March 1, 2020

1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday Reflection



Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is always something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God's creation. Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that *(continued on page 3)*

Thank You!

... Thank you to all the parish members who sent me cards, calls, and prayers during my illness. "THANKS TO ALL!"

— Blessings, Troy Anderson

... Greetings Corpus Christi Family! I was so honored to receive the Urban Parish Spirit Award a few weeks ago! Thank you to everyone who came out to share in the celebration and to those who were unable to attend (your spirit and blessings were felt!). As I move forward, I shall continue to be led and guided by the Holy Spirit, placing in my heart the joy of Christ, and sharing Christ with others while doing what I can to help or listen, believing in the work Christ asks of me.

- Gratefully, Christeena Livingston-Long

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Corpus Christi Directory

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See next column.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Available on Saturdays from 2:00 to 3:45 pm; by appointment (call the Parish Office); during the parish Advent and Lent penance services.

Sick Calls and Communion Calls: Please call the Parish Office when there is serious illness in your household so that we may place the sick on our prayer list and arrange for the Sacrament of Anointing.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office for more information. Weddings: Please call the Parish Office 6 months before wedding. Bulletin Copy: Please contact Miriam Hudson by phone or email.

Likis Week at Corpus Christi

Monday, March 2

7:20 am

ADORATION

8:30 am

MASS

7:00 pm

Emmaus Group

Tuesday, March 3

Saint Katharine Drexel, Religious

7:20 am

ADORATION

8:30 am

MASS

5:00 pm

New Hope Board Meeting

7:00 pm

Prayer Minister Training

Wednesday, March 4

Saint Casimir

7:20 am

ADORATION

8:30 am

MASS

5:15 pm 6:30 pm **NWDYC Board Meeting** Hospitality Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 5

7:20 am

ADORATION

8:30 am 4:00 pm MASS

Leadership Team Meeting

Friday, March 6

Day of Abstinence

2:00 pm

OPCA Community Organizer Meeting

6:30 pm 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross DCCA Peace Walk @ Corpus Christi

Saturday, March 7

Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

9:00 am

EASTER SEASON PLANNING

10:00 am

1st Eucharist Preparation

12:00 noon

SVDP-Corpus Christi Conference Meeting

1:30 pm 2:00 pm

Recovery Group

Repast (K Caldwell)

2:00 pm 4:00 pm CONFESSIONS MASS

Sunday, March 8

Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 am

9:00 am

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 2/3

9:00 am

RCIA

10:30 am 10:45 am Choir Rehearsal Noah's Ark Nursery

11:00 am 11:00 am

MASS/Liturgy of the Word with Children

1:00 pm

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 Choir Rehearsal

4:00 pm 7:00 pm Better Men Outreach Millionaire Party Fundraiser (thru 2 am)



IIAAYL (It Is All About You Lord)

by Deacon Paul Mueller, Pastoral Associate

Lent 2020 What To Do???

Is it time to do something new, something special for Lent this year? Allow me to offer a range of ideas for our Lent 2020.

- 1. Fasting no eating between the three meals of the day is an old and fine way to honor Lent. No meat on Fridays goes right along with that.
- **2.** How about joining others in a study about the saints in the Emmaus program?
- 3. How about getting closer to the Lord by reading/praying some of those more intimate psalms that constantly speak to the Lord closely, using the word "you" so often. Try one or more of the following psalms: Ps 63:2-9; Ps 139:1-8;23-24; Ps 8; Ps 30; Ps 51; Ps 86; Ps 90; Ps 143:1-11; Ps 138.
- 4. Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm on Fridays.
- 5. The five-minute Our Father where we stop at the end of each line as we take time with the Lord about what we have said/heard.
- 6. How about no sweets during Lent?
- **7.** How about greeting others with "blessings on your day!"
- **8.** Maybe after some of these chats with the Lord we may recognize that it is time to be sorry for some of our actions and it is time to go to confession Saturday afternoons!
- **9.** Perhaps some of this prayer and reflection will lead to some new inspiration. How about writing yourself a note about that. It is called journaling.
- **10.** And, oh yes, do you recall that end of day prayer process called examen? Maybe it's time to try that again!

— Deacon Paul

(Questions? Call me (248.891.9387), e-mail me (<u>dcnpaulmueller@gmail.com</u>) or drop me a note at the rectory.)

Sunday Reflection (continued from page 1)

you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbor. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust?

For many, their passions and what can be found on the internet are their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go? ©LPi

Young Adult News

Encounter Christ Free Online Course March 2 - April 12, 2020, 7 - 10 pm

Learn more and register at shms.edu/encounter.

Lent in Three Minutes

What is Lent all about? Why do Christians receive ashes on Ash Wednesday? Why 40 days? If you're looking for answers, you've come to the right place. In a brand new version of their classic video, Busted Halo explains the significance of this season of prayer, fasting, and giving, and how you can make the most of this time of repentance and renewal. Go to www.Bustedhalo.com to watch or download the Lent In 3 Minutes video. Busted Halo explains the significance of the Lenten season of prayer, fasting, and giving, and how you can make the most of this time of repentance and renewal.

Busted Halo is a unique media resource that utilizes a relevant and accessible voice to help people understand the Catholic faith, put it into practice in their everyday lives, and share it with others.



■ Take Time To Chat

Reclaim Sunday! Spend some time together reflecting on the temptation of Jesus. (Matthew 4:1-11). Choose someone to read the Gospel, then "take time to chat:"

Church of the Home

• Today's Gospel said that Jesus fasted (didn't eat) for forty days and then he was tempted by the devil to use his power to turn stones into bread. Jesus said no! Do you think it was hard for Jesus to stand up to the devil?

- Have you ever been tempted to do something you shouldn't do, and, like Jesus, had the courage and strength to say no? Share about this experience.
- What does this Gospel story teach us about Jesus?

Teach your children the Act of Contrition. Explain that, at times, we all give in to the temptation to sin. Share that we say this prayer when we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and that Lent is a good time to go to confession.

ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin
no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.
In His name, my God, have mercy.

(The above material is excerpted from "52 Sundays," a dynamic guide to help families reclaim the Lord's Day; you can get the weekly content and additional resources at www.52Sundays.com.)

■ Lenten Family Prayer challenge

This free prayer challenge began on Ash Wednesday and ends on Wednesday, April 7. Each day you receive a prayer prompt to say for your spouse, children, and/or parents. In a special way, knowing the domestic Church reflects the larger Church, you will also see a prayer prompt for our priests on Fridays. To sign up, text LENT20 to 84576 or visit www.52Sundays.com.



Youth Ministry Calendar

Friday, March 6

6:30 - 8:30 pm

YFACT Meeting

Sacred Heart Major Seminary (Room 11/12)

Friday, March 13

10:00 pm

- Saturday, March 14

- 7:30 am

YFACT Lock-In

Romulus Recreation Center

Friday, March 20 6:15 - 7:30 pm

Corpus Christi Youth Group

Activities Center

Wednesday, March 25

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Corpus Christi Youth Mission Trip Meeting

Activities Center

For more information on Youth Ministry activities and events, please feel free to contact Marilyn Webb, Youth Minister at (313) 306-0004 or email at caritas@disciples.com.

■ Heal Your Marriage

Retrouvaille is a Christian peer ministry for hurting married couples who are longing for healing and hope. The next Retrouvaille weekend will begin Friday, March 6 in Southfield. Please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org for confidential information or to register for the program.

Everyday Stewardship

What is it that tempts you the most? Is it an action, a person, or a place? It is something that seems innocent enough, like a food, a drink, or an event? When you really start reflecting, you find that there are many temptations all around. Even if you are strong and never succumb to a certain temptation, it is still there waiting for a weak moment in your life.

One difficultly in the life of a disciple trying to live a stewardship way of life lies in the temptations we never actually see. We are too busy thinking about past failures or successes, or we are fixated on what possibilities the future holds that we (continued on page 7)



FOUND: Pair of black ear-muffs left at Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Sunday, February 16. Please call parish office.

WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY: Enhance your skills, professionally grow, and obtain your Child Development Associate Credential (CDA). For more information, email <u>CDA@leapsnbounds.org</u> or call 313-573-0092.

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: The Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA), City of Detroit, helps immigrants integrate into the community and promotes economic development within immigrant communities across Detroit. For more information, please visit https://detroitmi.gov/government/mayors-office/office-immigrant-affairs.

SUPPORT FOR PREGNANT TEENS: Gianna House, a pregnancy and parenting residence, has room to house a few more pregnant teens, ages 13 to 17. If you know a teen who needs a safe and loving environment that provides parent education, like skills, and career planning, please have them call 586-445-0440 or email jbrubaker@giannahouse.org.

RIDE HOME FROM MASS NEEDED: Parishioner living in the 14 Mile Rd/Main St area of Clawson needs ride home after the 11:00 Mass; needs some help with wheelchair; call Beverly at 313-819-8060.

HUSTLE EXERCISE CLASSES: Mondays at 7 pm at Franklin Athletic Club, 29350 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield; cost is \$5/class; no membership required. Contact parishioner Kim Summers at 313-205-2883.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERANS:

Volunteers of America Michigan (VOAMI) Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSFV) has funding available to provide assistance to veterans who are currently experiencing homelessness. VOAMI also offers. transitional housing and employment services programs. Call 313-502-0688 for more information.



* Parish Health Advocacy Team

The Parish Health Advocacy Team is seeking volunteers to join the team and help plan parish health programs. Volunteers are also needed to help with blood pressure checks after the weekend Masses. Please call the parish office at 313-537-5770 for more information and/or to volunteer.

★ Nursery Caregiver

Adult caregivers are needed to provide a loving, safe environment for infants and toddlers while their parents are at the Sunday 11:00 Mass. The nursery is located in the Activities Center (convent building). Commitment is 1 ½ hrs (10:45 am - 12:15 pm) every 6 weeks. Oncall caregivers are needed for other parish events (Infant baptism classes, young married couple events, etc.) Parish registration and background check required. Please call 313-537-5770 to volunteer.

★ Sunday Bus Driver

Volunteers are needed to <u>drive parishioners to and from 11:00 Mass</u> via the church bus approximately every 5 weeks. Parish registration, a valid driver's license, recent driving experience, a background check, and attendance at a Protecting God's Children workshop is required.

★ Greeters and Ushers

Volunteers are needed to <u>create a spirit of warmth and welcome</u> for those attending our weekend masses and special liturgies. Please contact Verna Kelser, Greeter Coordinator, at 248-559-3901 or Gregory Spight, Usher Coordinator at 313-537-5770.

★ Coffee/Donuts Volunteer

Volunteers are needed to help with the Coffee/Donut Fundraiser after our 11:00 Mass by <u>serving on one of our teams or serving as a substitute</u>. Tasks include serving donuts, collecting funds, and clean up. We are also in need of volunteers to <u>pick up our donut order once every 5 weeks</u>. Please call 313-537-5770. to sign up or for more information.

COMING EVENTS

Mar 2 Christian Yoga

Come to Manresa Retreat House, 1390 Quarton Road (corner of Woodward), Bloomfield Hills on Monday, March 2 from 5:00 to 6:15 pm for this healthy, healing practice in an atmosphere of prayer, sacred music, and scripture. Cost is \$12; payment may be made by cash or check on the day of the class. Bring yoga mat, block, and blanket, Call 248-644-4933.

Mar 2 Free On-Line Course

A free, self-paced Lenten retreat experience offered by SHMS. Visit shms.edu/encounter for more information.

Mar 3 - 6 Grief Support

3/3 Tue 6 - 7:30 pm Bloomfield Hills Hospice of MI *Living On* 248-334-1323

3/5 Thu 1 - 2:30 pm Detroit

Hospice of MI Living On 313-578-6328

3/6 Fri 10:30 - 11:30 am Royal Oak Hospice of MI *Grief and Loss* 248-334-1323

Mar 4 Wed Evening Lenten Series

Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica will host "Are You Here God?," a 5-session Lenten series on Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1 from 7 to 8 pm in the Church. This week's topic is "Will I Ever Feel Normal Again? Healing & Mercy." Refreshments will follow.

Mar 6 Prayer Gathering

The Become The Fire prayer gathering is held on the first Friday of each month at St. Scholastica Church, 8201 West Outer Drive, Detroit. Sponsored by the Companions of the Cross Lay Associates.

Mar 7 A Gathering Of Artists

Creative Juices: A Spirituality of Creating, a gathering of artists who come together to inspire and encourage one another while experiencing the energy of artistic connection, will be held Saturday, February 1 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at Visitation North Spirituality Center, 7227 Lahser Road, Bloomfield Hills. Freewill offering. Call 248-433-0950 for more information or to register.

Retreat Schedule

Mon, Mar 2, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Women-to-Women

@ Manresa Jesuit Retreat House 1390 Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills

— The group meets in the Manresa library for coffee and socializing, and then gathers for lectio divina (reading, reflecting, and praying with Scripture). Come away refreshed, renewed, heard, affirmed, supported, and spiritually nourished. No registration is necessary. Facilitated by Anne Smith. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

Fri - Sun, Mar 6 - 8

Retreat Weekend for Men

@ St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center

23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit

— Rooms available after 4:30 pm on Friday. Buffet supper opens the retreat at 6:30 pm; orientation at 7:30 pm. Suggested donation is \$215; \$30 non-refundable deposit required. Register online at stpaultretreat.org or call 313-535-9563 to register.

Beatitudes: Hope Amidst the Challenges of the World @ St Mary's Retreat House 775 W Drahner Rd, Oxoford

— This retreat will consider the 8 themes of the Beatitudes as keys that can unlock the doors to a new way of living one's faith. Directed by Bro. Al Mascia OFM. Cost is \$160 and includes lodging, meals, and program; a deposit of \$40 required. Check-in is 5 - 7 pm; retreat begins at 8 pm. For more information or to sign up, contact Barbara Johnson at 248-844-0719.

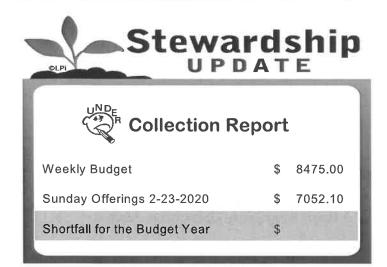
Sat, Mar 7, 10 am - 12 noon

Musing Over Mugs

@ Visitation North Spirituality Center

7227 Lahser Rd, Bloomfield Hills

— Gather with other women to explore the blessings and challenges of life over a cup of coffee or tea, looking through the eyes of faith. Call 248-433-0950.



Everyday Stewardship (continued from page 4)

miss the important things going on in the present. Jesus could be standing directly in front of us, but we miss him because we are looking everywhere except straight ahead.

Being mindful means that we are looking out for how and when God will call us this very day. Our decisions this day will have a huge impact on the future. If we only look to the future, we will miss those important calls to action. We may even find ourselves in a desert of sorts, looking for any way out we can find. However, God may need us to give of ourselves for a reason we cannot yet discern while in that desert. We need to stay awake, be aware, and look for His hand in all things. If we don't, we may even miss the pathway out of that desert when it presents itself.— *Tracy Earl Welliver* ©LPi





Scriptures for the Week

Readings for the Week of March 1, 2020

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19

or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Questions of the Week

First Reading

The story of the Garden of Eden reveals that humanity's first sin against God was that of disobedience. In what areas of your life do you struggle to obey God?

Second Reading

Paul saw Jesus' obedience not only as reversing the disobedience of Adam, but also bestowing upon believers righteous and eternal life. What do you find most interesting about this revelation from Paul?

Gospel Reading

Jesus resisted the devil's temptations by remaining focused on his fidelity to the Father. What temptations are you willing to confront during the season of Lent?

Please Pray For Our Deceased Loved Ones Patrick Byrne (2/13), HOM supporter
Irene Boudreaux (2/14), sister of Alelia Busby
Kevin Caldwell (2/15), brother of Lori Love
Njoku Orie Kalu (1/31), father of Nkechi Njoku





Please Pray For Those In The Military:

Jared Brooks (Marines), Caija Campbell (Army), Anthony Carson (Army), Anthony Ford (Army), Thomas Dixon (Navy), Anthony Hollins, Jr (Army), Jonah LaTour, Jon LaTour, John Maurer (Air Force), Robbie Mayes (Marines), Christopher Moniere (National Guard), Corey Sullivan (Army), and Lance Walker II (Army).



Mass Intentions March 2 - 8

Monday	8:30 am + Allan Bower (req by Corpus Christi Parish)				
Tuesday	8:30 am	+ Matthew Onwudinjo (req by Corpus Christi Parish			
Wednesday	8:30 am	For a Special Intention (req by Jane DeHart)			
Thursday	8:30 am	+ Diane Opalinski (req by Corpus Christi Parish)			
Friday		No Mass or Communion Service			
Saturday	4:00 pm	+ Paul Anthony (req by Corpus Christi Parish)			
Sunday	9:00 am 11:00 pm	For the People of Corpus Christi + Patrick Byrne (req by Corpus Christi Parish)			

Please call the parish office (313-537-5770) to add or remove a name from our prayer lists.

Please Pray For Our Sick Members:

Tony Baines
Ken Banka
Doris Billion
Paul Billion
Marcelle Blackmon
Alelia Busby
Jefferie Cook Sr
Karen Cook
Terrie C-Henderson
Sheri Dargin
Cid Davis
Kevin DeMatas
David Derouselle Sr
Renita Fletcher
Roy Ford

Rosemary Givens
Gary Greening
Virginia Harkey
Clint Harris
Sr Stephanie Holub
Irma Horton
Mary C. Hustoles
Edward Hustoles
Gloria James
John Johnson
Roswitha Jordan
Fannie Larkins
Myrna Leonard
Marilyn Lewandowski
Bob Lindsay

Nancy Loper
Kathy Montgomery
Shirley Myles
Yve Nemeth
Shirley Oldenburg
Sharon Ortman
Helen Parkman
Vernard Plain
Thelma Polley
Sally Rimbert
Joy Robinson
Elyse Ryder
Michael Sands
Pauline Simpson
Bernice Slaughter

Donna Storie Colletta Sykes Brendia Thomas Charlotte Turner Adele Waddell Kathy Wilson

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Felisa Deluna
Vivian Dorsey
Judories Fort
Margaret Gassoway
Ella Goldsmith Sr
Rachelle Harper
Martha Harris
Ruth Hill
Ronald Hills
Marie Leonard
Sharon Lewis
Beverly Miller
Beatrice Neail
Margaret Nielsen

Clairmina Danjou

John Onwudinjo Sue Padalino Evangeline Pruett Milford Raines Hulda Reed Juanita Robinson Leatrice Robinson Isiah Searls Joseph Shelton Mary Pat Shelton



Please Pray For Our Relatives and Friends:

Susan Absher Kelley Adams **Duncan Alfes** Cynthia Archer-Gift Jim Agnello Sue Bates Marie Beard Joan Beckley-Fletcher Edward Bejesky Katy Bessey Kenneth Black Bryan Bowman James Bryant Bria Brown Linda Brown Ron Brown Auby Bryson F. Chennault-Johnson Jenny Churchill Scott Clinton Leah Closson Perry Conway Ronald Crane **Betty Cross** Chuck Davis Natacha Desir Shannon Dodd

Jerry Douglas

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From Fr. Patrick Gonyeau

Doward from the heart

Into The Desert

Lenten blessings to you, dear sisters and brothers in Christ! A line from the Catechism of the Catholic Church has really captured my imagination about the Lenten season we've embarked upon: "by the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert." (CCC #540)

In Matthew we read about the 40 days of Jesus in the desert. The victory of Jesus in the desert also gives us a blueprint for victory over temptations in our lives as well. Let's consider the key elements of Jesus victory:

- Relationship: Just prior to going into the desert, Jesus experienced the baptism in the Jordan, the Holy Spirit coming upon him in the form of a dove and the Father declaring out loud from the heavens that "this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." (Mt 3:17) Jesus wasn't alone in the desert he was there in relationship with His Father. The same is true for us in any situation we face. We stand on the promise of God, "I will never forsake you or abandon you." (Heb 13:5)
- Identity: Jesus knows he is the beloved Son of the Father. His identity is secured through his relationship with the Father, and so he doesn't fall to the temptation to prove he is the Son of God at the bequest of the devil. Likewise, with us, our identity is continually affirmed and nurtured in relationship with God, and this strengthens us against temptations contrary to the dignity of our true identity as sons and daughters of God.
- Living Faith and Trust: Jesus carries a living faith with him that allows him to trust the Father, even when physically he doesn't feel well (famished after 40 days of fasting, or sweating blood in the Garden of Gethsemane). Same with us our living faith allows us to trust in moments when we don't feel so good or sure about something. We choose to trust God.

He knows the Word and hears the Father's voice: Repeatedly, Jesus quotes the Word of God and stands firm on it in the midst of temptation. He heard the Father at the Jordan and could hear the Father in the scriptures as well. Same with us — we are blessed to hear the voice of God, especially in faithful reading of scripture, and stand on its truth.

Brothers and Sisters, I pray you and I are strengthened by these principles Jesus has given us and shown us how to use in times of temptation. In this Lenten season, we too are in the desert with Jesus, allowing our hearts and minds to be purified in divine love. As sons and daughters in identity with the Father, living faith with trust, and standing on the Word of God listening to the voice of God, we too will flourish in this desert experience God blesses us with.

Love and Blessings! — Fr. Patrick

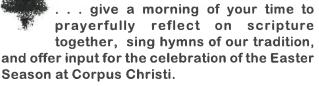
Holy Homework



This week we hear of Jesus overcoming temptations in the desert. For Holy Homework, let's spend a good half hour with Jesus and ask him to help us know which temptations are

getting the better of us right now and how we can overcome them with His help. God bless!

In the midst of Lent . . .



Easter Season Planning
Saturday, March 7
9:00 am - 12:15 pm in the Rainbow Room

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Gathering / Continental Breakfast

9:15 am

Opening Prayer
Easter Music Selections
Scripture Reading and Reflection
Discussion of a Focus for the Seaso

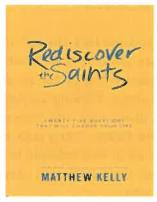
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Closing



Let God's Mercy Change You! Join A Lenten Emmaus Group

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26th. The Faith Formation Commission encourages every one to participate in a Emmaus faith-sharing group during Lent.



The "Rediscover The Saints" book distributed during the Christmas season will be the guide for each group, along with a discussion guide. Participants will also view a video clip from "Who Cares About The Saints? I Do," by Fr. James Martin, S.J. as well as a video clip about the Church's teaching on saints.

The format for each group includes opening prayer, Scripture, video clips, discussion, sharing of insights, and closing prayer. Participating in an Emmaus group this Lent is a great opportunity to get to know the saints, who were ordinary and extraordinary people whose love of God and people made them saints — each in a unique way using the gifts God gave them.

Themes for each week are:

Week 1 — Life-Giving Routines (St. Ignatius)

Week 2 — Making Great Decisions (St. Francis of Assisi)

Week 3 — The World Needs The Best Version Of You (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

Week 4 — Love Is Sacrifice (St. Therese of Lisieux)

Week 5 — Letting Go

(Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Angels)

There will be six groups meeting during Lent:

Mondays, 7 - 8:30 pm

@ C.A.R.E.S., Farmington Hills (M Springer)

Mondays, 7 - 8:30 pm

in the Rainbow Room (R Pridgen, R Walker)

Tuesdays, 3 - 4:30 pm

in the Rectory Living Room (P Mueller)

Tuesdays, 7 - 8:30 pm

in the Activities Center (E O'Neill, D Loper)

Wednesdays, 1:30 - 3 pm

@ Outreach Center (T MacKinnon, C Wilson)

Saturdays, 10 - 11:30 am

in the Activities Center (P Moore, Fr Patrick, M Webb)

Call the parish office at 313-537-5770 to sign up.



LENTEN SOUP MEAL

Sunday, March 15

after the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses

The Corpus Christi Social Justice Committee will host the annual Lenten Soup Meal, featuring a simple meal of homemade soup and bread donated by West Fenkell Bakery. A free-will donation will be collected to benefit the West Indian American Association of Michigan's scholarship Fund.

The Associations's mission is fostering cultural exchange between the people of the Caribbean and the United States and providing scholarships to students attending institutions of higher learning. Association members also serve the community at large through various volunteer events, including the Red Cross and support of the Haiti Outreach Mission. Please make time to stay after Mass on March 15th to support this worthy cause.

Attention Parish Chefs! The Social Justice Committee needs people to make and bring in pots of soup. If you have a good recipe you'd like to make and share with our parish family, please call or text Mary Davis at 313-506-7049 or email her at m.ddavis52@att.net.





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Weekend Ministries Schedule ■ March 7 / 8, 2020 ■ 2nd Sunday of Lent

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	LECTORS	EMES	SERVERS		GREETERS	LITURGY OF WORD W/ CHILDREN		LITURGICAL ASSISTANT
Sat 4 pm	Marcia Closson Elaine O'Neill	Angelita Pierce Sr Heather Stiverson	Chidi Dike Chioma Dike		TBD			Sandy Kalman
Sun 9 am	Wenonah Handschu Marilyn Lewandowski	Barbara Whiters Rodney Whiters	Donald Harris James Hines		Canelita B-Thurman Ernie Buckner			Cleo Anthony
Sun 11 am	Mary Power Peter Mueller	Team 1 - Shirley Myles + Milbra Hill + Mary Mathis	ljeoma Osuoha Ugonna Osuoha Ekena Uzosike Obinna Uzosike		Christine Phanord Cherry Smith	Denise Glinz Tanya Robinson		Nestor Munis
	SUNDAY BUS DRIVER	NOAH'S ARK NURSERY	COFFEE/DONUTS 9:00		COFFEE/DONUTS 11:00	COFFEE/DONUTS 11:00		COFFEE/DONUTS 11:00
	Christine Woloszyk	TBD	Women's Society - Katrina Smith		Milbra Hill Christine Phanord	Emmanuel Phanord Casimir Schroeder		Janine Schroeder Steve Schroeder
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Call 313-850-6219 (cell) or 313-635-2878 (residence). Parish member. No calls after 8 pm please.

SOCIAL SECURITY ONLINE

To apply for benefits or conduct business, visit www.socialsecurity.gov.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE

If you are in a crisis situation, call 1-800-799-7233 immediately.

UNITED WAY 2-1-1 IS NOW ONLINE:

Locate community service resources listed with United Way's 2-1-1 hotline at www.211.UnitedWaySEM.org.

PROJECT RACHEL

A post-abortion ministry for men and women suffering from the loss of their unborn child. Call **1-888-722-4355**.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Call 800-318-2596 or visit <u>healthcare.gov</u> or marketplace.cms.gov

Why is the Vatican sometimes called the "Holy See?"

A little background in ecclesiology will help explain why we call the Vatican the Holy See. The Church is very structured and organized in its hierarchy. A diocese is a geographic area governed by a bishop appointed by the Pope. Each diocese is further broken down into parishes, which have pastors who represent the bishop in his teaching authority.

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The diocese of Romé has a particular role in the Church because of its importance and antiquity. The Pope is head of the Church because he is the Bishop of Rome. Every bishop has a seat or throne, which is the symbol of his teaching authority and is located in the cathedral of each diocese. The Latin word for seat is "sedes." So each diocese can be referred to as a "see." Most people think that St. Peter's is the cathedral of Rome, but St. John Lateran Basilica is actually the cathedral of the Archdiocese of Rome. This is where the Pope's seat or throne as Bishop of Rome is found. So, the Holy See is a reference to the chair of Peter, the Pope's Chair. ©LPi

