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MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:00 PM

*10:30 am Sunday and daily Masses are
live-streamed on our YouTube channel
and our Facebook page.*

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM

Holy Day: 7:00 AM, 6:30 PM

O.C.I.A. (formerly R.C.I.A.)

Wednesday: 6:30 - 8:00 PM
New inquirers welcome year round.

ROSARY:

Thursday: 6:40 AM

ADORATION:

Thursday: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed at 6:30 PM

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM & by request

From the Desk of Msgr. Elvin

“You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world.” Salt and light are so ordinary—present in nearly every home, every meal, every sunrise—and yet, in Jesus’ hands, they become extraordinary images of the Christian life. Salt preserves, enhances, and even heals. A sprinkle of salt enhances the taste of food, making even our cooking more palatable. In the same way, our faith is not meant to stay hidden or unused; it is to preserve goodness in the world and bring flavor to every encounter. Likewise when light pierces every dark corner and dispels every clouded thought. Christ’s light shines in and through us, not so that we can boast or draw attention to ourselves, but so that others may “see Your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” Each day, we should ask ourselves: Am I dimming my light out of fear, pride, or selfishness, or am I letting it shine to draw others closer to Christ? Staying close to Christ through prayer, participating in the sacraments, and reading Scriptures keeps flavor in my spiritual salt and keeps my light shining for all to see. Lord, may my life radiate Your light and sprinkle Your love generously, so that others may come to know and glorify You.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. FRANCIS

Sunday, February 8

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION WEEKEND.

- 9:00 am Sunday School for Pre-K4-6th grades.
- 9:00 am Coffee & Creed in St. Clare Hall.
- 9:00 am Bible Buddies in the Family Life Center Lounge.
- 3:30 pm Baptism Session in St. Clare Hall.



Tuesday, February 10

7:00 pm TMIY evening session in St. Clare Hall.

Wednesday, February 11

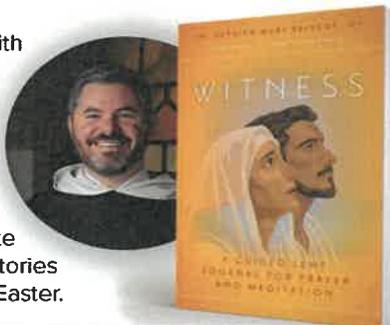
- 10:00 am Martha and Mary Group in St. Clare Hall.
- 6:00 pm WOW for 7th-12th graders at the Bond Home Place.
- 6:15 pm Adult choir practice.
- 6:30 pm OCIA session in St. Clare Hall.

Friday, February 13

6:30 am TMIY morning session in St. Clare Hall.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Join our parish this Lent with Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe's daily devotional *Witness*. Walk the road to Calvary alongside biblical figures who encountered Christ in his Passion—from Mary Magdalene to Pontius Pilate—and discover how their stories mirror our own journey to Easter.



Witness Parish Lent Study

You are invited to our St. Francis' parish wide study begins February 19th. Each Thursday evening during Lent we will gather in the Family Life Center for dinner, prayer, and Lenten reflection led by Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe. Adults and teens are welcome and childcare is provided. There is no cost, but please sign up after mass or through Flocknote or use the QR code. Be sure to visit our tables in the gathering space after mass to learn more about all the Small Church Communities.



Events & Religious Education

Pre-K4-6th grade Children's Ministry and Sunday School

Children's Sunday School: All Pre-K-6th grade children are invited to join us every Sunday, 9-10:15am. Parents are invited to attend one of the adult faith formation classes during this time. We need another catechist for Pre-K/ Kindergarten and for 2nd grade. Please contact Mary Catherine if you can help with this ministry!

VBS 2026: June 15-18! Many volunteers are needed! Please consider teaching, assisting, decorating, helping in the kitchen, or babysitting. Contact Mary Catherine at mc.george@stfrancismadison.org if you are interested in joining our VBS team!

7th-12th Grade Life Teen and Youth Ministry:

Life Teen: There will be *NO Life Teen* sessions on Feb 8 or 15. All sessions for 7th-12th, including Confirmation prep, resume on Sunday, February 22, 6-7:45 pm.

WOW (Worship On Wednesday) it's a St. Valentine service project this Wednesday, February 11, at the Bond Home/Home Place! Come lead Bingo for the senior residents and bring some sweet Valentine treats (cookies, cupcakes, chocolate candy), and please bring \$3 in quarters for prizes! Go through the front doors, street side, in the activity room at 5:45 pm to play 6:00 -7:00 pm.

Confirmation Retreat: All 11th/12th grade candidates getting confirmed this Spring should make plans to attend your retreat on February 22, 9:30am check-in till about 5:00pm, at Camp Garaywa! Indemnity forms are due now.

Registration for the high school **Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference is due this Sunday.** The registration link has been sent in Flocknote emails and payment can be made to St. Francis. Contact Maggie at maggie.spence@stfrancismadison.org for more information.

Thank you to Jan and Bruce Evans with Arby's for providing lots of chicken tenders for our youth at least twice a year!



FINANCIAL GIVING



Weekly Goal:	\$30,000.00
Collection Basket	\$28,516.44
Children's Offering	\$ 125.01
Online	\$ 6,554.26
Total	\$35,195.71

February: Capital Campaign.

February 14 & 15: St. Anthony Tuition Assistance.

February 18: Ash Wednesday Collection will support Habitat for Humanity.

Please make checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi.

February: Catholic Service Appeal Pledge.

Please make checks payable to CSA.

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the Catholic Service Appeal at our parish. We invite every member of St. Francis to prayerfully consider a generous gift to the CSA. Achieving our parish goal of \$83,900.00 relies on the collective efforts of our diocese to support the 14 impactful ministries

YOUR GIFT SUPPORTS FAMILY MINISTRY



Pictured: Ross Mitchell & Logan Halter



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Catholic Social Teaching is rooted in the Ten Commandments and calls us to live our faith through justice, solidarity, and love of neighbor. The Church teaches that respect for human dignity, the common good, and the just use of material goods shape our response to social life, peace, and care for the vulnerable. This week we explore how these moral foundations guide our response to poverty, work, economic justice, war and peace, and care for the vulnerable. Catholic Social Teaching invites every Christian to love God not only in prayer, but through concrete action in the world. OCIA meets at 6:30 pm on Wednesday night in St. Clare Hall. Inquirers are welcome to join us at any time. More information about the OCIA program can be obtained by calling the church office or by visiting the church website at www.stfrancismadison.org.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES - FEBRUARY 18

7:00 AM | 6:00 PM

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Please join us for Mass on Ash Wednesday. Prepare yourself with meditation and reflection. The Lord's life during this period of His life, brings us together for the salvation of humanity.

FRIDAYS OF LENT:

- 6:00 PM ROSARY
- 6:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- 7:00 PM LENTEN MEAL

FASTING: The law of fasting binds those who have attained their majority age (18 until 59 years of age). This law allows only 1 (one) full meal a day, and does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening.

ABSTINENCE: The law (Cannon 1252) of abstinence binds those who have completed 14 years of age. Abstinence prohibits Catholics from consuming meat.

Fasting and Abstinence shall be observed together on **Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday; unless health is an issue.**

2026 Black History Month:

The Josephites (St. Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart)

The Josephites are a Roman Catholic congregation of priests and brothers founded in 1871 to serve the African American community. They are the only community of men in the American Catholic Church exclusively dedicated to this ministry, focusing on pastoral work, education, and social justice.



In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust
Eskandar Doumet

father of our parishioner Naya Doumet Dagmach (Abe)
Please keep the family in your prayers.

Let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of all
the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
Monday	1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	1 Kings 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	1 Kings 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday	1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 7:31-37

MASS INTENTIONS



- Sat., Feb. 7** **VIGIL MASS**
5:00 PM Mass † **Shaughn Loper**
- Sun., Feb. 8** **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00 AM Mass † **Bob Stewart**
9:10 AM Mass - St. Catherine † **Catherine Ruhl**
10:30 AM Mass - Missa Pro Populo
5:00 PM Mass † **Mike Dangelo**
- Mon., Feb. 9** **WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
7:00 AM Mass † **Bob Stewart**
- Tue., Feb. 10** **ST. SCHOLASTICA**
7:00 AM Mass † **Dan Jones**
8:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine † **Matthew Hearn Sr.**
- Wed., Feb. 11** **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**
7:00 AM Mass † **Joseph Gandolini**
- Thurs., Feb. 12** **WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
7:00 AM Mass ♥ **Betty Ann & Santo Giliberto**
8:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine † **Alma Bates**
5:00-7:00 PM **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
- Fri., Feb. 13** **WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
7:00 AM Mass † **Helen Lee Crotty**
8:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine † **Jack Jones**

† Praying for Deceased ♥ Praying for Special Intention



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The love you shared with the one you miss so much,
live on in the light of Christ's great love. 1 Corinthians 13:8



PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Revell Patterson, Mark Vincent, John Logan,
Christopher Hanneke, Brian Flaherty,
Garrett Kennedy, Caroline Grace Smith,
Greg Weatherford, James Kaiser, Dagan Nations,
Lee Greco, Liam Nethery, Tristan Nethery, Kelly
Yonko, and Willy Gabriel Cardona.

Thank you for protecting our country.
May the Lord keep you safe.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING



Parishioners: Rick Mills, Amanda Williams,
Dora Thomas, Ann George, Michael Schenk, Tina Coats,
Kathleen Hood, Elvie Clement, Chris Smith, Terry Grabiak,
Louis Pellegrine, Ethan George, Betty Ravenstein, Leslie Philipp,
Sieger Sims, Tom Miller, Brandy Tucker, Kregg Jones, Pat Rogers,
Shannon Moody, Davis Oltremari, Marilyn Hansen, Lauren Kalka,
Michelle Harrison, Joe Ellis, Barbara Willis, Mary Conner,
Bernard Dreiling, Lucy Hilton, Molly Hoke, Elizabeth Winter,
Mike Robinson, and Christine School.

Family: Joseph Edge, Jerry Thomas, Austin Stewart,
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Keely Ramshur, Desiree Savoie, Angela Gaitner, Martha Hall,
Marinella Davis, Amy McManus, Dan Nguyen, Rebecca McManus,
Porter Antici, Selema Rookis, Marie Chipley, Troy Plaisance,
Robin Ballough, Fred Delahoussay, Hap Post, Nancy Watts,
Wells Heier, Caroline Duckworth, Dr. Sherrill Evans, Raymond Sahut,
Ann Porcello, Celia Bustillos, Margaret Barber, Shirley Burns,
Ellen Joiner, Jim Stewart, Willie Crotty, Dane Taylor, and Paul Bolus.

Friends: Lorene David, Lynn Goodman, Genesis Moore,
Carrie Maniscalco, Lindsay McCollum, Consha Sims, Tommy Chifoln,
Laura Higgins, Ruby Joblin, Travis Griffin, Shirley Jones, Patsy Meyer,
Kay Beggerly, Gene Fox, Phil Cook, Brenda Dehm, Shannon Gilmer,
Zayden Washington, Adele Brown, Carl Fields, Elizabeth Albertson,
Jimmy Haltam, Mary Bradley, Gail Madden, Ethan Parker,
Linda Parish, Fr. Michael O'Brien, and Robert Blount.



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One Minute Meditations

St. Onesimus

Born in Phrygia, St. Onesimus was enslaved to Philemon of Colossae in present-day Turkey. He encountered St. Paul during the apostle's imprisonment in Rome, where Onesimus had fled after stealing from his master. Moved by Paul's witness, he repented, was baptized, and later gained his freedom. Onesimus became a trusted companion and co-worker of St. Paul and was eventually martyred for the faith during the persecutions under Emperor Domitian.

God's Valentine to us

If God sent a Valentine, it might sound something like this: *"My darling child"* (Jeremiah 31:20), *"You are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you"* (Isaiah 43:4). *"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love"* (John 15:9). *"Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends..."* (John 15:13-14). *"Do you love me?"* (John 21:16) That makes the Bible the world's longest love letter.

"God is not the enemy of our freedom but its ground. That is something we ought to relearn in these days. Only love that is almighty can ground a joy that is free from anxiety." Pope Benedict XVI

"What do you seek?" (John 1:38)

Have you ever felt restless or quietly dissatisfied, sensing that something in your life needs changing? Lent offers that opportunity. It is a spiritual reset, inviting us to reorient our hearts toward Christ, the true source of peace, joy, purpose, and meaning. Here are practical ways to deepen your encounter with God and His love this Lent.

Faith is relational, not informational. The first disciples were not content with simply hearing about Jesus. They wanted to be with Him and to know Him personally. Christ extends that same invitation to us today. We respond by making room for Him through prayer and meditation, regular participation in Mass, and time with Scripture, not as duties to complete, but as ways of choosing a living relationship with the One who loves us most.

Choose trust over control. "Let Him lead and guide you," Pope Leo has urged. God's invitation to deeper friendship is renewed each day, and Lent is a privileged time to respond with intention. Begin each morning by

offering your day to God, placing your work, relationships, and uncertainties in His hands. This simple act of trust opens the door to genuine freedom.

Share what you have received. A true encounter with God naturally leads to what Pope Leo called "missionary

"If you sense the Lord calling you, do not be afraid...He alone knows the deepest, perhaps hidden, longings of your heart — the path that will lead you to true fulfillment." (Pope Leo XIV)

zeal," the desire to share with others what we have received. After meeting Christ, St. Andrew simply brought his brother, Simon Peter, to Him. Likewise, sharing your faith is often as simple as an honest conversation with a friend about the source of your hope. You are not persuading or performing; you are inviting someone you care about to meet the Friend who has changed your life.

This Lent, let renewal take root. Choose presence, trust, and generosity, and allow God to do the rest.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics give up meat on Fridays in Lent?

Abstaining from meat on Fridays in Lent is not merely a rule, but a reverent sacrifice rooted in remembrance of Christ's sacrifice on Good Friday. By giving up something we enjoy but do not need, we unite a small, bodily sacrifice to His offering on the Cross.

This "prayer of the body" strengthens the prayer of the soul, training our hearts in discipline and gratitude. It keeps our focus on Christ and serves as a quiet, outward sign of faith. For the same reasons, the Church encourages Friday penance throughout the year.

When things go wrong, choose charity

When difficulties arise, our instinct is often to complain, assign blame, or turn inward with harsh self-criticism. These reactions rarely solve the problem. More often, they weaken charity, cloud judgment, and strain relationships. A more constructive response is to choose kindness deliberately, in thought, speech, and action.

Practice kindness in thought: When self-pity, resentment, comparison, or harsh self-judgment appear, treat them as temptations rather than truths. Pause and redirect your thinking. Replace them with a steady reminder such as, "This is difficult, but I can respond well." Offer yourself the same patience you would give a friend.

Practice kindness in speech: Before speaking, ask whether

your words will help or simply vent frustration. If you would not say something to or about someone you love, refrain. When emotions run high, bring your complaints to prayer first. Naming them before God can bring clarity and restraint.

Practice kindness in action: Focus on what you can do rather than what you cannot control. Choose one concrete act of goodwill: express gratitude, offer help, listen attentively, or perform a small, unnoticed kindness. These simple actions restore perspective and soften difficult moments.

Responding with kindness does not ignore problems. It creates the conditions for peace, clearer judgment, and constructive action to take root.

from **S**cripture

Matthew 4:1-11, He chose us

In this passage, Jesus is tempted by the Devil. First, Satan tempted Jesus to satisfy His hunger with a miracle – to put physical needs above spiritual needs. Jesus showed us that spiritual needs come first, and to entrust both to God’s care. Next, Satan commanded Jesus to jump from the temple roof, forcing God’s hand. Again, Jesus refused: serving God means doing things God’s way.

Finally, Satan offered to surrender all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus would worship him. While horrible, it

promised a “painless” way to save the world. Jesus rejected it, choosing the Cross because it was the only way to save us. He chose us. When tempted to do what’s “easy” versus what’s morally right, ask for the strength to choose what’s right.

The season of Lent is a powerful opportunity for spiritual renewal and growth in love. We can take comfort knowing Jesus faced the same temptations we do and conquered them. If we stay close to Jesus, He will lead us to victory.

Q & A

What to do with dryness in prayer

God never leaves us, yet our experience of prayer can ebb and flow. There are times of joy and peace, and others marked by dryness and difficulty. While dry seasons can be discouraging, that is often when our faith can grow the most. Don’t avoid them, but live them well.

Ask why. Dryness in prayer can point to areas that need attention. Chronic stress, lack of rest, constant busyness, excessive screen time, or unresolved sin can weaken our attentiveness to God. Examine your habits and ask what may be interfering with prayer.

Remember the good times. When times are tough, memory sustains love. Follow Mary’s example, who “kept all these things, pondering them in her heart” (Luke 2:19). Recall the ways God has acted in your life. Remembering His faithfulness restores confidence.

Renew your “yes” daily. Mary’s consent to God’s will was a daily surrender, even amid suffering. Resist the temptation to abandon prayer. Each day, echo her words: “Let it be done unto me according to your word” (Luke 1:38).

Feasts & Celebrations

February 5 – St. Agatha (c.251). Born to a noble Sicilian family, St. Agatha dedicated herself to God at the age of fifteen. The governor Quintianus was determined to marry her and threatened her if she refused him. She kept her vow despite torture, and imprisonment. God sent her a vision of St. Peter to comfort her, heal her, and fill her dungeon with heavenly light.

February 18 – Ash Wednesday. The first day of Lent. The ashes of old palms are placed on the forehead in the shape of a Cross, as a sign of penance. It’s

also a day of abstinence from meat and fasting – one regular meal and two small meals that together don’t equal a full meal.

February 22 – St. Margaret of Cortona (1297). St. Margaret’s conversion came after the sudden death of the man she was having an affair with. Shaken, she repented and became a Franciscan tertiary. She founded a hospital and an order of Tertiary sisters — *le Poverelle* — to operate it.

February 22 – The Chair of St. Peter. Today marks St. Peter’s establishment of the Holy See, the “seat” of authority, in Rome. We thank God for His Church and pray for its holy preservation.

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= a day of abstinence from meat



= a day of fasting and abstinence from meat



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer" (<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>).</p>	<p>February</p> <p>Attend Mass and receive the cross of ashes — a sign of humility and repentance.</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday</p> <p>Attend Mass and receive the cross of ashes — a sign of humility and repentance.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Fast from social media for one evening each week.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Remember to abstain from meat today. Pray for those who can't afford to have meat.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Remember to abstain from meat today. Pray for those who can't afford to have meat.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Spend five minutes in silent prayer each morning or night during Lent.</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Stay after Mass and pray for a spiritually fruitful Lent.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Pray the Morning Offering before checking your phone.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>"Peace begins with a smile" (Mother Teresa). Resolve to smile at everyone.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Pray for one specific person by name today.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Worry closes the heart. Replace it with trust, "Jesus, I trust in You."</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Even when things go wrong, be patient, starting with yourself.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Fulfill a commitment or promise you've been putting off.</p>
<p>1</p> <p>March</p> <p>Read Matthew 17:1-9. Where does God want to transform your heart, prayer, and life?</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Today, pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, who always need our prayers.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Read the daily Gospel and meditate on one line that stands out to you.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Today, choose silence instead of complaining.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Pray for Christians experiencing persecution. Pray for a conversion of heart for the persecutors.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Return love for Love. Visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, where He waits in love.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Avoid gossip and change the subject when it starts. If it's untrue, unkind, or confidential, don't say it.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Read John 4:5-42. Where do you go when life feels messy? What if Jesus met you there?</p>	<p>9</p> <p>If your responsibilities permit it, choose one weekday this week to attend Daily Mass.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Practice patience intentionally with one difficult person.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Skip a meal and donate the money saved from fasting to the poor box.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>First thing today, tell God, "Thy Will be done!" — and really mean it!</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Give up a small luxury - drive-thru coffee, streaming, take-out meals - just for today for God.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Do a hidden act of service without seeking thanks.</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Laetare Sunday</p> <p>The priest wears rose for the halfway point of Lent. Enjoy a small treat to celebrate.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Holy Week and Easter are busy times for parishes and ask how you can help.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>Pray for missionaries and catechists who, like St. Patrick, bring the faith to every corner of the world.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Experience God's mercy and attend Confession this week.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>St. Joseph's Day</p> <p>Say an extra prayer for your father: Don't forget the priests — spiritual fathers.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Buy food or hygiene items for a local pantry.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Take a mini-retreat. Reserve time to silence your phone, light a candle, and be with Jesus.</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Stay after Mass and pray for the intentions of the Pope and your bishop.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Give the gift of a spiritual bouquet — a note recording prayers said for someone who needs them.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Think before you speak, especially before responding in annoyance or anger, recall the presence of God.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>The Annunciation</p> <p>We celebrate Mary's "yes," which opened the way for Christ's coming. Pray the Rosary in her honor.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Set out a box and fill it with gently used items, books, or clothes. When it's full, bring it to its destination.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Abstain from recreational screen-use between 12:00pm and 3:00pm in honor of Jesus' final hours on the Cross.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Visit a church or chapel for 10 minutes of quiet if possible.</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>Read Matthew 27:11-54, accompanying Jesus through His trial, Passion, and Death.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>This whole week, practice the Heroic Minute and get up the moment your alarm rings.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Say grace slowly and intentionally, with gratitude, before meals today.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>April</p> <p>Today is the day, Judas plotted to betray Christ. Take time to seek forgiveness or to extend it, if needed.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Holy Thursday</p> <p>Visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Thank Him for the Eucharist, the Mass, and the Priesthood.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Good Friday</p> <p>Pray the Stations of the Cross. Your presence and love today consoled Him then.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Holy Saturday</p> <p>Thank God for His blessings this Lent. Consider which practices you will continue.</p>



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