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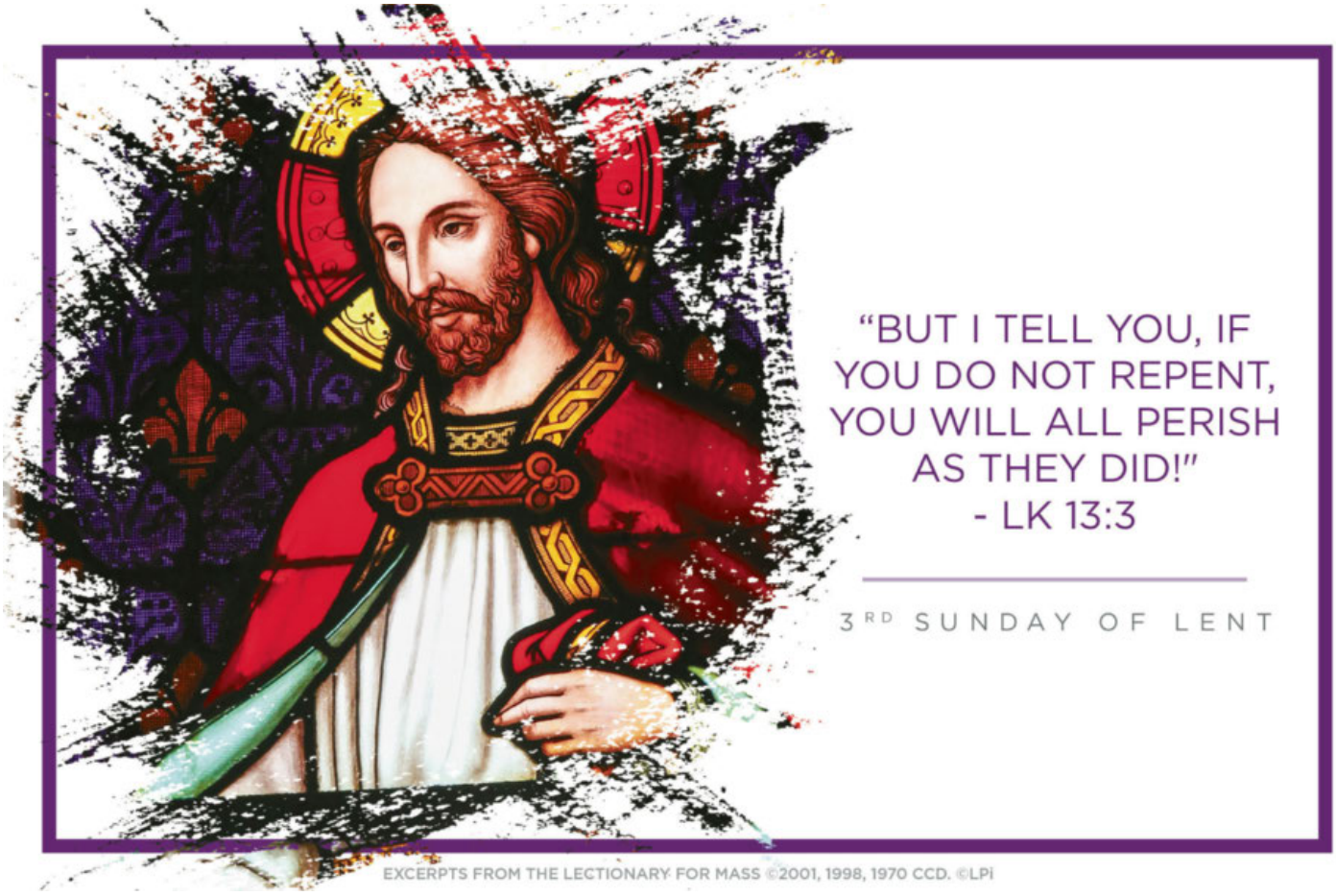

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY: 4 P.M.
SUNDAY: 8 A.M., 10:30 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY: 8:30 A.M.
TUESDAY: 8:30 A.M.
FOLLOWED BY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
WEDNESDAY: 6:15 P.M.
THURSDAY: 8:30 A.M.
FRIDAY: 9 A.M.

CONFESSION TIMES

SUNDAY: 9:45-10:15 A.M.; TUESDAY: 6-7 P.M.;
SATURDAY 3-3:45 P.M.

CONNECT WITH US

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9:15 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(Closed for lunch 12-1 p.m.)

PARISH MISSION

Inspired by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Sacraments, St. Mary Parish, Vermilion, is a welcoming, Christ-centered community committed to developing spiritual growth, sharing vibrant faith, and encouraging total parish involvement.

Getting To Know Us

The Parish Staff continues to work hard to help our parish family live out our Baptismal call as followers of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. If you have any questions or if there is some way we can be of service to you, please contact us using the emails below.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 19
St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM
4 p.m. | Edward Bommer

SUNDAY, MARCH 20
Third Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. | Helen, Tom & Regis Longville
10:30 a.m. | Charlene M. Kufel

MONDAY, MARCH 21
Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. | Frank P. Kucia, Sr.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22
Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. | For the Parish Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23
St Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
6:15 p.m. | Edward Schmidt

THURSDAY, MARCH 24
St Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr
8:30 a.m. | For the Parish Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 25
The Annunciation of the Lord
9 a.m. | Wyott Gromley

SATURDAY, MARCH 26
Lenten Weekday
4 p.m. | Bernard Bruder

SUNDAY, MARCH 27
Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. | For the Parish Family
10:30 a.m. | Stanley F. Kufel

Livestream Schedule
The daily and weekend Masses are livestreamed and can be accessed via the parish website.

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For more information, email asettie@stmaryvermilion.org.

Happening This Week

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 20
9 a.m. - Family Faith Formation (Gym)
9:45 a.m. - Confessions (Church)
10:30 a.m. - Pre-K Faith Formation (Kindergarten Room)
6:30p.m. - Confirmation Prep w/ Parents/Sponsors (PLCC)
6:30 p.m. - Edge (Depot)

TUESDAY, MARCH 22
9:15 a.m. - Adoration (Church)
6 p.m. - Confessions
6 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:30 p.m. - Rosary
7 p.m. - AA Meeting (PLCC)
10 p.m. - Blessed Sacrament Reposition

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23
3:15 pm - Lego Club (PLCC)

THURSDAY, MARCH 24
9:15 a.m. - Adult Study Group (Parish Office)
3 p.m. - Children's Choir Practice (Church)
6:30 p.m. - Adult Choir Practice (Church)

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, CONT.
6:30 p.m. - St. Jerome Book Club (Rectory)

FRIDAY, MARCH 25
LAST SCHOOL DAY BEFORE SPRING BREAK
5 p.m. - PSO Fish Fry (Gym)
7 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 26
3 p.m. - Confessions

SUNDAY, MARCH 27
NO FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
9 a.m. - Blood Drive (PLCC)
9:45 a.m. - Confessions (Church)

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Living Scripture

Weekly Gospel Reflection

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the "I am" of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course.
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Answering Questions About the Faith

Question: Why do priests wear vestments?

Answer: We wear certain clothes for certain events. Vestments are much the same, and each one has a meaning. The alb is a reminder of the baptismal garment. The stole is a symbol of ordained ministry and authority within the Church. The chasuble reminds us that we are on a pilgrimage of faith, passing through this life towards heaven. Priests wear vestments for two basic reasons. First, they draw attention to the importance and solemnity of the act of worship. The color of the vestments indicates the season of the year or the feast being celebrated. Secondly, vestments draw attention to what the priest does, rather than who he is. In the celebration of the Mass, the focus is on what we do together, on our common unity, and on the mystery and person of Christ.

St. Oscar Romero | March 24

When St. Oscar Romero was appointed Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, his country was in chaos. Many people in El Salvador were living in poverty, while a smaller elite group controlled all political and economic power. In 1980, El Salvador broke out in a 12-year civil war that left over 75,000 people dead. St. Oscar Romero set up pastoral programs to assist the victims of oppression. He also became an outspoken advocate for human rights, appealing to the Salvadoran military to stop killing their own citizens.

On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was murdered while celebrating Mass in El Salvador. A car pulled up outside, and a gunman fired a single shot straight into St. Oscar Romero's heart. Calling him "a martyr for the faith" nearly 40 years later, Pope Francis canonized him in 2018. For the occasion, Pope Francis chose to wear the same blood-stained belt that Romero was wearing at the altar when he died.

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And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?'"

- Lk 13:6-7

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LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

In his initial encounter with the Lord, Moses learns the name of God, "I AM." What insight does this give us into the nature of the divine?

Second Reading

Paul believed that the past mistakes of the ancient Israelites in the desert served as an example of the dangers of too much self-confidence. How can one best avoid arrogance in faith?

Gospel Reading

In the parable of the barren fig tree, Jesus taught the crowds of the need to repent in order to bear good fruit. For what do you need to repent in this season of Lent?

News and Events

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent beginning at 7 p.m. Each week, we will be led in prayer by a different parish group or ministry.

Confirmation Candidates on Retreat

Our parish youth preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on retreat March 25-27 at Damascus Catholic Mission Campus. Please keep them in your prayers as they discern the movement of the Holy Spirit in their lives!

St. Francis Society

The St. Francis Society will hold its monthly meeting Friday, April 1, beginning with Mass at 11:30 a.m. Following Mass will be a luncheon in the Gathering Space. Please bring your own lunch.

Annuciation Feast Day Mass for Life

The Sandusky Knights of Columbus Council #546 is sponsoring a special Rosary and Mass on Friday, March 25 - the Feast of the Annunciation - with the particular intention of protecting the unborn. The Rosary begins at 5:30 p.m. and Mass begins at 6 p.m. Pizza and refreshments to follow. All events will be held at St. Mary Parish in Sandusky.

Support Ukrainians in Need

As people throughout the world provide aid to Ukrainians in need, we wanted to do something, too. Alicia Matheson, daughter of parishioner Maria Matheson, is gathering humanitarian aid specifically for babies and children affected by the war in Ukraine. Baby food, diapers, and more can be donated in the playpen located in the Gathering Space. This will then be taken to a central donations site in Parma before making its way to Ukraine.

Pray for Our Faithful Departed

A **funeral Mass for Margaret "Peg" Ryan**, who passed away January 26, 2022, will be celebrated by Fr. Paul Schreiner on **Friday, April 8, 2022 at 11 a.m.** Family and friends are invited to attend.

Please pray for the repose of the repose of Charles Mark, uncle of parishioner Stacie Sokolowski.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

First Friday Speaker Series

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County is pleased to welcome Bob Tayek, former director of media and public relations for the Diocese of Cleveland, as the featured speaker on Friday, April 1 at 11:30 a.m. Tayek, who also serves as public address announcer for the Cleveland Guardians, will be speaking about the correlation between Catholicism and baseball in his talk: "Love of the Faith, Love of the Game." The similarities and traditions are endless but, in so many ways, meaningful to those who practiced the faith founded by Jesus Christ himself, and at the same time enjoy, what many believe, is the greatest game ever invented. Tayek explores the rituals, traditions, and unique elements which make up our faith while also reflecting on the dozens of elements which make baseball so unique. To serve your spot at this luncheon buffet and talk, please mail your $25 check to: First Friday Forum of Lorain County, 320 Middle Ave., Elyria, OH 44035, by calling 440-213-2132, or by emailing fffforain@gmail.com. Reservations must be made by Monday, March 28.

St. Mary School PSO Lenten Fish Fry

SAVE THE DATE:

St. Mary's PSO Lenten Fish Fry is fast approaching! The Fish Fry will be held on

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022
from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
5450 Ohio Street
Vermilion, OH 44089

Dinners include Lake Erie Perch, Fresh Cut French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll

$20.00	$16.00	$7.00
for Large Fish Dinner	for Small Fish Dinner	for Kids Mac & Cheese Dinners

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