



# ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

— ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD —

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 19, 2023

## MASS SCHEDULE

Masses are currently being held  
in the St. Dominic Savio Center  
to the right of the school.

### MASS TIMES

Saturday..... (Vigil) 4:00pm  
Sunday..... 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm  
..... (Spanish) 3:00pm

### DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday..... 8:30am

### CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily  
and Sundays.

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

**CHAPEL** - Currently open every day  
9:00am - 9:00pm.

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## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them,  
"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." - Jn 9:15

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### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The blind man showed great bravery by speaking of Christ's miracle in the face of the Pharisees' disdain. But then, how could he ignore the truth, once he had seen it? It would be a form of blindness worse than the absence of physical sight. To deny Christ would be a blindness he chose for himself. ©LPi

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, March 20 • St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Betty Madere, Clyde Madere, Sr., Marilyn Torres, All Souls of Babies

### Tuesday, March 21

8:30 am John T. Marman

### Wednesday, March 22

8:30 am Special Intention

### Thursday, March 23 • St. Turibius

8:30 am Fr. Benjamin Piovan

### Friday, March 24

8:30 am Fr. Benjamin Piovan

### Saturday, March 25 • The Annunciation of the Lord

4:00 pm Melancon & Fisher Families, Jimmy Daigre, Grady Duff, Jr., Scott Duff, Shelbi Ory, Marilyn Torres, Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel, E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, All Souls, Jourdan Growl

### Sunday, March 26 • Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Karen Angelo, Special Intention, All Souls, Douglas Black, In Thanksgiving, Jeanne Perilloux, Betty Leon, Maxie, Max, & Mary Lee, Deceased souls of earthquakes in Turkey & Syria  
10:30 am Douglas Hilbun, Sr., Terry Collins  
3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners  
7:00 pm Fatherhood & Priesthood

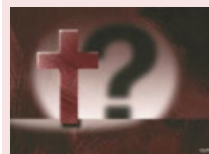


### VIGIL LIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

In memory of Norman & Verna Millet, Rosalind M. Hutson, Deborah Acosta, and Jessica Fournet

### CHAPEL CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR

Birthday Blessings for Ryan Terrio, James Dupuy, Taylor Terrio, Angelina Dupuy, and Jordan Friedrichs



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

**Question:** What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

**Answer:** Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who we are—God's people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people.

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## AROUND OUR CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY

### Evenings of Confession



Wednesdays

March 22

March 29

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Confession will be available in all Archdiocesan Churches from 5:00 - 6:30 pm on these days.

### Stations of the Cross

Communion Service

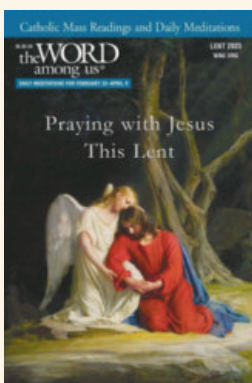
Divine Mercy Chaplet

Fridays during Lent at 6:30pm

St. Dominic Savio Center



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### The Word Among Us Lent Edition

Complete Catholic Mass & Daily Meditations

Available 2 for \$3.00 at the Parish Office and on the side table at Church.

### Easter Memorial Offering



Envelopes for Easter Flower Offerings are included in this week's bulletin. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Envelopes must be returned in the collection basket or to the Parish Office no later than **March 28th**. Please **PRINT** the names of your intentions on the envelope or include a list.

St. Peter Catholic Community  
Reserve, Louisiana

### Lenten Mission

March 27 & 28, 2023

6:30 P.M.

Jesus Christ is Our Real Presence of God  
In the Eucharist

Presented By:

**Father Christopher Krymski, O.S.M.**  
Director, National Shrine of Saint Peregrine

Monday, March 27: How Do We Prepare Ourselves to Receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist?

Tuesday, March 28: How Do We Share Jesus in the Holy Eucharist with Others?



*Mission talks will take place within a Eucharistic Holy Hour.*

### LENTEN FISH FRY

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

10:30 am - 6:00 pm

under the tent in front of school

Fried or grilled fish with  
cajun boiled potatoes & corn  
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Phone orders accepted on day of cooking. Call 504-388-2452.

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

#### Monday, March 20

6:00pm Parish School of Religion - School building #2

#### Wednesday, March 22

Parish Office Closed for Staff Retreat

2:20pm School Stations of the Cross - Savio Center

5:00-6:30pm Evening of Confession - Savio Center

7:00pm KC Degree Exemplification - Savio Center

#### Friday, March 24

8:30am School Mass - Savio Center

10:30am-6:00pm KC Lenten Fish Fry - in front of school

6:30pm Stations of the Cross/Communion Service/Divine Mercy Chaplet - Savio Center

7:30pm Spanish Stations of the Cross - Savio Center

#### Saturday, March 25 • Team 4

#### Sunday, March 26 • Team 4



### PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



**ADORERS ARE NEEDED!!**

**Adoration has resumed in  
the Chapel every day from  
9:00am to 9:00pm.**

**“So you could not  
keep watch with me  
for one hour?”**

### Kids Corner

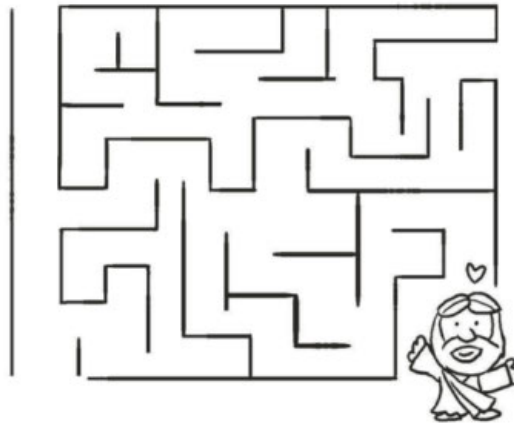
#### Prayer

Jesus, thank you for helping  
the blind man believe in you.

#### Mission for the Week

Draw a cross and put it in a  
place where you can see it  
and think of Jesus  
every day.

Help me to find God!



#### Sharing the Gospel

When Jesus saw the blind man, he did not just walk by. Jesus stopped. He knew he could help the man, and honor God at the same time. Showing all of God's love and power, Jesus healed the blind man's eyes. For the first time in his life, the man could see Jesus and believe in him.

**Now color  
the picture!**



### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS:** Baptismal seminars are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Office at 7:00pm. Please call the Parish Office to pre-register.

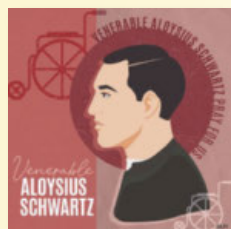
**WEDDINGS:** Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the preferred date of the wedding.

**ANointing OF THE SICK:** Please call the Parish Office at 985-652-2615.

**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** To be added to the list, please call the Parish Office.

**FUNERALS:** Family must make arrangements with the priest prior to making final arrangements with the funeral home.





## SAINT OF THE WEEK EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

**Ven. Aloysius Schwartz**

Born Aloysius Philip Schwartz on September 18, 1930, during the great depression, in Washington D.C.,

“Father Al” decided at an early age that he wanted to be a missionary priest among the poor. After his ordination as a diocesan priest in Washington D.C. in 1957, he petitioned to be sent to South Korea during the Korean War and was formally accepted by the Diocese of Pusan, South Korea. He spent the rest of his life embracing a life of poverty and changing the course of Korean history for those most in need.

Once in South Korea, Father Al was immediately faced with the stark reality of extreme poverty among children there orphaned because of the war. He witnessed people surviving by picking through garbage dumps for what little they could eat, sell, or repurpose and he immediately decided to begin a charity program to provide some relief in his new community. After returning to the USA for a few years due to illness and spending that time raising funds and support for his mission in Korea, he returned to pastor St. Joseph Parish while also establishing the Sisters of Mary Religious Congregation and, years later, the Brothers of Christ to aid in his work. Of this work, Fr. Al said,

“To serve the poor in the name of Christ is not a game. It is not play-acting, nor is it child’s play. It means constant pain, discomfort, humiliation, suffering, and sacrifice. In a word, it means the Cross.”

Together with the Sisters and Brothers of his orders, he went on to establish Boys-towns and Girls-towns to serve the orphans and street children of South Korea. He also built hospitals and hostiles for many different demographics of Koreans in need. During his vocation, he chose to live in poverty among those he served, often going without electricity, or running water.

In 1985 he expanded his charities and founded the Sisters of Mary, Manila in the Philippines and in 1989 they also expanded to Mexico. He was named a Monsignor in 1990, won the Ramon Magsaysay Award — often referred to as the Nobel Prize of the Pacific — and was also nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for his foundation of orphanages around the world. Soon after, his health deteriorated due to ALS and he died in 1992 in Manila, hearing confessions, preaching, and going to daily Mass right up until the end even though the disease confined him to a wheelchair.

His legacy of humor and joy is carried on by those still in the Sisters of Mary and the Brothers of Christ as they continue to serve populations in Korea, the Philippines, Central and South America. To this date more than 170,000 children have graduated from their schools and have been elevated out of abject poverty through jobs, self-employment, and vocations. Pope Francis named Father Al Venerable on January 22, 2015. ©LPi

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Not As Man Sees

I don’t know Fr. Stu personally, but I’ve heard a fair number of his homilies. I think it is safe to assume that if he and I were to get into a discussion on any number of things, from church history to liturgical music to stand-up comedy, each of us would cringe at the opinions of the other.

But Fr. Stu happens to offer just about the only confession time within 20 miles of me that consistently works with my schedule. That means that, quite by accident, Fr. Stu is my regular confessor. For years now, he’s sat patiently on the other side of the grille, listening to me pour out the details of my transgressions, from the pathetic to the embarrassing, and he absolves me of my sins.

In the Gospel, Christ links vision with humility and pride with blindness. We see again and again in Scripture how God delights in surprising us, in revealing himself through people, places, and experiences we not only didn’t expect but perhaps had totally written off.

We are right to be proud of the truth, but we are wrong if the truth causes us to be proud of ourselves. The truth no more belongs to the one who believes it than sight belongs to the blind man in the Gospel. A gift does not reflect on the recipient. It reflects on the giver.

After a great deal of thought, I’ve decided to be grateful that God contrived to give me a confessor whom I strongly disagree with on so many things. It’s a powerful reminder of how much I must receive from other people, even those I may think are wrong. In that confessional, Fr. Stu is only a priest, and I am only a sinner.

*“Not as man sees does God see.” — 1 Samuel 16:7*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
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

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