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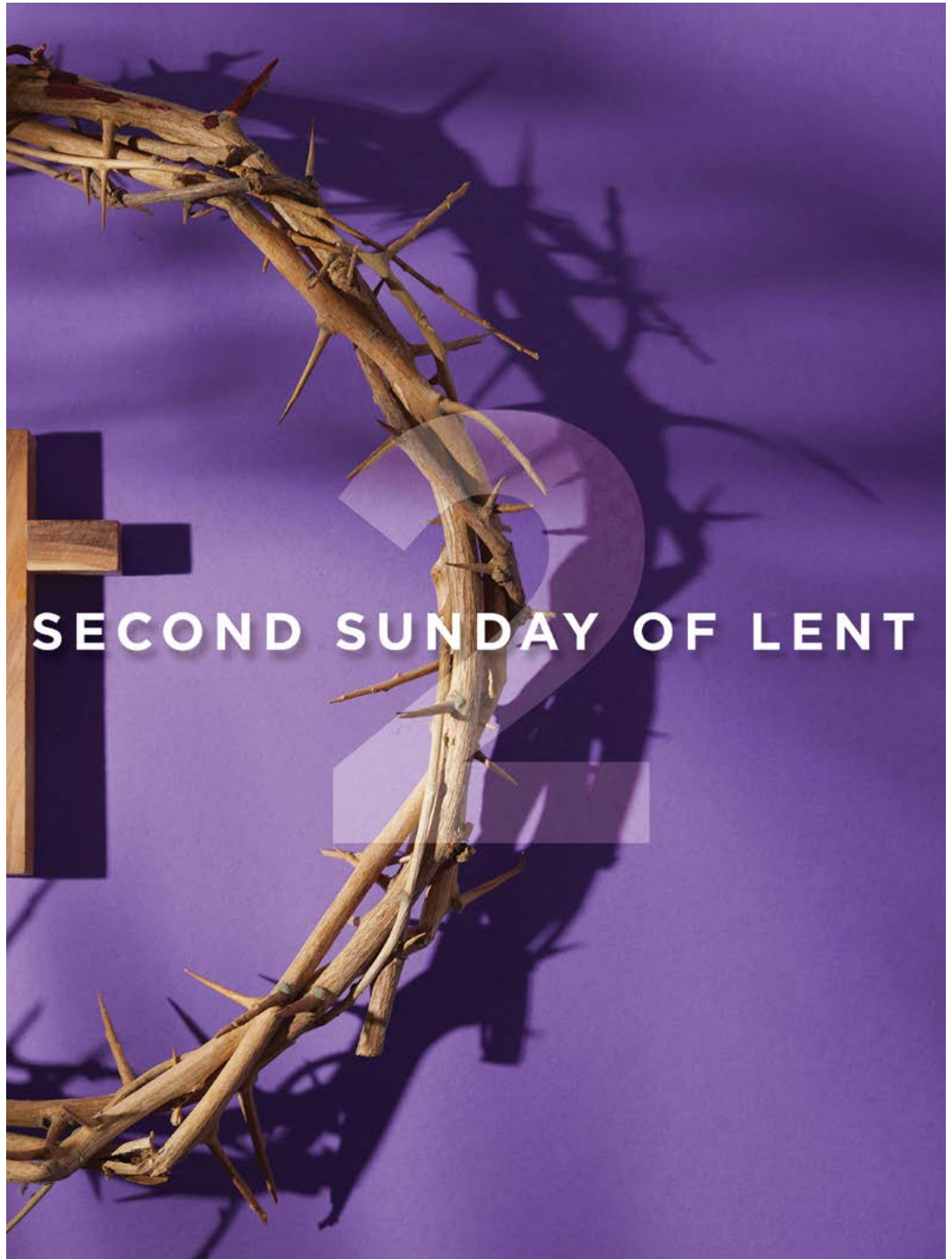
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Matthew 17:5b

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Led by the Holy Spirit, rooted in the Eucharist, St. Thomas the Apostle strives to be an inclusive servant community – to be Christ in the World. We bear the Good News of God's unconditional love to all generations through worship, faith formation, witness and service.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Liturgy Schedule

Daily

Mass: 8:30 am, Monday–Saturday

Wednesdays

Communion Service: 6:30 am

Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:15 am

The Saturday 4:30 pm Mass is livestreamed with an outdoor communion option.

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Fr. Peter shares insights from a variety of voices on the Sunday readings.

Once Upon a Mountaintop

Many people, perhaps most people, have had a religious experience of some sort, something akin to that of Peter, James and John atop the mountain with Jesus. It may or may not have included hearing a voice. Most often it is a deep sense of God's presence beyond anything they have ever known, like a profound realization of what life is about or how it is laced through and through with God. It usually occurs as we are idle, not doing anything in particular, and often when we are younger, yet it is also something that changes our understanding of what life and God are about.

Most people do not talk about such experiences for any number of reasons, partly because there do not seem to be words to describe such a moment in a way anyone would understand, like trying to describe falling in love. Partly because if we tried, we fear others would think us strange. And partly because we can find ourselves wondering whether it was real or simply our imagination. Yet always we remember the moment and know it to be true.

One additional characteristic of such moments is that they tend to take us to a new place in life, as with Abram in the first reading. For him it was to pack up his life and move. More likely for us it is to a life of service, caring and treasuring all of life now in a new way.

~Fr. Joseph Juknialis

Welcome Guests and Visitors!

We're so glad you're here and invite you to walk the path of faith with us. St. Thomas strives to provide a spiritual home where all are welcome, where the healing, reconciling, liberating love of God is shared by all. Join us!

New Parishioners

Bill and Bonnie Fry
Janine Glowaty
Luiz and Beatriz Jordao and Family

Would you like to become a parishioner?

Call the Main Office at 630.355.8980.

Readings for Today

First Reading — I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (Gn 12:2)

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading — Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life. (2 Tm 1:8-9)

Gospel — Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun. (Mt 17:1-2)

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Reflection on the Readings

Every year on the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear the story of Jesus' transfiguration from one of the Gospels. With our Lenten journey so briefly under way, we may need the encouragement of what lies ahead that the Transfiguration story gives us. As Jesus was transfigured and ultimately triumphant over death, so may our prayer today be that we too will be transformed.

Presider Schedule March 11-12

Saturday, March 11

4:30 pm: Fr. Bob Colaresi

Sunday, March 12

8:00 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

9:30 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

11:15 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

Presider schedule is subject to change.



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Lenten Opportunities

Stations of the Cross – Fridays of Lent

7:00 pm | Church

The Way of the Cross has always been a powerful and popular part of the faith tradition and devotional life for Catholics throughout the ages. The early practice of Christians attempting to retrace and walk the path of Jesus has always been a treasured way to commemorate the Passion and Death of Christ.



March 10, March 24

The Scriptural Stations of the Cross are based on those celebrated by Saint Pope John Paul II on Good Friday in 1991. They are an alternative to the traditional stations as a way of more deeply reflecting on the Scriptural accounts of Christ's Passion. Prayerful silence accompanies the transition between stations.

March 17, March 31

Through the simple, intimate, yet powerful words of Everyone's Way of the Cross, those on the journey are invited to grow closer to Christ by embracing the mystery of suffering in the world. Music provides a transitional accompaniment between stations.

Mass in Celebration of St. Patrick

Monday, March 6

7:00 pm | Church

As the only celebration of St. Patrick in the Diocese of Joliet, the West Suburban Irish community invites all to celebrate the good deeds of St. Patrick at the Irish Mass. It is a beautiful liturgy in the Irish and English languages, featuring a concert of traditional Irish music beginning at 6:30 pm.

Prayer

*May today there be peace within.
May you trust your highest power
that you are exactly where you are meant to be.
May you not forget the infinite possibilities
that are born of faith.
May you use those gifts that you have received,
and pass on the love
that has been given to you
May you be content knowing you are a child of God
Let this presence settle into our bones, and allow
your soul the freedom
to sing, dance, praise and love.
It is there for each and every one of you.
Amen.*

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Intentions for this weekend

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

4:30 pm †Rick DeAngelo by MaryAnn and Dennis Mlynski
†Elizabeth Peterson by Pat DeAngelo
8:00 am †Divine Arthur by The Noronha Family
9:30 am †Joe (Cookie) Rizzo by Joe and Diana Rizzo
† Judy Fiaush by Audrey Easton

11:15 am

Monday, March 6, 2023

Lenten Weekday

8:30 am

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Lenten Weekday

8:30 am †Aley Antony by Sophia Paliyath

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Lenten Weekday

8:30 am

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Lenten Weekday

8:30 am †Diane M Rockett by Tina and Alan Trcka

Friday, March 10, 2023

Lenten Weekday

8:30 am

Saturday, March 11, 2023

Lenten Weekday

8:30 am

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†James Johnson by His family
† Andrea Hjorth by Larry and Lisa

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 am †Esperanee Noronha by the Noronha Family
9:30 am †Lottie Durnas by Family
† Irene Wojcik by Ken Wojcik
11:15am † Jane Louise Bavely by the Mallorca Family



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C.A.R.E CORNER

In the spring of 1916, three shepherd children in Portugal were privileged to behold visions of the Mother of Jesus. What they witnessed were apparitions of a Lady more brilliant than the Sun. The Lady said she would reveal her identity on October 13, 1917, and perform a miracle.

She asked the children to pray the rosary daily to bring an end to the war. Thousands gathered in Fatima on Oct. 13th and witnessed what became known as the Miracle of the Sun.

The oldest of the three children, Lucia, entered a convent in 1925. Mary continued to appear to her and asked her to convey the message to dedicate the first Saturday of each month in devotion to her. Mary also asked Lucia to pray for Russia and to undertake devotion to her immaculate heart. Lucia died in February 2005 at the age of 97. Lucia's cousins, Jacinta and Francisco Marto, unfortunately died very young in the Spanish flu pandemic of 1919-1920. But both had followed the instructions of Mother Mary in their short lifetimes and both were canonized as saints in 2017 by Pope Francis.



Save the Date – Women's Retreat

After its COVID-induced absence, the Women's Retreat is returning! Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 29 from 8:30 am-5:00 pm at the Carmelite Center in Darien.



Mid-Day Meditation

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus plaintively asks the apostles "Couldn't you spend a little time in prayer with me?" A response to that is an invitation to you to participate in Mid-Day Mediation from 12:00-12:30 pm in the Chapel on the Tuesdays of Lent: March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4.

Come to reflect on Jesus' pouring out his life for us and pour out to him your joys and sorrows, hopes and failures. He will hold you in his compassion.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: October 8-18, 2023

Fr. Bob leads his 35th Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, our spiritual home to reflect on the scriptures. Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Bethlehem, Ein Karem, Way of the Cross, Western Wall, Massada, Judean Wilderness, Ein Gedi, Emmaus, the Galilee, Mt. Carmel, Jaffa, Nazareth, Cana, Caesaria, Sea of Galilee, Capharnaum, Mount of Beatitudes and Mount Tabor. Mass and scripture prayer services daily at holy sites. \$4,750 (double occupancy) covers air transportation from Chicago/Tel Aviv, and all hotels, dinners and breakfast, guide and private bus and driver – and other benefits listed in the brochure.



For further information, full brochure and registration form, please contact Carmelite Spiritual Center, 8433 Bailey Road, Darien, Illinois 60561; 630.969.4141.

Attention Tuesday RE Parents

Join us for fellowship and discussion Tuesdays 4:30-5:40 pm at Brookdale School starting February 21. It's hard for us, as parents, to fill ourselves up socially and spiritually while taking care of the needs of our children. Carve out a little time to join other parents with weekly topics on episodes from The Chosen series Season 1. You do NOT have to watch the episodes but it is an engaging series and encouraged. The main purpose is fellowship – getting to know one another in a faith-filled environment.

Register for National Catholic Youth Conference – November 16-18

Celebrate "Fully Alive" @NCYC with thousands of other Catholic teens from across the nation. For more information visit ncyc.info or contact the Youth Ministry Office at ym@stapostle.org. Outgoing 8th Graders to outgoing juniors will be eligible.



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Scripture Safari

St. Thomas Vacation Bible School is called Scripture Safari. It is an exciting and fun filled week June 12–16 from 9:00 am–12:00 pm daily including a Mass June 17 at 4:30 pm. It is available for those entering kindergarten through grade 4. Registration forms will be available in April.



Volunteers Needed

Be part of Scripture Safari. We are looking for adult volunteer leaders. Please contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or the Religious Education office at REAdmin@stapostle.org to see how you can get involved.

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation Family Services for fourth graders and their families will be at the church Saturday, March 11 and 18 at 1:00 pm. Please pray for these children and their families that they may always know the love and forgiveness that God offers through this sacrament. May we all know the joy that comes with forgiveness as we celebrate this sacrament. Anyone needing information about the Sacrament of Reconciliation may contact the Religious Education/Faith Formation Office at REAdmin@stapostle.org or lkatz@stapostle.org.

Teens with Character

Middle school students ... Teens with Character will meet Sunday, March 12 from 4:30–6:00 pm at St. Thomas. Games, faith sharing, checking in with each other and pizza are all part of the Teens with Character experience. Come and bring a friend. We would love to see you!



Religious Education Dates

Elementary

- **March 4, 11, 18 (last class):** Saturday Elementary RE sessions at All Saints Catholic Academy.
- **March 7, 14, 21, April 11 (last class):** Tuesday Elementary RE sessions at Brookdale Elementary School.

Middle School

- **March 6, 13, 20:** Monday Middle School RE classes meet.
- **March 4, 11, 18:** Saturday Middle School RE classes meet.

Question of the week

What does the gospel reading tell us about Jesus?

Living Stations of the Cross

Practices have begun for Living Stations of the Cross. There is still time for middle school students to be a part of this special prayer service.

The next practice is Wednesday, March 8 from 4:30–5:30 pm. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Peggy Goralski at pgoralski@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x123.





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Food Donations for Care Pantry

Bring donations to St. Thomas **Tuesday, March 14 from 9:00–10:00 am or 5:00–6:00 pm**. Place the items in the trunk or the back of your vehicle, stay in your vehicle and we will remove the items for you. Items will be collected outside Door C, which is across from the labyrinth.

In order to serve our Care Pantry families in the best possible way, we are requesting items unavailable from the food bank and items we particularly need. Please bring the items listed below.

- Peanut butter
- Pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Jell-O
- Large soup
- Meal in a can (SpaghettiOs, chili)
- Dish soap
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels/Kleenex

Thank you for your support. Consider being a drop off location for people in your neighborhood and bringing a trunk load of food to St. Thomas.

Save the Date Lenten Fish Dinner

The Knights of Columbus are inviting all to a Lenten fish dinner ... Friday, March 24. Come celebrate renewed fellowship and shared dining. Stay tuned for more information.

2023 Lenten Project Building HOPE

Helping with the construction of the church in our twinning parish, Ste. Marie-Madeleine, in Duchity, Haiti ... building hope in the community in these very difficult times.

From the earthquake in August 2021 until today, with the assassination of the Haitian president and the gang activity essentially holding the entire country hostage, the situation has continually worsened for the people. Scarcity of goods and rampant inflation have combined to make life even more difficult than normal in our twinning community. In conversations, Fr. Frantzdy communicates the struggles and discouragement in his community.

In discussions with Fr. Frantzdy, he indicated that, at this time, continuing construction of the church is the highest of priorities in his community. "It will give the community encouragement and hope." Fr. Frantzdy will visit St. Thomas the weekend of March 11-12.

The goal for the Lenten project is \$12,000. There will be more detailed information in the bulletin next weekend. In the meantime, please pick up a little brown box at the church exits and save your change during Lent to be returned by Easter Sunday.



Ste. Marie-Madeleine Church under construction.

DuPage United Meets with DuPage County Board Chair Deb Conroy

In February, six representatives of DuPage United (DU) met with DuPage County Board Chair Deb Conroy and other officials from DuPage County. Ms. Conroy (prior IL state representative) ran for County Chair after realizing she could have a greater impact for change at the county level. She was heavily involved in mental health initiatives as a state representative.

For a number of years, DuPage United has been working to secure a Crisis Stabilization Unit in the county, which would provide mental health services for all referrals, 24/7. There are currently limited services in DuPage for those in a mental health crisis.

At the meeting, we learned there is funding available in the county for a Central Receiving Center (CRC). This center will become part of a broader Behavioral Health Center. The CRC will provide services that very closely align with the Mental Health Services model for which DU has been advocating, including:

- 24/7 acceptance of all referrals, including police/first responder drop-offs
- Acceptance of adults and youth in crisis and "under the influence"
- Pods for different categories of treatment:
 - Adult Behavioral Health/Crisis Care
 - Adolescent/Youth Care
 - Substance Abuse/Detox Care

Plans for the center will be reviewed in June with the goal to open the center in late 2024 to early 2025.

LEAP of Faith

"We are most human when we see the humanity in others." (author unknown)

The Inclusive Justice Initiative is periodically highlighting different groups and traditions. We invite you to take a LEAP of faith with us ... discovering the commonalities we all share.

March is National Disability Awareness Month

Learn: In 1978, the US Council of Catholic Bishops issued a pastoral statement of inclusion, noting: "Each person is created in God's image, yet there are variations in individual abilities. We must recognize and appreciate the contribution persons with disabilities can make to the Church's spiritual life ..." We are called to follow Jesus' invitation of acceptance of people with disabilities. <https://bit.ly/usccbstatement>

Explore: Sr. Mary Therese Harrington of Chicago "made the disabled visible" with her innovative approach to religious education. Be inspired by her story. <https://bit.ly/srharrington>

Act: Observe the places you frequent this month. How would someone with physical challenges navigate the space? How would it be perceived by someone with auditory or visual disabilities? How would the sights and sounds impact someone with cognitive or emotional disabilities?

Pray: Prayer to Foster Belonging

Creator God, we are your people. We look to the future with optimism and with faith in You, as we pursue our call to provide justice and fullness of life for all people with disabilities.

We pray that every individual may develop their potential and meet You in themselves and in one another. May we enjoy a totally welcoming community, with You as our center.

Christmas Thank You Notes from St. Nicholas

St. Thomas has a "twinning" relationship with St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Aurora. St. Nicholas is a predominantly Mexican community. In response to the hams we provided St. Nicholas in December, we recently received a number of individual Christmas thank you notes from St. Nicholas parishioners. Excerpts are below — some translated from Spanish into English.

"Thanks for the donations. God will multiply it back for you all."

"My best wishes that harmony and peace last forever in the hearts of each of you."

"Thank you for your generous donation. Last couple years have been hard on our family."

"Hello all my family, we appreciate your help, thank you for helping to create a smile."



Social Justice Stations of the Cross

Through the Stations of the Cross, we spiritually follow in the footsteps of Jesus. He suffered for the sins of the world. Today, Christ's suffering continues through the cries of the thousands of men, women and children who are abandoned and abused, ill and without homes. God enacts the ultimate preferential option with the poor through this experience of the cross.

Throughout history, women and men have followed the path of Jesus. Many died young; some after years of being witnesses of God's love. The "Way of the Cross: Toward Justice and Peace" follows the final journey of Jesus and highlights 14 of those who walked in his footsteps. These saintly people, from many walks of life, reveal to us that the power of faith can overcome death and lead us to resurrection.

To individually meditate on the "Way of the Cross: Toward Justice and Peace," go to stapostle.org and type "stations" in the search window.

The Race Card Project ... Continue the Conversation

To date, we've received 154 entries and the project has given voice to many thoughts about race. A hope of The Race Card Project at St. Thomas is to encourage dialog about race. If you find yourself dwelling on a particular Race Card, and you'd like to share your thoughts with us, you can do so by emailing RaceCardProject@stapostle.org. If you would be open to and interested in some in-person discussion on thoughts expressed in Race Cards, please email RaceCardProject@stapostle.org and let us know.

If you haven't submitted a Race Card, please join the conversation. If you've submitted a Race Card, join the conversation often. You can do that by completing a paper Race Card and putting it on the Race Card Project at St. Thomas bulletin board, or you can submit an online Race Card at stapostle.org/race-card-project.

Your thoughts ... six words ... we all have a story.



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SERVICE COMMISSION – PASTORAL CARE

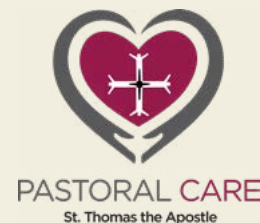
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WAGES: A Lenten Journey of Caring for the Body, Mind and Soul

- Walking** – everyday at home and once weekly here (if you are able)
- Awareness** – mindfulness, meditation, (Choose a scripture passage of your choice to ponder)
- Generosity** – do a kindness each day
- Eating healthy** – for your body, mind, spirit, attend Mass, bring a friend
- Spirituality** – prayer, be the good news, be intentional



It's here! The holy season of Lent. Have you chosen your Journey yet? Will you be doing the Nazareth Challenge focusing on Jesus' public ministry or will you Journey to the Crucifixion focusing on the way of sorrows? Choose your path.

- Journey from Nazareth to Jerusalem: Jesus' public ministry – 65 miles; Mt 13: 54–Mt 21
- Journey to the Crucifixion: Way of Sorrows – 88 miles; Mt 21–27

Ponder the story as you walk each day. Gather if you can on Wednesdays in March from 11:30 am–12:30 pm in the parish gym to walk and meditate on the Scripture.

- 2,000 steps or 15 minutes of walking is equal to one mile

If you choose, share your thoughts on your personal journey with Jesus. Each week your spiritual insights will be published in the bulletin. You may remain anonymous if you choose. Please let the Pastoral Care team know if you are participating and what Journey you have chosen. Contact Annette at 630.355.8980, x124 or akubalanza@stapostle.org.

From the Office of the Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screening This Weekend

St. Thomas Blood Pressure Screening will take place after all Masses this weekend, March 4–5. Nurses will be available to answer questions and share lifestyle changes that may improve your numbers.



Save the Date for the Blood Drive

The Versiti Mobile Unit will be in the St. Thomas parking lot March 25 from 9:00 am–1:30 pm for a blood drive. Donation details will be available in next weekend's bulletin.

From the Behavioral Health Ministry (BHM)

The definition of behavioral health according to Wikipedia is: “encompasses emotional, psychological, and social well-being. In other words, it pertains to the body/mind/ spirit connection. Dealing with life's struggles can sometimes create an imbalance in that connection and can take a great deal of effort to restore. The Behavioral Health Ministry along with Pastoral Care and Community Nurse want to assist those who are struggling in strengthening that connection.



“May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

Susan Kearney, Coordinator, BHM

Attention Caregivers, Support Group

All caregivers, relatives and friends of those who struggle with anxiety, depression, bipolar, eating disorder or self-injury, please join us for an evening of prayer, discussion and reflection. The upcoming meeting will be March 9 from 7:00–8:00 pm.

Meetings are held at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 2220 Lisson Rd. in Naperville. Enter in the back of the church as the main entrance may be locked. Check the event board by the lower level entrance for the room number.

Please email welisten2017@gmail.com or call Joe at 630.569.1635 with any questions.

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Weekly Sunday Offertory

February 26, 2023

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$8,981
Credit Card Online Giving (<i>reported monthly</i>)	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	\$26,308
Mailed in and stock donations	\$3,132
Total for the week	\$38,421
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$1,150,647
Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date	\$38,421
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$1,179,634
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$28,987)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	66%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$601,952

This week, the Sunday collection is \$28,987 below goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$338 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

PrimeTime March Event

Join us Tuesday, March 21 from 10:00–11:30 am in the Lighthouse for an enlightening pet therapy program presented by Kelly Sebold and her dog, Gretchen, both representing Canines for Christ and the Naperville Human Society, in understanding the value of interacting with a therapy dog for individuals in need of emotional, physical, social and/or spiritual support. This is sure to bow-WOW your appreciation for our four-legged furry friends and their handlers!

After the presentation, enjoy a potluck luncheon. Please provide an appetizer, salad, soup or main course to feed 6-8 people. Desserts, coffee and water will be provided. Please RSVP no later than March 16 to Judith Wolcott at wolcottjudith4@gmail.com or 630.605.2518.



The Week Ahead

Monday, March 6, 2023

7:00–9:00 pm	Buildings and Grounds, Judea
7:00–8:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Senior Center
7:00–8:15 pm	Journey Group, Youth Center
7:00–8:00 pm	St. Patrick's Mass, Church
7:15–8:30 pm	RE Middle School at All Saints Academy

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

10:00–11:00 am	Care Pantry Distribution
12:00–12:30 pm	Lent Meditation, Chapel
4:30–5:45 pm	RE at Brookdale School
7:00–8:30 pm	Voices of Faith, Church

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

9:15–11:15 am	Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
11:30 am–12:30 pm	W.A.G.E.S., Gym
4:30–5:30 pm	Stations Practice, Church
7:15–9:00 pm	Faith Formation Comm. and RE, Cana

Thursday, March 9, 2023

9:15–11:15 am	Thursday AM Bible Study, Senior Center
6:30–8:15 pm	YM Life Team, Gym and Youth Center
7:30–9:30 pm	Thursday PM Bible Study, Zoom

Friday, March 10, 2023

7:00–8:00 pm	Stations of the Cross, Church
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Saturday, March 11, 2023

8:30–9:45 am	RE at All Saints Academy
9:00–10:30 am	Saturday Men's Group, Cana
9:00 am–9:00 pm	Life Retreat, Ministry Center
1:00–2:00 pm	First Reconciliation, Church
3:30–4:15 pm	Reconciliation, Chapel

Sunday, March 12, 2023

9:00 am–12:15 pm	Life Retreat, Ministry Center
9:00–11:00 am	Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center
9:30–11:30 am	O CIA, Ministry Center
4:30–6:00 pm	Teens with Character, Gym

FreeWill: Online Will Writing Tool

As Catholics, we are called to plan ahead and share the blessings of our lives with our loved ones and future generations. To help you be a steward of everything God has entrusted to your care, the Diocese of Joliet is sharing a free, online will-writing tool. It is cost-free and takes 20 minutes or less to protect your family and your assets, and create a gift to pass the Catholic faith onto future generations. Get started at FreeWill.com/DioceesofJoliet.





PARISH INFORMATION



Welcome

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8:30 am–4:30 pm Monday–Friday.
Gathering Area reception desk is staffed 9:00
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