

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



MARCH 27, 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Monday–Friday 7:30 - 3:30 PM

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Please contact the Parish Office to:

- 1. Join the Parish**
- 2. Schedule a Baptism**
- 3. Schedule a Mass Intention**
- 4. Any other questions or concerns**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 26	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Mary Alice Schleicher by Schleicher Family, †Wally Guse by Bob & Linda Guse
Saturday	March 26	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Gerald Simon by K & S Schmeling
Sunday	March 27	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	March 27	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Scott Kelley by David & Nancy Schleicher, †Nora Salata by John & Mary Jo Widder
Tuesday	March 29	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Tim Bawden by Timothy & Bonnie Eigenberger
Wednesday	March 30	St. John's	7:00 am	†Wilfred Cavanagh by Carol Grover
Thursday	March 31	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Chuck Dorn by Bill & Laura Drew
Friday	April 1	St. John's	7:00 am	†Jerry Kubiak by Tom & Sharon Reilly
Friday	April 1	Blessed Trinity	10:00 am	†Bernice Mett
Friday	April 1	Pine Haven	1:00 pm	[Stations of the Cross]
Friday	April 1	St. John's	5:15 pm	[Stations of the Cross]
Saturday	April 2	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Dennis Fleisner by Jim & Sandy Jordan, †Claude & Verdayne Meyer by Lynn Erbstoesser
Saturday	April 2	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Geraldine Marie Everly by Tom & Rita Gast
Sunday	April 3	St. John's	9:00 am	†Ruth LaCroix by Family
Sunday	April 3	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners



FINANCIAL: MARCH 19/20: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$3,931.00.

CHOIR:

PRACTICE Tuesday, March 29 at 6:30 pm

SING: Sunday, April 3 at 9:00 am



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish at 3:00 pm on Saturday, April 3.

Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish at 3:00

Follow in Jesus' Steps



Following in the Footsteps of Jesus during this Lenten Season

We have come to the halfway point of this LENTEN Season, 40-day period of spiritual preparation leading up to Easter. While many people use Lent as a way to better themselves (through giving something up), the Lent season isn't really supposed to be about us at all. Rather, it's a time to reflect on what Jesus did and to remember that he said, "Follow me." The Scriptures encourage us to become like Jesus Christ and to walk even as he walked. (1 John 2:6) Lent is meant to be a time to turn our focus back to Christ, and to find ways to grow in relationship with him, and to be more like him.

Sometimes the children and youth who touch our lives can provide some of the best examples. As their faith grows, they are often eager to share their gifts as well as their ideas and experiences. Please take a few minutes to read what one of our Third Grade students wrote about the Lenten season, and to learn about the work being done by one of our Seniors in High School who was Confirmed this Fall. Perhaps their efforts will inspire one or more of us to use this second half of this Season of Lent to spend a bit more time "Following in the Footsteps of Jesus"?

The Words of a Third Grader....About Lent

"Lent is the weeks leading up to Easter when we focus on returning to God....What does this mean? Well, sin separates us from God. We all sin...by putting other things before him. We love TV, chocolate cake and good grades, but we should not make these things the most important things for your heart, but really the most important thing in our lives should be God. We are called to do love and kindness....We often think about other things more than God. That's why we are separated from God and need to return to him, because he loves us so much and he wants to be close to us. We are called to repent. Repent is to think about your sins, to feel sorry, to ask for God's forgiveness....and to come back to him by doing good. God is crazy in love with me....."

by Monroe A.

The Gifts of a Twelfth Grader...

Being confirmed and having a greater understanding of the Catholic Faith can give our Seniors in High School the perfect chance to be role models for other young members of the parish. Pictured here is one of those students, Anna Baxter, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in October. She has shared her time and talents as well as her skills and abilities by helping to teach and mentor our Second Grade students during this school year as they prepared for their First Reconciliation/Confession and for First Eucharist/Communion. Still close enough in age to the younger children, but old enough to be admired and looked up to, Anna has shared her leadership skills and her natural teaching abilities, and has offered fresh perspectives to help inspire these younger children and helped them grow in their own Catholic faith.



~Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K-Grade 6, jeanne@btsje.org; 920-452-9623

FAITH FORMATION: SEEDS: Families with children who are currently in Grades 4K-Grade 12 are invited to enroll them in our new SJE SPRING (4 Wednesday's – May 4, 11, 18, 25) Religious Education INTERIM PROGRAM. More information about this after-school program, called SEEDS: Faith, Friendship, Service, will be provided in next week's bulletin.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:



As we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Lent, we hear the familiar story of the prodigal son found only in Luke's Gospel (15:1-3, 11-32). Countless commentaries have been written over the years on this famous parable, but please allow me to offer just two insights. 1) If we consider this parable to be about a father and two sons, we see how it challenges us to love without limits. God, revealed to us in His son Jesus, is always ready to show mercy and to save His lost children, whether they wander away or stay close to Him. In essence, what/who is lost, must be found.

2) Venerable Fulton Sheen, a famous Archbishop who is on his way to sainthood, used this parable to show how Jesus, the Son of God, while on the cross, was like the prodigal son going back to His Father's house. For 33 years, he had been in a foreign land of this world, "freely spending everything" even now to His last drop of blood! When His work on earth was finished and He had defeated sin, death and the devil, Jesus could return to His Father, breathing His last words saying "Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit." Truly, these were not words of death, but of life! This Lent, let us be mindful that our lives must be a return to God who made us. We came from God and we will all go back to God at our death and final judgment. It is this contemplation of death, that allows us to truly live authentic, bold, confident and JOY-filled lives! A person who exemplifies this courageous living is our Blessed Mother, whose feast we just celebrated on March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation. Here Mary said her "fiat" (Latin for "yes") to God and His plan for salvation through her. She did not know HOW God was going to do this, but she said yes because her faith was bigger than her fear. May ours be too. EnJOY your Spring break from class, but not Mass! See you at Mass!

~ Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7 - 12, teresab@btsje.org



MARCH WINE & HOSTS: In Memory of Joe Etchingham by Bette Kriesa Kluge & Bob Kluge.

FOOD PANTRY: Please bring your non perishable food items to the multipurpose room by **Sunday, April 3**. They are in need of pork & beans, kidney beans and Manwich original. Donations will be delivered to the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry on **Monday, April 4 by 9:30 am** by Matt & Jennifer Walton.



LAY MINISTERS FOR WEEKENDS OF MARCH 26/27 & APRIL 2/3

MASSES	Saturday, March 26, 5:30 pm	Sunday, March 27, 9:00 am	Saturday, April 2, 5:30 pm	Sunday, April 3, 9:00 am
Lector	Angela Bustos	Ellen Stock	Cate Smith	Steve O'Neil
Lay Distributors of Holy Communion		Mel Free		Mel Free
Ushers	Tom Valicenti Volunteer	John Multer Chris Stock	Randy Miller Bill Moffett	John Debrauske Jim Sarafin
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier & Steve O'Neil	Diane Torke	Nick Cinquepalmi

ENRICH YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

REVELATION 2:4: "Yet I hold this against you: you have lost the love you had at first. "

PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

PALM SUNDAY: Saturday, April 9 4:00 pm Blessed Trinity 5:30 pm St. John's
 Sunday, April 10 **8:30 am St. John's** 10:30 am Blessed Trinity

HOLY THURSDAY: Thursday, April 14 7:00 pm St. John's

GOOD FRIDAY: Friday, April 15 1:30 pm St. John's 1:30 pm Blessed Trinity

HOLY SATURDAY/EASTER VIGIL: Saturday, April 16 8:00 pm Blessed Trinity

EASTER SUNDAY: Sunday, April 17 7:30 & 9:00 am St. John's 10:30 am Blessed Trinity

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Takes place on Fridays during Lent at 5:15 pm.
Friday, April 1: Teresa Bettag and her Confirmation Students
Friday, April 8: Georgiana & Bill McGinnis

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST FISH FRY!

FRIDAYS
DURING
LENT

MARCH 04

MARCH 11

MARCH 18

MARCH 25

APRIL 01

APRIL 08

CARRY-OUT ONLY
4-7 PM

FEATURING THE SAME
GREAT PERCH AND DELICIOUS
HOMEMADE DESSERTS YOU
KNOW AND LOVE!

LARGE (4PC) - \$14
 SMALL (2PC) - \$11
 VEGETARIAN - \$6

Credit Cards Accepted

Dinner includes coleslaw,
 applesauce, bread, homemade
 dessert and a choice of noodles,
 American potato salad or chips.

115 Plymouth Street / Plymouth, WI / 920-892-4006

EMBRACE THE CROSS

A Tuesday Evening Lenten Scripture Series

Our presenters' passion will inspire our hearts to the mystery of the cross and the wonder of God's grace as we learn how their perspective and the Saints' lives

Embrace the Cross

We welcome you to join us at St. Clement for 5:15pm Mass, followed by a soup supper.

All are welcome to join just for the presentation if you prefer.

These evenings are gifts to deepen our relationship with God as we take up our crosses and journey through Lent to the Resurrection together.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



March 8
 Paul Schweigl
 "Finding a Cross to Embrace"



March 15
 Kate Reidel
 "Blessed by the Cross, Called to the Cross"



March 22
 Dianne Vadney
 "Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me"



March 29
 Joseph Heit
 "Embracing Your Cross Through Your Vocation"

Schedule:

5:15 PM - Celebration of Mass (St. Clement Church - 707 N. 6th St., Sheboygan)

6:00 PM - Soup Supper in Dominican Hall (Church Basement)
 A Free will Offering to benefit Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

6:30 PM - Presentation (dismissal - 8 pm)

Presentations will be recorded and posted to our Website for those unable to attend.



The Lenten Soup Supper Scripture Series is hosted by:

The Sheboygan North Pastoral Council • Holy Name of Jesus Parish • St. Clement Parish • St. Dominic Parish

Pray, Reconcile and Rejoice

Lenten Day of Reconciliation

On: Tuesday, April 5, 2022

8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

At: St. Peter Claver Parish

1439 South 12th Street

Please use the Parking Lot doors

to enter the Church.

Multiple priests will be on hand throughout the day to hear Confessions.



FRESH MEALS ON WHEELS NEED

HELP: The need for meals for our elderly, disabled and homebound neighbors throughout all of Sheboygan County has increased by 30%. We are hoping that you, or a team that you would be apart of, would be willing to manage a route delivery in the Sheboygan, Sheboygan Falls, Kohler and Howards Grove areas each week. The meals would be hot and ready to be picked up in their containers at 11:10 a.m. from the Fresh Meals on Wheels location in Sheboygan. Routes take less than an hour to complete. Please contact: Joanna Klemme, Volunteer Engagement Coordinator, at 920-451-7011 for more information or to sign up.



LET'S TALK: St. Anne Society's Wednesday morning coffee gatherings (Let's Talk!) take place on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am in the church hall.

Catholic Women's Charity Club (CWCC): Meeting and "Raffle Party" is Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 1:00 PM at St. Peter Claver Church - Van Treeck Hall. Following the business meeting, a dessert social along with raffle ticket drawing will take place. Raffle tickets from the 2020 Card Party, that was cancelled, will also be in the drawings. Additional raffle tickets will be available for purchase starting at 12:30 PM. You need not be present to win. Guests and women interested in joining the club are welcome to attend. For further information regarding CWCC check out our web page: <http://catholicwomenscharityclub.weebly.com> or contact Membership Chairperson, Jane (920.918.7955) or any member. Members in need of a ride can contact Virginia (783-8249), Mary (467-9679), or Mary (458-5297).

Wanted Prayer Warriors!

"Pray Unceasingly" - Jesus. St John's has two prayer groups that need Pray-ers, St John's Prayer Ministry and The Lord's Prayer Circle (International Group). We are Prayer Warriors. This means we pray for the intentions of our parish, of individuals, and of the world. We believe in God's love, mercy and grace for all. We believe that God wants the best for each of us. If you are interested in joining us, please email stjohnsprayers@yahoo.com or reachout945@gmail.com (The Lord's Prayer Circle. Susan Vavra OFS, Coordinator).

If you would like us to pray for an intention or in thanksgiving for something, please use the above email addresses or place your intention in the Prayer Box located on table in the Gathering Space.



TIME & TALENT SURVEY: Please return your completed Time & Talent Surveys to the marked box on the table in the Gathering Space. Surveys may also be completed online at: <https://forms.gle/DJy9hQ1T7QrNZbhb6> Indicate what you already do for the parish, and identify any new ways you're interested in serving in the future. All parishioners 12 and older are encouraged to complete an individual survey. Tom Reilly will be reaching out to adult parishioners who do not return a survey in the next few weeks. Thank you to everyone who has already responded.

UPCOMING MEETING:

- ♦ Social Justice/Human Concerns Committee on **Tuesday, March 29** at **4:30 pm** in Classroom #7 in the Religious Education wing.

FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL:

The Catholic Life Center will host a First Friday Social after the 7:00 am Mass on Friday, **April 1**. Please stay for a donut and some coffee.



SUNDAY SOCIAL:

There will be a social immediately following the 9:00 am Mass **NEXT SUNDAY, April 3**. Stop by and enjoy a sweet treat and some coffee. The social is hosted by the St. Anne's Society.



Fourth Sunday
in
Lent

Catholic Life Center Mother's Day Service Project:

Help us collect small gifts to assemble 30 gift bags for mothers at Mary's Room. We are in need of small gift bags, tissue paper, candy, socks, decorative pens, small toiletries, etc. to help brighten a Mother's Day. Please deliver new, unused items to the CLC, or place in the bin in the Gathering Space by **Sunday, April 10**. We will assemble the bags at 11:00 am on Tuesday, April 19 in the CLC-MR. Please call Mary at 467-4616, ext. 314 with any questions.

FISH FRY:

St. Peter Claver Parish, 1439 S 12th St, Sheboygan will serve lightly breaded fish on **Friday, April 1** in Van Treeck Hall, Lower Level from **4:30 to 7:00 pm**. Come and enjoy fish with fries or potato salad, coleslaw or applesauce. Also available grilled cheese sandwiches, grilled cheese and ham sandwiches, desserts and beverages. Carry outs available.



Lenten Almsgiving focus 2022 - Servants of the Good Help:

Meet the parents of missionary Taylor Schmidt who just returned from 2-1/2 months helping with the mission in Peru. Monica (2nd from left and Tony 4th from left) will be at Blessed Trinity Parish in the Gathering Area after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 2nd and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday April 3rd after the 9:00 a.m. Mass to answer questions and to help you learn, first-hand, about the "Servants of Good Help". Light refreshments will be served at both parishes.



HUMAN CONCERNS/SOCIAL JUSTICE - ANNUAL LENTEN OUTREACH PROGRAM MARCH 2 - APRIL 17, 2022



**“Jesus said to them, “Go into the world and proclaim
the Gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16: 15)**

**SPONSORED BY: St. John Evangelist Parish Human Concerns Commission-
Social Justice Committee Blessed Trinity Parish Human Concerns Committee**

Servants of the Good Help Mission – Peru, a 501c3 non-profit organization,
reaches out in many ways to serve the needs of adults
and children in a third world country – Peru.

- We have all heard this gospel story of the prodigal son (15:1-3, 11-13). The parable is quite poignant with Jesus telling the story of the two sons – the younger one taking his inheritance and squandering it on a life of dissipation – drunkenness, prostitution, laziness, etc. Of course, these are figures of speech, or are they??? When everything was philandered away, the lazy spendthrift son comes back home and begs his father to take him back as a hired servant. Of course, the older son is furious and does not hesitate to remind his father that you never slaughtered a fattened calf for me to enjoy with my friends, etc. The father responds as any loving father would by saying: “My son, you are here with me always...everything I have is yours. Rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life.” How many times has this story played out in our lives???
- It is easy for us to have that same caustic feeling for those in Peru ... ‘WHY CAN’T THEY TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES? IS IT OUR FAULT THAT THEY ARE CONTROLLED BY THE CARTELS? SHOULDN’T THEY BUILD THEIR OWN SCHOOLS AND GROW CROPS TO FEED THEIR OWN? WE HAVE ENOUGH NEEDS IN OUR OWN COUNTRY – HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS, TEENAGE PREGNANCIES, CAR JACKINGS, STUDENTS WITH COLLEGE DEBTS, SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES, ETC. The answer from Jesus is quite similar: ‘Rejoice, with your help the Peruvian students will have food to eat; with your help the Servants of the Good Help Mission will be able to serve the needs of adults and children in this Third World Country...’ Please note that Jesus does not say that we are without needs. But the Gospel implies: “My son, you are here with me always and everything I have is yours – rejoice - for you have been instrumental in bringing life to your dead brother.”
- Sincere thanks for your donations to date. It is heartwarming to see how generous our two parishes continue to be. All donations that are received from Blessed Trinity and St. John Evangelist Parishes will be donated to supply meals for the approximately two hundred children who can attend school.

AMOUNT RECEIVED TO DATE: \$6,035

Please make checks payable to St. John Evangelist Parish or Blessed Trinity Parish.

The Catholic Life Center

Mission: "To engage and unite our intergenerational faith community in learning and fellowship."

Sponsoring parishes: St. John Evangelist, Kohler and Blessed Trinity, Sheboygan Falls

Contacts: John O'Dell, Director, 920-467-4616, ext. 315 and

Mary Waitkus, Associate, 920-467-4616, ext. 314



COVID Update: Masks are optional.
Please do not attend if you are not feeling well.

Bishop Robert Barron's *The Mass*

Thursdays 6:30-7:45 pm at SJE-LLCR

Learn how to fully participate in the Mass with Bishop Barron. Includes group discussion.

April 28 Lesson 1 **A Privileged Encounter**
Lesson 2 **Called Out of the World**

May 5 Lesson 3 **God Speaks Our Story**
Lesson 4 **Responding to God**

May 12 Lesson 5 **Preparing for Sacrifice**
Lesson 6 **The Real Presence Creates Communion**

****Please RSVP** by April 21 to Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.

Optional: Workbooks are available online at wordonfire.org for \$25.



Afternoon/Evening at the Movies

Featuring the film, *Miracles from Heaven*

Starring
Jennifer
Garner

A mother tries to help her daughter heal from an incurable disease. A freak accident and dramatic rescue mystifies medical specialists. Join us for this inspirational film about a real life miracle.

Wednesday, April 20 from 1:30-4:00 pm in the CLC Meeting Room at BT AND

Thursday, April 21 from 6:30-9:00 pm in the LL Conference Room at SJE



Pilgrimage to The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help *Saturday, May 14*

8:00 am Departure from Holy Name Parish, Sheboygan

10:00 am arrival, 10:45 am Rosary, 11:00 am Mass (optional)

12:00 pm lunch, 2:00 pm departure, 3:30 pm return to Holy Name

Cost \$20 per person includes: coach bus for the comfort of all pilgrims, brown bag lunch and water, and access to all the grounds.

Let's get a big group together! **RSVP to Mary** at 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 **by April 20** if you are interested in going so we can reserve spots. Fee payable to CLC or BT parish office.



First Friday and First Thursday Coffee

Join us for coffee, pastries and good company!

Friday, April 1 after 7:00 am Mass at SJE Gathering Space
Thursday, April 7 after 9:00 am Mass at BT Gathering Area



Walk the Walk... Join us for our walking program! This adult only program is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30-8:30 am in the old school's former gym at Blessed Trinity. You must be able to climb/descend 40 steps each way to the school gym. Bring gym shoes and a water bottle! We will warm up with a few exercises before we start to walk, ending with cool down exercises! Class will be led by Diane Hart/SJE member. Any questions call the Catholic Life Center at 920-467-4616: Mary, Ext. 314 or John, Ext. 315.



Health and Wellness

Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 am in the CLC-MR



- April 5 **Seated Chair Exercise** – Join us for a seated exercise group. Participate as able.
April 12 **Triduum** – A Formed.org program to provide a better understanding of the three days before Easter.
April 19 **Mother's Day Service Project** – Help us prepare the gift bags for mothers at Mary's Room.
April 26 **Health and Wellness Discussion** – Our monthly group that discusses health and wellness. The focus topic for this month is memory. We will discuss how the brain remembers and a memory strategy, and play games.

****Please RSVP** to Mary the Friday before each event at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.

CLC Events:

- April 1 - First Friday Coffee after 7:00 am Mass, SJE Gathering Space
- April 5 - **Seated Chair Exercise**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- April 5 - **CLC Committee Meeting**, 6:30-7:30 pm, SJE-LLCR
- April 7 - First Thursday Coffee after 9:00 am Mass, BT Gathering Area
- April 11 - Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- April 12 - **Triduum Formed.org Program**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- April 19 - **Mother's Day Service Project**, 10:00 am-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- April 20 - Movie Matinee *Miracles From Heaven*, 1:30-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- April 21 - Movie Night *Miracles From Heaven*, 6:30-9:00 pm, SJE-LLCR
- April 21 - Card Social, 6:30-9:00 pm, CLC-MR
- April 25 - Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- April 26 - **Health and Wellness Discussion**, Focus Topic: Memory, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- April 28 - *The Mass* by Bishop Barron, Lesson 1&2, 6:30-7:45 pm, SJE-LLCR
- May 5 - *The Mass* by Bishop Barron, Lesson 3&4, 6:30-7:45 pm, SJE-LLCR
- May 11 - **Preplanning A Catholic Funeral**, 1:00-2:30 pm, SJE Gathering Space
- May 12 - *The Mass* by Bishop Barron, Lesson 5&6, 6:30-7:45 pm, SJE-LLCR
- May 14 - Day trip to Our Lady of Good Help

CLC-MR and CLC-AR refer to the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room and Assembly Room in our facility adjacent to Blessed Trinity Church. CLCG refers to the Catholic Life Center Former School Gym. SJE-LLCR refers to the St. John Evangelist's Lower Level Conference Room.

Dear Padre,

Can people convert to Catholicism only during Lent and Easter?

People can convert to Catholicism at any time, but Lent and Easter are especially associated with the journey of believers into our communion.

If a person is in danger of imminent death, reception into the Church can happen in a matter of moments at any time during the year. However, most

people who want to join the Church needn't rush. The Church can gradually tutor them in the life and faith of the community over the course of a year or more. Adult converts normally do this through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which helps move people from a stage of curiosity and inquiry into fully conscious and active participation in the

faith and life of the Church. It does this while attending to the rhythm of the Church's liturgical year.

Lent plays a key role in the RCIA as a season of intense spiritual preparation for those who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. The Easter season is the traditional time for new converts to engage in the period of mystagogy—when they explore with the faith community the significance of the mysteries they're now living in their baptism, confirmation, and celebration of the Eucharist.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus, enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope, and effective charity.

LENTEN MESSAGE FOR 2021, NOVEMBER 11, 2020

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 21

Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1–15ab

Lk 4:24–30

Tuesday

MARCH 22

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34–43

Mt 18:21–35

Wednesday

MARCH 23

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5–9

Mt 5:17–19

Thursday

MARCH 24

Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23–28

Lk 11:14–23

Friday

MARCH 25

*The Annunciation
of the Lord*

Is 7:10–14; 8:10

Heb 10:4–10

Lk 1:26–38

Saturday

MARCH 26

Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1–6

Lk 18:9–14

Sunday

MARCH 27

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10–12

2 Cor 5:17–21

Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

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