relationship is that of a Father and Son relationship.

**Prayer:** O God, who reward the merits of the just and offer pardon to sinners who do penance, have mercy, we pray, on those who call upon you, that the admission of our guilt may serve to obtain your pardon for our sins. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** If we wish to see how God reacts to sin and how he responds to our sinful condition, then we must look to Jesus. The mind of Jesus is the mind of God, and the words of Jesus are the words of God. Jesus also states that his identity to the Father is based on complete obedience. Jesus always did what his Father wanted him to do. His obedience was not based on submission or power, but on authentic love. The unity between Jesus and the Father is a unity of love. We are called to submit our lives to God with the same love and obedience which Jesus demonstrated for his Father. Jesus states that to accept him is life and to reject him is death. Are you ready to follow the Lord and to leave behind whatever is false and contrary to his will? Each of us has the capacity to do this – begin today by living a life in loving obedience to God the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ.

### **Thursday, March 19 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Lent Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a** Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ.

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

**Meditation:** Joseph's faith was put to the test when he discovered that his espoused wife was pregnant. Joseph, a just and God-fearing man, did not wish to embarrass or punish Mary. To all appearances she had broken their solemn pledge to be faithful and chaste to one another. Joseph, no doubt took this troubling matter to God in prayer. He was not hasty to judge or to react with hurt and anger. God rewarded him not only with guidance and consolation, but with the divine assurance that he had indeed called Joseph to be the husband of Mary and to assume a mission that would require the utmost faith, confidence, and trust in Almighty God. Joseph believed in the divine message to take Mary as his wife and to accept the child in her womb as the promised Messiah. Joseph was a worthy successor to the great patriarchs – Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He followed the call of God through the mysterious circumstances that surrounded the coming of Jesus. God entrusted this silent, humble man with the unique privilege of raising his only Son as a growing child. Joseph is a faithful witness and servant of God's unfolding plan of redemption. Are you ready to believe in the promises of God, even when faced with perplexing circumstances and what seems like insurmountable problems? God the Father has not left us alone, but has given us his only begotten Son as our Savior. Where does your faith need to be strengthened? Ask the Lord to increase your faith and trust in his word.

**Prayer:** Grant, we pray, almighty God, that by Saint Joseph's intercession your Church may constantly watch over the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation, whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**A prayer for this day:** God our Father, you love your people and bless the ordinary lives we quietly live. As you blessed Saint Joseph, bless what I do, however hidden and simple it may be, and let all I do be done with love for you and your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Ask yourself: Are you prepared to obey the Lord in everything? Everything?! Faith in God's word and obedience to his commands go hand in hand. Joseph, like Mary, is a model of faith and justice. Matthew tells us that Joseph was a "just man". John Chrysostom, the great 5th century father writes: "The concept of 'just' here signifies the man who possesses all the virtues. By 'justice' one at times understands only one virtue in particular, as in the phrase: the one who is not avaricious is just. But 'justice' also refers to virtue in general. And it is in this sense, above all, that scripture uses the word 'justice'. For example, it refers to: 'a just man and true' (cf. Job 1:1), or the two were just (cf. Luke 1:6). Joseph, then, being just, that is to say good and charitable..."

**Contemplation:** Jesus asserts that the scriptures themselves point to himself as the One foretold, the Messiah, the promised Savior. The problem with the scribes and Pharisees was that they did not believe what Moses had written. They desired the praise of their fellow humans and because of that they were unable to recognize and understand the word of God. Their pride made them deaf to God's voice. God reveals himself to the lowly, to those who trust not in themselves, but in God. The Lord opens the ears of those who are eager to hear his voice and he fills their hearts and minds with his love and wisdom. Saint Augustine once said: "As Christians, our task is to make daily progress toward God. Our pilgrimage on earth is a school in which God is the only teacher, and it demands good students, not ones who play truant. In this school we learn something every day. We learn something from commandments, something from examples, and something from sacraments. These things are remedies for our wounds and materials for study." So we must ask: Are you a humble yet eager student of God's word, his timeless truths?

### **Friday, March 20 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Lent**

**Holy Gospel: John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30** Jesus moved about within Galilee; he did not wish to travel in Judea, because the Jews were trying to kill him. But the Jewish feast of Tabernacles was near.

But when his brothers had gone up to the feast, he himself also went up, not openly but as it were in secret.

Some of the inhabitants of Jerusalem said, "Is he not the one they are trying to kill? And look, he is speaking openly and they say nothing to him. Could the authorities have realized that he is the Christ? But we know where he is from. When the Christ comes, no one will know where he is from." So Jesus cried out in the temple area as he was teaching and said, "You know me and also know where I am from. Yet I did not come on my own, but the one who sent me, whom you do not know, is true. I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me." So they tried to arrest him, but no one laid a hand upon him, because his hour had not yet come.

**Meditation:** There are a number of things that can hold us back from doing the will of God, if we let them. Fear, especially the fear of death, can easily rob us of courage and the will to do what we know is right. Jesus met opposition and the threat of death with grace and determination to accomplish his Father's will. Jesus knew that his mission, his purpose in life, would entail sacrifice and suffering and culminate with death on the cross. But that would not be the end. His "hour" would crush defeat with victory, condemnation with pardon and freedom, and death with glory and everlasting life. He willingly suffered and went to the cross for our sake, to redeem us from sin and to restore our relationship with God the Father. Saint Augustine once noted: "Our Lord had the power to lay down his life and to take it up again. But we cannot choose how long we shall live, and death comes to us even against our will. Christ, by dying, has already overcome death. Our freedom from death comes only through his death. To save us Christ had no need of us. Yet without him we can do nothing. He gave himself to us as the vine to the branches; apart from him we cannot live."

**Prayer:** O God, who have prepared fitting helps for us in our weakness, grant, we pray, that we may receive their healing effects with joy and reflect them in a holy way of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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# March 17: Feast of Saint Patrick of Ireland

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St. Patrick's Breastplate is a popular prayer attributed to one of Ireland's most beloved patron saints. It is a shield for Divine Protection and can well be called upon today in this our time of need. According to tradition, St. Patrick wrote it in 433 A.D. for Divine protection before successfully converting the Irish King Leoghaire and his subjects to Christianity. The term "breastplate" refers to a piece of armor worn in battle. Each verse of the prayer begins "Atomruig indiu" "I arise today" or "I bind unto myself today" and this phrase is repeated at the beginning of most of the verses. This is followed by a list of sources of strength that the prayer calls on for support.

**The first verse** invokes the Trinity. **The second verse** invokes Christ's Baptism, Death, Resurrection, Ascension and future return on the last day. **The third verse** invokes the virtues of angels, patriarchs, saints and martyrs. **The fourth verse** the virtues of the natural world: the sun, moon, fire, lightning, etc. **The fifth verse** invokes various aspects of God – His wisdom, His eye, His ear, His hand. **The sixth verse** lists the things against which protection is required: against snares of devils, temptations of nature, those who wish ill. This list of things needing protection continues in the next verse: false prophets, heathens, heretics, wizards, druids, smiths (gobann). **The next verse** calls for Christ to be in all things: Christ in me, all around me, in the eye and ear and mouth of the people I meet. **The last verse** returns to the theme of the Trinity.

**The beautiful words of the St. Patrick Breastplate prayer are found in the column to the right...**

## **I arise today**

Through the strength of Christ's birth with His baptism,  
Through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial,  
Through the strength of His resurrection with His ascension,  
Through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom.

## **I arise today,**

through  
The strength of heaven,  
The light of the sun,  
The radiance of the moon,  
The splendor of fire,  
The speed of lightning,  
The swiftness of wind,  
The depth of the sea,  
The stability of the earth,  
The firmness of rock.

## **I arise today,**

through  
God's strength to pilot me,  
God's might to uphold me,  
God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to look before me,  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to speak for me,  
God's hand to guard me,  
God's shield to protect me,  
God's host to save me  
From snares of devils,  
From temptation of vices,  
From everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near.

## **I summon today**

All these powers between me and those evils,  
Against every cruel and merciless power  
that may oppose my body and soul,  
Against every knowledge that corrupts one's body and soul;

## **Christ to shield me today**

Against poison, against burning,  
Against drowning, against wounding,  
So that there may come to me an abundance of reward.

## **Christ with me,**

Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.

## **I arise today**

Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,  
Through belief in the Threeness,  
Through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation.  
Amen.

# Community Calendar

<b>MONDAY, MARCH 16</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Spring Break Week</b>	6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
	8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
	9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church & Chapel
	9:00 AM	Catholic Way Study: Gospel of John	Wellnitz, Room 1
	5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
	6:00 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 17</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Spring Break Week</b>	6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
	6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry	Davidson, Room A
	8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
	8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
	7:00 PM	OCIA Assumption Cohort 2025-2026	Davidson, Room A
	7:00 PM	OCIA Vigil Cohort 2025-2026	Davidson, Room B
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Spring Break Week</b>	6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Church
	7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
	1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry, Work Session	Carter Center
	5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
	6:00 PM	Adoration with Confession	Church
	6:45 PM	K of C Monthly Membership Meeting	Wellnitz, Rooms 1 & 2
	7:00 PM	VINE Formation	McCurdy Learning Center
	7:15 PM	VINE Parent Session	Carter Center
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 19</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Spring Break Week</b>	6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
	8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
	8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
	9:00 AM	Women's Lenten AM Scripture Study	Davidson, Rooms A & B
	7:00 PM	Women's Lenten PM Scripture Study	Davidson, Rooms A & B
	7:00 PM	SVdP Sandwich Making for Homeless	Wellnitz, Room 1
<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 20</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Spring Break Week</b>	6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
	8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
	8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
	8:30 AM	Stations of the Cross	Church
	4:30 PM	Fish Fry	School
	6:30 PM	Young Couples Date Night	Davidson, Rooms A & B
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church	
<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 21</b>	6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry AM	Davidson, Rooms A & B
	8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
	8:30 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
	8:30 AM	Pray the Rosary	Church
	9:00 AM	Confession	Church
	5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church
	6:30 PM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry Pizza Pies & Guys	Davidson, Rooms A & B
	7:00 PM	VINE Movie Night	Carter Center
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 22</b>	7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Sunday Masses	Church
	During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
	During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Adoration Chapel
	11:45 AM	Feed the Hungry Mac & Cheese Assembly	Davidson, Rooms A & B
	12:00 PM	Faith Formation: Confirmation Practice	Church
	6:30 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
	6:30 PM	VINE Night	Davidson, Rooms A & B
	6:30 PM	The ROOTS	School Gym
	7:00 PM	Grief Support Workshop	Carter Center

# Prayer List

If you would like our parish to pray for loved ones who are **hospitalized, ill at home** or are **active duty military**, fill out our *Bulletin Prayer Request Form* via the QR code, [www.bit.ly/Bulletin-Prayer-List](http://www.bit.ly/Bulletin-Prayer-List) or call the parish office. List is updated every 3-6 mos., so if someone you added was deleted but is still ill, please fill out a new prayer request.



**If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, call 614-876-1272.**

## Please Pray for...

### THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

Pamela Theado	Ira Katz
Doris Cobbs	Ora Johnson
Richard Jones	Francis Drlik
Donna Fox-Moore	Dolores Lynch
Connie Carrino	Ryan Yoder
Lisa Lynch	Chris Carrino
Sara Conway	Shirley Tornik
Sean Grier	Paula Jordan
Alma Harding	Richard Walls
Karl "Sonny" Beem	Marian Woolum
Eileen Wilson	Dochia Finsterbusch
Dionisia Virtudazo	Dick Snyder
Ryan Diepenbrock	Alisha Lause
Brenda Bezan	Robert William
Teresa Wells	Mary Murphy Smith
Mary DeStefani	Daffine Papaly
Bryan Knapp	Sarah Ortlieb
Gib Bickel	Alida Sfalcin
Kathleen McCurdy	Alyson Barnheiser
Amelia Black	Alan LaForrest
Anna D'Ettorre	Jim Lewis

### ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Thomas Dye	Cody Longstreth
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Sam Imwalle	Rick Shonkwiler
Christopher Keck	Rob Shonkwiler
Robert Carollo	Luke Stumphauzer
Kyle Mullins	Thomas Noel
Joe Alverson	Addison A.
Kale Grunenwald	Connor Olson
Zackery Reed	Dan Severance
Robbie Hite	Trevor Pfirrmann

...we pray for all our men and women in service to our country, healthcare workers and first responders.

## Easter Lilies for the Altar

Contributions of **\$10** per lily can be made in memory of a loved one or for a special intention by filling out the form and paying with a debit or credit card at <https://tinyurl.com/2026lilies4altar> (or via the QR code.) Orders received by **March 23** will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin. For assistance, email [accounting@stbrendans.net](mailto:accounting@stbrendans.net)



## Support Catholic Radio, March 19

Deacon Doug Yglesias is stepping up to the cornhole boards on Thursday, March 19, from 11:30 AM–12:15 PM to support local AM 820, St. Gabriel Catholic radio. Give him a head start with your gift at [www.StGabrielRadio.com](http://www.StGabrielRadio.com) – Early donations mean extra tosses for our deacon for the tournament (March 18–20).

## March 20 & Fridays During Lent...

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**– 8:30 AM and 7 PM in the church.  
**FISH FRY**– 4:30-7 PM in the school on March 20 & 27. Shrimp is served March 27. For details, visit [www.tinyurl.com/events4stb](http://www.tinyurl.com/events4stb)

## Young Couples Date Night, March 20

The next Knights of Columbus sponsored Date Night for Young Couples is **Friday, March 20**, 6:30-8 PM in the Davidson Rooms. We'll watch the kids (6 mos.–5 yrs.) while you strengthen your relationship and enjoy dinner with other couples. Cost of \$35 includes all date nights through June (checks to: "KofC 11208"). It's not too late to join – email Chuck at [chuck436@att.net](mailto:chuck436@att.net)

## Come Pray with Us, March 25

The **40 Days for Life** campaign to pray for the end of abortion in America is underway. This peaceful prayer vigil takes place at Planned Parenthood (3255 E Main St., Columbus) abortion facility. Participants are asked to volunteer for one-hour shifts. St. Brendan parish adopted Wednesday, March 25, 9 AM-12 PM as our vigil day/time. You can accept the "Need" in ParishStaQ at <https://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com/goto/needs/public> (or just show up). Prayer makes a difference, so if unable to join us at the vigil location, please pray wherever you are during that day/time. Questions? Contact Tim Reno at [tireno04@gmail.com](mailto:tireno04@gmail.com)

## Diocesan 40 Days of Adoration

The annual Columbus Diocese Lenten **40 Days of Adoration** schedule of Adoration days, times and parish locations is available at [www.columbuscatholic.org/40days](http://www.columbuscatholic.org/40days)

## The Seven Sisters Apostolate

*The Seven Sisters Apostolate* is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop for his deeper conformity to Christ. We are looking for a few prayerful women to be trained to coordinate this blessed endeavor in our Parish. If interested, contact Wendy Ferkany at [wferkany@stbrendans.net](mailto:wferkany@stbrendans.net)

## Seniors NOW (NAVIGATING OUR WAY)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3** – Good Friday: No 1st Friday Mass/breakfast.

### Our Sympathy...



**TO THE FAMILY OF**  
Raffaella "Rae" Pazak



**Congratulations**  
**ON THE BAPTISM OF**  
Thea Noelle George

## Music Ministry Update...

Beginning after Lent, the music at 5:30 PM Sunday Mass will return to a contemporary selection and will utilize the projectors. School Masses will similarly use a contemporary repertoire and projectors.

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**ESTO VIR**  
BE A MAN

# PIZZA, PIES AND GUYS!

**Saturday March 21 6:30 PM**

Join other men of the parish for some social time!

Take in a game on the big screens in the Davidson Rooms. Pizzas and pies will be served!

Join the St Brendan Knights of Columbus to Feed the Hungry!

## FEED the HUNGRY

### Mac & Cheese

## Help Assemble on March 22

Our Knights of Columbus ask for help in assembling Mac & Cheese packets on March 22 after 10:45 AM Mass in the Davidson Rooms to support the Hilliard Food Pantry. Food/beverages provided. Accept the ParishStaq "Need" via the QR code or just show up!

## Weekly/Monthly Parish Groups

### The Melchizedek Project

For young men discerning priesthood. Join us on fourth Mondays each month in the Carter Center by emailing Father Severance at [frseverance@stbrendans.net](mailto:frseverance@stbrendans.net)

### Elizabeth Ministry Playgroup

Meet other moms twice monthly Wednesdays, 9:45-11:15 AM in the Pod Nursery as your kids play. Questions? Email Regina at [thelonggears@gmail.com](mailto:thelonggears@gmail.com)

### St. Brendan Young Adults

For those in their 20s & 30s, meet on second Wednesdays monthly, 7-9 PM. Women meet off-campus. Men meet in the Carter Center. To join, email Jorden: [freydesigns@gmail.com](mailto:freydesigns@gmail.com)

### Esto Vir Men's Ministry

Saturdays, 6:30 AM, Esto Vir Men meet in the Davidson Room for *The Chosen Season 4* and *Sharing Our Story* sessions.

Tuesdays, 6:30 AM Men's Studies in the Davidson Room. Series on Scripture, Early Church Fathers and the Saints. Questions? Email Grant Rice at [ricekris8813@att.net](mailto:ricekris8813@att.net)

### Prayer Shawl Workshop

Third Wednesdays monthly, in the Carter Center. Email Kathy at [kendriza@aol.com](mailto:kendriza@aol.com) or Karen at [kkessmith@yahoo.com](mailto:kkessmith@yahoo.com)

### M.A.S.T.

Mature Active Singles Together (M.A.S.T.) is a ministry for single/widowed/divorced persons ages 45+. To join, email Chris Hauk at [chrishauk0522@gmail.com](mailto:chrishauk0522@gmail.com)

### Make Sandwiches with SVdP

for the homeless. Meet in Wellnitz Hall on 1st Thursdays at 10 AM and 3rd Thursdays at 7 PM.

## Spiritual/Mental Care & Support

### Grief Support Group

Luncheon: 2nd Thursdays, 1 PM, La Chatelaine Restaurant, Dublin. Workshop, 4th Sundays, 7 PM, meet in the Carter Center.

### iTHIRST Spiritual Companions

We have three iThirst Spiritual Companions at our parish. Visit [www.opendoorwomensrecovery.org/ithirst](http://www.opendoorwomensrecovery.org/ithirst) for details on iThirst Spiritual Companions or, email [info.ithirstcolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:info.ithirstcolumbus@gmail.com)

### Lumin Counseling

Lumin Counseling is a private practice of therapists with Catholic/Christian backgrounds with their main office in Westerville and a satellite office here on our campus. Find details at <https://lumin-therapy.com/>

### Mental/Spiritual CareNotes

Find CareNote booklets to lift your spirits (free of charge) available on the bookshelf by the Chapel and find grief support CareNotes on the Lost & Found cabinet to help guide you after the loss of a loved one.



### KofC Memorial Bricks

There's a monument made out of the rock from Mt. Sinai on our campus with memorial bricks that honor and remember parish family members. Our Knights of Columbus council invites you to memorialize a loved one by having an engraved brick placed at the base of the monument. To make a request, fill out the online form and pay at [www.tinyurl.com/Memorial-Brick](http://www.tinyurl.com/Memorial-Brick) (donation suggestion: \$50 per brick) or, paper forms are available in the parish office. Questions? Email Jim Cogan at [jim.cogan71@gmail.com](mailto:jim.cogan71@gmail.com)

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## Family Faith Formation

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS:** The next Middle School Small Group is Sunday, March 15 from 6:45-8 PM.

**CONFIRMATION:** Confirmation rehearsal is Sunday, March 22 at 12 PM in the church. Confirmation Masses are 10 AM and 1 PM on Saturday, March 28.

**1ST HOLY COMMUNION:** Our First Holy Communion retreat, *Jesus Day*, is on Friday, April 24. You can choose either the 10 AM session or 4:30 PM session. An RSVP will come to you by email.

**SEEK & ROOT:** The next Seek & Root Family Session is Monday, April 13 from 6-7:30 PM.

**CONTINUED GROWTH:** The next Continued Growth Family Session is Sunday, April 12 from 9:45-11:15 AM.

To register for sacrament preparation (Confirmation or First Reconciliation and Holy Communion), please visit [www.stbrendans.net/growing-in-faith/family-faith-formation](http://www.stbrendans.net/growing-in-faith/family-faith-formation)

## CONFIRMATION IS MARCH 28

No 8 AM Mass or 9 AM Confession due to Confirmation.

## Roots for Middle Schoolers

**ROOTS LARGE GROUP** – Meets monthly (on last Sundays) in the school gym from 6:30-8:30 PM.

**ASPEN SMALL GROUP NIGHTS** – Meets monthly (on Sundays) in the library, 6:45-8:30 PM. Questions? [amarino@stbrendans.net](mailto:amarino@stbrendans.net)

## Vine for High Schoolers

Sundays at 6:30 PM. Follow [@stbvine](https://www.instagram.com/stbvine) on Instagram.

**MARCH 15** "How to Share the Gospel"

**MARCH 22** "Overcoming Shame"

**MARCH 29** No Vine: Palm Sunday

Questions? Contact Kara at [kshand@stbrendans.net](mailto:kshand@stbrendans.net)

## St. Margaret Preschool

St. Margaret of Cortona Preschool has openings for the 2026-27 school year (for ages 3-5 next fall). Visit [www.bit.ly/preschool2026](http://www.bit.ly/preschool2026) for more details or email [aboyd@cducation.org](mailto:aboyd@cducation.org) with any questions.



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## Around Our Diocese

### ST. PETER SPECIAL NEEDS MASS, MARCH 22

The Knights of Columbus will host a Mass for those with special needs on March 22, 5 PM at St. Peter Parish. SPICE members are encouraged to attend. Refreshments served after Mass. Questions? Call 614-761-0965.

### BISHOP WATTERSON MEN'S NIGHT 2026

Bishop Watterson's 2026 Men's Night is Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 PM with theme, "Called to Lead, Committed to Excellence." Guest speaker is Chris Garner '88, a veteran, SEC football official and author of *Whistles and Wisdom: Lessons on Life and Leadership from an SEC Football Official*. Tickets are \$99/person. Proceeds benefit the Msgr. Grimes Scholarship Fund for tuition assistance. Tickets/ sponsorships at [www.bishopwatterson.com](http://www.bishopwatterson.com)

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING SUMMIT

The Office of Catholic Advocacy and Social Doctrine is hosting a Human Trafficking Summit Friday, March 20 at Our Lady Queen of the Apostles St. Peter Church to provide continuing education for law enforcement, social service employees, medical professionals, and librarians in the southeastern section of our diocese. Register at <https://dioceseofcolumbus.org/diocese-of-columbus-human-trafficking-summit> Questions? Contact Dr. David Lyons at [dlyons@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:dlyons@columbuscatholic.org)

### A SATURDAY WITH SISTERS

Girls in grades 8-12 – You're invited to spend a Saturday with Sisters of St. Dominic (2575 E. Livingston)! Fun, fellowship, Mass, meals on March 28, 8 AM-1 PM. This is not a vocational discernment day, but an chance to get to know religious Sisters in a fun event! Free (donations accepted) RSVP via the QR code. Questions? Email [saturdayswithsisters@gmail.com](mailto:saturdayswithsisters@gmail.com)



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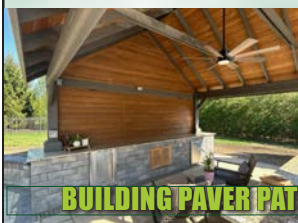
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