



OUR LADY OF THE LAKES
Catholic Church
WATERFORD, MICHIGAN

I AM THE *HANDMAID* OF THE LORD

Luke 1:38

THOUGHTS FROM FR. SCOTT

MARCH 26, 2023

Today we begin the final week of our Lenten observance and our final two weeks of preparation for Easter. Use this coming week to prepare by recommitting to your Lenten promises and practicing them in earnest. Make diligent use of the scheduled prayer events and sacramental opportunities. I cannot stress enough the awesome power of quiet contemplation. These devotions and prayers call us to deeper communion with our Lord and teach us how to be in the presence of Jesus without distraction. So, I strongly encourage everyone to remember, pray and prepare this week as we wind down our Lenten observance. If we do this, we can be assured of a blessed Holy Week enabling us to know the sacrifices of our Lord Jesus most sincerely.

A final reminder about a new event we added to our Lenten schedule this year. On Wednesday, March 29, we will be hosting a prayer event primarily for women call *Mary's Way of the Cross*. We will start at 6:30 p.m. and pray a Rosary together after which we will reflect with the Blessed Mother on the Stations of the Cross. After the prayer there will be a time of gathering and light refreshments. The prayer will last about one hour and reception will be as long as they typically last. Again, the evening is primarily directed to women and especially mothers. If it helps one may want to think of it as a Lenten reflection night similar to that of Advent by candlelight. We are asking for registration for this event and a small optional donation to help offset the cost of food. You can find more detailed information elsewhere in the bulletin this weekend. Hopefully, we will have a good gathering for this night and I look forward to praying with all of you on March 29th.

As Passion Sunday is next Sunday we will bless palm branches at all of the liturgies next weekend. We will utilize the simple blessing of palms most familiar to the wider population of Catholics at all the liturgies on Sunday. Hopefully, everyone

will be attentive to the Holy Week schedule and make an honest effort to enter into the celebrations with spiritual awareness. Holy Week is our most important week of the liturgical year as we recall the great events that brought us salvation and redemption. For this simple fact alone, we all ought to be prepared to enter into Holy Week with prayerful joy and reconciled hearts.

I remind everyone of the poster board and prayer cards that are available near the baptismal font. These are the names and pictures of those involved in our OCIA group and our Confirmandi and First Holy Communion. Please join in prayer for everyone celebrating these Sacraments of salvation.

Our schedule for Easter Sunday Masses will be 8am, 9:30am, 11:15am and 1pm. These Mass times allow us to accommodate the crowds a bit easier. It changes the late morning and early afternoon Mass times but allows for less aggravation in the parking lot. The full schedule for the Holy Week and Easter may found elsewhere in the bulletin. Please plan accordingly for your Easter Day Mass attendance. Thank you in advance for your patience as we seek to find the best schedule to accommodate our parish family on these most holy of days.

This week our Gospel reading recalls the raising of Lazarus. This event allowed people of the time to understand the awesome life-giving power of the Lord. Jesus has a wonderful battle of words with those around him about Lazarus and wins his argument in the end. He brings life back to Lazarus, as he will do for all of us if we have the humility and courage to let him work in us. It takes a very trusting and dependent heart to recognize the life Christ freely gives to people of hope. Still, we are called to have trust and dependence upon

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God in our lives at all times. By practicing this love and patience we will certainly grow in life-giving ways.

God Bless and have a great week!

Fr. Scott

Thought for the week: It takes a great amount of courage to admit our need for God and to trust in His plan of salvation for all of us.

VOILAND'S VIEW

Imagine the scene when Jesus cried out at the top of his voice, toward the opening of the cave, "Lazarus, come out!" Nothing happens. Seconds pass by. Then, suddenly, Lazarus, stumbles out of the cave, wrapped head and foot in burial cloths, unable to see. "Untie him and let him go," commands the Lord. Stunning! A man dead in a tomb for four days is alive again! Since the Jews mourned for seven days with the family after the burial of the dead loved one (instead of the ten minutes that our culture seems willing to afford the deceased), many people saw this marvelous event, as Jesus freed Lazarus from the bonds of death.

Each of us also has a built-in ability to free others, or to bind them up. By the way that we treat each other, we either hold people back, or free them to be themselves. Furthermore, the closer we are to people, the deeper our relationships, the more power we have over them. The power we have can be used to good or bad effect. If it is our goal to manipulate people, we will analyze how folks respond to us, then take them captive. We bind them by molding them with our words and actions to do whatever benefits *us*. On the other hand, if we are motivated by love, we will use our words and actions to *free* people, helping them in their faith journey toward God. We are all subject to such manipulation or liberation, because we all have insecurities of some sort that cause us to respond, for better or worse, to how others treat us.

In a sense, there is a web of behavioral bonds that connect us together as a community of people. These bonds are like a tangle of emotional strings that pull us in different directions. We humans are intimately dependent upon each other, whether we like it or not. We see it in families. We see it at work. We see it in politics. We see it in the Church. Our everyday behavior, the words we say, and our slightest actions, affect the lives of others. These effects come in a variety of ways. Spoken words obviously relate their own specific meaning. But communication is so much more. The environment we are in, the expression on our face, the position of our body, our tone of voice, the look in our eyes, all speak volumes. All of these subtle cues send either a positive, reinforcing message or a negative vibe that can freeze a person in place. Consider how an intense glare from a watchful parent can freeze a mischievous kid in his tracks. But we all send such messages to each other all of the time.

Sending these messages demands good judgment in order to inspire worthwhile interaction with others. If we desire good for others, we have to be aware that *our* actions will either help or inhibit achieving that goal; our daily personal associations will free others or bind them up. Often, we are not even aware of how profoundly we affect those around us by the way we act toward them. Our behavior is a mixture of thoughts and emotions that comes from deep inside us. Ideally, we would be able to always have the best interests of others in mind. We would do and say things that help build them up, bring them to the truth, make them happy, or them solve a problem. We would want to encourage them, free them in their creativity, and help them grow. Yet, what can just as easily happen is that, in our responding to someone, we can build a wall or create an obstacle to their progress. Think of something as simple as picking a fast food restaurant: your friend says "McDonald's" and you roll your eyes. "Nuff said!" . . . a fairly effective block to going to the Golden Arches. But a roll of the eyes can stop much bigger things than a trip to the burger joint.

Committed relationships truly have bonds that tie or free. Married couples, friends, coworkers, teammates, siblings, neighbors, parishioners – all have a profound effect on each other through almost unnoticeable signals that are constantly being transmitted. These signals bind or loose the restrictions we place on each other. Although the Apostles were given the authority to bind and loose both in heaven and on earth, we all exercise binding and loosing authority on a personal basis. If not, the Lord's words to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" would be meaningless. So, when we have the opportunity, in love, to "untie him and let him go," let's free the ones we can free . . . even if it is simply done with a *wink* of the eye instead of a *roll*!

Blessings,

Fr. Bob



THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

MONDAY, MARCH 27

8:15 AM †Dorothy Rodzik by Ted Rodzik
†Lucille Koba by The Lenze Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

8:15 AM †Janice Thibodeau by Betty & Ned Pakosz
†Matthew Kulick by Teresa & Mike Grohs

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

8:15 AM †Jim Tinson by Family
†Lvg.& Dc'd.Mbrs.of Kulick Family by Teresa & Mike Grohs

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

8:15 AM †John Bauer by The Ross Family
Ava Amezcua by Deanna Olsen

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

8:15 AM †John Wisely by Family
†Thomas Powers by Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

5:00 PM Parish Family of OLL
†Judy Lalli by Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 AM †Dc'd Mbrs.of Connarn & Mazzaro Families
†Teresa & James McEnrue by Mary Kay
9:30 AM †Kevin Ronquillo by Family
†Julia Sidebottom by Elaine Konczal
11:00 AM †Lucy Kirby by Maria Smith
†Dorothy Rodzik by Ted Rodzik
12:30 PM †Oliver McCarter by Jean Zinger
†Patsy Deane by Jean Zinger

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26, 2023

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10; 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Procession: Mt 21:1-11

At Mass: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

Prayer Shawls

Do you have a family member or a friend that could use the grace of a prayer shawl? We have a supply of prayer shawls at the Parish Center that can be given to someone you know who needs comfort. These shawls were made with prayers and can be provided to those suffering from grief, illness, or other life situations. These garments come with a prayer to be said by the recipient and bring the added comfort of knowing that others are praying for the receivers of these shawls. Please contact Artha Horowitz at 248-623-0274 or artha.horowitz@ollonline.org if you would like a prayer shawl.

Jean's Jottings | Faith Formation News

Surprise! Many of us have been to a surprise birthday party or surprise anniversary celebration. There is a Surprise Party going on right now and you are invited. The surprise is to look on life with the eyes of faith, to see exactly what you see now but to see it in a different way.

Again and again in the Gospel of John people misunderstand Jesus. They understand his words in the normal human way but Jesus wants to raise people's thinking and understanding to a new higher way of looking at life. His words surprise people, because He is asking them to see Him in a new way, divine rather than human. And so we come to today's Gospel where Jesus said to Martha, "Your brother will rise." (John 11:23) Martha professed her faith in the resurrection at the last day, "I know He will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." (John 11:24) But Jesus wants to take her to a new understanding of resurrection,

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26)

Jesus wants Martha to know that it is through Jesus himself that Lazarus will rise again, "I am the resurrection and the life..." Jesus is the resurrection. Jesus also wants Martha and us to know that for anyone who believes in Jesus death has only the appearance of death because we live after death, "whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." In fact, if we believe in Jesus we will not die, in the sense that the life we live in Christ now will continue after death, "everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." When we live as Jesus calls us there is a continuation from this life to the next. When we live as disciples of Jesus it is as if we will almost not notice passing from this life to the next because spiritually we will never die. So the resurrection is not just something in the future, Jesus offers life now. The new life in the resurrection is for now. To prove His words to Martha, Jesus raised Lazarus. Don't miss out on the offer of Jesus' life to you now. Don't waste life. Live life with Jesus. Live the life of Jesus now so that you will not die.

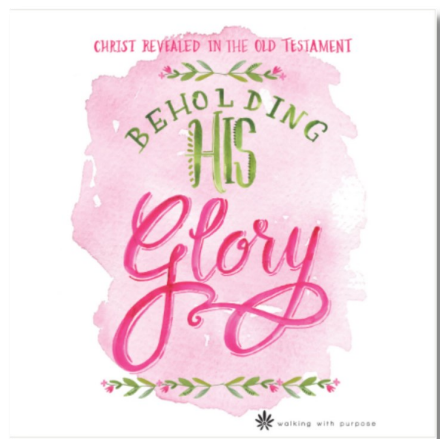
How can we live this life of Jesus now? Jesus offers us His life every time we come to Mass, every time we receive the sacraments, every time we pray, every time we read Sacred Scripture. The preface for Mass today, the prayer which ends Holy, Holy, Holy, tells us,

In his love for us all,
Christ gives us the sacraments
to lift us up to everlasting life.
(Preface Fifth Sunday of Lent)

The sacraments are the special ways we meet Jesus. In the sacraments we touch Jesus and Jesus comes to us. Jesus gave us the sacraments to lift us up to everlasting life. Adaption from: https://www.frfrommylane.com/homilies/year_a/lent5-2.htm

Peace and prayers,

Jean, DRE



Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study

"Beholding His Glory"

Day Class: 10:00-11:30 AM
Night Class: 6:30- 8:00 PM

April 19th- June 14th

Cost to attend: Purchasing the book! walkingwithpurpose.com
Register today by calling the parish office and letting them know which session you'd like to attend!

Pre-registration ends on April 17th.

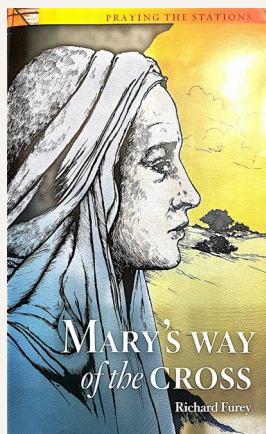
OUR PARISH LIFE TOGETHER

FINANCIAL REPORT WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Amount Needed to Fulfill Budget \$28,500
Actual Weekly Collection \$22,687
Actual **under** Budget **\$5,813**

Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/2022– 3/21/2023
Fiscal Year Budget – Wk 38 \$1,083,000
Actual Year to Date \$997,061
YTD Amount **under** Budget **\$85,939**

Thank you for your generosity!



Mary's Way of the Cross

Women of the parish and their guests are invited to a memorable evening called **Mary's Way of the Cross**. We will follow a series of meditations and prayers that follow Mary's thoughts and words from Jesus's Passion to His death. Mary made the first Stations of the Cross; she was with Jesus for every step of the way. We will see through Mary's eyes how Jesus

suffered and we will reflect on His suffering as we try to make practical applications to our own lives. Please join us for this special evening.

Wednesday, March 29, Church
6:30 p.m. Rosary
7:00 Mary's Way of the Cross
Followed by a Lenten reception in St. Joseph's Hall
Light meal following – Suggested donation \$5.00

RSVP:
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LENT 2023 schedule

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Tuesdays during Lent

Following 8:15 AM Mass ending with Rosary & Benediction
at 7:00 PM

Private Confessions

Tuesdays of Lent

11:30 AM & 6:00 PM

Saturdays at 3:30 PM

Taize Prayer

Holy Hour with Adoration

Thursdays of Lent

7:00 PM

Students Stations of the Cross

All are welcome to join

Fridays at 1:15 PM

3/31

Station of the Cross with Benediction

Fridays of Lent

7:00 PM

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday

7:00 PM

Good Friday

1:30 PM

Easter Vigil

7:30 PM

Easter Sunday Masses

8:00 am

9:30 AM

11:15 AM

1:00 PM

Knights Korner

Pope St. John XXIII Council 5436



Our Lord would love to see you at **Eucharistic Adoration this Tuesday** and every Tuesday in Lent. Sign up to spend time in prayer before Him!
www.tinyurl.com/OLLAdore



Dinner to Help Support Our Seminarians' Holy Land Pilgrimage & Retreat Please join us at 6pm on Saturday, April 22 in St. Joseph's Hall. A delicious meal will be shared along with live dinner music. A short presentation given by the seminarians will conclude the evening. All donations will support their Holy Land experience and retreat.

Young Adult & Youth Evangelization

Michelle Konarzewski | michelle.konarzewski@ollonline.org

Upcoming Events:

Middle School Youth Group

Open to all 6-8 graders

- 4/1: Easter Egg Hunt and Activities service day at St. Anne's

High School Youth Group

- Meeting Dates: 3/22

Contact michelle.konarzewski@ollonline.org with any q's on our youth or YAM ministries.

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

- 3/31: Fish fry/watching The Passion- Stop by for some delicious food from our Fish fry in the school gymnasium at 6pm and then prepare for Holy week by watching the Passion in the parish center basement.



Scan here to view our Youth Group Newsletters!



SCAN BELOW TO JOIN
FLOCKNOTE

Middle School



Highschool



YAM



PARISH SCHOOL



4 H CLUB



SPIN Club Dee's Eggs

JOIN OUR LADY OF THE LAKES 4 H CLUB! THIS IS OPEN TO STUDENTS OF ALL AGES (PREK-12). YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN ALL ABOUT RAISING AND FARMING CHICKENS AS WELL AS HAND ON EXPERIENCES. CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER WILL NEED A PARENT ON SITE WITH THEM.

SESSION 1
March 22, 29, April 19, 26, & May 3, 10, 17
Location: Our Lady of the Lakes
Time 6:10pm - 7:20pm

SESSION 2
May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Location: Mrs. Allen's Barn
Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

CONTACT:
DeAnn Allen
248-807-6740



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Prayer Requests

FOR OUR SICK

Shirley Tersigni
Jerry Polidan
Tim Wolowiec
Michael Miles
Rhonda Barron
Joanne Townsend
Lilly Doll
Tressann Smith
Theresa Ratz-Sears
Carl Tenuta
Tami Kalmey
Erland Splan
Joe McGee
Helen Kerzykowski
Katie Larson
Francine Bailey
Livia Abrudan
Lisa Spencer
Joe Preston
Declan McCaffrey
Bernie DeNio
Richard Lonteen
Ralph Vogan
Timothy Martin
Hermine Estes
Dan Leichtnam

To add someone to the prayer list please contact the parish office.

FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

CW3 Jacob Beno, Army
Capt Kelsey Beno, Army
† Jenna Beno died 10/15/12
AMN Stewart Blaquiery, A F
† PFC Damian Bushart, Army, died 11/22/03
SSGT Francisco Cantu Caceres, Marines
Eddy DeRocher
Jacob Dumont, Army
SFC Scott Emanuel
2LT William Gischia, Army
SSGT Dennis Haskins, Jr., Army
Dillan Johnson, Air Force
Jackson Jones, Army
Msgt Justin Jones, Air Force
Matt Koetting, Marines
Robert Maher & Crew, Navy
† Sgt. Joseph Martin, Army, died 8/16/18
Francesca Meno, Army
Karolyn Meno, Air Force
† PFC Joseph Miracle, Army, died 7/5/07
LCP Derek Monday, Marines
SGT. Gunnar Ottman, Army
Amanda Paczynski, Army
Capt. Matthew Richards, Army
Katie Rounds
CPTN Daniel Schasser
Anthony Schmidt, Marines
Lt. Col. Nick Strelchuk, Air Force
Cory Vaught, Army
James Whitlow, Navy
Max Kravetz, National Guard
SR. Samantha Sharpe, Navy
SPC Vito Salvaggio, National Guard
Max Foster Staff Sergeant GT
1LT Lawrence Jasinski III
National Guard Army

To update an individual's rank

LENTEN GIVING TREE CHARITIES



The Lenten Giving Tree is going up in the vestibule of the church on Ash Wednesday. Please take one or several tags from the tree and **return your items by Sunday, April 2, 2023**. Please help us reach out to those in need through the following agencies:

Catholic Community Response Team – CCRT provides Christian, compassionate relief to the impoverished and disadvantaged in Oakland County. CCRT offers direct referrals and support to those in crisis situations. In addition, they offer assistance with immediate physical and household needs. We are collecting personal hygiene products as well as household cleaning products to assist CCRT.

Holy Redeemer Catholic Parish – The pantry of Holy Redeemer helps the underprivileged and disadvantaged in Southwest Detroit. The church pantry offers assistance with immediate physical needs. We will be collecting personal hygiene and household cleaning items to help them in their efforts.

OLL Christian Service – Our Lady of the Lakes has needy individuals walk into the Parish Center almost daily in crisis situations. To help those people we are in need of gas and grocery store gift cards.

Operation Rice Bowl – Operation Rice Bowl is the official Lenten program for Catholic Relief Services. Operation Rice Bowl has called Catholics in the United States to promote human dignity and fosters solidarity with the poor in the United States and around the world through prayer, fasting, learning and giving during the Lenten Season. We are collecting cash donations for this charity. Containers for Operation Rice Bowl can be found in the back of the church.

Pray –Fast – Give




"I Thirst" - A Lenten Concert Experience

Join us on Saturday, April 1st @ 7:00 PM at the Everest Collegiate High School Gymnasium for the "I Thirst" Lenten Concert Experience. This is a musical reflection of the passion of Christ. The concert will be performed by award-winning singer and inspirational speaker, Tatiana Cameron.

The concert is free. Free will offerings will be accepted.
For more information, contact Guy Sinocola at gycola@hotmail.com

Next Weekend April 1 & 2

<i>Time</i>	<i>Presiders</i>	<i>Servers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Sacristans</i>
Saturday, 5:00 pm	Fr. Bob	Z. Campbell S. McCarthy E. Freundi	TBD	Karen Romkema
Sunday, 8:00 am	Fr. Scott	N. Leddy J. Leddy B. Chesnut	TBD	Jean Kempf
Sunday, 9:30 am*	Fr. Scott	M. Gillette A. Kelco A. Wright	TBD	Paul & Sandra Cloutier
Sunday, 11:00 am*	Fr. Bob	D. Schneider D. Schneider H. Schneider	TBD	John & Evelyn Clark
Sunday, 12:30 pm	Fr. Bob	J. Macalino A. Melicor V. Soliman	TBD	David Tardiff

 **LIVE** *9:30am & 11:00am Masses streamed live at ollonline.org/live and facebook.com/ollwaterford/live

Altar Help

March 30	Group 4: Theresa Elliot, Patt Polidan, Courtney Blazevec
April 8	Group 5: Pat Hannum, Josie Slupek, Suzanne Navarre, Lauren Erdman

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MASS & SACRAMENTS

Masses

Saturday Vigil5:00pm
Sunday8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm
Monday through Friday8:15am

Baptisms

Parents must pre-register and attend a Baptism Class.
Contact the parish office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:30pm until all are heard.

Eucharistic Exposition

3rd Tuesday of the month after 8:15am Mass until Rosary and
Benediction at 7:00pm Please sign up @ Tinyurl.com/OLLAdore
Choir Wednesday's at 7:15pm

Faith Formation

Ages 4/5.....Sundays | 9:30am
Mondays.....Grades 1-8 | 6:15pm
Family Catechesis.....One Sunday of Each Month | 11:00am
RCIA.....Sundays | 9:30am

Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance.
Couples must attend the Pre-Marriage Workshop.

Registration

Register online at ollonline.org/join or stop by the office
Please notify the parish of all address, phone, email changes
by phone or online at ollonline.org/update

Project Rachel Post Abortion Ministry 1-888-722-4355
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