



# follow Jesus

John 12:26

ST. LAMBERT PARISH  
*Proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord*

**My Father will honor the one  
who serves me.**

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**March 21, 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

# HOLY WEEK



**Holy Thursday, April 1st:** Mass of the Lords Supper 7p.m.

**Good Friday, April 2nd:** Veneration of the Cross 7p.m.

**Holy Saturday, April 3rd:** Easter Vigil Mass 7p.m.

**Easter Sunday Mass, April 4th:** 8 a.m, 10 a.m. & 12 p.m.

Go to our website on March 22nd to sign up!



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 St. Lambert Parish - Skokie, IL

**Baptisms:** Third Sundays of the month at 1:30 pm. For guidelines and more information please speak to Deacon Chick after mass.

**To Register as a Parishioner:**  
Go to stlambert.org under %About Us+ or by phone.

## Sunday Offertory Collection

March 13– 19, 2021

Sunday Envelopes:	\$3,613.00
Sunday Env. Mail In:	335.00
Loose:	579.00
GiveCentral:	<u>1,422.00</u>
Total:	\$5,949.00

Aid for Central & Eastern Europe: \$ 350.00

Your donation can come **directly** to the parish in two ways...

1. Online, using our GiveCentral home page at:  
[givecentral.org/location/204](https://givecentral.org/location/204)  
(There is a small fee for each transaction to the parish)

2. Or donations can be made by using your bank account as a bill payment. It can be scheduled in advance to occur on a recurring basis or as an individual one time donation. There is no charge to the parish or to you to utilize this service.

If you have any questions, please email or call Debbie.

**Thank you for your continued support!**



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Offertory envelopes for 2021 are available.

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to make arrangements for  
pick up.

I AM FOLLOWING  
**JESUS** 



Saint of the Day for March 26 St. Catherine of Genoa  
(1447 . September 15, 1510)

### **Saint Catherine of Genoa's story**

Going to confession one day was the turning point of Catherine's life.

When Catherine was born, many Italian nobles were supporting Renaissance artists and writers. The needs of the poor and the sick were often overshadowed by a hunger for luxury and self-indulgence. Catherine's parents were members of the nobility in Genoa. At 13, she attempted to become a nun but failed because of her age. At 16, she married Julian, a nobleman who turned out to be selfish and unfaithful. For a while she tried to numb her disappointment by a life of selfish pleasure.

One day in confession she had a new sense of her own sins and how much God loved her. She reformed her life and gave good example to Julian, who soon turned from his self-centered life of distraction. Julian's spending, however, had ruined them financially. He and Catherine decided to live in the Pammatone, a large hospital in Genoa, and to dedicate themselves to works of charity there. After Julian's death in 1497, Catherine took over management of the hospital.

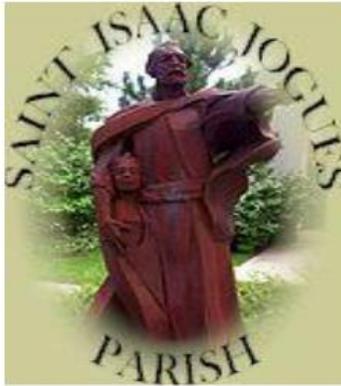
She wrote about purgatory which, she said, begins on earth for souls open to God. Life with God in heaven is a continuation and perfection of the life with God begun on earth.

Exhausted by her life of self-sacrifice, Catherine died September 15, 1510, and was canonized in 1737.

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### **Reflection**

Regular confession and frequent Communion can help us see the direction, or drift, of our life with God. People who have a realistic sense of their own sinfulness and of the greatness of God are often the ones who are most ready to meet the needs of their neighbors. Saint Catherine began her hospital work with enthusiasm and was faithful to it through difficult times because she was inspired by the love of God, a love which was renewed in her by the Scriptures and the sacraments. The liturgical feast of Saint Catherine of Genoa is celebrated on September 15.



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## **FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

### **Food and Fresh Produce for residents of Niles and the Surrounding Community.**

*St. Isaac Jogues Parish along with the Greater Chicago Food Depository and Catholic Charities is organizing a Drive-Through Food Distribution*

**WHO** Open to anyone who needs the support!

**WHEN** Wednesday, March 24, 2021

**4:00pm – 6:00pm**

**WHERE** St. Isaac Jogues Parish Parking Lot  
8149 W. Golf Road Niles

***\* Be sure to clear out your trunk or bring a cart to take your food home!***

***Food will be given away FIRST-COME/FIRST-SERVED basis, until supplies last, distribution will take place "rain, snow or shine."***

*For more information about **additional food resources** in our community, please contact the **Greater Chicago Food Depository at 773-247-FOOD** or visit their website at [chicagosfoodbank.org](http://chicagosfoodbank.org). For **additional Social Services** in our community, please contact **Catholic Charities North Regional Service Center at 1717 Rand Road - 847-376-2100** or call their **Suburban Cook County Call Center at 877-426-6515***



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March 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, the diocesan bishops of Illinois, write today out of great concern. Bills have been introduced before the Illinois General Assembly to repeal Illinois' Parental Notice of Abortion Act. They are House Bill 1797 and Senate Bill 2190. The enactment of this legislation would lead to tragic and irreversible outcomes.

The Parental Notice of Abortion Act simply requires that when a minor girl seeks to have an abortion, a parent or guardian is notified 48 hours before the procedure. The obvious hope of the law is that parents, by their deep love and moral obligation, will act to protect, support and guide their children. In every other facet of life, we are taught – and we teach – that parental involvement is key to the child's best interest. Repealing the Act is nothing less than an invasion into the sacred space of family life by the state, with no provision to support the minor emotionally, humanely or materially at a critical moment in her life.

It is unfortunately true that not all young people come from loving homes. In these cases, when the threat of abuse or neglect outweighs the rights of parents, the current law allows a young girl the opportunity to declare in writing that there is abuse, or she can seek an emergency hearing before a judge to explain her situation. We acknowledge that this can be emotionally difficult; however, such difficulty must be weighed against the harm done when our laws effectively undermine family life by separating children from the care of parents who love them the most. The state should do everything to support families, not destabilize them.

The existing Parental Notice of Abortion Act provides important safeguards against the evils of sexual abuse and human trafficking. If a minor girl can be taken by any adult man to an abortion clinic, in the hopes of erasing the evidence of his abuse, what protection exists outside of the girl's parent or guardian being informed? Why would we want to create such a dangerous environment?

Simply put, the Parental Notice of Abortion Act works. According to statistics gathered by the Illinois Department of Public Health, since the law's final enactment by the Illinois Supreme Court in 2013, abortions performed on minors in Illinois have decreased over 30 percent. The lives saved by this law are real and present among us.

These are the reasons every state in the Midwest and 37 states overall have laws requiring some form of parental involvement in the decision of a minor to have an abortion. Illinois has been among those states for 8 years and no obvious problems or detriments have been publicly exposed. The repeal of Parental Notice of Abortion is a tragic solution in search of a problem.

So what can you do? As Catholics of good will, we call on you to engage your elected officials – state representatives, state senators and the Governor – and urge them to oppose House Bill 1797 and Senate Bill 2190.

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Possible methods of contact include phone calls, letters, emails, and Zoom meetings between legislators and you, their concerned constituents. For all of these efforts, you will need to be able to identify your legislators and secure the appropriate contact information. Here is how:

Visit the Catholic Conference of Illinois' website – [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org) – scroll nearly to the bottom of the homepage, click on “Find Your Legislator” and input the asked-for information. Doing this will identify one's state elected officials, and simply clicking on their names will provide the contact information.

In our concern for all human life, and particularly for the struggles of young girls in these difficult circumstances and their unborn children, we ask you to participate in this effort. Together we are strong, and we can make a difference. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*+ Blase J. Cupich*

His Eminence Cardinal Blase J. Cupich  
Archbishop of Chicago

*+ David J. Malloy*

Most Reverend David J. Malloy  
Bishop of Rockford

*+ Thomas John Paprocki*

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*+ Michael G. McGovern*

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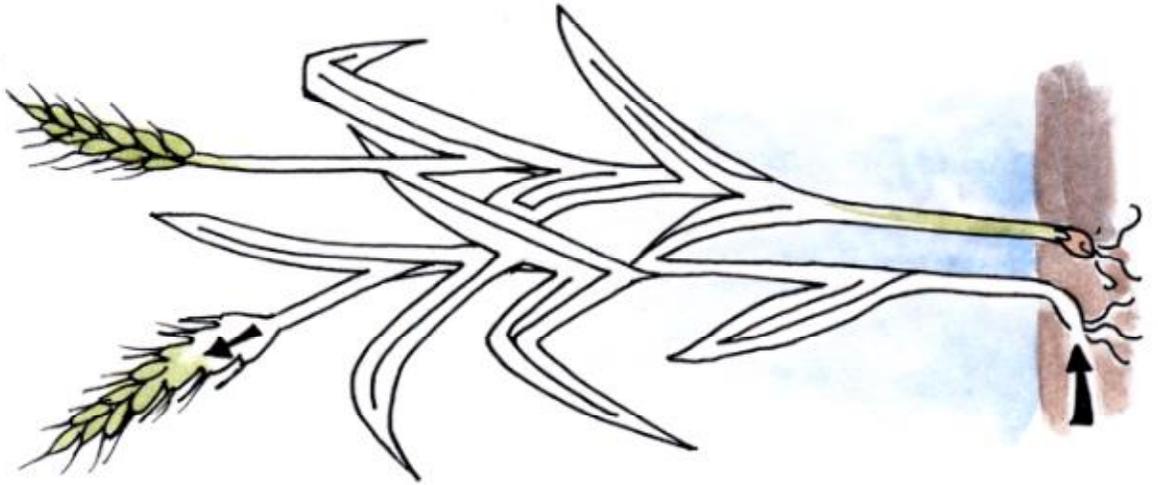
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# The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
 March 21st, 2021



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Can you find your way from this grain of wheat to the new seeds at the top?

*Unless a grain falls to the ground and dies...*



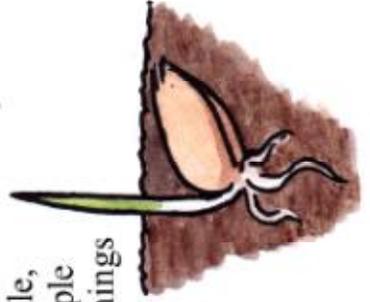
Jesus knew He was going to die soon. It made Him sad, but He knew that He had to do it. He told the apostles, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." Because Jesus died, we can be freed from our sins and live!

Have you ever tried planting seeds? The little seeds are hard and dry and seem to be dead. We put them into some damp soil, and cover them up. After a few days you can see little sprouts coming out of the soil, and soon there are little plants growing! Maybe your Mom or Dad can help you plant some seeds this spring.



Our Lord was telling His friends that He had to be like a seed. He would die and be buried, and then after a few days, come back to life! And like a plant that grows and produces more seed, the Church would grow from Jesus and bring other holy people, saints, into the world. Saints are people that are ready to give up their good things and even their lives for love of God, just like Jesus.

Are you ready to be a saint?



Answers to The Annunciation Puzzle:  
 scrib, Joseph, name, Lord, confused, angel, not, God,  
 SON OF GOD!

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