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March 14, 2021

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Tuesday Noon

Wednesday Noon

Thursday Noon

Friday Noon

Saturday 4:15 pm

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

March 14, 2021

*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord." John 6:56*



**God sent Christ into the world not to
condemn, but to save and to heal.**

The first reading recounts the failure of God's people to listen to his prophets and repent. Their wickedness results in their ruin and exile to Babylon. In the second reading, Paul tells the Ephesians they are saved by grace through faith, which is a gift from God. In the Gospel, Jesus tells Nicodemus that God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn it, but to save it.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday March 16th noon

Sammy Sopchak, Leon & Ophelia Ketkoski

Wednesday March 17th noon

John & Frances Sechelski, Linda Sechelski

Thursday March 18th noon

Linda Sechelski, John & Frances Sechelski

Friday March 19th noon

Joe & Willie Vezurk, David & Pearl Busa

Saturday March 20th 4:15

Lewis & Vena Sechelski

Sunday March 21st 8:00

Deceased members of St. Stanislaus

Sunday March 21st 10:00

Albert & Helen Kimich, Maxine Lee,
Marion Wroblewski

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our past,
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future!*

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule

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Saturday March 20th 4:15 pm

Lectors:

Susan Wisnoski & Shirley Hesse

Rosary: Dorothy Pasket

Altar Servers:

Andrew Borski, Evan Borski, Claire Borski

Ushers:

Stephen Pasket, Darrell Wagner, Danny Pasket, Johnny Pasket Jr.

Sunday March 21st 8:00 am

Volunteers

Rosary: Barbara Dibello

Sunday March 21st 10:00 am

Lectors:

Blake Vezurk & Mandi Wroblewski

Rosary: Rosanna Molina

Altar Servers:

Owen Otto, Evan Otto, Morgan Moriarty

Ushers:

Gene Yanchak, Dennis Sechelski, Roger Vezurk, Marcus Klawinsky



Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

2 Chr 36:14–16, 19–23

Eph 2:4–10

Jn 3:14–21

You Decide

We normally take great pride in making our own decisions. When we did this as children, it was a sign that we were growing up; as adolescents, it was a proclamation of independence. Now as adults, when making decisions we demonstrate that we are self-directed. The problem doesn't seem to lie in decision-making itself but in the options given to us that require a decision. And there is the rub. Often these are options not of our choosing. This can make decision-making very difficult.

Today's Gospel is all about making decisions. Options are placed before us. We either choose Jesus and the extraordinary way of life that he has outlined for us, or we go along with the movements of society. This could include making money at any cost, denying hospitality to those who knock on our door, harboring an attitude of superiority over others. We either choose to live in the light with the insights that our faith provides, or we simply accept the values that bombard us each day through the media, namely: Me first. What's mine is mine. What's in it for me? Not in my back yard.

If we look carefully, we will realize that the way of life Jesus promotes is based on the dignity of each person, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Actions that dismiss, demean, damage, or destroy human life are contrary to the teaching, life, and example of Jesus. Accepting his way brings forth a new society called "the reign of God." Rejecting it will undermine the foundations of the society we have. Which will it be? You decide.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- ★ How might you have compromised your religious values in order to get by in life?
- ★ Might God be asking you to choose something new?

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.

JOHN 3:19



Dear Padre,

My friend's parish is having a St. Joseph's Day Altar. What is that?

According to tradition, the altar to St. Joseph originated in the Middle Ages by Sicilians who invoked their patron saint during an extended drought and famine. When rain finally brought relief, the people expressed their gratitude in two ways: by displaying a table with the foods they harvested and by distributing their plenitude to those most in need.

Over time, the custom of an altar around the March 19 feast day of St. Joseph gained popularity and is now embraced by the faithful of any nationality wishing to share their good fortune with those who have less. The meatless feast usually includes baked items, beans, nuts, fruits, and seafood presented in ways that symbolize elements of the faith. Prayerful rituals and children portraying the Holy Family add to the celebration and heritage.

Whether the altar is modest or elaborate, at home or in church, it's a labor of love meant to strengthen the bonds of family and friends in its preparation and to strengthen one's faith and charity in its execution.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*



Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love. We must not be afraid of goodness, of tenderness!

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MARCH 19, 2013

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 15

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

MARCH 16

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

MARCH 17

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

MARCH 18

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14

Jn 5:31-47

Friday

MARCH 19

St. Joseph,

Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a,
12-14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday

MARCH 20

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

MARCH 21

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34

Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-33

ST. PATRICK

THE APOSTLE
OF IRELAND

Although legends abound about the life and work of Patrick, the 5th century Apostle of Ireland, he tells his own story in his Confession, written near the end of his life to praise God's guiding presence in his life. In it, he tells the story of his captivity, first by Irish pirates and then by the Lord, whom he then spent a lifetime serving.

Kidnapped at age 16 by pirates and taken to Ireland as a slave, he worked as a shepherd in the mountains. After 6 years, he escaped and, after many adventures, returned to Britain and eventually became a priest. When a missionary was needed, Pope Celestine sent Patrick to evangelize the Irish. Although he was constantly at risk from hostile pagans, by the time of his death, a native Irish clergy was in place and Christianity had reached nearly all of Ireland.

Patrick's Confession

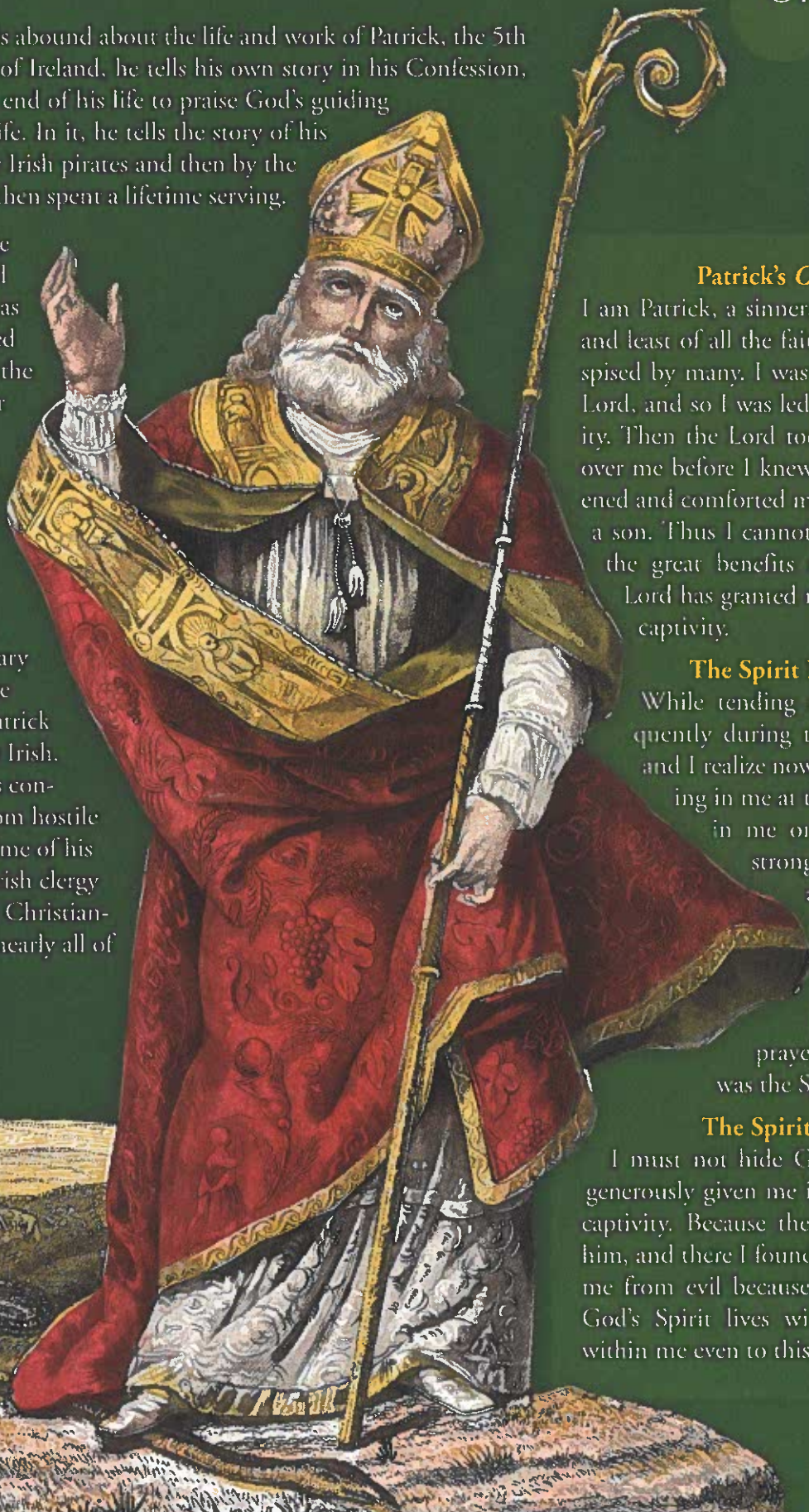
I am Patrick, a sinner, the most unlearned and least of all the faithful, and utterly despised by many. I was ignorant of the true Lord, and so I was led to Ireland in captivity. Then the Lord took pity and watched over me before I knew him. God strengthened and comforted me as a father consoles a son. Thus I cannot remain silent about the great benefits and graces that the Lord has granted me in the land of my captivity.

The Spirit Prays within Us

While tending sheep, I prayed frequently during the day and night—and I realize now, the spirit was burning in me at that time. Once I saw in me one who was praying strongly, with sighs. I was amazed and astonished, and pondered who it was who prayed in me; but at the end of the prayer, it was clear that it was the Spirit.

The Spirit Lives in Us

I must not hide God's gift, which was generously given me in the country of my captivity. Because then I sincerely sought him, and there I found him. God protected me from evil because, I fervently believe, God's Spirit lives within me and works within me even to this day.



ST. PATRICK: COMPASSION IN ACTION

St. Patrick is a good model for our lives today as we struggle to put our compassion into action to make our world more like the way God wants it to be.

Attuned to God's Presence

As Patrick's *Confession* reveals, his life was grounded in a deep trinitarian awareness of God's presence in himself and in the world around him. We too learn to discover Christ's presence in ourselves and our world. We look out at the world through eyes of faith to discover the meaning of our history and our situation in the context of God's plan to reorder our world into right relationships (justice). We scrutinize the signs of the times to discover "what may be genuine signs of the presence or the purpose of God" (Vatican Council II, *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, #11).

- What can you recall about your "call" or invitation to follow Jesus in a more adult way?
- How have you experienced God inviting you to a deeper prayer life both as an individual and as a member of your parish?

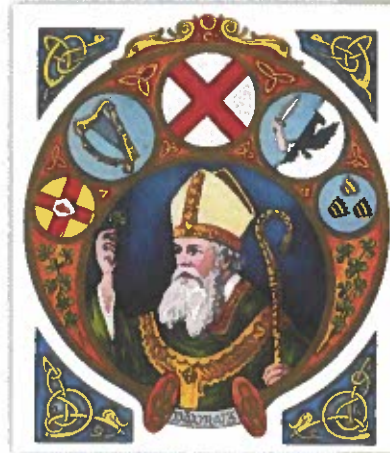
Acting with Compassion and Justice

Becoming more keenly aware of God's presence moves us to act to continue Jesus' works of compassion and justice.

Compassion calls on us to aid the victims of social evil by providing more immediate assistance to those who are poor, hungry and in need food and shelter by doing the corporal works of mercy (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2447).

Justice calls on us to change the structures of society to eliminate their sinfulness and conform more closely with Jesus' vision of rightly ordered relationships (justice). Since the institutions of society are so complex, their structural evil is often so hidden and so tenacious that it cannot be eradicated by a single individual. Consequently, working for social justice to eliminate this social sin involves joining with others to change the societal structures that conceal their corrosive evil.

- In what ways are you experiencing God's bringing you to a new awareness of God's values?
- How can you act more justly and establish right relationships in your household? at your work? in your parish? in your community?



ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER

This popular prayer attributed to St. Patrick is often called his "breastplate" because in the first part he imagines God's protection like battle armor to protect him from all the dangers he might face that day. In the second part he then calls on Christ to be with him and in him and for the grace to recognize Christ in others as he goes about his day.

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 see before me,
 God's ear to hear me,
 God's word to speak for me,
 God's hand to guard me,
 God's way to lie before me,
 God's shield to protect me,
 God's host to secure me—
 against snares of devils,
 against temptations and vices,
 against inclinations of nature,
 against everyone who shall wish me
 ill, afar and anear,
 alone and in a crowd.
 Christ, be 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 where I lie,
 Christ where I sit,
 Christ where 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.
 Salvation is of the Lord.
 Salvation is of the Christ.
 May your salvation,
 O Lord, be ever with us. *Amen.*



St Vincent de Paul Society

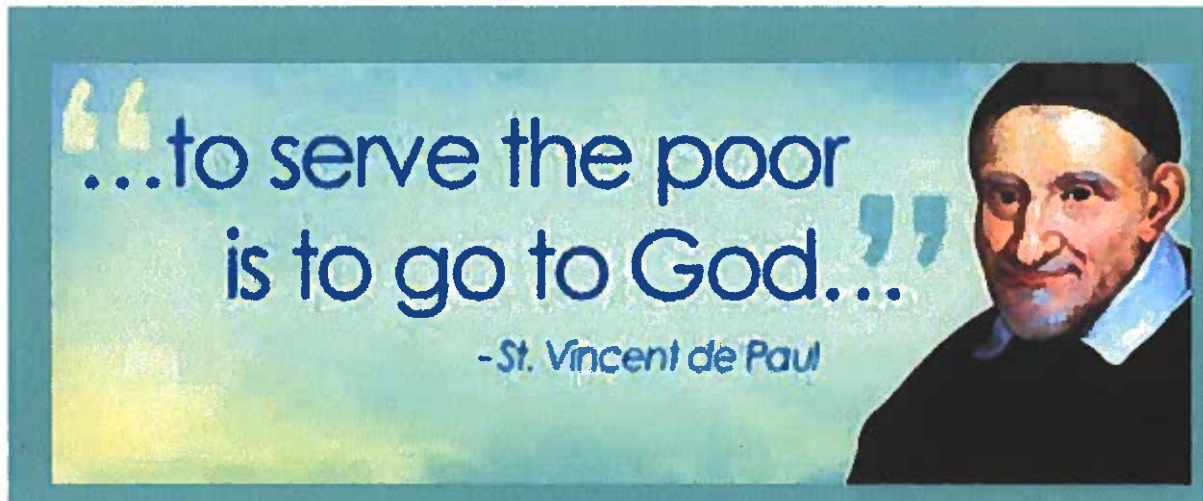
good works

Dear friends,

SAVE THE DATE! The St. Vincent de Paul Society inquiry meeting will be Saturday, March 27 at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall at St. Stanislaus parish. Please come to learn more about this ministry to the poor and help us start a St. Vincent de Paul Society for our community at large.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at lopez.eli68@gmail.com.

Peace and many blessings!
Fr. Eli Lopez



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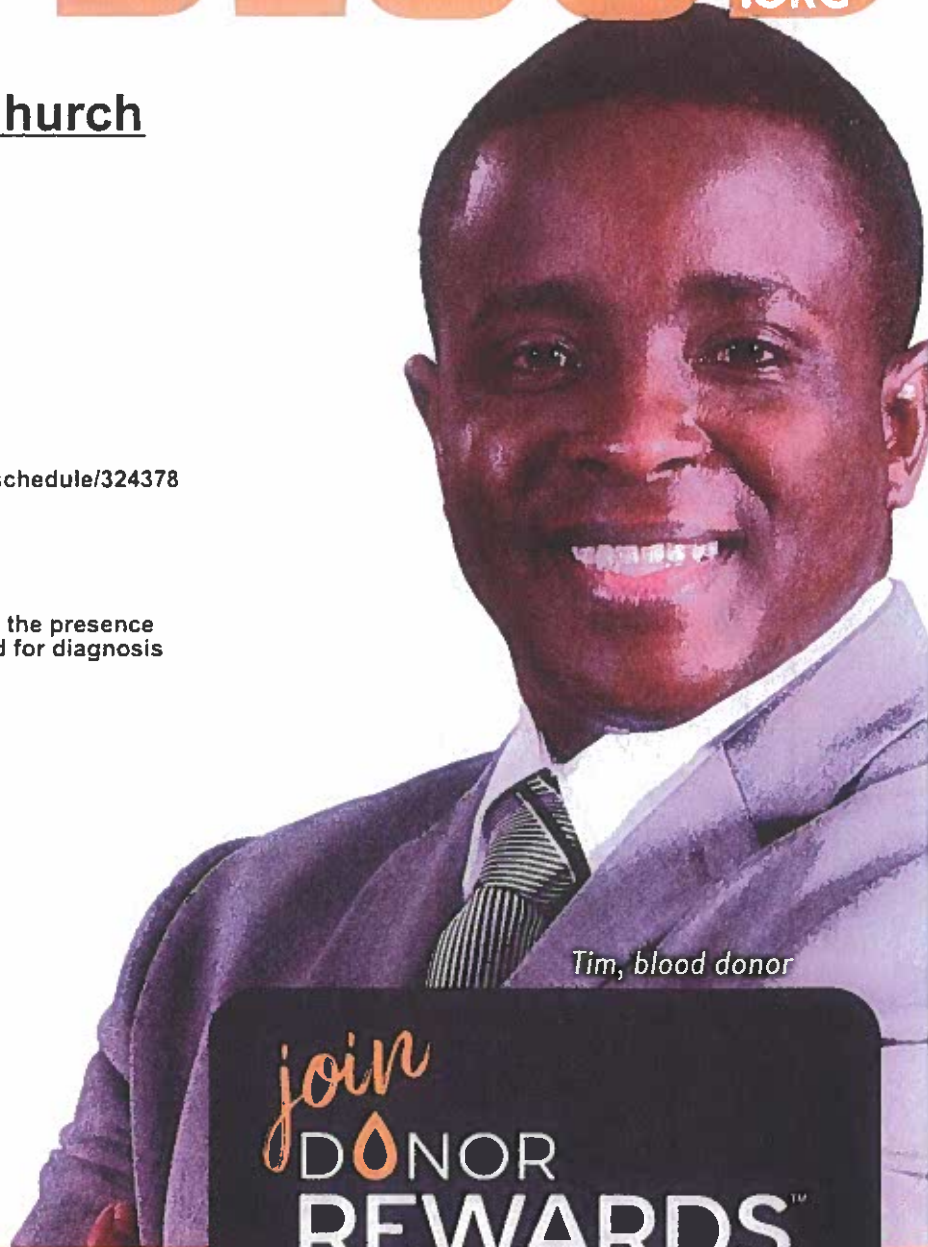
Sunday, March 21
8:30 am - 1:00 pm
fellowship hall

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March 14, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 | Eph 2:4-10 | Jn 3:14-21

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

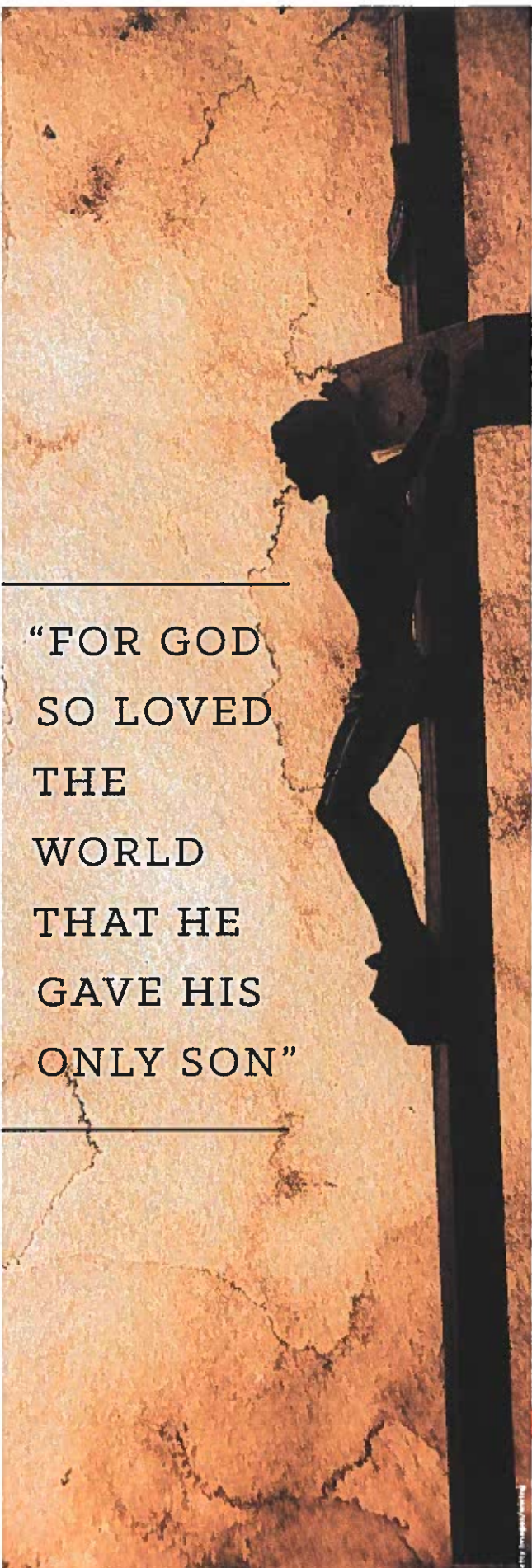
We all have mementoes that we treasure - a handmade Mother's Day card, a delicate glass sculpture inherited from a relative, perhaps a fine piece of woodwork or beautifully woven quilt. We treasure them because they remind us of someone we love. Now, think about that we are God's "handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance"! Our God, rich in mercy, rich in love, treasures us so much that he created each of us in his image and gives each of us grace - a pure, free gift. As we look in the mirror, we may be tempted to see only our imperfections. But Paul reminds us that if we look at ourselves the way God does and accept the gift of his love and grace, and cooperate with it working in us, we can live in Christ in the here and now, by extending love and mercy to others, and in eternity, in God's loving embrace.

GO EVANGELIZE

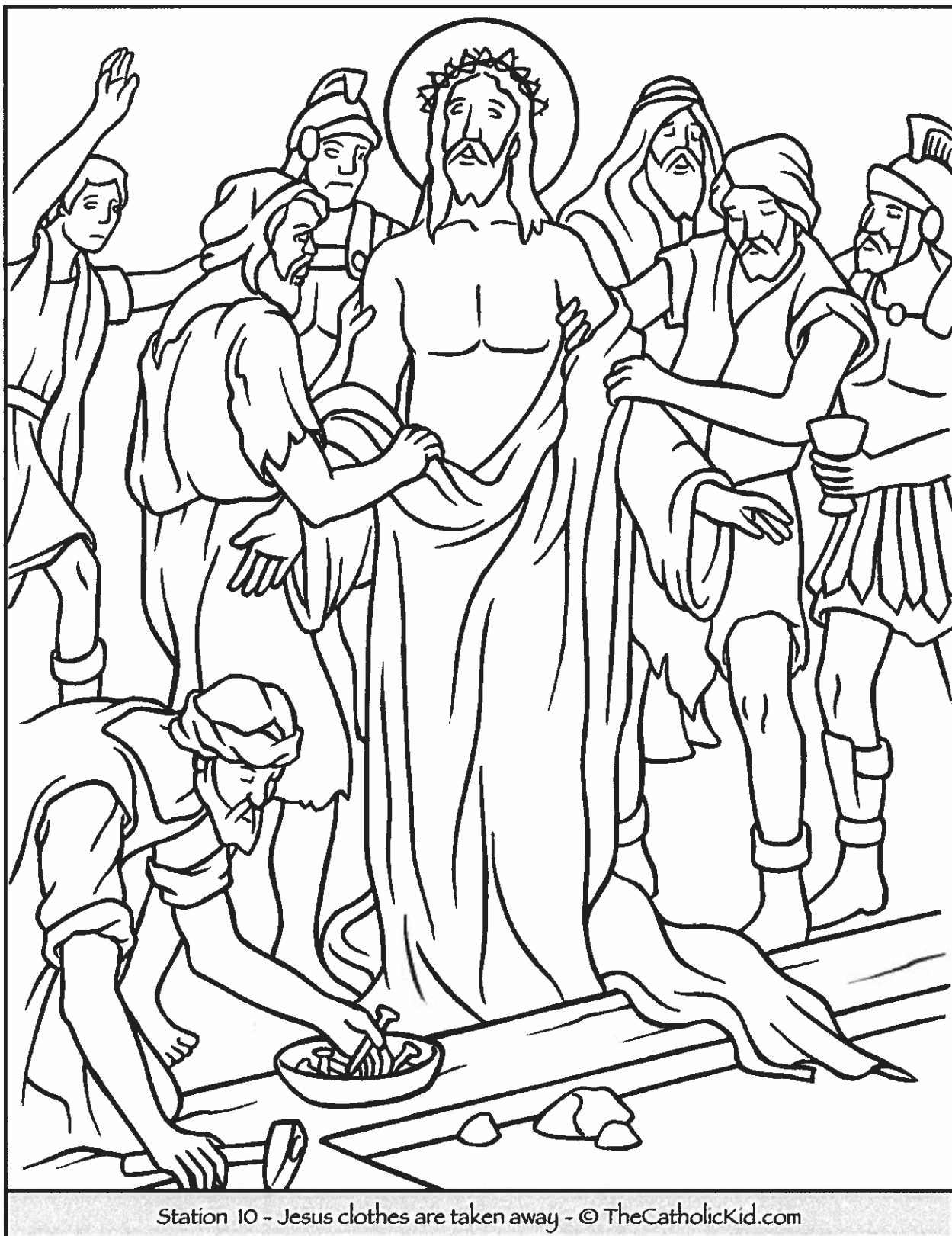
PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Reading the news and social media, the phrase in today's Gospel that "people preferred darkness to light" seems as true now as it was in John's time. Sinfulness and evil still cause great harm in our societies. The good news is that it is also as true for us as it was then that God sent his only Son, "not ... to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." Clearly, the world is a work in progress. We are a work in progress. Yet today's readings remind us that we can choose light over darkness by accepting the gift of faith and grace that our patient and merciful God bestows on us. It doesn't mean that we should turn off the news or hide from the world, but instead do our part to bring light to the situations we encounter. We know the kingdom of God won't be built in a day, or even a millennium, but we take a step toward building the Kingdom when we allow God's light to enter our hearts and then share that light with others through our witness, words, and prayer.

GIVE Choose light! Respond to a troubling event in your community or state by seeking a concrete way to help - donate to a local Catholic Charities or relief organization, or contact your parish about possibly organizing a donation effort.



"FOR GOD
SO LOVED
THE
WORLD
THAT HE
GAVE HIS
ONLY SON"



Station 10 - Jesus clothes are taken away - © TheCatholicKid.com



Welcome to St. Stanislaus Kostka

Please contact the parish office if you wish to register or know someone who would like to become a member of our parish.

936-873-2291

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions March

Intentions for Evangelization: Sacrament Of Reconciliation

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

Announcements

Stations of The Cross

We will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 12:30pm and 7:00pm until March 26th.

Parish celebration and thanksgiving in honor of Deacon Russell Pasket.

The St. Stanislaus Altar Society and the Knights of Columbus Council #4054 are hosting a pancake breakfast following the 10:00 o'clock mass on Sunday, March 14, 2021. This event will celebrate the ordination of Russell Pasket to the Diaconate and acknowledge his commitment to a ministry of service to our faith. All members of the parish are invited to attend and congratulate Deacon Pasket, thank him for his faithfulness, and wish him well as undertakes his new responsibilities.

Bible Study

Do you wonder where we find the Mass in the Bible? Make time for God and join us for a weekly Bible study to answer this question and more. The study will last for 10 weeks and meet each Tuesday night at 6PM. The study consists of short reading requirements and review questions to prepare for the week's lesson that consists of a video and a discussion with fellow parishioners. This study is published by the St. Paul Center and the study guide can be purchased at www.stpaulcenter.com. Be sure to choose "Parousia: The Bible and Mass Study Guide." There are no additional fees, just the purchase of your study guide.

The first Bible study meeting will be Tuesday, March 23 at 6PM in the parish hall.

If you have any questions, you may contact Jaime Diehl - 979-324-6399, Deanie Vezurk - 979-324-4917

or Dianne Sechelski - 936-870-5249

Throughout history, humans have had a tendency to choose what is the easier – but not necessarily the better – path. The easier path often leads away from God and into the darkness of sin. Christ's way is the way of light. We are called to be his disciples, to let go of preferences and actions which keep us in the dark, and to take the path which leads to truth and goodness.

Altar Society : Meets the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be Thursday April 8th at 6:00 in the rectory. All Catholic ladies are welcome.

Baptism: Classes are necessary for baptism. Please contact the parish office to make needed arrangements.

Birthdays & Anniversaries : On the 1st weekend of every month Fr. Eli will bless anyone with a birthday or wedding anniversary during that month following each Mass.

Cemetery Guidelines: If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the cemetery, please contact Charles Posinski at 936-873-2113. If work needs to be done you must call Charles Posinski first.

Choir Practice: Choir practice is on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:15pm in the church. You can contact Margaret McClosky (margaretmcclosky@gmail.com) for more information

Counseling: Gratia Plena is a nonprofit organization that provides mental and spiritual health services for mental illnesses, addictions, and marriage/family problems. All counselors are Catholic and provide services in a way that is faithful to the teachings, values and traditions of the Church. Their closest office is near The Woodlands, but counselors are also available by video session. For more information, see their website at www.gratiaplenacounseling.org or call (832) 532-0129, or email info@gratiaplenacounseling.org

Divine Mercy: Every Friday after the noon Mass . Everyone is welcome to join us.

Gabriel Project: Pregnant. Scared. Need to talk! Gabriel Project offer assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances. Please call Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328 or St. Mary's Catholic Church 936-894-2223

Knights of Columbus : KC Council #4054 meets at the KC Hall every 2nd Tuesday at 7pm. Please join us. All Catholic men are welcome. **Next blood drive March 21st, 2021 in the parish hall** Contact Deen Miller 936-524-1700 for membership information. And James Moran 936-825-7866 for rental information .

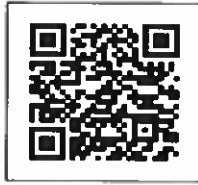
Marriage: There is a required preparation process that must be completed prior to one being married in the Catholic Church. Please call the office for more information.

RCIA & RCIC: Anyone seeking the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults / Children or adult confirmation. Please call the church office at 936-873-2291

Reconciliation: 30 Minutes before Wednesday & Friday Masses (Please call ahead to let the Priest know) and 3:00 to 4:00 on Saturdays

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4-25 Home Mission

5-16 Catholic Communications

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Andrew Burzynski, Don Fontaine,
Travis Hayes, Cody Klawinsky,
Travis Klawinsky,
Joe A. Lopez, Matthew Macejewski,
John McKnight, Phillip Walkoviak



Please pray for our parish family who are ill and/or homebound:

Dody Abbott, Timothy Busa, Valerie Busa,
Donna Emmette, John Faust, Briley Gladney, Dolores Holler,
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