

March 26, 2023
5th Sunday of Lent

Bearing witness to Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life: **GO. MAKE. TEACH.**
Our Core Values: a reliance on prayer, a willingness to grow, a generous spirit



Happy Solemnity of the Annunciation

Celebrated on Saturday, March 25

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Monday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

PARISH LIBRARY HOURS

Open after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses

Church Nursery: We offer year-round nursery during both the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Sunday Masses for children ages 1-3. Children play with caring staff while you are able to fully participate in Mass.

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Archdiocese's Victim/Survivor Assistance Program

651-291-4497 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Schedule of Events

Monday, March 27, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Peggy and the Legion of Mary Members+) Church
 ~ Fr. Joseph
 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Jim Witkowski+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 9:30 AM Alive in the Word ~ 210
 9:30 AM Kidz Closet ~ 203
 1:00 PM Quilters Ministry ~ 203
 2:30 PM Open Youth Room ~ LL 106
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
 6:30 PM Respect Life Committee Meeting ~ 210

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass ~ Church ~ Fr. Paul
 9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ St. Therese
 9:30 AM Faithfully Fit ~ 208
 9:30 AM Sister Clarinda's Winter Scripture Study ~ 206/208
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
 5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 5:30 PM Mass (John Lundak+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 6:00 PM Middle School Faith Formation ~ LL 106
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal ~ LL 101
 7:00 PM Contemporary Group Rehearsal ~ Church
 8:00 PM Senior High Youth Group ~ LL 106

Thursday, March 30, 2023

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall
 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Marcy Eder+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 9:15 AM Circle of Women ~ 206/208
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
 7:00 PM RCIA Class ~ 206

Friday, March 31, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Church
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Ari Spencer) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 204
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
 5:00 PM K of C Fish Fry ~ St. Joseph Hall
 5:30 PM Mass (Ray Clark+ and Elly Clark) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross ~ Church

Saturday, April 1, 2023

9:00 AM GIFT Faith Study ~ 210
 9:30 AM Mass (Stephen Etnier+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 10:00 AM Altar Guild ~ Church
 3:00 PM Called Forth Devotion ~ Facebook
 3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Pope Benedict XVI+ and Father Evenson)
 Church ~ Fr. Joseph

Sunday, April 2, 2023

8:30 AM Mass (Paul and Virginia Wobbe+) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
 8:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms
 9:15 AM RCIC ~ 206
 10:30 AM Mass (Jenny Collins+ and Tri Nguyen+) Church
 ~ Fr. Joseph
 10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
 10:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms
 1:00 PM Volunteer Training for Grade 8 Retreats ~ 206/208
 3:30 PM Lenten Communal Penance ~ Church
 4:00 PM Take and Eat Young Adult Gathering ~ St. Joseph Hall
 5:30 PM Mass (Pro Populo) Church ~ Fr. Paul
 6:30 PM Altar Guild ~ Church



From Parochial Vicar: Father Joseph Nguyễn

“You will be my Witnesses”: Gathered and Sent from the Upper Room Section III part C “The Mystery of the Pentecost”

Following the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. The disciples were gathered in fear in the Upper Room. When suddenly the Holy Spirit filled the entire house which they were hiding in, animating them and calling them forth to proclaim the Gospel. Pentecost is the third great event that happened in the Upper Room. After being loved and served by Jesus through the washing of the feet, and being nourished through the institution of the Eucharist, the disciples are then filled with the Spirit to go forth and proclaim the love of God to all the nations.

The fullness of the Upper Room is complete with Pentecost, the day when the Spirit of God fills the disciples and they go out to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Each of the three events of the Upper Room are intertwined. Anyone who wants to follow Jesus must first experience His love for them, then they must be strengthened by His love, and finally when they have received and experienced God’s love, they are then commissioned in the spirit of love to go forth and share what they received from Jesus to the world. “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Witnessing to the love of Jesus is such a vital part of our Christian faith. Archbishop Hebda says in his pastoral letter to us, “The Church exists to evangelize, and only 3% of Catholic parishes are intentional about doing so! Many Catholics today are accustomed to ascending to the Upper Room of the parish for the reception of the Sunday Eucharist but very few ascend to that same Upper Room for the reception of the Holy Spirit.” We faithfully receive Jesus and all the love He offers to us through the sacraments, yet we do not ask for the Holy Spirit so that we can witness to the love that we received from Him. What God has joined together in the Upper Room; we have divided.

Our mission as disciples of Jesus is to invite the transformative power of the Holy Spirit into our lives. To unite the love God has for us, with the love that empowers us to go forth. As the disciples were moved from fear and timidity to strength and courage, we ask for the same fire that will help us witness to Christ. We want others to see the good Jesus has done in our life so that they can want it for themselves and join us in living as a follower of Jesus.

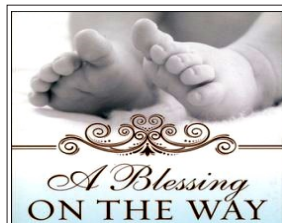
The thought of witnessing is something that we are often nervous about. We do not know how to do it, or we do not know what to do. We look at how others are sharing their faith in such wonderful ways that we become self-conscious. However, when the Holy Spirit moves us to witness, He does so by using the abilities that we possess. Some of us have the gift of hospitality. We could simply invite people in and receive them with the love of God. This is a very easy way to be a witness. When people eventually notice your warmth as a host and are curious about it, you can share truthfully that it is the fire of God’s love that moves you to love and serve. St. Paul says, “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.”

Wherever the Lord may call us in life, our joy is to be loved by Him and to then witness to that love. As we continue with our Synod implementation, we will be living out these three events of the Upper Room. The Washing of Feet, the Institution of the Eucharist, and Pentecost. Our confidence in being loved by God and witnessing to Him will grow as we continue to draw from these events. We are good at receiving the love of God, may we now ask for the grace to live out of that love with confidence and strength of the Holy Spirit. That we may be witnesses to the love of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Father Joseph

Upcoming Events



Expectant Parents Blessing March 26

Parents expecting a new baby or adopting one in the near future, are invited to join us for a special blessing at the "Garden of Life" chapel after the 10:30 am Mass on March 26.

Circle of Women

Thursday, March 30

Upstairs in Room 206/208 from 9:15 am to 11:15 am

We welcome women of all ages to gather on Thursday, March 30, 2023. We welcome back Natasha Cahill and her talk on "Created to Create." Join us as we share our faith and prayer time with one another. Childcare is available. Grab one of our brochures from the kiosks or watch your Flocknote for details.

Any question? Call Michelle at 763-442-4936. Hope to see you there!

Men's Fellowship

Thursday Mornings 6:30 am—8:00 am
March 23 – March 30, 2023

Love and Mercy: St. Faustina DVD Series

The incredible true story of St. Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy is now documented in the critically acclaimed film "Love and Mercy: Faustina," which follows the incredible call of St. Faustina, designated by our Lord Himself as the "Secretary" and "Apostle" of His Mercy. The Lord told her: "You will prepare the world for My final coming" (Diary, 429)

Come for the donuts, stay for the truth!
Questions, call Dave at 612-616-4013

Lent Communal Reconciliation

Sunday, April 2 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Twelve priests will be available to hear private Confessions and give absolution.



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FISH FRY

Join us on March 31, 2023
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Meal includes: Fish, mac and cheese, tater tots, cole slaw, bread and butter, bars/cookies, lemonade, water, and coffee.

Prices: \$12/adult, \$8/ages 6-12, free/under 5, \$45/family maximum. Family is children and parents. Checks, cash, credit cards accepted.

The Knights use the proceeds towards SJB School Scholarships, Sharing and Caring Hands, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, KOC Free Throw contest, donations to Cana Dinner, Priests for Life, the Labour Society, and several other great organizations/events.



Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023

10:00 am Blessing - West Lot

Egg hunt:

K & under at school playground

1st & up at Vet's Park

Games, Crafts, Goodie Bags

Refreshments for sale by

Youth Group

Bring your own basket or bag for the the hunt.
The Egg Hunt will be held outside so please dress
for the weather! The rest will be indoors.

Children must be accompanied by adult

Questions? Email
livermontj@stjohnnyb.org

Donations of new and gently used plastic Easter eggs would be greatly appreciated for the Egg Hunt.

Upcoming Events

Young at Heart

Young at Heart (YAH) will meet on Thursday, April 13 from 2:00 pm—4:00 pm in Room 208.

Young at Heart (NOTE DATE CHANGE) is invited to a craft day of making "BEADS OF BLESSINGS". Deb McPeck, a local Minnesotan artist and friend to Mary's Meals mission, is coming to lead you in an afternoon of creative window decorations. Using beads, small pieces of driftwood and your imagination, make beautiful hanging window décor to catch the sunlight! Bring any beads or jewelry you would like to use or donate to the cause. Cost is minimal at \$25.20 per person – the cost of feeding a child for an entire year through Mary's Meals. Bring a neighbor, a friend, your spouse – if they aren't interested in craftiness, they can come for the information on Mary's Meals and then set up a card game or dominoes. Mary's Meals is a simple idea that works...a good hot meal at school to attract hungry children to school. Once there, they gain an education to help them leave poverty behind. More than 2.4 million children in 18 countries are fed every day. 93% of donations go to feeding the children. Come and join us in celebrating spring with this beautiful afternoon of fellowship.

Widows and Widowers

Widows and Widowers meet at Perkins!

NOTE CHANGE IN DATE! We usually meet on the 2nd Monday, but are bumping it back a week due to Easter. We will be meeting **Monday, April 17, 2023** at 11:30 am in April! Be sure to show up and bring a friend. We are having a great time meeting each other and connecting with others in the parish. No matter how long you have fit into this group, you are welcome and encouraged to show up! Hope to see you there.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
8-9:30pm
YOUTH ROOM

Generous Spirit

Volunteers Needed

Monday, March 27

Anyone wishing to help load and deliver food donation bags to Ralph Reeder Food Shelf, please meet in St. Paul Plaza after the 8:30 am Mass. Thanking you in advance.

St. Vincent de Paul Society



Easter Vigil Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to make our Vigil Reception memorable for our new Catholics coming into the church and their families as well as our entire community celebration. This year the reception will focus on elegance with a dessert bar and a variety of beverages. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, April 8 in St. Joseph Hall for the following: 3:00 pm for set up and 10:00 pm for serving and clean up. Contact Melissa Berg at 651.633.8333 ext. 1227 or bergm@stjohnnyb.org

Easter Decoration Memorials

If you would like to remember someone who has died or honor someone special, we invite you to make a donation in their name(s) to the Easter Plant, Wreath & Tree Fund. Please complete this form or use the envelope included in your packet and send it with \$20 (suggested amount) to the Parish Center, or drop it in the Sunday collection.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

In Memory of / In Honor of: _____

From: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ **ck #** _____

Envelope #: _____

Rite of Christian Initiation



Please pray for our Elect and Candidates as they prepare to come into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 8 at 8:30 pm. Take a prayer card located at the Harvest Table and commit to praying for them.



SJB Parish Library

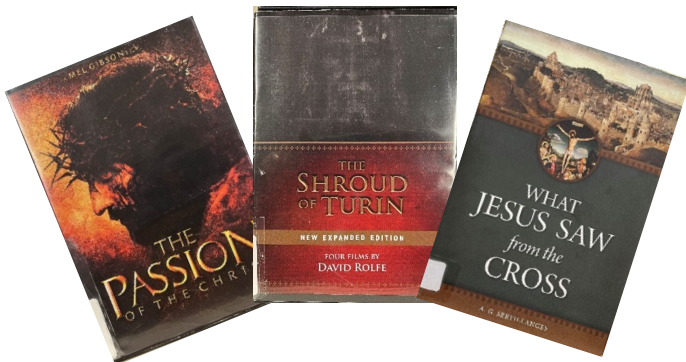
Suggested Items for your Lenten Journey:

DVDs: No Greater Love-Christ's Passion, What More Could He Do For You, Son of God, Chosen-Seasons 1 & 2, The Shroud of Turin-Burial Cloth of Christ, The Passion of the Christ, and more.

Books: What Jesus Saw from the Cross, When They Crucified My Lord, Seven Last Words of Christ, Portrait of the Passion, The Passion and the Cross, In the Foot Steps of Jesus, and more.

For Children: Many books and DVD's for children are available.

The SJB Library is open after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. It is located up the ramp across from the archives case.



St. John's Newly Baptized

Through water and the word you have become a child of God and are sealed as Christ's own forever.

Serelia

Parents: Suzuki Vang & Chia Lor

Evan

Parents: Nathan and Kelly Boll

Emma

Parents: Ashley Pettipiece & Jordan Reza

Evelyn

Parents: Stephen & Katelyn Coughlin

Beatrice

Parents: Michael & Rebekah Sharp



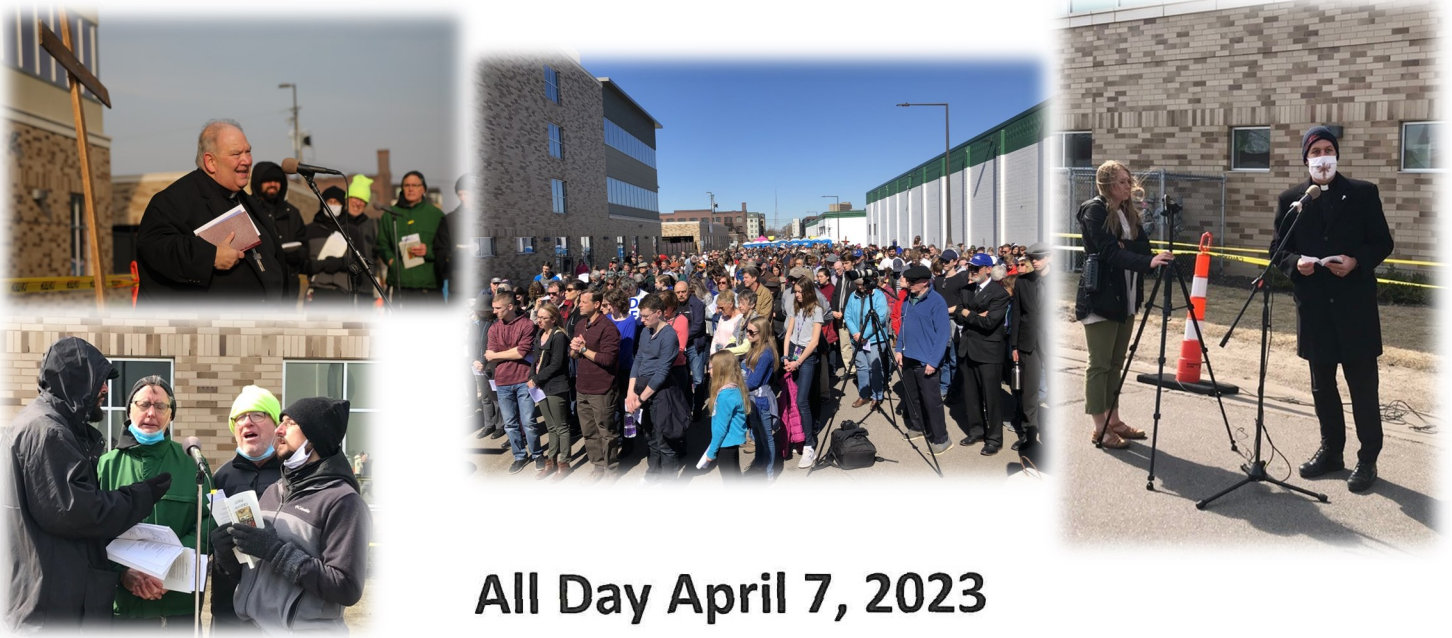
SJB Baseball Coach Needed

Do you love baseball? Want to teach the sport to young kids? Want to get outside and enjoy the spring weather? Our 7th grade SJB baseball team is looking for a head coach for the upcoming season. Practices will begin the first week of April with games beginning April 17 and running through mid-May. Two games per week, Mon-Thurs, between 4:00 pm—7:00 pm.

If interested, please contact Cole Van Beusekom (SJB Athletic Director) at vanbeusekomc@stjohnnyb.org



SOLEMN GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL



All Day April 7, 2023

8:30 am to 4:00 pm

at the mega-Planned Parenthood in St. Paul

* Fifteen area pastors * Solemn Hymns & Prayers * A Life-size Cross

Confirmed pastors include:

Most Reverend Bernard Hebda
Reverend Roger Barcus
Reverend Paul Shovelain
Reverend Robert Grabner
Reverend David Johnson
Reverend Brian Lynch
Reverend Thomas Brock
Reverend Humberto Palomino
Reverend Fred Thoni
Reverend Jonathan Kelly
Reverend Chris Monson
Reverend Brian Walker

Go with St. John's

Join other St. John's parishioners at the solemn all day prayer service at Planned Parenthood. Father Paul Shovelain will offer the prayers at the 10:00 am time slot.

We are chartering a bus leaving St. John's west door at 9:00 am and will return by 11:00 am.

We really hope you will join us. The bus is sponsored by SJB's Respect Life group and the Knights of Columbus. There is no charge to take the charter bus.

There will be a bus sign up sheet on the Harvest Table starting on Sunday, April 2.

Respect Life

What You Do Matters

By Mary Kohlhaas

Among all the concerning news about abortion being a high priority here in Minnesota, there is some GOOD NEWS that I can report on and invite you to participate in! Coming up in April are the NPLL Pro-Life Impact Awards. They will be handed out at the National Prayer Luncheon for Life on Friday, April 21, 2023. The nominees are very impressive and gave me much hope that there are ministries out there making a HUGE difference in educating, encouraging, supporting and saving babies lives and the improving the lives of their mothers. Check out the nominees below and go to the website to cast your vote. You can only vote once. It's a tough choice, because the work being done is so phenomenal! Go to: nationalprayerluncheonforlife.org/2023nominees/ to learn about them all and cast your vote! Voting is open until April 15, 2023. Grants & prizes are worth from \$5,000 - \$50,000. Think of the pro-life work that can get done with that kind of financial support! Be a part of the JOY and cast your vote – but more importantly, learn more so you can share more. What you do matters!

The nominees are:

- The Abortion Survivors Network is the only support and advocacy organization worldwide for the babies who have survived abortion and their families.
- Equal Rights Institute is an international pro-life apologetics organization that trains pro-life advocates to think clearly, reason honestly, and argue persuasively.
- Good Counsel Homes has been lovingly caring for homeless, pregnant mothers and babies since 1985, welcoming any pregnant mother with or without older children.
- Human Life Alliance (HLA) has served the pro-life community around the world for more than 46 years. HLA presents the truth about abortion and supports life-affirming alternatives to infanticide, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and the so-called “safer-sex” myths.
- Natural Women's Health was founded by Dr. Monique Ruberu. NWH is a 100% God-centered, pro-life, holistic, non-contraceptive-based, root-cause-seeking gynecology and fertility health organization.
- ThriVe® Express Women's Healthcare is the country's strategy leader in the “Pregnancy Center Movement”. Using a pro-woman medical model, aimed solely at the abortion-determined woman, ThriVe® has rescued well over 40,000 babies.

Please Pray For...

Those who have entered eternal life:

Maria Rosie Nguyen, Neil Lubke, Larry Wasik

Those who are ill:

Sadlovsky Family, Sheehan Family, Cameron Santos, Patricia Roy, Dave Willette, Madi Rippy, Sydney Jo Rippy, Jesse McDonough, Daryl Stevens, Richard Adams, Geraldine and Gloria Hangartner, Sarah Miller, Emily Dahl, Theresa People, Josephine Schmidt, Erik Engebretson, Chris Natheos, Randy Vogland, Don Lumby, Alex Pearson, Thomas Jones, Jean Isacson, Fulton Francis Dobbs, Susan Welsh, Robert Cuddigan, Jenny Bruening, Annette Foreman, Mary Clare Farrell, Sawyer Anderson, Betsy Brown, Dee Olson, Jim Smith, Jerry Renk, Dale Phillips, Dennis Fox, Kathleen Schopf, Steve Lauinger, Charlotte Thrun, Poppy Craft, Annette Kirwan, Bonnie Norgren, Emma Lutsilili, Beverly Aplikowski, Mary Gormally, Georgianna Warden, Mary Spitzka, Michael Ferdelman, Cassie Cramer, Jon Clark, Donna Yenish, John Leibrich, Nella Pitzen, Doug Brekke, Philip Jarosz, Kay and Gary Mayer, Elaine Loscheider, Diana Goebel, Cindy Chase, Charles Heath, Danielle Pratt, Claire Kriz, Carol Esterley-Ruff, Joe Brownrigg, Brigit Voss, Brandon Boss, Cynthia Quass, Ning Mariano, The Viker Family, Robert Lauinger, Phyllis Norbeck, Jennifer Norbeck, Joseph Wutsch, John Wiggins, Mary Jo Beaudry, Greg Najbert, Colleen Judd, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Cele Winter, Paul Jacobs, Matthew Grosjean, Jeremy Mainello, Deacon Rod and Susan Amos Palmer, Dottie Searles, Sylvia Meagher, Mary Andersohn, Kris Mellstrom, Kay Hildreth, Stacey Miller, Mary Erickson, Steve Johnson, Audrey Geneva, Tim Steffl, Braxton Battaglia, Helen Heinks, JoAnn Cedarholm, Tom Goebel, Engracia and Jim Houle, Jon Latham, Marlene Nickel, Christa Jones, Sue Klinkner, Sharon Bowen, Larry Tenold

Prayer Line 651-633-1618/651-247-4202 Call with your prayer requests. Requests are confidential.

Birthright Caring help for pregnant women.
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Readings For The Week

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;
Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

Around the Archdiocese

Grief to Grace

Grief to Grace is an international ministry that offers powerful 5-day residential healing retreats for the wounds of abuse. It serves people who have suffered from physical, emotional, spiritual, or sexual abuse, as a child, adolescent, or adult. With qualified counselors, it provides a hopeful path for restoring your dignity.

LIMITED OPENINGS for 2023 retreats in Minnesota: May 2-7, and August 15-20. <https://www.griegtogracesmn.org/> Contact Diane at 612-440-7247 diane@griegtogracesmn.org

Converging Roads Health Care Ethics Conference

Catholic Health Care Ethics

April 1, 2023

St. Mary's University of Minnesota | Minneapolis, MN

Presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, Guilds from the Midwest Region of the Catholic Medical Association, and Curatio Apostolate.

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Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-elect Michael Izen Tuesday, April 11, Cathedral of Saint Paul, Saint Paul

On January 5, 2023, Pope Francis named Father Michael John Izen, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Save the date for his Episcopal Ordination. Learn more about Bishop-elect Izen by scanning the QR code and keep updated at thecatholicspirit.com.



24th Annual Living Stations of the Cross

The "Servants of the Cross" group will re-enact the Passion of Jesus Christ at three locations on Good Friday, April 7 at 12:00 pm at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Maplewood (1725 Kennard St.), 3:00 pm at St. Jude of the Lake-Mahtomedi (700 Mahtomedi Ave.), and 7:00pm at Church of St. Peter-North St. Paul (2600 N. Margaret St.). For more info or to view our YouTube presentation for those homebound or unable to attend, go to www.servantsofthecrossmn.com. Free-Will offering welcomed.

Our Fascinating Faith

The Three Lenten Disciplines: Almsgiving

In addition to prayer and fasting, Lent gives us the chance to give alms to those who are most needy. By helping others, we practice charity and social justice. We look to carry our own cross and help others carry theirs as well. In other words, we practice the same generosity as God, who makes the rain to fall on the good and on the bad and loves people without distinction. To help others is to confront the poverty of this world with the hope of the kingdom of God. Charity is a Christian virtue because Jesus is the best example of what charity is. Charity is more than giving alms; it is love and justice. It is complying with the commandment to love one another in a world where most people are poor and abandoned. To be charitable is to give to the needy what they need from our time, talent, and treasure; it is to work for social changes that promote human dignity and the economic wellbeing of all. Charity is love and God is love. May we live in that love.

—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM,



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