

# Saint Ferdinand Church

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MARCH 21, 2021

*Unless a grain of wheat  
falls to the ground and dies,  
it remains just a grain of wheat;  
but if it dies,  
it produces much fruit.*

*John 12:24*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Permanent Deacon  
Retired Deacon

Rev. Michael Murphy  
Rev. Nicholas Muenks  
Deacon Phil Hutsler  
Deacon Peter Gounis

Director of Music  
School Principal  
Office Manager  
Parish Secretary

Mary Krummey  
Anna Davis  
Dana Wiele  
Jan Keenoy

### Mass Schedule

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 7, 9, 11 AM

#### Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday  
6:00 AM, 8:00 AM  
Saturday 8 AM

#### Holy/Holiday Day Mass

Check bulletin for details

### Confessions

Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 PM or by  
appointment

### Adoration Chapel

Daily from 9 AM-6PM;  
Tuesdays 9 AM—10 PM  
Thursdays 9 AM—9 PM

### Famous Fish Fry

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Carry Out Only  
314-839-5312





## Join Us FOR MASS

During this challenging time, we turn to our Lord Jesus Christ and our Blessed Mother in prayer, especially for those who are sick or vulnerable, and for those who care for them. As faithful, we are called to encourage our community to pray.

**The general dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will remain in place for all Catholics of the archdiocese until further notice, as many individuals continue to have concerns for the health and safety of themselves and their loved ones.**

- The dispensation for public Mass attendance includes the Sunday obligation and the Holy Days of Obligation
- All mandates and directives regarding COVID-19 from the Archdiocese of St. Louis can be found [archstl.org/coronavirus](http://archstl.org/coronavirus)

Caring for both our physical and spiritual health go hand-in-hand, and the health, safety and overall well-being of the people of the archdiocese is Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski's first priority.

*We will continue to LIVE STREAM and post a recorded Mass.*

### **GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDANCE**

- To assist in keeping social distance from one another when going to, or coming from communion, we have placed markers in the aisles that are 6 feet apart. Please use them to help properly space yourself from the person you are following.
- Thank you for wearing your facemasks and using hand sanitizer at the entrances to church!
- Also, when entering church, you will notice that every other pew is closed. When entering a pew, please try to sit so that you are at least 6 feet on all sides from the nearest person (this may mean moving further into a pew and leaving space on the end). Family members that reside in the same household may be seated closer to each other, but must maintain 6 feet between them and the nearest person.
- **Please remember to leave kneelers down when leaving.**

Thank you for your loving concern for the safety of others

### **CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY FOR PRAYER!**

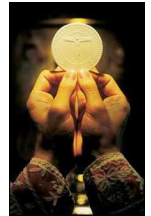
The church remains open for prayer during the day Monday thru Saturday. Feel free to drop by and make a visit between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

#### **PLEASE USE COMMON SENSE!**

- † Wash hands
- † Use the hand sanitizer coming and going
- † Keep your distance
- † Wear a facemask
- † Wipe down the pew and the area you sit in with sanitary wipes.

### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Monday evenings 7 PM

**Fridays**

**10:30 AM last one on March 26**  
**Limited seating due to students present**

**3:00 PM**

### **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

Due to the privacy of Contribution Statements, we will not put them in the Gathering Space this year.

Please notify the rectory by email at [dweile@stferdinandstl.org](mailto:dweile@stferdinandstl.org) or by phone at 314-837-3165 if you want a statement and let us know if you would like to pick up your statement, have it emailed to you or sent by regular mail.



Embrace a deeper, more spiritually rewarding life, and lose yourself in God this Lent.

Visit **BestLentEver.com** to take the first step toward unlocking your God-given potential.



This Lent, join Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic team for BEST LENT EVER - a free series of emails and video reflections that will help you to discover or rediscover God through prayer.

## Sacramental

### REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**WILMA THORNBERRY**, a parishioner and special friend of Rich Hilmes

May God welcome her home and comfort her family and friends in their time of sorrow. May her soul and all of the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## Early Bulletin Deadline

Articles for the April 4 bulletin and Easter Flower Memorial  
**DUE BY MARCH 24**



### Breaking Bread 2021 eMissal Now available for download!

We're excited to introduce our new, USCCB-approved **Breaking Bread 2021 eMissal** app! With music, readings, prayers and the Order of Mass, this digital resource helps you fully participate in the liturgy — whether at home or in church. You can also prepare for each celebration by selecting songs, psalm settings and Gospel Acclamations for every Sunday and holy day.

The *Breaking Bread 2021 eMissal* app is available for iOS and Android users at only \$4.99 for the entire year.

\*The *Breaking Bread 2021 eMissal* app is only intended for use during the 2021 liturgical year. A new app will be released for each of the following years.

### FISH FRY OPEN FRIDAY 3-7 PM

Carry-out only. We will have 2 lines this week. You can also call 314-839-5312 on Friday to place order for pick-up.

### ADORATION CHAPEL OPEN CHAPEL HOUR

Saturday 2-3 PM

Please prayerfully consider spending an hour with Jesus

*thank you!*

As some of you know, my son Ben has entered into eternal life with God. He had a rather hard and sometimes unhappy life. He just wanted to be loved and included.

When we joined the parish, we both felt such a warm and inviting welcome. This excited me since rejection was not unusual for Ben.

Then there was Debbie at the hospital, CRHP, Men's Club, ACTION, becoming an usher and accepted as a friend by so many of you.

Jeff, I doubt that you will ever know the impact you had and the love we both have for you. My gratitude is for all the parishioners who so often supported us with your prayers,

J.M.J.

Mary Skinner

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE  
Red Cross  
Blood Drive**

**LIFE**

Friday

**APRIL 16, 3-7 PM**



### March 14, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 5,565
Loose	\$ 238
On-line	\$ 3,687
Total	\$ 9,490

Black and Native American	\$ 10
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 522
Chapel	\$ 55
Collection for Retire Priests	\$ 10
Easter Flowers	\$ 51
First Offering	\$ 5
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$ 5
St. Louis Review	\$ 35
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 100
Today.Tomorrow.Forever	\$ 177
Tuition Assistance	\$ 965

**THANK YOU** to the 161 parishioners who made their contributions.

**Place your envelopes in the collection box at the entrance to church by the baptismal font or through the door slot at the Rectory.**

Our weekly collections remain essential to the continued operation of our parish. Please continue to make your contributions to the church by dropping your envelope off through the slot in the rectory door, by mailing your envelopes to us, using your bill-pay through your bank or signing up for Online Giving through our website.



### IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP!

Go to [www.steferdinandstl.org](http://www.steferdinandstl.org) and sign up for **online giving**. Simply click on "create an account". Then, enter the needed information, and submit. You will get an email with a verification link to finish setting up your account. If you do not see the email, check your spam folder. It's that simple to give anytime and from anywhere using a computer, Smartphone or tablet.

**All Saints Academy—St. Ferdinand****March 22-26, 2021**

**Monday, March 22**—Return to School;  
Reconciliation, 2nd & 8th grade; Board of  
Directors

**Wednesday, March 24**—Spring Pictures

**Thursday, March 25**—Time to Unwind for  
Parents

**Friday, March 26**—End of 3rd Quarter; 2nd grade retreat;  
11 AM dismissal

**Saturday, March 27**—2nd grade Banner Making Day; Easter  
Egg Hunt "Registration required"

**\*Tentative Start Date for 2021-2022 School Year:**  
**Wednesday, August 11, 2021**

**\*Tentative End Date for 2021-2022 School Year:**  
**Friday, May 27, 2022**

**Do you have questions or want more information about  
our school? Please contact Mrs. Anna Davis at the  
school office at (314) 921-2201.**

**REGISTRATION CONTINUES**

While the deadline to return re-registration without a late  
fee has passed, we ARE still accepting both current family  
and NEW FAMILY registration! Please return re-registration  
ASAP, and continue to let friends, family and neighbors know  
that registration for new families is just one call away!



PRINCIPAL'S DESK

One year ago this week, our lives changed more than any of  
us ever anticipated. As I get notifications in social media  
about my memories, it is shocking to think about how much  
our daily lives have changed, and how temporary we felt this  
pandemic would be.

The panic, fear, and anxiety that was so strong has subsided,  
but still the feelings and worry stays under the surface for  
many of us. Hoping that the "worst" is behind us, I am daily  
grateful for the trust that our families have put in us as we  
have been working through this year to do the best we can  
for our children. Blessings, Mrs. Anna Davis

**DYNAMIC PRAYER EVENT**

During the Best Lent Ever Series, Matthew Kelly shared his  
thoughts on prayer through his "Dynamic Prayer Event". This  
is a very appropriate name for it, because it is so very  
powerful! After seeing it, Fr. Mike wanted to give the entire  
parish the opportunity to watch this talk. It lasts for 1½  
hours, but it is worth every minute of your time.  
Matthew shares how Prayer is talking with your best friend  
Jesus. He describes his Prayer Process and then prays it with  
the group. He shows you how simple it is to pray and  
develop a deep, loving relationship with God.  
Please take time to view this event at [https://youtu.be/\\_WE3dy0HEck](https://youtu.be/_WE3dy0HEck)  
and then let your family and friends know  
about this wonderful presentation.

**LENTEN RETREAT**

*Following Jesus in Freedom and Love* is a retreat offered by Fr.  
James Mason, President-Rector at Kenrick-Glennon  
Seminary. This Lenten study is designed to help form  
individuals and parishes in this understanding of one's identity  
and mission. The virtual platform of this retreat allows the  
faithful to participate at home, as a parish mission, or in  
private groups. A series of videos, with study guides to  
accompany each, address ways to grow in one's relationship  
with Christ and live it out in this apostolic age.  
Visit [kenrick.edu/following-jesus](http://kenrick.edu/following-jesus) for all retreat content and  
for more information.



Fr. Anthony Gerber  
from Sacred Heart  
Parish, Florissant  
Topic: *Our Lady of  
Fatima and Lent*

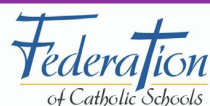
**Lenten Speaker Series 2021**  
**St. Angele Merici Catholic  
Church**

3860 N. Highway 67, Florissant, MO 63034

**FINAL SPEAKER**

**Friday, March 26, after 7 PM Stations of  
the Cross**

**"T**o celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate  
the God of life, the God who gives life... In every  
child which is born and in every person who lives or dies  
we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in  
every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus  
Christ" (*The Gospel of Life* 84).

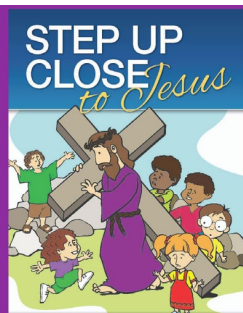


**VIRTUAL PRAYER SERVICE**  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**


THURSDAY, MARCH 25 AT 1:30PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31 AT 9AM

[www.FederationofCatholicSchools.org/prayer](http://www.FederationofCatholicSchools.org/prayer)



**Stations of the Cross  
for Young People**  
by Sister Mary Terese Donzu, A.S.C.



## SCHOOL NIGHT FUNDRAISER

**Order online or over the phone, for Delivery or Carryout - all day long!**

**Tuesday, March 23**

**20% of sales will be donated to All Saints Academy**

**When ordering, mention or enter promo code: FUNDMO to receive credit.**

**12735 New Halls Ferry Rd, Florissant, 314-838-5555**  
**417 S Florissant Rd, Ferguson, 314-524-3033**  
**8209 N Lindbergh, Florissant, 314-921-7272**

**@PapaJohns.com**

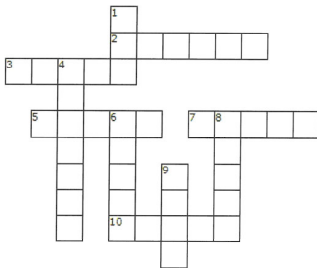
Promo code must be used in order for the school to receive credit. Valid with all offers.

**LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED**

### The Power of His Love

"But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." John 12:32 (NIV)

Based on John 12:28-33 (NIV)



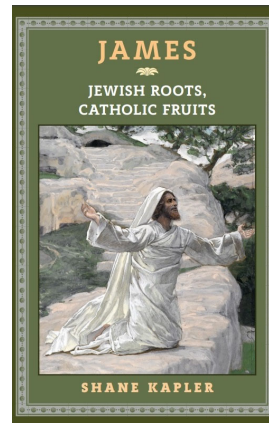
#### ACROSS

2. To be raised up
3. A heavenly servant of God, often pictured as a human with wings
5. What we humans use to speak or sing
7. The Son of God
10. The end of life

#### DOWN

1. Everyone and everything
4. To bring praise and honor to God
6. A large group of people
8. The land surface of the world
9. To attract someone or something

DEATH	ANGEL	VOICE	EARTH	JESUS
ALL	DRAW	GLORIFY	LIFTED	CROWD



## CONGRATULATIONS SHANE KAPLER ON YOUR NEW BOOK RELEASE

Parishioner Shane Kapler has had a new book released, *James: Jewish Roots, Catholic Fruits* (Angelico Press). This work uses the Epistle of James to explore various facets of Catholic teaching, such as how: This epistle provides a case study in the formation of the New Testament + Final salvation is a synergy of faith and grace-filled works + The distinction between "works of the law" and

works accomplished by grace + Our sufferings, when united to Christ's, become conduits of grace for us and others + Tradition acted as a source of the written gospels + Social and economic justice are integral to Christianity + The sacrament of the anointing of the sick effects spiritual and physical healing. (You'll see Fr. Mike Murphy in the acknowledgments and footnotes on that last point!) You can learn more at <http://www.explainingchristianity.com>



*Save the Date*

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**April 11, 2021**  
**St. Ferdinand Parish**  
**CONFESSIONS**  
**1:30 PM**

**Followed by**  
**ADORATION AND**  
**CHAPLET**  
**2:00 PM**

**BENEDICTION**  
**HOLY MASS**  
**3:00 PM**  
**CELEBRANT:**  
**FR. ANTHOLY GERBER**  
**ASSOCIATE, SACRED HEART**

*"On the day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. The Soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."*

*Diary of St. Faustina, #699*

For more information call: Maggie at (314) 691-9165.

*This event will follow all the social distancing and face masks requirements per St. Louis County guidelines.*

## THE DAILY MASS READINGS AND REFLECTIONS

For those of you who would like to follow along with the daily readings, click on this link and then choose the specific day.

<http://www.usccb.org/calendar/index.cfm?showLit=1&action=month>

Effective January 1st, if you have not registered with Prevent and Protect, and completed ALL THE STEPS, you are **NO LONGER IN COMPLIANCE** with the Safe Environment Program.

There is a background check, videos to watch with questions to answer and signing the updated Code of Conduct.

Contact Mary Jane Ebersohl, our parish Child Safety Coordinator, at 314-921-1786 or 314-837-3165, with any questions or for further assistance.

I will place my law within them  
and write it upon their hearts;  
I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.

JEREMIAH 31:33

## JEREMIAH: LOOKING BEYOND EXILE AND SUFFERING

The readings today remind us how close we are to Easter—only two weeks from now. They also remind us that the path to resurrection and Easter always includes suffering and death. The prophet Jeremiah spent his whole life proclaiming the word of God to kings who would not listen. As an old man, he saw Jerusalem defeated and the inhabitants taken into exile. Jeremiah himself suffered in being left behind, but in today's reading, he is looking beyond those sufferings to a time when the previously disobedient people would be transformed and live in harmony with God's law.

## LOOKING FOR JESUS, FINDING THE CROSS

In the Gospel reading, friends of Philip come to him and ask about meeting Jesus. When Philip and Andrew take the request to Jesus, he begins a cryptic discourse on discipleship, transformation, and divine judgment. We never hear whether Philip's friends got to personally meet Jesus. Perhaps they simply blended in with the crowd.

Jesus says, "[W]hen I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." The narrator says that Jesus' words indicate how he will die; the readers already know Jesus will be crucified. Jesus also speaks of divine judgment driving out the world's rulers and of the need to be transformed, like a seed growing into a productive plant. He warns about loving our life and losing it. Unlike Jeremiah's detailed vision, Jesus only hints at what kind of transformed life his death will bring.

What if we, like Philip's friends, want to get close to Jesus? Does that mean that the discourse on death and judgment is addressed to us? If Jesus will draw everyone to himself as he is "lifted up," does being closer to him mean joining him on his cross? (Do we want to be *that* close to Jesus?) Do we want to be transformed? If we say "yes," the liturgy these next two weeks can show us the only way the Church knows to get closer to Jesus: to be willing to be "lifted up" with him in his suffering—and in our own.

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**MANY COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL  
NOT IN COMPLIANCE!! PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED IN THE NEW SYSTEM????**

**PREVENT AND PROTECT STL**

**For EVERY employee, Clergy and volunteers**

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called **Prevent and Protect STL**. Everyone in the Archdiocese (clergy, employees and volunteers) ministering to minors and vulnerable adults are required and asked to **register in the new system AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service. For those who have already attended a Protecting God's Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system, **but you still need to register with the new program and complete the steps outlined on page 10, as soon as possible**. In addition to attending a live Protecting God's Children workshop, all clergy, volunteers and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct.

**Please go to [www.preventandprotectstl.org](http://www.preventandprotectstl.org) to register. Passcode: stlprotect**

**The \$8.00 fee is not longer waived for a background check.**



You are encouraged to join hundreds of other St. Louisans to pray and fast during **40 Days for Life**, an international effort to peacefully and prayerfully end abortion. Our 40 Day campaign here will be held at the Planned Parenthood in St. Louis, at the corner of Forest Park Avenue and Boyle. Many of the women who have chosen life for their children have said that they did so because of the peaceful, prayerful witness of those on the sidewalks.

We desperately need people to stand and pray for an hour or two. St. Ferdinand did not adopt a specific day this year. Go to the Coalition for Life website to sign up at <https://www.coalitionforlifestl.com/vigil-calendar-2/> You can also call the Coalition for Life St. Louis at 314-827-4039

### The Knights of Columbus Duchesne Council 2951 MEAT SHOOTS

All Proceeds to go toward Charity Food Baskets

**When:**  
**March 21, 2021**

Where: Duchesne Home Association Grounds  
(Formerly Known as Knights of Columbus Grounds)  
50 Rue St. Francois St.  
Florissant, Mo 63031

Shoots Start at Noon Each Sunday

Free Beans Soup plus

Food and Drinks are Available for purchase

Proceeds from these shoots help provide Food Baskets

### EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL

Please return this form **OR** your Easter Flower envelope with the names of your loved ones listed on the back. If using Online Giving, add the names in the comments. Please return it by **March 21 for names to be included in the Easter Bulletin**. The money will be used to keep the church filled with fresh plants and flowers throughout the Easter Season. Suggest donation is \$10

**(Please print legibly)**

Plant Donor

Phone Number

Name (s) of Loved One (s):

## FEAST OF FAITH

### The First Reading

Each Sunday, we listen to three scripture readings. The first reading usually comes from the Old Testament. "The New Testament lies hidden in the Old; the Old Testament comes fully to light in the New," we read in the *Introduction to the Lectionary*. "Christ himself is the center and fullness of the whole of Scripture" (5). On Sundays, these readings usually have a close connection to the Gospel. In this season of Lent, for example, the Exodus account of the thirst of the Israelites in the desert is paired with the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at the well. Ezekiel's vision of the Lord raising people from their graves is paired with the narrative of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead.

The readings are taken from many sources—historical books like Judges, Kings, and the Acts of the Apostles, prophets like Isaiah and Ezekiel, wisdom literature like Proverbs or Ecclesiastes. But no matter its genre, the first reading always ends with the same acclamation: "The word of the Lord." The scriptures are written by human authors who wrote in widely different cultural and historical contexts, but these human authors are also divine instruments through whom God speaks to us. And so we say, "Thanks be to God." —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Holy Week and Easter Schedule

### Palm Sunday, March 28

There will not be an outdoor procession

### Monday, March 29

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

### Holy Thursday, April 1

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 AM Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

<https://cathedralstl.org/liturgy-sacraments/livestream>.

9:00 PM Adoration Chapel closes

7:00 PM The Lord's Supper (Bring bells to ring)

**The money collected at this Mass will be given to St.**

**Vincent de Paul**

***The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the church this year.***

### Good Friday, March 19

7:00 AM Adoration Chapel closes

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM The Passion of the Lord

### Holy Saturday, March 20

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

8:00 PM Easter Vigil Celebration  
(Bring bells to ring)

## NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY

**Easter Sunday** 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM Masses

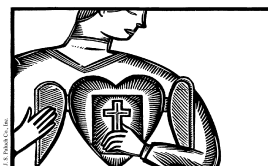
**Easter Monday** 9:00 AM Adoration Chapel reopens

<i>Date</i>		<i>Mass Intentions</i>	<i>Readings</i>
<b>Sunday, March 21</b> Fifth Sunday of Lent	7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	For the People Kidney Donor & Family Edwin & Millie Malawey	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
<b>Monday, March 22</b>	6:00 AM 8:00 AM	Rita & Erwin Fischer Ginny Cornelius	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
<b>Tuesday, March 23</b> Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo	6:00 AM 8:00 AM	Dennis Hauswirth, Spec. Int. Frank Guenther	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
<b>Wednesday, March 24</b>	6:00 AM 8:00 AM	Mary "Cassie" Toth Florence Koester	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
<b>Thursday, March 25</b> Annunciation of the Lord	6:00 AM 8:00 AM	Dalton Reed Thomas Gawedzinski	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Friday, March 26</b>	6:00 AM 8:00 AM	Jackie Byrne Paul Smallwood	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
<b>Saturday, March 27</b>	8:00 AM  5:00 PM	Eileen Van Voorn  Steve Bublitz	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
<b>Sunday, March 28</b> Fifth Sunday of Lent	7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Kate Kelly For the People Rod Sorensen	Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47

**THE NEW COVENANT**

Today's first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart.

Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him  
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**MEALS ON WHEELS—MARCH 22-26, 2021****TEAM 2****Monday**

SP Kathy Self

SM —

#3 Sue Waymack

#4 Nick Buchheit

6/8 Robert Schutzius

**Tuesday**

Lisa Wehmeyer

Stan Horton

**Volunteer Needed**

Nick Moretto

Jim Stewart

**Wednesday**

Ray Hemker

—

Osborne Shannon

Rhonda Lakin

Mary Goldkamp

**Thursday**

Barb Meyer

Charlie Fechter

V. Harman

Debbie Henderson

**Volunteer Needed****Friday**

Stephanie Koenig

—

Emma Strickland

Eileen Weitkemper

Richard Van Well

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Ask senior parishioners about this fifth Sunday, and they will share memories of this Sunday years ago, when it was known as "Passion Sunday." In those days, the statues and crucifixes were draped in purple cloth, and a deeply somber atmosphere infused worship. The structure is different today for good reason. The stunning changes in the appearance of the church building drew attention away from the twofold work of Lent: reconciliation and preparing for initiation. Today, this Sunday is given to reflection on the necessity to commit, like Jesus, to the Father's will. Wherever elect are present today, the "A" reading reveals Jesus' compassion in the face of human suffering, and his desire to call us from the tombs of sin, isolation, and even death itself.

As Lent draws to a close over the next ten days, and before the beginning of the Easter Triduum on Holy Thursday, we enter an ideal time for celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. Today's old title of "Passion Sunday" has migrated to next Sunday, also called "Palm Sunday." In many places, people prepare their own bundles of branches for next week's liturgy: pussy willow, forsythia, dogwood. If your parish schedules a procession, you may want to prepare these branches at home and bring them along.

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**Liturgical Ministers**

March 27 & 28	Greeters:	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Church Cleaners
		Team G		Team I
5:00 PM	A new schedule will be distributed once we are allowed to resume this ministry.	Susan Bennett	Leader 2	<b>Monday, March 22</b>
7:00 AM		Earl Arseneau	Leader 2	Terri Regnier
9:00 AM		Jan Schubert	Leader 2	<b>Friday, March 26</b>
11:00 AM		Julie Zlotopolski	Leader 2	Becky Corson, Sandy Lammert, Chris Roth

**MEAL-A-MONTH**

Will **you** donate a meal this month to a family in need?

Below is a list of suggested items but anything is gladly accepted.

Monetary donations always welcome!

**Make checks payable to T.E.A.M. and send to the rectory or mail to the address below.**



**BREAD AND SNACKS are needed.**  
**FROZEN MEAT is also needed but needs to be dropped off directly to TEAM.**

**Any bagged or boxed foods**

\*Canned Pasta Sauce

\*Canned or Dry Pasta

\*Dry Cereal

\*Peanut Butter

\*Pancake Mix and Syrup

\*Bread, Snacks & Crackers

Canned Meat & Seafood

Tomato Products (any)

Canned Fruit & Vegetables

Canned or Dry Soup

Hamburger Helper

Pork and Beans

Sugar

Coffee

Toilet Paper & Paper Towels

Laundry Detergent

Shampoo, Bar Soap

Sanitary Napkins

**March 14**

**Meals 23 Money \$127**

**T.E.A.M. continues to receive an abundance of requests for food. Your donations are appreciated**

**We are again accepting food for T.E.A.M. at church.**

If you are unable to drop your donations off at church or directly to T.E.A.M., call or text Debbie Henderson at (314) 258-4112 and set up a time to put it on your porch and she will pick it up and take it to TEAM.

or

**Food donations can be delivered directly to T.E.A.M. at 265 Saint Catherine at the corner of Saint Ferdinand St. (Graham Rd.) between 9 AM & 2 PM M-F, 9-NOON SAT.**

Drive around back to the 3rd door and someone will assist you unloading your items.

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*The trouble is that everyone talks about reforming others and no one thinks about reforming himself."*

*Saint John of Egypt*

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**LOVE AND DEATH**

Unhappy is death

without the love of the Savior;

unhappy is love

without the death of the Savior.

—St. Francis de Sales

**RISKS**

I risk being wrong if I trust too much. But I risk living in torment if I don't trust enough.

—Anonymous



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Go to <https://www.preventandprotectstl.org>

Click "Register" below the LOG IN button (image at right).

Enter the passcode [stlprotect](#) when prompted.


Select the type of location where you are a volunteer or employee

- **Parish or Parish School (for Parish roles)**
- **Non-Parish School or Program (for ASA roles)**

Select the specific location by name

- **St. Ferdinand Parish**
- **All Saints Academy at St. Ferdinand**

Click the roles associated with your employment/service at the parish, school, or agency.

 If you are active at only one location, this will be your "primary" location.

If you are active at more than one location, click the ADD PARISH/LOCATION button and repeat the steps above. With more than one location, please click the "This is my main/primary location" circle to indicate where you are employed or, if you are a volunteer, where most of your ministry or service is performed.

Complete your personal information. Please enter your **legal first name** for the purposes of the background screening. *There are no credit checks and no soft hits to credit.*

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You will then be prompted to submit information for a background screening, register for a Protecting God's Children workshop\*, view two online training modules, and agree to the Code of Ethical Conduct.

\*If you have previously attended a PGC workshop, the system will find and/or ask you to confirm your previous record of attendance. You will not be prompted to register for an upcoming workshop. If, for some reason, it does not match your previous training to this account and you are prompted to register for a class, please register for "PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED-DATE NOT LISTED" and send an email to the address below. We will apply the correct training record to your account.

You may use the links in your approval checklist to access these requirements. These steps may be completed all at once or may be completed separately at your convenience. You will receive an automated email weekly to remind you which requirements are outstanding. When all compliance requirements have been completed, your account will be approved and you will be clear to work with minors and vulnerable adults.

- ☒ Register onto the site
- ☐ [Submit New Background Check](#)
- ☐ Complete "[Protecting God's Children](#)" training
- ☐ Complete "[Mandated Reporter](#)" training
- ☐ Complete "[Code of Conduct](#)" training
- ☐ Sign "[Code of Conduct](#)"

 Don't forget to complete all steps

Contact **Mary Jane Ebersohl**, our parish Child Safety Coordinator, at 314-921-1786 or 314-837-3165. or **Barb Wilcox**, ASA St. Ferdinand Coordinator at 314-921-2201 with any questions or for further assistance.

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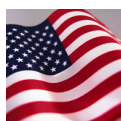
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Michael Garcia  
Bradley Gaylord  
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Farooq Usman  
Dylan Whittemore

**...and those who have come home from service and still need our prayers!**

### ADORATION CHAPEL IS OPEN

The hours are 9 AM thru 6 PM, 7 days a week and until 10 PM on **Tuesdays** and 9 PM on **Thursdays**

Please contact one of the following coordinators:

Debbie Henderson 314-258-4112  
Monday thru Friday Hours  
Ann Linkul 314-838-4676  
Monday thru Friday Hours  
Stephanie Koenig 314-330-3239  
Weekend Hours

Due to COVID-19, there are requirements that **must occur** to provide a safe environment for all Adorers

- Please do not come to the chapel if you are sick – arrange for a Sub to cover your hour.
- A **mask must always be worn**
- Hand sanitizer must be used upon entry.
- There is a limit of **3 individual Adorers at the same time.**
  - o **EXCEPTION:** Members of the same family must stay together and must be able to social distance by 6 feet from other Adorers.
  - o If you or your family make the 3<sup>rd</sup> person or group: lock the chapel door and put the sign out the chapel is at maximum capacity.
  - o If it is your Adoration Hour and the door is locked – knock and the person due to leave should come and unlock the door.
  - o **Areas allowed for adoration are designated and marked.**
- Bring your own books, rosary and/or pillow cushion.
- Use cleaning spray & cloth or disinfecting wipes to sanitize the area you occupied **before you leave the chapel.**



### Long Term List (6 months)

Victor Barbero	Annie Noonan
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Buettner	Dwight Roberts
Leo Casper	Allan Scheltinga
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Mike Grieshaber	Mary Catherine
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Virginia Garrison	Jerdene Slaughter
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Robert Krause	Bert Tamborski
Mary Beth	Len Tamborski
McDonough	Laura Tarrent
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Jennifer Miller	Mary Zangriles
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### Short-term List (6 weeks)

Jerri Petti	Debbie Elfrink
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Mary Krummey	
Nick Moretto	
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**...and all those on the Prayer List**



### Welcome

New families and individuals, please register at the rectory at your earliest opportunity. Monday—Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM or register online at [www.stferdinandstl.org](http://www.stferdinandstl.org)

### Sacramental Life Marriage

Please call the rectory for an appointment at least six month prior to the wedding.

### Baptism

Please call the rectory to schedule required parent baptism preparation meeting. Baptisms are on the second and fourth Sunday.

### Anointing of the Sick

Contact the rectory

### Holy Orders and Consecrated (Religious) Life

If interested, please call the rectory or the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations at 314-792-6460

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Contact the rectory for more information. The process runs from September through May.

**Bulletin Deadline -**  
Tuesday morning