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MARCH 22, 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We continue the work of Jesus Christ, to Unleash the Gospel and help everyone seek and experience the love and mercy of God.

Father Bogdan's Corner

Dear Friends,

I pray that this article finds you in good health. As you are already aware about the dangerous Coronavirus, which has affected the entire world, I want you to know that I am praying for all of you and our medical and pharmaceutical employees for a solution on how to stop this Covid-19 and for those who are already affected.

It was a "lonely" Mass last Sunday at 11:15 a.m. The Church was empty and I myself was standing at the altar and praying. A few people came, looked through the glass doors and went off. I appreciate the big windows in our church on both sides of the altar that through them I was able to see people driving cars and going about their Sunday business. Unfortunately, they were not able to find a church that would welcome them for Mass. With the development of digital technology, all had this opportunity to follow the Catholic Mass on TV and on the internet. In Poland, "Public Television", instead of broadcasting quite often meaningless shows, broadcasted different denomination services – so all would be satisfied. This is something that we should experience here. Prayer, especially community prayer, will help people deal with stress especially when they are scared. Since I was not busy for the rest of the day, as a Police Chaplain, I volunteered with the Warren Police Department and went on a "ride along" with Officer Mark to patrol the city. We received a few calls that we acted on. We were safe, no bodily harm, but I was glad that I could assist the WPD in their duties. May God Bless them all.

Since all Masses and activities are suspended, the office hours will also be affected. I recommend to all parishioners not to just come in, but to call to make sure we are here. If you have an emergency, leave a message and your call will be returned in a reasonable amount of time. Updated information will be posted on our web page and on the Archdiocese of Detroit web page @ aod.org

*God Bless,
Fr. Bogdan*



MASS INTENTIONS

At this time we have no scheduled Masses or activities at the Parish.

Once we have the approval to have Masses again, your intentions will be rescheduled.



Father Bogdan and the parish of St. Faustina offer sincere sympathy to the families of

Allen Lewis
and
Mark Korenic

We commend them to the Lord.
May they rest in peace.

Amen.



During the week of

March 22, 2020

the candle next to the Tabernacle will burn in memory of

*Gerald Labiak
(Birthday Rem)
req by*

Wife & Children



Reserve the Perpetual Candle for the year 2020. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

We have a few weeks in May, July and September still available.

Suggested Donation is 15.00.

This Week:

Monday, March 23rd

9:00 a.m. No Mass

Tuesday, March 24th

9:00 a.m. - No Mass

Wednesday, March 25th

9:00 a.m. - No Mass

Thursday, March 26th

9:00 a.m. - No Mass

Friday, March 27th

9:00 a.m. - No Mass

Saturday, March 28th

4:00 p.m. - No Mass

Sunday, March 29th

8:30 a.m. - No Mass

11:00 a.m. - No Mass



Lent is the time for greater love,
listen to Jesus' thirst...

'Repent and believe'

What are we to repent?
Our indifference, our hardness of heart.

What are we to believe?
Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart
and in the poor - He knows your weakness.

He wants only your love,
wants only the chance to love you.

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Message from Pope Francis

Pope Francis told his virtual audience on Sunday, March 15th that “in the present situation, in which we find ourselves living more or less isolated, we are invited to rediscover and deepen the value of the communion that unites all the members of the Church.” He reminded them that, “united to Christ we are never alone, we form one body, of which He is the head.” He explained that “it is a union that is nourished with prayer, and also with spiritual communion in the Eucharist, a practice that is much recommended when it is not possible to receive the sacrament.”

As he has said several times since the first outbreak of the coronavirus epidemic in China, Pope Francis said, “I renew my closeness to all who are sick and to those who care for them.” He also extended his closeness to “the many workers and volunteers that help the persons who cannot leave their homes, as well as to all those who reach out to the very poor and the homeless.” He thanked all these people “for the effort that each of you make to help people in this hard moment.” He prayed, “May God bless you and Our Lady protect you.”

Pope Francis entrusted to Jesus’ mother the suffering and anguish of millions of people affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

God’s Recipe

A cup of joy
and a dash of love
will keep God’s happiness
flowing from above.
A pound of hope
with kindness packed beneath
will keep your heart
tender and sweet.
A barrel of patience
and a spoon of peace
will calm your soul
and your wrath will cease.
A yard of gentleness
and a foot of grace
will keep you traveling
at a steady pace.
When these ingredients
are mixed together
we can sail right through
life’s stormy weather.

By Wilma J. Williams

*Bless the Lord, my soul;
do not forget all the gifts of God.*
Psalm 103:2



Daily Mass Readings

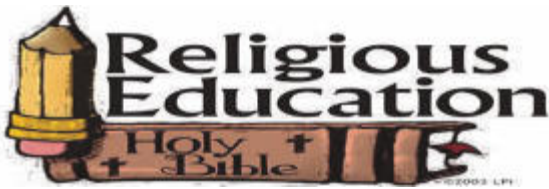
Readings for the week of March 22, 2020:

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5: 1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Observances for the week of March 22, 2020:

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

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All religious education classes and activities are cancelled until further notice. We are following the Archdiocese of Detroit guidelines as well as the governor's guidelines.

We will keep everyone posted when we get more information.

Gospel Reflection on the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Adapted from Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families by Karen O'Malley

Hearing the Word (John 9:1-3, 6-7):

As Jesus passed by He saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." When He had said this, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam." So he went and washed and came back able to see.

Reflecting on the Word:

In today's Gospel, we are invited to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. Jesus responds to the prevalent belief of His time that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. He responds by giving the question a different twist - that through this man's disability, God's power will be made known. God makes himself visible through our lives, through the good or happy occurrences. But sometimes, as with the man born blind, we come to know God through the challenges we face. God works in us, even in dark times, shining a light of hope and faith and offering healing for body, heart, or soul. God not only works in us, but also walks with us through all the good and the bad.

Living the Word:

Are there people in your community whom you fail to notice? Perhaps it is the elderly, the sick, the homeless, or the needy? Choose a person or group that you can pray for this week, and commit to being present to them, to see and love them, and to care for them as tenderly as you would care for Christ.

I hope during this stressful time in our world we all take time to talk to Jesus every day. Spend time in prayer and reflecting on Scripture. Families should use this quality time together to become closer. Especially during this Lenten season, find creative ways to spend more time with Jesus and your family. Here is a prayer to say together as a family:

*Lord Jesus,
 Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives.
 Thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us.
 Thank you for your great love and care.
 Thank you for your sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life.
 Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on You. Fill us with your peace and joy.
 We love You, and we need You, this day and every day.
 We give you praise and thanks, for you alone are worthy!*

God Bless,
 Sandy Acord

Growing Faith ... Engaging Hearts

Warming Center Cancelled

First off, thank you very much for your generous donations for our host week. The money collected will be put into an account and used to host next year. A group of individuals, working with Fr. Bogdan has made the difficult decision to cancel hosting the Warming Center. The majority of our volunteers are over 60 years old and may have a compromised immune system. We would have been greatly understaffed to host for the week. Those that may have been still willing to volunteer would have been greatly overworked. The collected non-perishable food from tags will be used by our monthly pantry for St. Vincent de Paul. The other items will be packed and used next year. As a Catholic community let us all come together and pray for our nation, and world for a timely conclusion to this world-wide Pandemic.

The Next Phase of the Unleash the Gospel Movement

On Tuesday, March 10, representatives from St. Faustina attended a meeting with Deacon Mike Houghton of the Missionary Strategic Planning Department of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Twenty-seven other local churches sent representatives as well; we are all part of 'Wave 2' of the next phase of the Archdiocese's Unleash the Gospel (UTG) movement.

This phase of the UTG movement is called 'Sent on Mission'. The four elements of Sent on Mission are:

- Fulfilling the Action Steps outlined in the Unleash the Gospel letter
- Re-founding our Catholic schools
- The renewal of our parishes through Missionary Strategic Plans
- Obtaining resources for Mission

Over the next several months, a Curia Coach will meet with Fr. Bogdan and his leadership team to discover where St. Faustina currently stands in the fulfillment of the Action Steps called for in the UTG letter, and to assist with the steps if necessary. This includes leadership team formation, setting up an intercessory prayer group, and evaluating our technology and communication abilities. A UTG retreat and Parish Visioning Night will also be arranged.

During this upcoming summer, a Curia Missionary will meet weekly with the pastor and leadership team to create a Missionary Strategic Plan (MSP). MSP's are about **empowering our parish** to do what is best **for our parish** to become more missionary oriented. Subjects to address in the MSP include:

- Family Evangelization
- Parish Culture – personal encounter with Jesus Christ
- Parish Function – equipped for Mission
- Sunday Experience
- Catholic Schools
- Communication and Technology

Once our St. Faustina MSP is completed and plans begin to be implemented, parishioners are encouraged to provide feedback to Parish Pastoral Council members based on your observations of how the parish is doing in each of the focus areas. Sometime next year a formal survey will also be conducted, providing the ability to see how **our** MSP initiatives are impacting **our** parish.

As we begin this new process, please pray for the Holy Spirit to bless Fr. Bogdan and the rest of our parish leadership with wisdom and courage.



Unleash the Gospel Minute: Path to Discipleship, Part IV

The last few weeks' articles described **pre-evangelization, evangelization through the kerygma, and growing new disciples**. How can parishes move from disciples in the parish to missionary disciples in the community? To drive this cultural change, parishes need a strong leadership structure.

What did Jesus do? A careful reading of the Gospels shows that Jesus spent a good deal of time **forming** progressively larger groups of disciples: first Peter, James, and John; then the rest of the twelve disciples; then the “seventy-two”. If we follow Jesus' example, we have the parish pastor as the leader; then the pastor's Leadership Team; then missionary disciples.



The pastor must have a **vision** of the parish moving from a 'maintenance' to a 'missionary' culture, as detailed in *Unleash the Gospel*. The pastor has both practical and spiritual authority: if he is leading cultural change, it is much more likely to occur.

A senior leadership team of a few committed individuals, working in concert with the pastor, will be responsible for the **strategic oversight** of a renewal effort. Forming this team is the first phase of creating a leadership structure.

The “seventy-two” will be a mix of key staff, dedicated parishioners, and disciples who can catch fire for the renewal effort and be the torchbearers going forward, **leading** groups and programs, **praying** in a dedicated way, and **articulating** the vision to others in the parish who might not understand it. But these leaders, the “seventy-two”, must be **equipped and developed** by the parish: perhaps by running discipleship groups for them, taking them on retreats, and mentoring them in leadership. The object is to **teach them how** to disciple others.

Although the model for forming missionary disciples is several thousand years old, implementing it in an intentional way is new to most Catholic parishes. We are blessed in Southeast Michigan to have an Archbishop providing structure to our efforts as we progress through these changes in order to truly Unleash the Gospel.

*God, our Father, send your Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds
so that Your will may be clear to us and that we may accept it.*

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**Please pray for those in
our parish family in
prolonged sickness:**

Samantha Beattie
Ray Dominic
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MASSES

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Holy Days: 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. &
7:00 p.m.

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Report Abuse

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others - no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. In addition, the Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 or by email at aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

More information about the Archdiocese's efforts to address abuse may be found at protect.aod.org.

Registration

Parishioners may register in person, by phone, or online.

Baptism

At least one parent needs to be registered, active and a practicing Catholic for at least six months. Baptisms are the second Sunday of the month. A Baptismal Preparation Class is required for both parents and godparents. The church requires that at least one of the godparents be an active and practicing Catholic. For more information call the Parish Office.

Marriages

Arrange at least six months in advance.

Communion Calls

Pastoral Staff members visit the sick in the hospital when possible and take Communion to the sick and homebound regularly. Names of the sick should be reported to the Parish Office.



If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Sandy Acord at (586) 773-9220 or send an email to sandyjacord@gmail.com.

St. Faustina is extending a personal invitation to you so that we can help with your spiritual needs.

If you have been baptized and have made your First Holy Communion, please contact Sandy to inquire about Confirmation.



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