

I came into this world
for judgment, so that those who
do not see might see, and those
who do see might become blind.

John 9:39

*Fourth Sunday of
Lent*

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Father Rick's Reflections . . .



The Gospel of John's ninth chapter describes the healing of the blind man and the range of responses to it. The stuff of the miracle is spittle, mud, and the fingers of Jesus – the first two the images of messiness and the stuff of folkloric healing, but both transformed by the humanity of Jesus and the power of his outstretched hand that reveals the creative work of God as incarnate and continuing in him. The blind man, however, must also do his part, must obey Jesus, the Sent One and go to the Pool of Siloam (which means "sent") to wash his eyes. Then the blind man will see and himself will become a sent one, a witness to what has happened to him not merely physically, but also because the eyes of his spirit have been opened to the truth of Jesus.

The healed man immediately becomes the center of attention and controversy, yet he remains steadfast in his witness to Jesus as the one who healed him, and secure in his identity as the one "born-blind" but now recreated and seeing. A cast of players appears on the stage – neighbors, Pharisees, parents. The man's witness to Jesus is the cause of division among the religious leaders who's

supposed to be insightful but blind to the truth about Jesus. Like the Pharisees with their Sabbath myopia, we can misjudge others because of ingrained religious prejudices; like the man's parents, we can be too frightened to get involved in any controversy, especially with a powerful yet unjust authority. There is so much finger-pointing in this gospel, so much accusation of sinfulness. The man born blind, his parents, and Jesus himself are all accused by Jesus' opponents. Abandoned by his neighbors, rejected by his parents, driven away by the Pharisees, the one-blind man is found again by Jesus in the last verses. In the absence of Jesus, he has clung to the strange new experience of light. Just as the Samaritan woman last week named Jesus with greater insight as her faith in him grew, so with this man. From simply knowing him as Jesus, he calls him a prophet and then proclaims that he comes from God. As always, Jesus seeks out the abandoned one and finds him in the temple. When Jesus reveals his identity, the man makes his profession of faith – "I do believe, Lord." And he worships this Son of Man.

This gospel challenges us, as individuals and communities, to examine how we see with the eyes of faith and whether we are willfully blind to the Sent One, turning away from the Light of the World. What are our contemporary blindnesses? Sin gets clicks. Are we more interested in sin than in grace? Are we brave enough to accept being sometimes ostracized by others when we choose to walk in the light of Christ rather than

stumble away from him along our complacent, selfish, and socially pressurized paths of darkness?



We welcome Bishop Gruss to our parish community this weekend. This is the first time he has celebrated the weekend with us. Let us welcome him to St Thomas Aquinas Parish.

This week, we continue with Deacon Gary's presentation, "Jesus the Jew" on Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm in the Church. Friday, we again have Stations of the Cross for our reflection at 7:00 pm. Also, do not forget about the NCCE Fish Fry Dinner starting at 4:30 pm.

Today, we have a second envelope for the Catholic Relief Services. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Founded in 1943 by the Bishops of the United States, the agency provides assistance to 130 million people in more than 110 countries and territories in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and Eastern Europe. Quoting from their mission statement: "Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas."



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Mission Statement of St. Thomas Aquinas

We, the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Community, united by our love for God and one another, are called to evangelize through worship, service, life-long learning, promoting God's truth, peace and justice, and respecting all creation.

Prayers

Please pray for all who have been commended to our prayer that they will respond to God's healing will, especially:

Lois B.
Larry S.
Harold G.
Al V.
Monica
David B.
Ivor Alcorn II
Tom K.
Michael
Marley
Steve O.
Bob B.
Nancy B.
Ren
Charlie W.
Kerry B.
Joe & Barb R.



George S.
Walter Z.

And those who are homebound and in assisted/nursing facilities.

We are happy to list names of those who request prayers for one month. The list will be purged again on March 31. Please remember to contact the office 799-2460 ext. 1 when a loved one's name no longer needs inclusion on the prayer list.



Scripture Readings for the Week of March 19, 2023

Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42
Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Saint Patrick, Bishop Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 & 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Saint Cyril, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

If today you hear His voice,
harden not your hearts.

Why purple?

Colors powerfully convey unspoken messages and evoke emotions. Scriptural accounts share Jesus was robed in purple to mock his implied royalty as king of the Jews. The pain of his passion and crucifixion became associated with this color. Purple reminds us Lenten days are times of repentance and atonement, of acknowledging how our selfish desires continue to suppress and crucify the goodness of God today.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 16: 1, 6-7,10-13

It is about 1000 B.C., 250 years after Moses brought God's people from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. It took a long time for these people from different tribes to unify as a nation. The turning point came when David became their king. The story of how he was chosen is told in today's reading. Samuel was a venerable old prophet. Jesse was a resident of Bethlehem and had seven sons, one of whom was David.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5:8-14

Ephesus was located on the western coast of what is today Turkey. The Christian community there existed in a society dominated by pagan values, which today's reading equates with darkens.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: JOHN 9:1-41

Jesus directs the man born blind to wash his mud-anointed eyes in the waters of Siloam. The man affirms Jesus as healer, as prophet and finally as God-sent to bring light to the world. Yet those who have sight (not blind) refuse to believe -- refuse to "see" Jesus as he is. They had eyes but did not see. They were the real "blind" ones. The blind man's journey from darkness to light and sight challenges us to undertake a similar path toward Jesus - - but can we first admit our blindness?

For Your Reflection: Consider situations when it is easier or more comfortable to remain "blind" or "in the dark".

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE BY BUD OZAR

Failure to forgive blinds us to another's goodness. Lent provides an opportunity to wash away our blind spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "Go wash and see."

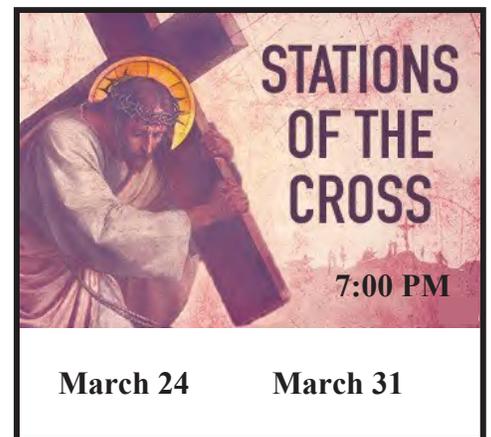
FAST AND ABSTINENCE: All Lenten Fridays are days to **abstain** (14 or older, no upper limit) from meat. Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent are **days of fast** (18 and before 60) no eating between meals and two smaller meals cannot equal the main meal.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

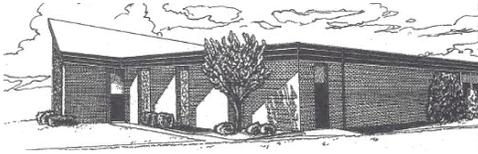
FROM FARMING TO FISHING

Raul and Rhodora were coconut farmers in their town in the Philippines, but it took a lot of work before they made money. They participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that helped them build their own fishpond to raise and sell fish. The fish provide nutritious food for their family and more accessible income, enabling Raul and Rhodora's granddaughters to attend school.

What changes have you made in your professional, personal or spiritual life that have benefited others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more



In Our Parish



Tuesday, March 21

NEW Mass Time

7:00 PM Mass

Wednesday, March 22

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday, March 23

8:30 AM Mass w/ NCCE-MS
Community

Friday, March 24

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 25

9:00-10:00 AM

Individual Rite of Penance

4:00 PM Mass

Sunday, March 26

8:30 AM Mass

11:00 AM Mass

Private Prayer Time

The church is opened Monday thru Friday, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM for private visits.

Individual Rite of Penance

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Saturday, March 25

9:00-10:00 AM

Communal Rite of Penance

Sunday, March 26 • 2:30 PM

St. Helen Church

Thursday, March 30 • 7:00 PM

St. Stephen Church † St. Dominic Parish

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief and give online at <https://support.crs.org/donate/>.



St. Thomas Aquinas News

JESUS THE JEW – A LENTEN PRESENTATION •

Wednesdays • March 22 & 29 • 6:30 PM

There is still a few sessions to join Deacon Gary Patelski and Arlene share their presentations on **Jesus the Jew**. COME discover, how this infant, born in Bethlehem, who was a Jew, became the most influential person of all times. RSVP: 989-799-2460 x1.



LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word for Children is a program in which the Sunday scripture readings are proclaimed and explained on a level appropriate to children in grades pre-K (4 yo) – 4th at the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass now through May. Any child in this age group may participate – no registration is necessary. More information about this ministry is in the narthex next to the Children's Bulletins.

PARENT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS • INQUIRE/REGISTER

You must contact the Parish Office 989-799-2460 ext. 3 to inquire or register for a class. Parents are required to attend the preparation session and should be registered St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners attending Mass regularly. Baptisms are held on the first weekend of the month.

BIBLE STUDY & SHARING • WEDNESDAYS 10:00 AM

All are Welcome...Come as you can...Join us in the Parish Office Meeting Room for an informal morning reviewing the scriptures for Sunday.

FOOD PROGRAM OUTREACH • BROWN BAG BUNCH • MARCH 25 & 26

Please take time to help the Brown Bag Bunch with any of the following needed items: juice drink boxes/bags, packaged cookies, peanut butter, lunchmeat, sandwich and snack size zip-top bags, snacks, pretzels, individually wrapped snack cakes, strawberry and grape jelly/jam; and mayonnaise.

NOUVEL CATHOLIC CENTRAL ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION LENTEN FISH FRY

Fridays thru April 7. Served 4:30-7:00pm. Dine-in or Take-out available. More information NouvelCatholic.org/FishFry

Welcome Visitors & Friends

If you are worshipping with us for the first time or have visited before, We Welcome You! If you are looking for a church home in this community, we invite you to consider St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. Contact the Parish Office for more information on becoming a member.

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We are motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ to cherish, preserve, and uphold the sacredness and dignity of all human life, foster charity and justice, and embody Catholic social and moral teaching as we act to: PROMOTE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing

peaceful and just societies; and, SERVE CATHOLICS IN THE UNITED STATES as they live their faith in solidarity with their brothers and sisters around the world. As part of the universal mission of the Catholic Church, we work with local, national and international Catholic institutions and structures, as well as other organizations, to assist people on the basis of need, not creed, race or nationality."

Thank you for your generosity.

Believe it or not, spring begins this Monday. With the beginning of Daylight Saving Time, people are already enjoying the longer daylight. Soon, new life will spring around us and the winter will just be a memory. Have a blessed week.

Fr. Rick



Around Our Parish

JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY • DIOCESE OF SAGINAW

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says, "I was in prison, and you came to me." Those who are incarcerated have many different and individual needs, including the need to continue, strengthen or renew their relationship with God. Right now, someone is waiting for a visit to receive Holy Communion, a Bible, or for someone to listen and provide spiritual care. Within the Diocese of Saginaw there are eleven county jails and two prisons in need of clergy and laity minister visits. Currently, there are not enough ministers and clergy to meet these needs. If you feel that Jesus is calling you to this vital ministry, we invite you contact Lori Becker, Coordinator of Diocesan Outreach, at 989.797.6652 or lbecker@diosag.org for more information. Training and mentoring are provided at no cost. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

FATIMA PRAYER CELL • TUESDAYS @ 1:00 PM

Come pray with us on Tuesday at 1:00 PM, reciting the rosary and some short prayers to establish devotions to Mary's immaculate Heart and the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus as she requested at Fatima. We need her intercession and protection against the many evils throughout the world.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE CEMETERIES • SPRING CLEANUP

Articles in the Diocese of Saginaw Catholic Cemeteries must be removed by March 31st to allow for Spring cleanup. Any items left after March 31st will be removed and discarded. Live plants in ring stands and cut flowers in cemetery approved vases are allowed beginning on April 15th.

GRIEF SUPPORT SERIES • MONDAYS • 5:00-7:00PM

Beginning March 20, 2023, Christ the Good Shepherd Parish will be hosting a Grief Support Series for anyone who has suffered loss in their life. Our sessions will be held every Monday, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, from March 20th through May 1st in the rectory basement meeting room. There is no cost for this program. Come and join others as we encourage and support each other through difficult times. To register, please contact JoAnn at 989-717-7360 or jpogo78@gmail.com or email Jill at tarnoskyj@hotmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4232 • LENTEN FISH FRY

Fridays of Lent through- April 7 4:30-7:00pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL #4232 • COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Council is accepting applications for the next school year. Applications can be found online at kofc4232.org Completed Applications are due: April 5, 2023, to either your parish office or mailed to: Knights of Columbus Scholarship 4840 Shattuck, Saginaw, Mi 48603.





The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

March 12, 2023

Envelopes	\$13,893.00
Loose	\$712.00
Electronic (ACH)	\$843.00
Brown Bag	\$150.00
Children's	\$31.00
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Catholic Relief Services	\$85.00
Total	\$16,399.00

Please remember St. Thomas Aquinas in your estate planning.

Sponsor of the Week

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Welcome to Our Parish

If you are a visitor to St. Thomas Aquinas, we want you to know how welcome you are. If you wish to become a member of our parish, please call the parish office.

Parishioner Info: If you are moving, changing phone numbers or need to update family status, kindly notify the parish office.

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Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 AM
..... *Winter Hours*
Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 AM
First Friday 8:30 AM
(In the event of a funeral on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or First Friday, morning Mass will be cancelled.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

2nd & 4th Saturday 9:00-10:00 AM
(Or by Appointment)

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

Anyone seeking information about the Catholic Faith should contact the parish office for more information. Sessions meet from September through Spring.

Baptisms

Baptisms will be scheduled after the required Baptism Preparation Class. Parents are required to be practicing Catholics and attending Mass regularly. Call the parish office to register.

Marriage

Individuals must be registered in the parish at least six months before scheduling a wedding. A wedding date can only be set after meeting with the parish priest.

Care of the Sick • Pastoral Visits

Please notify the parish office when seriously ill at home, in the hospital or a nursing/assisted facility. Also, if you or a loved one has had a hospital stay and are recovering at a rehab facility or moving into an assisted living facility and wish a pastoral visit.

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PROCLAIMING CHRIST

Meditations for the Season of Lent

“The Holy Spirit helps us to view others with fresh eyes, seeing them always as brothers and sisters in Jesus, to be respected and loved.”

— POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER



Spiritual Sight

John 9:1-41

In today's Gospel Jesus gives sight to a man who was born blind. As the man repeatedly tells the story of how Jesus healed him physically, there is a gradual change in the man's understanding of who Jesus is. He sees Jesus first as a man, and then as a prophet, and then as someone who came from God. Finally, he falls to his knees and worships Jesus as the Lord. This man went from being blind to receiving physical sight to seeing through the eyes of faith.

The religious leaders who were questioning this man had physical sight, but they had no spiritual sight. They were blinded by prejudice, pride, fear, and animosity toward Jesus.

Spiritual sight allows us to recognize the presence of God in our

FOR REFLECTION

- › How have you experienced spiritual sight?
- › Are there things in your life that make you spiritually blind?
- › What can you do during Lent to follow more closely in the footsteps of Christ?

lives and in the lives of people around us. We strive to love unconditionally as Christ loves.

Spiritual sight is a gift that flows from our relationship with Christ and our deep desire to follow in his footsteps. Once we have received the gift of spiritual sight, nothing is ever the same.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Making the sign of the cross with holy water when entering a church is a renewal of our baptism and a cleansing of venial sin.
- *Laetare Sunday*, which is today, marks the halfway point during Lent. Priests wear rose-colored vestments as a reminder that Easter is coming.
- The feast of the Annunciation is March 25.



What Do You See?

It's only the Fourth Sunday of Lent. You still have three weeks to bring your spiritual sight into sharper focus. Maybe you need to forgive someone. Maybe you need to seek forgiveness. Maybe you need to experiment with new prayer forms. Are there virtues you need to cultivate? Vices you need to tame? Good intentions that need to be acted upon? We are all called to follow more closely in the footsteps of Jesus. What does that mean in your life? What sacrifices will it entail? How will you begin?



Catechism CONNECTION

“The Lord asks us to love as he does, even our *enemies*, to make ourselves the neighbor of those farthest away, and to love children and the poor as Christ himself.”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1825

Family Focus



Help your children understand that many children are less fortunate. Light a candle at church this week for children who are sick or hungry. Take the kids grocery shopping and bring the food to your parish pantry or a local food bank. Clean out closets and donate gently used items. Search “Catholic Missions” on the internet. Then pick one mission and decide as a family how you can help by sending money, clothing, or supplies.

Reaching Out to Those in Need



Our greatest temptation when faced with people in need is to look away. But when we look away, we turn our backs on Christ himself. Jesus assures us that when we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit the prisoner, we do these things for him (see Mt 25:31-41).

We all know people who have suffered a death in the family, serious illness, divorce, a job loss, or some other personal tragedy. We have heard shocking stories of violence, oppression, poverty, prejudice, and abuse in our communities and in our world. Maybe you know of people who have been affected by twists of fate, natural disasters, accidents, or injuries. We can't stop bad things from happening. But we can find ways to reach out to people in need. Promise yourself that for the remainder of Lent you will go out of your way to help someone every day.

Lenten Prayer

Our prayer this week is a reflection from St. Teresa of Avila:

“Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless his people.”

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March 25th & 26th

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish has been sensitive and attentive to the needs of the poor and marginalized in our communities, working closely with direct service agencies that assist and empower the poor.

During Lent, we are hopeful that you will reach out in generosity to **THE WELL OF SAGINAW**, a recently established Shelter for Men. There will be a collection of items listed below on the weekend of March 25 and 26. As always thank you for your kind support and stewardship.

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or Comet)
Window Cleaner ie: Windex

More info about The Well →→→

Why The Well?

Our name and logo were inspired by numerous references to wells in the Bible. Water and wells have great significance in many faith traditions – connected to creation as well as cleaning, healing and renewal.

We envision our home and organization as a source of living water – providing help, hope and love.

The starburst at the top of the well in our logo signifies light, specifically coming out of darkness into the light. Our logo has been adapted from an original design by founding executive director Bert Herrera.



THE NEED

According to Saginaw's 2022 Point in Time count, there are approximately 310 individuals experiencing homelessness in Saginaw at any given time. Nationally and locally, men make up the largest portion of individuals experiencing homelessness – 70 percent – and also are the largest percentage of those who remain unsheltered.

While Saginaw does have other excellent programs that serve men, none offer a homelike environment.

The Well answers the call for an entirely different type of shelter to serve the particular needs of men experiencing homelessness.

OUR APPROACH

We believe that by meeting each person where they are, helping them one on one and developing a plan for success that is right for their circumstances, we can help our guests find purpose, meaning and a place in the community.

The Well is rooted in the faith of our founders and inspired by scripture, but we are not connected directly to a specific church or institution. Guests will not be proselytized, nor will faith of any kind be a requirement for entering or remaining in our shelter. All are welcome at The Well.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Isaiah 12:3 (NRSV)

OUR SERVICES

The Well will provide our guests with warm beds, hot showers, nutritious meals, laundry facilities, hygiene supplies, transportation to appointments, case management and other services.

We will provide guests with physical, emotional and spiritual support and help them develop a personal recovery plan. We'll connect them with a variety of resources, including classes to develop skills for workforce readiness, financial literacy, help finding employment, and completing a GED. We will also offer/connect our guests with community service opportunities.

When they are ready, we will assist guests in their search for permanent housing solutions and work with Saginaw's Partnership Center, which operates the NEST (Neighbors Enabling Success Together) program, to provide them with all items needed to set up a new home for themselves.

ABOUT OUR HOME

The Well is located at 2709 Julius Street on the southeast side of Saginaw in a vibrant, friendly neighborhood. Our neighbors have been very welcoming! Emmaus House generously donated the two-story, two-unit duplex that was previously used for their transitional housing program. Renovations are being completed entirely by volunteers with donated materials.

When complete, our home will include:

- Five semiprivate bedrooms
- One large kitchen
- Ten beds
- A common room
- Three bathrooms
- Private intake office/administrative space

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Our board has set an ambitious goal to fully fund The Well's first year of operation before we open our doors in early 2023. The Well's Year 1 budget is \$225,000. As of Dec. 10, we have received donations and pledges exceeding \$140,000. Gifts of any size will help us reach our goal.

Donate on our website at thewellofsaginaw.org. Checks may also be made out to The Well of Saginaw and mailed to: **The Well of Saginaw**
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