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OUR VISION: TO OFFER EVERY PERSON A LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS, GROW DISCIPLES, AND SEND THEM ON MISSION.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00pm
Sunday.....7:30am, 9:00am
10:45am, 12:30pm, 5:30pm
Monday-Friday8:00am
Rosary prayed after all daily Masses

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Schedule varies. Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin or website.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday.....3:00-3:45pm
1st Fridays of the Month....8:30-9:00am
Or by Appointment

PRAYER CHAPEL

Open Daily7:00am-8:00pm
Adoration.....Monday & Thursday
8:30am-6:00pm
Benediction.....Monday, 6:00pm



Sunday of Lent *March 22, 2020*



**Pack your bags!
This Lent be transformed!**



From The Pastor's Desk...
Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, we meet the man born blind. In doing so, perhaps we meet ourselves!! As with all the miraculous healings of Jesus, there is more to the story than the physical healing. The miracle is played down. The drama of the story focuses not on the miracle itself, but on the response of the healed man's neighbors, the Pharisees, and his parents. The purpose of this gospel account is a *recognition* story. Throughout the interrogation of the man born blind, he progressively recognizes Jesus to be: "the man called Jesus," then, "He is a prophet," and finally, belief that Jesus is "the son of man." While most of us can see physically, all of us are spiritually blind at times. And the point of the story....even with the miraculous healing, the Pharisees were blinded by their pre-occupation that Jesus healed on the Sabbath, a violation of the law. The parents of the man were blinded by their fear of being expelled from the synagogue and thus gave only bare-bones testimony.

Visual sight is a powerful metaphor for our attitudes toward the world around us and the people who come into our lives every day. Although medical technology today has improved the sight of many, our spiritual blindness hasn't always changed. In today's first reading, the story of the anointing of David as Israel's first king, Samuel is ready to anoint one of the handsome and powerful sons of Jesse. He never suspects that God's anointed would be the youngest, the least, the shepherd boy from the hills. God tells him he's judging according to human, not divine, standards. Too often we prefer good looks, celebrity, and power over humility, virtue, and care for the common good when we're choosing our leaders. Our media-driven world has made us far too reliant on the superficial and the sensational.

So, what blinds us from recognizing Jesus in the circumstances, people and trials in our life? Lent is a time for some laser surgery on our sins to correct our vision. When you figure out what it is that blinds you, bring it to confession, and let God through the power of forgiveness, correct your vision so you can see him clearly throughout your life.

A couple of corrections to my previous articles: In listing the names of the members of our new Pastoral Council, I omitted Ric Rodriguez. In congratulating Fr. Mark on the birth of his new nephew, I said the child was the first of his twin sister Lisa and her husband. Actually, Lisa is Fr. Mark's mother. His twin sister in Jen. Sorry All!

Have a Blessed Lent!

Fr. Don

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, March 23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

8:00 AM † Andrew Toschak, by Family
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM
 6:00 PM Benediction

Tuesday, March 24 - St. Oscar Romero, Bishop

8:00 AM † Patrick Fernandez, by Tom & Joan Campion

Wednesday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 AM Mass † Rudy Schlobohm, by Agnes Schlobohm

Thursday, March 26 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † Ricardo Arias Quintero, by Elizabeth Navas
 † Mel Schmutde, by Tim and Diane Reiter
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM

Friday, March 27 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † James W. Ray &
 † James W. Ray, Jr. by Helean M. Ray

Saturday, March 28 - Lenten Weekday

3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Fifth Sunday of Lent**
 † Bill Wagner, by Wagner Family
 † Roland Vercillo, by Mary Houdek

Sunday, March 29 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 The People of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM † Pat Lohse, by Ron and Cheryl Lohse
 10:45 AM † Robert Pulliam, by Sister-Patricia Leatherwood
 12:30 PM † Elinor Budny, by The Paluch Family
 5:30 PM † Roy Pagay, by Family

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

Votive lamps will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament for the following intentions:

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Megan Gabaldon | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. Coronavirus Patients |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Good Health for All | 12. The Medical Community |
| 5. Ben & Imelda Orig | 13. End to Pandemic |
| 6. The Vavra Family | 14. Good Health for Ricky |
| 7. Special Intention | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. The Deceased | 16. The Homeless |

If you wish to have a candle burning for your intention in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, you will find envelopes on the shelf in the Narthex near the Priest's Sacristy or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Easter Lily Memorials

If you would like to dedicate one of the Easter flowers that will decorate our sanctuary during the Easter season, please return this flower envelope found on the table in the Narthex, with the suggested stipend of \$10, by Monday, March 23rd.



We pray for our sick, confined and their families

Please contact the Parish Office if you or your **immediate** family member wish to be added to the Sick List.

Mark Hoeksema
 Kathryn Martini
 Brady Pembroke
 Wayne Draper
 Ailani Banulos
 Julia Schremp
 Billy Walowski
 Kathy Walowski
 Flo Paprzycki
 Helga Manglinong
 Michael Dandan

Charlene Oates
 Maria Luna
 William Nimmow
 Jill Brisceno
 Lexi Brisceno
 Michael Butler
 Hailey Hartnett
 Thomas F. Sterling
 Henrietta Pineda
 La Moua
 Valerie Plesha
 Hedy Sterling

Diane Pazos
 Diane Ramonas
 Diane Singer
 Joyce Craig
 John Swanston
 Robert Ciulla
 Bridget Garry
 David Bakke

Please note: Due to the government legislation regarding patient privacy, names of people to be prayed for at Mass or in the Bulletin can be listed only if that person, or in the case of their incapacitation, the person delegated to their medical care, calls to give permission.



DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR.....
¡También conocido como Chardonnay W(h)ines!

En este Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma, nos encontramos con el hombre nacido ciego. ¡Al hacerlo, tal vez nos encontramos a nosotros mismos! Al igual que con todas las curaciones milagrosas de Jesús, hay más en la historia que la curación física. El milagro es minimizado. El drama de la historia no se centra en el milagro en sí, sino en la respuesta de los vecinos del hombre curado, los Fariseos y sus padres. El propósito de este relato del evangelio es una historia de *reconocimiento*. Durante el interrogatorio del hombre nacido ciego, él reconoce progresivamente que Jesús es: "el hombre llamado Jesús", luego, "Él es un profeta" y, finalmente, cree que Jesús es "el hijo del hombre". Si bien la mayoría de nosotros podemos ver físicamente, a veces todos estamos espiritualmente ciegos. Y el punto de la historia... incluso con la curación milagrosa, los Fariseos estaban cegados por su preocupación de que Jesús sanó en el Sabbath, una violación de la ley. Los padres del hombre estaban cegados por su miedo a ser expulsados de la sinagoga y, por lo tanto, solo dieron un testimonio mínimo.

La vista visual es una poderosa metáfora para nuestras actitudes hacia el mundo que nos rodea y las personas que vienen a nuestras vidas cada día. Aunque la tecnología médica actual ha mejorado la visión de muchos, nuestra ceguera espiritual no siempre ha cambiado. En la primera lectura de hoy, la historia de la unción de David como el primer rey de Israel, Samuel está listo para ungir a uno (guapo y poderoso) de los hijos de Jessé. El nunca sospecha que el ungido de Dios sería el más joven, el menor, el pastorcillo de las colinas. Dios le dice que está juzgando según los estándares humanos, no divinos. Con demasiada frecuencia preferimos la buena apariencia, la celebridad y el poder sobre la humildad, la virtud y el cuidado del bien común cuando elegimos a nuestros líderes. Nuestro mundo impulsado por los medios de comunicación nos ha hecho demasiado dependientes de lo superficial y lo sensacional.

Entonces, ¿qué nos impide reconocer a Jesús en las circunstancias, las personas y las pruebas en nuestra vida? La Cuaresma es un tiempo para una cirugía láser de nuestros pecados para corregir nuestra visión. Cuando descubras qué es lo que te ciega, confíesalo y deja que Dios, a través del poder del perdón, corrija tu visión para que puedas verlo claramente a lo largo de tu vida.

Un par de correcciones a mis artículos anteriores: Al enumerar los nombres de los miembros de nuestro nuevo Consejo Pastoral, omití a Ric Rodríguez. Al felicitar al Padre Mark en el nacimiento de su nuevo sobrino, dije que el niño era el primero de su hermana gemela Lisa y su esposo. En realidad, Lisa es la mamá del Padre Mark. Su hermana gemela es Jen. ¡Disculpas a todos!

¡Que tengan una Cuaresma bendecida!

Padre Dan

LUZ

“Despierta, tú que duermes; levántate de entre los muertos y Cristo será tu luz” (Efesios 5:14). Estamos a medio camino en la jornada de Cuaresma para la conversión. Como siempre, Dios no se da por vencido con nosotros, especialmente con aquellos que “duermen” en el camino a la conversión. Los más grandes relatos de conversión se proclaman en estas semanas finales de la Cuaresma. Estos tienen el poder de sacudirnos de nuestro sueño. El relato del Evangelio de hoy sobre la curación del ciego de nacimiento expone la verdadera ceguera en tiempos de Cristo –la ceguera de los líderes religiosos que se creían muy buenos y justos. Dentro de pocas semanas, en la Vigilia Pascual, la Iglesia proclamará a “Cristo nuestra Luz” cuando el Cirio Pascual es llevado dentro de las iglesias oscuras de todo el mundo. Que la oscuridad del pecado que impregna nuestra vida, comunidades y nuestro mundo sea disipada por Cristo quien viene trayendo vista al ciego y luz al mundo. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 65:17-21; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Martes: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Miércoles: Is 49:8-15; Sal 145 (144):8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Jueves: Ex 32:7-14; Sal 106 (105):19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Viernes: Sab 2:1a, 12-22; Sal 34 (33):17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sábado: Jer 11:18-20; Sal 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Domingo: Ez 37:12-14; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

LIGHT

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalms — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Jesus, I Trust in You: *Discovering Divine Mercy*

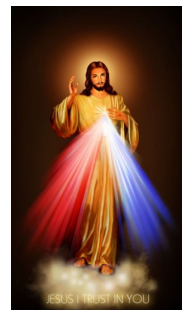
Prepare yourself for OLM’s Sunday, April 19th celebration of the Feast Day of Divine Mercy by attending one of our “Discovering Divine Mercy” seminars, held on **Monday, April 6**, at 9 a.m. in PLC 114, and again on **Wednesday, April 8**, at 7 p.m. in PLC 208.

In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska, the young Polish nun whose visions of Jesus revealed to the world the unfathomable love and mercy of Our Lord. At her canonization Mass, the Pope declared that Divine Mercy is “God’s gift to our time” and invited all souls to “trust in the mercy of Jesus” in these troubled times.

In keeping with Pope Francis’ desire that boundless graces of Divine Mercy be shared with everyone all, you’re invited to attend either seminar as we delve into the message and amazing promises that Jesus Himself revealed to Saint Faustina, and how we can transform our spiritual relationship with Christ by trusting in His “Ocean of Mercy.”

Our 5th annual seminars offer more than ever, including:

- *Excerpts from Saint Faustina’s Diary and highlights of her life
- *The Apparitions and Words of Jesus as chronicled by Saint Faustina
- *The true meanings of the beautiful Divine Mercy Image
- *How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (pamphlets available to all)
- *The depths of Jesus’ mercy given to trusting souls on the Feast Day of Divine Mercy
- *Praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for Intentions and to help save souls
- *Saint Faustina’s chronicled spiritual visits to Heaven and Purgatory
- *A preview of OLM’s celebration of the Feast Day of Divine Mercy on April 19th



Culminating each seminar will be a group recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in readiness for our April 19th Feast Day of Divine Mercy observance in the church.

So be sure to bring your rosary to class! For more, contact Bill Troller, (630) 585-1865 or at trollerw@live.com.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Totus Tuus is coming to Our Lady of Mercy! July 11th - 17th

Grades 1-6 Mon-Fri 9AM - 2:30PM \$45
Grades 7-12: Sun-Thurs 7-9PM \$15
(\$100 family cap)



Learn about the Catholic Faith.
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And have tons of fun!



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SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS (Grades 9-12)

L.I.G.H.T. Term #3 Mini-Course Sign-Up Deadline is March 30th.

Teen Bible Study meets on Thursdays from 6-7 pm in the Youth Center. More details and teen signup is on the LIGHT webpage.

Lenten Fish Dinner is Friday, March 27th. All proceeds support the Teen Mission Trip.

Service and Discipleship Projects are available for sign-up on the L.I.G.H.T. webpage. Get details on upcoming projects that will help meet your L.I.G.H.T. requirement for Confirmation.

Teen Retreat Team is now forming! Any high school teen, college student or parent/adult is invited to consider the retreat team! We will be planning the summer Discovery Retreat for our teens who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation next fall. Please contact Dave if you are interested in help OR to learn more details.

Parents and Interested Adults in the parish community are invited to consider helping with the Senior High Youth Ministry! We are in need of mini-course facilitators, Alpha hospitality and kitchen crew members as well as trip and event chaperones. Please contact the youth ministry office or see the LIGHT webpage for more details.

EDGE (Grades 6-8)

A Few Great Things You Can Do for Lent

Think about what you usually spend your money on. Do you buy too many clothes? Spend too much on dinner out? Pick one type of expenditure that you'll "fast" from during Lent, and then give the money you would usually spend to a local charity.

Take something on — 40 days of letter writing, 40 acts of kindness, 40 phone calls to the important people in your life.

Go to a weekday Mass one day during the week. Many parishes offer them early in the morning, at noon, or after work. Daily Masses are often more intimate and shorter than Sunday Mass.

If you don't have a cross in your apartment or house, buy a simple one and put it in your bedroom.

TAKEN FROM AN ARTICLE FOR *BUSTED HALO* MINISTRY RESOURCES
BY RENÉE LAREAU FEBRUARY 12, 2020

Turning to Faith in Times of Stress and Anxiety

Because of the uncertainty of treatment and a vaccination for the Coronavirus disease, anxiety is an emotion that we may experience. Our brains are wired to deal with uncertainty by tending to make us feel unsafe and then that leads to anxiety. It is important to ask yourself what you can control and what it not under your control. There needs to be a balance between concern and over-concern.

Consider the following recommendations to deal with the anxiety or worry that you may feel during the time. Take reasonable precautions that are recommended by the medical community that include but are not all of them: proper handwashing or cleansing with hand sanitizer, covering your cough, cleaning surfaces, staying home if you are ill, and contacting your healthcare provider if you have symptoms that concern you.

Seek reliable resources on the Coronavirus disease and limit the amount of information that you are exposed to. The more you read and see especially on social media tends to increase anxiety not decrease it.

Continue your daily life routine as you are able. Even with school closings, parents and caregivers should help children keep a daily routine. Set time for school work if that has been arranged by the school; time for reading or watching a movie; time for praying or reading from the Bible individually or as a family; time to make crafts; time to write a note to someone you have not been in touch with; time to bake or make meals together; time to listen to music and dance; or time to exercise.

The Bible tells us to trust in God as He will provide what we need. Jesus told his disciples, "Do not be afraid!" Jesus is the source of peace that the world cannot give. Our faith community is a strong network of support. If you or someone you know is in need of comfort, reassurance or resources, please call the Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380.


National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) HelpLine
Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST
(800) 950-6264

Healthy Eating Habits

March is designated as *National Nutrition Month*. It is an opportunity to focus on what food choices you are making to put into your body to keep it healthy and strong. It is important to remember to begin with a few simple changes. Making too many changes at once may be a recipe for failure. As with any information, you may have a medical condition that you may not be able to follow the suggestions offered. It is recommended to check with your healthcare provider or registered dietician if you have questions or concerns.

The following healthy habits to consider are as follows. Drink enough water so that you do not become hydrated. Get enough fiber – the suggested amount is 25 to 30 grams of fiber a day. Go green – it is important to eat a whole-food, plant-based diet. Consider plant-based protein – decreasing the intake of meats and aim for 46 to 56 grams a day. Bone-up on calcium –sources of mil, kale, broccoli, yogurt and white beans. Go nuts – a healthy intake of nuts is one ounce per day.

Eating healthy takes organization, planning and preparation. Involve the entire family in making healthy eating habits that last a lifetime.



Pre-Planning is One of the Greatest Gifts of Love!
Do it for *her*, do it for *him*... do it for **YOU!**

Join us for a **Lunch & Learn** at
**Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral
Homes & Crematory**
24021 W. Royal Worlington Dr.
Naperville, IL 60564

Tuesday, March 24th at 11:30 a.m.
Please R.S.V.P to 630-922-9630

THINGS WE WILL DISCUSS:

- Your options - Cremation to Traditional Burial Service
- What you may not know about Pre-Planning
- How Pre-Planning affects Medicaid
- Veterans Benefits
- Affordable Payment Plans

Complimentary Lunch
will be provided!

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Another information meeting will be held May 2nd at 10:00 am in Room 217.



**The Knights of Columbus
regretfully announces that
the Easter Egg Hunt on
Saturday, April 4th has
been canceled.**



**RESPECT LIFE
1ST FRIDAY DEVOTION**

April 3

Join us! Make a difference.
Stand and silently pray in the public right-of-way across from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Aurora.

Prayer warriors are needed for 1 hour shifts 8am - 2pm to change hearts and save lives

Contact Jane Fonner
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**Faith and Money
Matters Bible
Study:**



Want to increase savings? Reduce personal debt? Grow closer to God? Strengthen personal relationships? The *Faith & Money Matters* Bible study can help. Contact Tony and Joy Ramirez for sign-up details at tojo2502@gmail.com.

Whether you are young or old, retired or working, married or single, struggling financially or have plenty of money this is for you! With more than 2,500 verses in the Bible that deal with money and possessions it must be important.

Cost is \$30/single and \$50/couple
Spring Study Group information session on Tuesday
March 24th at 7pm at OLM room 218

*Women
at the Well*



Join us for an evening of fellowship with women of the parish centered on Scripture and living our faith

**Friday, April 3
6:30pm
(PLC) Room 114**

Feel free to bring a snack to share and your Bible or just yourself and a friend!!

Please reach out with any questions

Joana Lopez | joana1.lopez@gmail.com
Cindy Hapke | chapke20@gmail.com



Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 03/08/20)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	1,147,447
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	1,152,000
Amount Short of Budget:	\$	(4,553)
03/08/20 Sunday Collection:	\$	27,780
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
Amount Short of Goal:	\$	(4,220)

Thank you for your generosity!!

Construction loan for building the Parish Life Center	
April, 2009	\$1,950,000
December, 2019	\$ 897,631
January, 2020	\$ 887,129



We are pleased that so many parishioners have already pledged a gift to the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your support will allow us to *Be Kind and Merciful* as, together, we do God’s work here on earth.

Every gift brings us closer to our parish’s 2020 CMAA goal of \$146,700. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our needs. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Please prayerfully reflect on your pledge to this year’s CMAA and make your gift today. Pledge envelopes are available in the church. You can also return the pledge card you received in the mail from the diocese, make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text “Donate” to (815) 205-1949 from your mobile phone.



Lenten Regulations

Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is sinful.

Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. Therefore, all of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial. All Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church, pray and perform works of charity and mercy.

Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

Dr. David Castronovo, JD, JCD
Chancellor

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**Our Lady of Mercy
Weekend Masses
March 21 & 22**

Deacons will preach at all Masses.

Saturday: 4:00p Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Mike Plese
Sunday: 7:30a Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Phil Rehmer
9:00a Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Tony Martini
10:45a Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Tim Kueper
12:30p Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Senovio Sarabia
5:30p Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Senovio Sarabia

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
on your own intelligence do not rely;
In all your ways be mindful of him,
and he will make straight your paths.
Proverbs, 3:5-6

Parish Activities for the Week

SUNDAY	March 22	
7:00-12:00p	STVP Clothing Drive	Parking Lot
6:45-7:45a	Exodus 90 Family Workout	Rm 208
7:30-10:30a	CRHP Men's Discernment Mtg	Rm 114
6:00-9:00p	CRHP HGFS Mtg	Rm 114
7:00-9:00p	Adult Men's Basketball	MPR
MONDAY	March 23	
7:00-8:30a	Come Alive!	Ministry Rm
7:00-9:00p	Boy Scouts	Rm 124
TUESDAY	March 24	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
6:30-8:30p	Be Healed Study	Ministry Rm
7:00-9:00p	Adult Bible Study	Rm 208
7:00-8:30p	Prayer Group	Rm 27
7:00-8:00p	Compass Financial Ministry	Rm 218
7:30-9:00p	K of C General Mtg	Rm 114
WEDNESDAY	March 25	
5:30-8:00p	Legions of Mary	Ministry Rm
7:00-8:30p	Magnify	Church
7:00-8:30p	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
THURSDAY	March 26	
7:00-8:30p	RCIA	Church
FRIDAY	March 27	
8:30-12:00p	Loving Hands	Ministry Rm
9:00-12:00p	Art & Environment	Church/Narthex
12:30-1:30p	Spanish Stations of the Cross	Narthex
5:30-8:00p	Fish Fry	MPR
7:00-7:30p	Stations of the Cross	Narthex
SATURDAY	March 28	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:00-9:30a	Come Alive!	Ministry Rm
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
12:00-3:00p	1st Communion Pictures	Church
4:30-6:00p	Hospitality	MPR
SUNDAY	March 29	
6:45-7:45a	Exodus 90 Family Workout	Rm 208
7:30-7:00p	Hospitality	MPR
7:30-10:30a	CRHP Men's Discernment Mtg	Rm 114
11:00-12:00p	Welcome Mtg	Rm 114
1:00-4:00p	CRHP Women's Pentecost Lunch	Rm 114
6:00-9:00p	CRHP HGFS Mtg	Rm 114
7:00-8:30p	Lector Trng	Church

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SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Contact the Parish Office so we may help you in any way possible.

HOSPITALIZATION: If you anticipate a hospitalization or are admitted to an area hospital and would like a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister, please notify the parish office.

BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners wishing their child baptized must attend a parent meeting held the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Baptisms are held at 12 noon the first Saturday of the month and at 2:00 p.m. the second Sundays of the month. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.

WEDDINGS: The bride, groom or either set of parents must be registered members of the parish for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Weddings may be scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirements. Contact Diane Reiter, ext. 221.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome you! Please register by attending our "New Parishioner Registration/Welcoming" meeting the last Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m. For more info call: 851-3444, ext. 221.

HOSPITALITY: "Hospitality" weekend is held in the Parish Life Center Multi Purpose Room after all Saturday/Sunday Masses on the last full weekend of each month (excluding December).

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Masses will be cancelled
on March 21 & 22.**

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