

Almsgiving 🍲 Praying 🌿 Fasting

# L E N T

**How long has it been since you  
felt all the pieces were in place?**

*Be made whole again...*

**Confession available  
at every Catholic Parish  
Tuesday, March 9, 2021  
6:00-8:00 P.M.**



***The Light Is On For You!***

ONE NIGHT • EVERY PARISH • EVERY CONFESSIONAL

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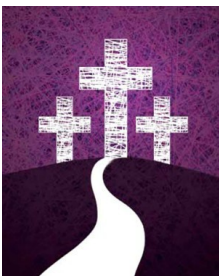
## FROM OUR PASTOR



My Dear Parish Family,

Last Saturday Father Neil celebrated the evening Mass so that after my commitments in the morning, I had the afternoon free. I took a road trip to Donaldson, Indiana to the Mother House of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ to visit Lillian Braun. It was a delight to sit and visit with Lilly, took a walk outside and visited the beautiful Chapel of the Annunciation. As I gazed upon the image of the Annunciation, I remembered everyone from the parish in my prayers, especially my home bound parishioners and those who are all alone during this time. Lilly enjoys her relaxed life there and has settled in very well. Lilly has met many of the residents and many of the Sisters.

Sister Connie, a Poor Handmaid, has worked hard and has been gathering food and items of need for the people in the trailer court and the motel who are very much in need. She has put together a team of people, lay and Sisters alike, who make sandwiches and put together bags of food for people to eat plus other essentials which she collects. Lilly has gotten involved with this ministry and works closely with Sister Connie. Another friend of Lilly's is Sister Kathleen. Sister Kathleen knits and she has knits scarfs and hats for the people and Sister Connie delivers these prized gifts to all those she feeds. With the leftover yarn Sister Kathleen has made some pot holders and she has given them to me and I am sharing them with you. On the table where the devotionals are you will find some of them, please help yourself. During Lent we are asked to Pray, Fast and Give Alms. Giving comes in many different ways. Thank you Lilly, and thank you Sister Connie and Sister Kathleen.



On Tuesday, March 9th – The Light is ON for You - Father Neil and I will be available for Confessions from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. One of us will be in the Confessional and one will be in the Sacristy. Our name will be on the door. Lent is a perfect time for all of us to visit the Sacrament of Confession. Everyone is welcome.

Now an update on me. On Monday, March 8th, I should begin the at home dialysis. I have been going to my regular dialysis on M-W-F and then to several hours of training for peritoneal (at home) dialysis. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as it is a little scary and I am nervous and I remember to try and "place my trust in Him."

Blessings,  
Fr. Bob

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



## CCD NEWS &amp; UPDATES

FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Our Evening CCD/Family Night that was originally scheduled for March 21 has been cancelled. We hope to reschedule this when we can safely gather again.

The children will have CCD class that morning as usual.

**REMEMBER: Daylight Savings Time starts next weekend.**

LENTEN SUNDAY EVENINGS SCHEDULEGeneral Schedule

- 4:45pm** - Rosary for Respect for All Human Life
- 5:00pm** - Stations of the Cross
- 5:30pm** - Simple Soup Supper
- 6:00pm** - The Chosen (*February 21 & 28, and March 7, 14 & 21*)

**March 16 - Movie Night - 6:00pm**

*"Two Crowns: The Life of Maximilian Kolbe"*

**March 23 - Movie Night - 6:00pm**

*"A Hidden Life"*

ALMSGIVING DURING LENT

- 3rd Sunday in Lent: **SPA, Inc.**
- 4th Sunday in Lent: **St. Michael's Indian School**
- 5th Sunday in Lent: **Share Foundation**
- Palm Sunday: **Faith and Family Foundation**
- Holy Thursday: **Christ Child Society of South Bend**
- Good Friday: **Hannah's House**
- Easter Sunday: **Catholic Ed Programs at St. Mary's**

**The Almsgiving baskets for these special collections will be under the cross in the center of the church, on the altar after Mass, and by the St. Anthony statue.**

ALMSGIVING 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT: SPA, INC.

**Who We Are:** We offer a 12-month, 24/7 supervised, Christ-centered, residential treatment program that is based on God's Word, the Bible. We believe that women and families who struggle with life-controlling issues and addictions can find freedom, hope, and new beginnings in Jesus Christ.

**Who We Serve:** We provide services to women 18 and older who are impacted by painful life experiences and destructive behaviors such as drug and alcohol addiction, domestic violence, and sexual assault.

**How We Serve:** We provide both Bible-based studies, discipleship activities, and practical life-skills to help women experience Christ while learning to live godly, productive lives.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

This Lent, every Catholic parish in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will have Confessions available on Tuesday, March 9, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. If you have been reluctant to come to the Sacrament, have been away for some time, or just find it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon Confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

**Tuesday, March 16, 2021 | 6:30pm | St. Vincent's, Elkhart**

We welcome all Catholic women above the age of 16 to join us for our Social Hour beginning at 6:30 p.m. Our business meeting will begin around 7:15. Please come and meet us; ask us how to become a member; and join an international organization of Catholic women. We will wear masks and social distance.

**Our motto is Unity, Friendship, and Charity.**

THEOLOGY ON TAP

**Tuesday Evenings | 6:30p.m. - 8:30p.m. | Bar Louie, Granger**

Join us for this Catholic speaker series for young adults in their 20s and 30s, single and married, to share in food, fellowship and faith. Winter Series theme: Who is my neighbor? For more information go to: [diocesefwsb.org/tot](http://diocesefwsb.org/tot)

AVA'S GRACE ANNUAL RETREAT FOR COUPLES

**Saturday, March 27, 2021 | 9:00a.m. - Noon | ZOOM Event**

If you have suffered miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss, we invite you to participate in our annual ava's grace retreat which will take place over Zoom this year on Saturday, March 27th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The retreat will feature witness talks from couples who have lost a baby before or after birth, small group discussion, a separate breakout session for women and for men, inspirational music, live-streamed Eucharistic Adoration, and conversation prompts for private couple discussion.

Although the retreat is geared for couples, individuals are welcome to participate as well.

To register and receive the Zoom link and passcode, please email Lisa Everett at [leverett@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:leverett@diocesefwsb.org)

ONLINE AVA'S GRACE SUPPORT GROUP

The ava's grace monthly online support group, offering spiritual, emotional and practical support to families who have lost a baby before or after birth. The support group meets over Zoom on the third Wednesday evening of the month from 7-8:30 p.m.

Please email Lisa Everett at [leverett@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:leverett@diocesefwsb.org) for the Zoom meeting link and password.

For more information visit:

[diocesefwsb.org/avasgrace](http://diocesefwsb.org/avasgrace)

## WORSHIP AND PRAYER IN OUR PARISH

SCHEDULE OF MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, MARCH 6**

4:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7**

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

**MONDAY, MARCH 8**

9:00 a.m.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 9**

9:00 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10**

9:00 a.m.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 11**

9:00 a.m.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 12**

9:00 a.m.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 13**

9:00 a.m.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 13**

4:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14**

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

**VIGIL: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

+ Anne Patka

**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

+ Andrzej Cieslinski

For the People

**ST. JOHN OF GOD**

+ Jane & Frankie Miller

**ST. FRANCES OF ROME**

+ Henry & Ernestine Van Kempen

**WEEKDAY IN LENT**

+ Bill & Leona Singer

**WEEKDAY IN LENT**

+ Harvel & Hattie Vandygriff

**WEEKDAY IN LENT**

For the People

**WEEKDAY IN LENT**

+ Tom & Lois Dusthimer

**VIGIL: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

+ George Brown

**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

+ Jerry Edman

+ Art Decio

PAPAL INTENTION FOR MARCH

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

STAY CONNECTED TO ST. MARY'S!

You can stay in touch with your St. Mary's parish family by logging in to our Website:

[www.stmarysbristol.com](http://www.stmarysbristol.com)



Alternatively, visit our Facebook Pages by searching and "Liking":

**St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church**

Find announcements, links to our 11:00a.m. Live-Stream of the Mass, or other parish events and information.

BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE

If you have information for the Bulletin for a Parish Event or Meeting, please submit all pertinent information to Jessica Springer in the Parish Office no later than **Noon on Sunday** in order to ensure publication in the upcoming weekend bulletin. Submissions may be made in person at the Office or email to: [stmarybristolmusic@gmail.com](mailto:stmarybristolmusic@gmail.com)