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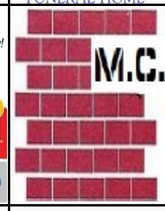
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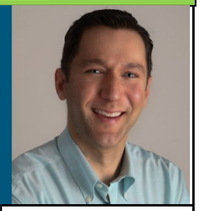

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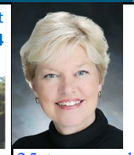
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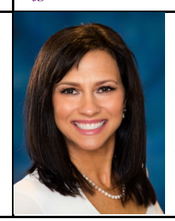
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Fifth Sunday of Lent *April 7, 2019*

Soup and Substance

Join us for our final Soup and Substance following the **6:00pm Mass** in the Community Center. All are invited to enjoy a meal of delicious soups prepared by culinary angels from our parish, followed by dynamic speakers focused on the three disciplines of Lent: prayer, fasting, and charity.

April 9: Works of Love will be presented Joe Garcia, Director of Cristo Rey Community Center. Please join us to experience God's Word and presence at Mass, delicious soup and community, and inspiring faith formation with open discussion.

Memorial Bricks for our **Memorial Patio & Walkway** can now be ordered and forms can be found on the table next to the grandfather clock in the gathering space.
New bricks will be placed just prior to Memorial Day.

Food Collection

For full details on our **Annual Good Friday Food for the Poor Collection** see Rob's column on page 3.

HOLY WEEK

Eucharistic Adoration
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
8am - Noon
Holy Thursday ~
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm
Good Friday ~
Veneration of the Cross 7pm
Holy Saturday ~ Easter Vigil 8pm
Easter Sunday
Masses at 8:30am and 11am

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Weekend Masses
Saturday, 5:00PM, Sunday, 8:30AM, 11:00AM

Weekday Masses
*Tuesdays at 6:00PM (**Sept-May**)*
Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 8:30AM

Reconciliation
Saturdays, 4:00PM-4:30PM or by appointment

Other Area Reconciliation Opportunities
St. Thomas Aquinas (E. Lansing) Saturday 3-4PM
St. John the Evangelist (MSU) M/W/F 4-5PM, TH 7:30-8:30PM
St. Therese of Lisieux (Lansing) Saturday 3:15PM
St. Joseph (St. Johns) Tuesday 6:30PM and Saturday 4PM
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Mass Intentions & Events for the Week

Sunday, April 7, Fifth Sunday of Lent
Is 43:16-21/ Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
8:00AM K of C Rosary
8:30AM Mass: Virginia Dionise by Joe & Joann Seminaroti
Richard Getter by Wayne & Ginny Brown
Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:30AM RCIA
9:50AM Youth Ensemble
11:00AM Youth Mass: The People of St. Jude
Noon 7/8 Youth Fusion presents Eggstravaganza
Rooted Leadership Team Meeting
6:00PM Women's Group (20-40)

Monday, April 8, Lenten Weekday
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 30-62/Jn 8:12-20
9:00AM Prayer Shawl & Quilt Ministry
7:00PM Hands of Grace Rehearsal,
K of C Officers & Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April 9, Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4-9/ Jn 8:21-30
10:00AM Little Lambs Story Hour
Noon Senior Citizen Luncheon
5:00PM Joyful Sounds
6:00PM Mass: Janet Barberio by Virginia Ward
6:30PM Soup & Substance

Wednesday, April 10, Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14-20, 21-22, 95/Jn 8:31-42
8:30AM Mass: Pat McCrackin by Catherine Brown
John Baibak by Mae Luchetti
7:00PM St. Jude Choir, K of C Meeting

Thursday, April 11, Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
8:30AM Mass: Neil Harte by the Morning Rosary Group

Friday, April 12, Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
8:30AM Mass: Ray & Bernie Grachek
by Greg & Margaret White
9:00AM Stations of the Cross
4:00PM Fish Fry

Saturday, April 13, Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr
Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass: Arthur Straus by the Straus family
Msgr. Stotenbur by Greg & Margaret White

Sunday, April 14, Palm Sunday
Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56
8:30AM Mass: People of St. Jude
Children's Liturgy of the Word, WB
9:30AM Faith Formation , RCIA
10:00AM Music Ensemble
11:00AM Mass: Donna Zarici & Fanny Sherman
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Noon 5/6 Youth Fusion
6:00PM Women's Group (20-40)
7:00PM Rooted

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Counter Schedule: April 8 — Team #4 April 15 — Team #5

Other News in Our Diocese

PRAY TO END ABORTION!! PRAYER VIGIL 7AM TO 5PM every WEDNESDAY: Our local 40DFL effort for the Spring campaign is focused on filling every abortion day with prayer **every hour on Wednesdays from early morning through the afternoon through APRIL 17.** Prayer location will be on the grassy area on the west side of Clippert Street, north of Vine Street. **There will be a ROSARY prayed EVERY HOUR and led by a For Life Rep at 3pm the DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET followed by the ROSARY will be led by a priest or deacon.** Contact Soraya Nowland at 517-755-6909 or signup4prayer@gmail.com

Divine Mercy Sunday is **April 28**. Please celebrate with the faithful at St. Gerard Church on W. Willow Hwy. in Lansing MI. 2:30 pm. The Novena begins on Good Friday and Novena Flyers are available in the churches.

Frustrated and angered with what is going on in the country in regards to abortion? Come join like-minded people on **Thursday, April 11** to the **Clinton County Right to Life** annual dinner at AgroLiquid. The doors open at 6pm with the program beginning at 6:30pm. Our featured speaker is Roger Stanwick, a post abortive man who deeply regrets his involvement nearly 40 years ago. Come hear his testimony and be inspired in your pro-life journey. Tickets are $30 or a table of 10 for $270. Contact Mary Beth at 989-227-0088 or Karen at 989-587-3319 or email clintoncountryrtl@gmail.com for more information.

Women of the Lansing Diocese are invited to our monthly luncheon of the **Catholic Women's Club, Thursday, April 11** at 12:30pm at the Olive Garden- Meridian Mall 5015 Marsh Rd. This months donation will be the Siren Eaton Shelter. If you have any questions or want to make a reservation please call Judy Sibal at 517 449-5365.

Notre Dame Club of Lansing presents **An Evening of Reflection Monday of Holy Week, April 15** from 6-9pm at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. Dinner is served at 6pm followed by Mass, homily and reflection by Fr. David Rosenberg. Everyone is welcome. Cost is $15 per person. RSVP Bob Telfer at 517 372-5474.

Shared Pregnancy Women's Center is hosting its annual **Lifesavers Celebration and Fundraiser** on **Thursday, April 25** from 6:30-8:30pm at the Grand Ledge Opera House (121 S. Bridge St). Admission is free! There will be a silent auction throughout the evening, children's crafts, face painting, ice cream sundaes, and a short program at 7:15pm featuring a client testimony and awards presentation. Join the fun and support Shared Pregnancy so we can continue helping women in unexpected pregnancies and walking alongside families with young children in the Lansing area.

Eat Chick-Fil-A Learn about Foster Care & Adoption!

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DSA
I wish to thank all those who have made contribution to the Diocesan Service Appeal. These funds go to support a wide-range of services and programs throughout our Diocese as well as right here in our parish community. If you have not made a contribution, I ask that you in prayer, consider making a donation of any amount (big or small). Our parish has always met its goal since our founding, and I am hopeful we will do it again this year as well. Thank you.

Notice anything different?
Last week we added the stain-glass window film to the six lower windows of our worship space. Also added this week is the larger Corpus behind the altar on the Cross. It now mirrors the image of our Lord Jesus for better reflection of prayer, song and celebration of the Masses. The smaller crucifix that was attached to this cross has been moved into our new day Chapel To God the Son, give glory!

The day Chapel is set up to hold 62 people and many donated items have been already placed within. A new "exposition" tabernacle will be forthcoming. Exposition means that it will have a window for the Blessed Sacrament to be venerated during certain prayer times set aside for this adoration and when it is not in use for that purpose the window can be closed off, thereby making a regular tabernacle.

Dr. Seuss
Sometimes I enjoy reading children's books as I find they usually have very simple messages from the heart and soul that can guide us in our daily life. This book was recommended by a parishioner and it is a Doctor Seuss book titled **The Lorax**. There is one sentence that speaks volumes about making a change; "*Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's Not!*"

Too often we wonder why things are as they are and why someone doesn't do something to change it. We would like to but feel that we are helpless because we are only one. But when we become part of a greater whole, such as in our family, or a close circle of friends or even part of a faith-sharing group (like our faith community) we find out that all things are possible. It takes work, it takes effort, it takes determination, it takes courage but if it is of the good and for the greater glory of God, then it will be done according to His will.

Becoming a part of a greater whole is really what Christ was calling the apostles and his disciples to do and it is what he is calling us to do as well. As a part of the greater whole of this Catholic faith Community of St. Jude we can continue to build a legacy that will stand for ever; but it will take work, it will take effort, it will take determination and it will take courage but it will be a sacrifice that will bring us many blessings.

During Holy Week, we experience one of the many traditions we take part in at the Catholic Community of St. Jude, our **Food for the Poor collection on Holy Thursday and distribution on Good Friday.** This is an opportunity for all of us to participate in providing food for dozens of families in our surrounding area. It creates a climax for all of the almsgiving that we have committed to throughout the Lenten season and respond to our Lord's affirmation when he said, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). So what happens with the Food for the Poor collection? All day on Holy Thursday, we ask all parish families to provide a day's supply of food for a family the size of your own. This food is dropped off at the Community Center, which is open all day until the early evening, where it is organized on tables for distribution on Good Friday morning.

NOTE: this year if you plan to bring meat, please do not bring any frozen meats. We will be providing **ham only** for the recipients.

On the morning of Good Friday, all members of our parish families who would like to participate in this outpouring of love, package the food. Parents, children, grandparents, individuals, are all encouraged to participate. We have several agencies in the surrounding area who receive these gifts such as Refugee Services, MSU Safe Place, Advent House, Safe Center, just to name a few. The food is distributed at those agencies to individuals, small families, large families, men, women, and children. As well as packaging, we also must deliver these gifts to many of the agencies for distribution. That usually requires trucks, vans and SUV's for that part of the celebration so there will be a signup sheet at the parish information center in the gathering space for volunteers to assist with that task. Also on the signup sheet will be a place for anyone who is interested in picking up food that we purchase at local retailers on Good Friday morning at 7:00 am. This is accomplished with the money that is donated from your Food for the Poor envelopes located in your contribution envelop booklets. The packaging and distribution begins at 9:00 am Good Friday morning and usually takes less than 2 hours to package and send the transportation volunteers off to the agencies. If you have taken part in this beautiful expression of love for our brothers and sisters, you can fully appreciate this celebration of life. If you have never experienced our Food for the Poor collection, please join us to experience what it means to be a true disciple of Christ.

Parish Sacramental Policies

Baptism: To schedule a baptism or register for the baptismal preparation program, parents may contact Laurie Seybert. Baptisms may be celebrated during the Masses on the second weekend of each month, except during Lent.

Marriage:
Arrangements should be made with Fr. Bob at least one year in advance of your proposed wedding date. No weddings are celebrated during Lent.

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Anointing of the Sick: is also celebrated after each Mass the weekend of the third Sunday of each month.

Parish Sacramental News

The next Baptism Preparation Class will be held Tuesday, June 4 at 7pm. Please contact Laurie Seybert at 517 648-4989 or by email at laurieseybert@stjudedewitt.com to register or for information about preparing for your child's Baptism.

In the Peace of Christ …

Esther Straus, age 85, died on Sunday, March 31st. A funeral Mass was celebrated by Fr. Robert Irish on Saturday, April 6th. Esther is survived by her sons William (Cynthia) and Gary (Natasha).

"Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her."

Reflection on this weeks reading!

Have you ever been too willing to "cast the first stone" when you disapprove of someone's behavior? How can you resist these feelings?

Next Sunday's Scriptures: A reflection on the readings for Sunday, April 14

We are invited to accompany Jesus as he faces betrayal, abandonment, suffering and death. Today we commemorate the passion of Jesus. Through the Gospel reading, we are invited into the story, to be present with Jesus as he experiences his arrest, suffering and death. We reflect upon the various figures in the Gospel, those who actively contributed to his persecution, those who stood at a distance, and those who would not partake of the evil that was done. As Christians, we are called to remember the events of Palm Sunday whenever we encounter suffering, whether our own or others.

In the procession with palms, Luke 19:28-40, Luke recounts the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, where people proclaimed, Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. In the first reading, Isaiah 50:4-7, Isaiah prophesies about the Lord's servant. In the second reading from Philippians, Philippians 2:6-11, Paul quotes a hymn that tells of the "emptying" and subsequent exaltation of Christ. In the Gospel, Luke 22:14–23:56, Luke recounts the events of Christ's passion: from the meal with his Apostles, to his agony on the Mount of Olives, and then his arrest, crucifixion, death and burial.

We remember in prayer . .

All who are sick may be healed in body and spirit, especially: Jake Klaus, Monsignor Michael Murphy, Bonnie Brya, Joe Dewaele, Cole Stoddard, Suzanne Schafer, Lynn Seybert, Rosalie Nitzsche, Eileen Church, Dennis Smith, Anna Konecki, Bob Fedewa, Julie Gordon, Fedele Spadafora, and all our chronically ill parishioners. ***This list is reviewed monthly, only parishioners will be listed but your friends and family members may be added to the parish prayer line when needed, contact the office at 669-8335.***

Our parish members and their families that are serving in our armed forces.

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Dear God, we pray to give all of our soldiers the courage and strength to do the duty that is required of them. May they always remember our appreciation for the sacrifice they are making for us. We are thankful for the men and women who are willing to risk their lives to protect our freedom.

We ask you to go with each one of them and protect them wherever they go. Amen

Parish Life

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton circle will meet at Marilyn Williams home on Wednesday, April 10 at 1pm. Any questions call 316-3702.

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Jaclyn Williams
Andrew Lott

WANTED:: to borrow - a hand held viewer for slides. Tracing St Jude history, for 50th celebration. Call Ruth Pline 669-3010 .

Food Pantry Update

The food pantry is in need of: green beans, cereal, laundry soap and toilet paper.

If you would like to volunteer in the New Food Pantry, please contact Rob to learn more.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

Our Famous Friday Fish Fry will be held one last Friday's of Lent: April 12! **Dinner is served from 4pm - 7pm**

Featuring our all-you-can-eat fried Pollock and baked Cod, with baked potato, French fries, mac and cheese, bread sticks & coleslaw. **The cost for the dinner is $11 for seniors, $12 for adults ($11 early bird special 4pm to 5pm), $6 for children 12 and under, and a family special of $37. Take out dinners are available for $11 per dinner**. If you would like to volunteer to help at the Fish Fries please contact Joe Ciaramella at (517) 749-8758.

The Knights of Columbus Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be Saturday, April 27 in Michigan Center. Any Third Degree Knight Interested in the Fourth Degree can contact Pat Schneider at 517-582-3944.

Any Catholic man who is interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus, please contact our Grand Knight Andrew Rademacher at 517 819-8692.
Visit **www.DeWittKofC.com** or **https://www.kofc.org/join.**

RCIA

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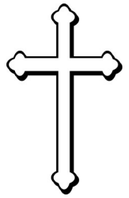
The Third Scrutiny

This Sunday, our RCIA class will experience the Third Scrutiny as they enter into the final weeks before receiving the sacraments at the Easter Vigil.



Why the scrutinies? The purpose of each of the three scrutinies is to "uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, and sinful… and to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, holy, and good." (RCIA, 141)

Please pray for our Catechumens and Candidates:

Amber Shoemaker

Claire Shoemaker

Will Shoemaker

Dean Shoemaker

Emily Everett

Marshall Rumsey

Greetings Corner

Birthday Blessings to James Binge, Margie Lotre, Barbara Shaver, Arthur Amor

Anniversary Blessings on the occasion of their

68th to Arthur & Joan Trierweiler
25th to D. & Cindi Lynn

Celebrating a milestone anniversary, a milestone birthday, a notable accomplishment? If you happen to be celebrating a milestone birthday, 65 and older (we automatically print those who are celebrating 65, 70, 75, 80 and over) and we know about it, we will congratulate those folks. Contact the parish office at 517 669-8335 if you have someone to add.

In Loving Memory

Anniversaries of deceased friends and family from our parish

Robert Torrez	April 7, 2012	Omer Theroux	April 10, 1989
Josephine Gladstone	April 8, 1991	Henry Hoover	April 10, 2018
Robert Harr	April 8, 2008	Cleo Martinson	April 11, 2013
David Church	April 9, 2017	Stephanie Myszak	April 13, 1993
Timothy Schaefer Jr.	April 10, 1977	Florence Barnes	April 13, 1998
Margaret Foy	April 10, 1989		

Worship Central

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Holy Week (aka Sacred Triduum)

In a week and a half, we will celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. I encourage and invite you, your family and friends to attend and experience the Sacred Triduum. The three days!

Holy Thursday:
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00pm

Friday of the Passion of the Lord
(Good Friday)
7:00pm

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord:
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
8:00pm

Easter Sunday:
Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord
8:30am & 11:00am

During these three days, there are experiences for all five of our senses.

- ✝ Taste: the Body and Blood of Christ
- ✝ Touch: Adoration of the Cross
- ✝ Hear: the Word of God through scripture
- ✝ See: Catechumens baptized into our faith
- ✝ Smell: the aromas of incense

Liturgical Colors

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion—Red

Holy Thursday—White

Good Friday—Red

Easter Sunday—White

Hands of Grace Open House

Monday, May 6 | 7:00pm

New Music Room

Come one, come all.

Consider becoming a ringer.

Praise God through the gift of music.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for April 13 & 14

If you are able to fill a position that has "sub requested" please log in to Ministry Scheduler Pro.

5:00PM Mass
Altar Server: Luke Greenfield
Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne Ebert, Audrey Fabus, Lisa Grost, Lyle Nichols, Denise Pratt, William Prince
Mass Coordinator: Marie Ciolek
Greeters: Theresa & Andrew Angwin, Lawrence Ciolek, Nancy Rausch
Ushers: Brian Ballinger, Mitchell Maher, Thomas Nitzsche, Andrew Schneider

8:30AM Mass
Altar Servers: Kendall Schafer, Aidan Schafer, Paige Thelen
Eucharistic Ministers: Monica Balderson, Dan Hellerstedt, Therese Hudak, Paul & Norma Koleda, Bethany Scutt
Mass Coordinator: Kevin Roragen
Greeters: Rhonda Berns, Sharon Carlock, Donald Carlock, Gladys Stauffer
Ushers: Michael Botke, Larry Rademacher, Eric Schafer, Lee Stauffer

11:00AM Mass
Altar Servers: Joseph Buckmaster, Daniel Entler, Jonathan McCollum
Eucharistic Ministers: Roni Beck, Theresa Cowgill, Shannon Fitzpatrick, Michael Muehlenbeck, Michael Ongena, Kathryn Thelen
Mass Coordinator: Sub Req.
Greeters: Joyce & David Bordui, Gerald & Regina Stein
Ushers: Bruce Cowgill, Robert Gilbreath, Keaton Ward, Stephen Ward

Pre-K—8th grade Faith Formation, Youth Fusion, Sacrament Prep

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Sunday Gospel Activities

1. Today is the _____ Sunday of _____.

2. There are only _____ more weeks to Easter.
(a) three (b) two (c) five (d) six (e) eight

3. From which book of the Bible is today's first reading?
Isaiah Ezekiel Daniel Ruth Samuel

4. The sixth Station of the Cross is Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus. Is this mentioned in the Bible?
Yes No I don't know

5. Does each church use the same number of stations?
(a) Yes, all churches use 14 stations
(b) Yes, all churches use 15 stations
(c) No, it's always different
(d) Some include Jesus' Resurrection as the fifteenth Station and others only use 14

6. Do we pray the Stations any other time during the year?
Yes No Not often, but it's a meaningful devotion any time of year!

7. Do the Stations of the Cross have to be prayed in church?
(a) Yes, churches will have assigned services for it
(b) No, anyone can pray the Stations anywhere
(c) There has to be a priest present

8. Who helped Jesus to carry his cross?
(a) Joseph of Arimathea
(b) Simon of Cyrene
(c) Simon Peter

9. How many times does Jesus fall during the Stations of the Cross?
Once Twice Three Times Four Times

Any student in grades 1-4 who return this quiz to Mrs. Lippert will receive a prize!

Next weekend is Palm Sunday and also the last session for Wee Believers until fall.

We will be having a very special session for Palm Sunday that will include a movie and other faith activities during the 8:30am mass. The reading of the Passion in church can be quite long and challenging for the little ones!

My thanks to Miss Christine (Batora) for taking the lead on Wee Believers again this year. Being a Montessori school teacher has really been a benefit in explaining the weekly gospel message to the children. She is such a blessing to our program and to our children.

- ✝ Elementary Faith Formation students: please return your collection bottle to the classroom on Palm Sunday for our Heifer International collection. I can't wait to see what kind of animal we can bless a community with!
- ✝ NO Faith Formation on Easter Sunday!
- ✝ Family Faith Formation will meet for a potluck dinner for the last session on Thursday, April 25th.
- ✝ Last Day of Elementary Faith Formation Sunday, April 28th!
- ✝ Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School: June 17-20. Registration available on our parish website!
- ✝ GOD IS GOOD! ALL THE TIME!

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rooted News

Rooted Wrap Up!

Several teens came together and celebrated the Spartan's Elite Eight victory over Duke by attending Rooted last Sunday. We ate some pizza, got a tour of the new building, and discussed how being a Christian actually means we have to be counter-cultural in many ways.

We talked about our human feelings towards the death penalty and how we are actually called to view it as Christians. This example shows how it is often very difficult to be a follower of Christ because we have to put aside our humanness.

Rooted's Leadership Team will be meeting this Sunday, April 7, and the whole group will be returning **next Sunday, April 14,** for a special Holy Week meeting!

Almsgiving for Teens

Almsgiving does not always mean giving money. Here are some unique ways to put this tenet of Lent into practice.

Give your full attention - put your phone away when having a conversation with someone.

Give kindness - participate in random acts of kindness throughout the day (ie opening doors, smiling at strangers, returning shopping carts, etc.)

Give company - send cards to someone who is lonely or call them on the phone.

Give time - sit down and play a game with your family.

Instagram Lenten Reflections

Follow Rooted's Instagram Account for small daily reflections this Lenten Season.

@stjudedewittyouth

Mission Trip to Flint

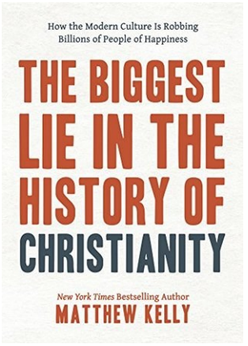
If you are interested in attending this summer's Mission Trip to Flint, held **July 22 - 26**, contact Hallie Card. We are taking part in an organized trip with several area parishes as part of Bishop Boyea's Faith in Flint initiative.
Spaces are limited. Reserve one soon!

Scholarship Opportunities

Attention High School Seniors! Scholarship season is well underway, and it is my intention to pass along any opportunities that come my way.

FAITH Magazine is presenting the Father Charlie Irvin Essay Scholarship Competition. The winner will receive a $1,000 scholarship, and their essay will be published in the Teen issue of the magazine. For details, due date, and the essay topic, contact Hallie Card.

No Women's Group This Weekend

Our 20s - 40s Women's Group will not be meeting this Sunday, April 7, so that our core group of leaders can get together for a planning meeting.

We will return next **Sunday, April 14,** to discuss chapters 6 - 10 of The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity by Matthew Kelly. Free copies of the book are available in the St. Jude Youth Room for those who need one.