



# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."  
- Jn 12:23-24

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**Welcome to St. Scholastica Parish Office!**

Visitors will check in at the front desk, and the staff member on duty will direct all visitors to their meeting room or appointment.

**As a gentle reminder please do not come to the parish facilities if you are not feeling well.**

**Parish Office Hours**

**Monday and Tuesday, 8 am to 6 pm  
Wednesday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm  
Saturday and Sunday, Closed**

**Please call the office before you come,  
as office hours are subject to change.**

**Outsiders Seeking Jesus.**

Today, visitors from Greece (outsiders to the Jews) want to see Jesus who is in the holy city Jerusalem for Passover. This reminds us that everyone, really, looks for God, wants to be good, hopes for salvation. This is the impact of the new covenant of which Jeremiah speaks today.

† How can I be like Philip and Andrew, and bring others to Jesus?

† How will I serve Jesus and follow him today?

† What of my life am I willing to lose for the benefit of eternal life?

**Our Mission**

As a welcoming people, with Jesus as our foundation, we are the Catholic Community of St. Scholastica Parish.

Guided by the Holy Spirit and the Scriptures and strengthened by the Eucharist, we humbly and joyfully accept our baptismal call to share our time, talents, and treasures to support and nurture each other and those in need.

**Welcome**

All those visiting the parish are invited to stop by the “Welcoming Center” in the Breezeway of the Church to pick up information about our parish. Registration forms can be found in this area and once completed can be placed in the offertory basket at Mass. The form can also be downloaded from our web site. If you need any assistance in completing the form, please don’t hesitate to contact us at 630.985.2351, ext. 122. We would also be happy to take your information over the phone.

**My fellow Stewards—“Stewardship our Way of Life”**

- ◆ **Receive God’s gifts gratefully**
- ◆ **Cultivate them responsibly**
- ◆ **Share them lovingly in justice with others**
- ◆ **Return them with increase to the Lord**

*Teach us to be the very building....the people of God.*



We encourage everyone to consider using the Sunday Offertory Envelopes or Online Giving as a way of giving to the Lord the “first fruits” of the “treasure” you have received.

**March 9 & 10, 2023**

Total Envelopes.....	198
Amount Collected-Envelopes.....	\$10,132.00
Amount Collected-Loose.....	\$2,292.00
Total Amount Collected .....	\$12,424.00
Total On Line Givers .....	144
Total On Line Gifts .....	\$6,012.50
Total Weekend Stewardship.....	\$18,436.50

**Loan at Diocese as of February, 2024**

Total Balance..... \$204,962



Online Giving is a great way to help our administrative staff while supporting your church. Signing up is easy—you can use a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Just go to our church website: [www.stscholasticaparish.org](http://www.stscholasticaparish.org) and click on the Online Giving logo to get started.

Need help setting up Online Giving?

Contact:

Our Sunday Visitor

800-348-2886, ext. 2 or [onlinegiving@osv.com](mailto:onlinegiving@osv.com)

Scan the QR code and you will be taken to our online giving portal at Our Sunday Visitor - OSV. Set up one time or recurring donations for Sunday Offerings (Stewardship) or peruse the site for special collections and set them up too! Thank you and God Bless you for your continued support and generosity!



Has your credit card information changed? Do you have a new expiration date? Be sure to update information for all of your automatic payments, including Online Giving!!!!



# HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Palm Sunday, March 23 & 24

Saturday, 4:30 pm  
Sunday, 8 am, 10 am, & 12 Noon Masses

### The Holy Triduum

#### Holy Thursday, March 28

8:30 am Morning Prayer  
7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
8 pm Eucharistic Adoration  
10:30 pm Closing Prayer

#### Good Friday, March 29

8:30 am Morning Prayer  
3 pm Stations of the Cross  
7 pm Evening Prayer

#### Holy Saturday, March 30

8:30 am Morning Prayer  
12 noon Blessing of the Easter Food/Baskets  
8 pm Easter Vigil Mass

#### Easter Sunday, March 31

8 am Mass in Church  
10 am Mass in Church  
10 am Mass in Gym  
12 pm Mass in Church



### Your Weekly Message from Fr. Norbert, CR

As we celebrate this Fifth Sunday of Lent, we hear that "some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip . . . and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." We too, like those Greeks,

would like to see Jesus. However, if we stop and think about it, we have seen Jesus not physically face to face, but as we listened to the scripture passages over the years, hopefully Jesus had become increasingly visible to us. This is true in the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist because Jesus willingly gives Himself to us in this sacrament. This too was not easy because He had to undergo many difficult situations to make Himself available for us. One such situation was to follow the difficult path of offering Himself upon the cross. As we journey closer toward Palm Sunday, we hear our Lord pray in the Garden of Getsemani: "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." {JN 20:27ff} Every one of us could acknowledge that we have faced some difficulties which have deeply troubled us to the point that we would rather avoid these troubles rather than face them, but through facing them we grow. I am not saying that it will be pleasant, but life has moments both of sorrow and joy. While we are walking on the face of this earth, we must keep our eyes fixed upon the Lord Jesus because He will not abandon us but remain ever close to us and help us through whatever difficulties we face. It is an advantage we have during this Lent and every day of our lives: we are not alone is that we are not alone. The Lord Jesus already gave up His life for us when He was nailed to the wood of the cross and surprised many when He rose from the tomb to become the shining beacon of light that leads us to eternity. So, no matter what difficulties we are facing we need to keep our eyes focused on the Lord. Hopefully Lent this year has been one of spiritual growth. May we use the remaining time of this Lent to move ever closer to Our Lord by becoming a forgiving and understanding people of God. Have a wonderful week.

### Resurrection Perpetual Memorials



The Priests and Brothers of the Resurrection will remember your loved one throughout the year. Available by calling the Parish Office.

Fr. Norb, C.R.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations on the birth of your child and thank you for taking the first step with your child on a life-long journey of faith. In preparation for this very joyous celebration you are required to take part in an on-line Baptismal Preparation Program. Please call Marisa at 630.985.2351x122 or e-mail [mtrevino@stscholasticaparish.org](mailto:mtrevino@stscholasticaparish.org) for more information and to sign up for the course. Baptisms can only be scheduled after completion of the baptismal course. **No Baptisms take place during Lent.**



Beatrice Walsh, Rita Ramsey,  
Mary Coghlan, Jess Santos,  
Lynn Gasmen, Mary Reynolds,  
Pamela Truong, Richard Ondracek,  
Shirley Andrews, Marcella Fanning,  
Tom Kammer, Eleanor De Pirro,  
Lou Kammer,  
Alexander Napierkowski

**If you or a member of your immediate family are in need of prayer, please contact the Parish Office at 985-2351, ext. 122, and we will place the name in the bulletin. Names will remain in the bulletin for 4 weeks unless you call to have prayers extended.**

### CANCER IS LIMITED....

It cannot cripple love, It cannot shatter hope,  
It cannot corrode faith, It cannot eat away peace,  
It cannot destroy confidence, It cannot shut out memories,  
It cannot silence courage, It cannot invade the soul,  
It cannot reduce eternal life, It cannot quench the spirit,  
It cannot lessen the power of the Resurrection.

## Please Pray for Our Friends and Family Battling Cancer

### St. Peregrine



Pray for Us

To request to be added or removed from the cancer list, please contact the office at 630.985.2351, ext.122. In order to keep the list up to date, names will be removed automatically after six months.

Paul Gorsline, Walter Shiffer,  
Donna Prepejchal, Marilene Mariano,  
Bruce Schaffer, Jennifer Bailey,  
Barbara Knierim, Jim Fus, Bill Andersen,  
Janet Leifel, Johnny Andrews,  
Richard Buban, Heather McMillen,  
Carol Knott, Nora Sanstad, Jerry Munley,  
Mary Joy Geramo, Deb Sharbak,  
Marlene Talaski, Sonja Rudny,  
Celeste Aguzino, Marilyn Ayersman,  
Jack Nagle, Sandra Woodring,  
Clem Campbell, Judy Retterer

## Arranging a Funeral

Arrangements for a Funeral Mass are made through the Funeral Home you choose. The Funeral Home will contact the Parish Administration Center to schedule the Mass. If arrangements will not be made through a funeral home, please contact the Parish Administration Center at 630.985.2351x122 for assistance. More information can be found on the Parish Web Site: [www.stscholasticaparish.org](http://www.stscholasticaparish.org)

## We Pray for Our Deceased and Their Families

**Meta Meyer**  
*Mother of Helmut "Hal" (Ana Liza "Lee") Meyer*  
*Grandmother of Kurt Meyer*



## A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

By John E. Kleiman

Dear Lord,

I'm just a soldier, a protector of our land. A servant called to battle when my country takes a stand. I pray for strength and courage and a heart that will forgive. For peace and understanding in a world for all to live.

My family's prayers are with me, no matter where I roam. Please listen when I'm lonely and return me safely home.

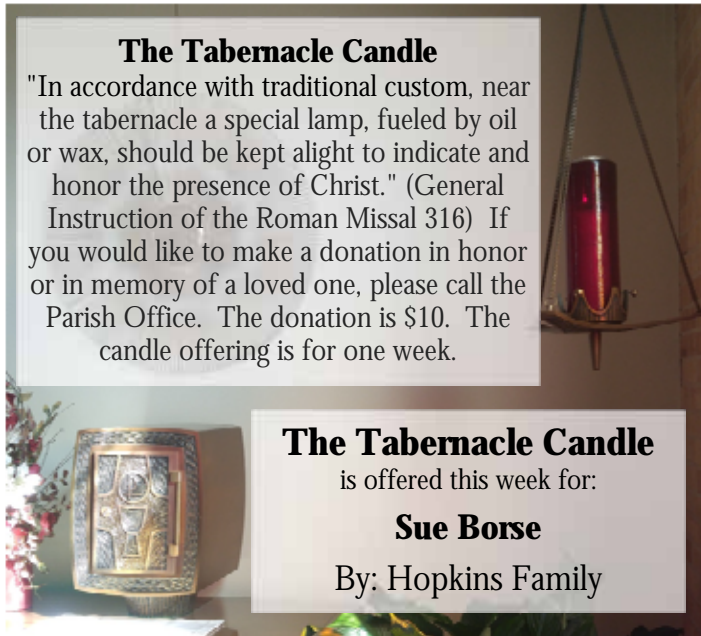
## Continue to Pray for Our Friends and Family who are in Active Duty in the Military.

**If you would like loved ones who are on active duty in the military to be included on the bulletin board in the Breezeway, drop pictures off in the Parish Office.**



## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

SP4 Brian Dilger, Lance Corporal Jaleasia Reed,  
Captain Joe Chambers, 1st Lt Rachel Schlitter,  
Corporal Donte Reed, Airman Robert Rouille,  
VT Claire Gieseke, PVT Michaelangelo Zaucha Fernandez,  
ET 1 Kim Bellavia, LT Michael Bellavia,  
Sargent Daron J. Reed, SPC Matthew Aubele,  
PFC SGT Eric Kuchta, Staff SGT Kyle Gulley,  
PFC Sebastian Elapumkal, SGT Trent Johnson,  
SPC Samantha Rapp, PVT Jake Higley,  
Captain Mark F. Luneburg, PFC Michael Jacobson,  
EMF-K Karl Gieseke, NSM Larry J. Threadgill,  
LTC Noel Sioson, Major Brady Sexton,  
Ensign Randall Jacob Hopkins, MFN Jesse Kolek,  
Major Kenneth Schlorf, Sergeant Donald J. May,  
Staff SGT Ryan Gulley, Major David G. Mack



### The Tabernacle Candle

"In accordance with traditional custom, near the tabernacle a special lamp, fueled by oil or wax, should be kept alight to indicate and honor the presence of Christ." (General Instruction of the Roman Missal 316) If you would like to make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one, please call the Parish Office. The donation is \$10. The candle offering is for one week.

### The Tabernacle Candle

is offered this week for:

**Sue Borse**

By: Hopkins Family

## Mass Schedule

### Weekend

Saturday (*eve of Sunday*) ..... 4:30 P.M.

Sunday ..... 8 A.M., 10 A.M. and 12 NOON

### Daily

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday ... 8:30 A.M.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday ..... 3:30 – 4:15 P.M.

*or call the Parish Office to make an appointment*

### Pulpit Announcements need to be to Lisa

**Riedl: [riedl@stscholasticaparish.org](mailto:riedl@stscholasticaparish.org)**

**by 9 am the Tuesday before the weekend**

## Sacrament of Marriage

Preparation for marriage involves special instruction for the couple. **Notification to the Parish Administration Center is required at least 6 months in advance.** Please call Sue at the Parish Administration Center, 985-2351, ext. 124, for more information.



Stations of the Cross are led by various organizations of the parish on all Fridays of Lent at 7 pm

March 22—Council of Catholic Women

## Lenten Guidelines

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent
2. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
3. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year; all, in addition to following the Lenten regulations, are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.



## Bethlehem Arts March 16 & 17

We will host representatives of the Catholic Christian Community from Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the Holy Land who will be displaying handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles. Due to the political conflict and the reduction of tourism, the Catholic Community has come to depend more on the sale of these articles abroad to survive and to keep their faith and Christian presence in the holy land. The woodcarvings are beautiful and reflect faith and love for the Lord.

Please consider purchasing a gift that will be remembered and cherished for yourself or someone dear to you. The handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles will be available for purchase **after all the weekend Masses.**

## Social Concerns & Service Programs



### Important Phone Numbers

- Confidential Emergency Financial Assistance 630.985.2351x3
- West Suburban Community Pantry (food assistance) 630.512.9921
- For Sick, Homebound and Hospital Visits..... 630.985.2351x122
- Birthright (Crisis Pregnancy) .....630.355.9888
- Catholic Charities (Crisis Pregnancy).....630.495.9850
- Domestic Violence Hotline .....630.469.5650
- Hope's Front Door.....630.322.9803
- F.I.S.H. Food Pantry & Clothes Closet .....630.964.7776



## Birthright of Joliet

**Where would you send a woman who is pregnant and needs help? What if she needed diapers and other material assistance?**

If you know of someone that would benefit from these services, please call or text **815-725-3411** or our 24/7 Helpline 1-800-550-4900.

Our office is located at 310 N. Hammes Ave., Suite LL1, Joliet, Illinois, 60435. We also can be found on Facebook or Instagram.

## Bucket Brigade



*Remember to fill your bucket!*

*Food stamps cannot be used to purchase any paper, cleaning or household items.*

*Please help our neighbors in need.*

*Return your bucket to the breezeway anytime during the month of March.*

*If you didn't get a bucket, feel free to fill a paper bag or reusable tote.*

**THANK YOU!**

**Sponsored by St. Scholastica Christian Outreach**



We hope you've had an opportunity to read our families' stories throughout these last weeks. They were filled with hope, gratitude, and personal successes. You, as a St. Scholastica parishioner, have contributed to the families' renewed outlook for a brighter future and we thank you as we continue our Lenten journey.

Please come by the breezeway today to support Daybreak's Adopt-A-Family annual fundraiser. It costs \$35 a day for us to sponsor each of our three families. You will also have a chance to win a \$100 gift card. You can drop a check by itself or in our envelope (found in the narthex) in the collection basket (checks made payable to Daybreak of St. Scholastica). To give online, use the QR Code to the right to go to <https://osvhub.com/stscholasticaparish/funds> and scroll until you see DayBreak Program. We appreciate everything you do to help and we wish you a spiritual Lent.




## HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Come Join us for Hospitality Sunday. For Coffee, Sweets and Fellowship on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> after all the Masses. If you would like to donate, coffee, juices, milk, or sweets you can drop them off before Mass. We are also except paper products. Coffee cups, napkins, plates and plastic silverware. Hope to see you and spend time with you.



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**NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival**

**“Jesus and the Eucharist”**

DATE	TOPIC
March 20	- God Is with Us
March 27	- The Story of the Eucharist
April 3	- Bread for the Journey

WHERE: Room 112—Daytime Session—Free  
WHEN: 3:00—5:00 pm

WHERE: Activity Center—Evening Session—Free  
WHEN: 6:30-8:30 pm

This seven-session small group series will immerge participants in the Gospel proclamation and unveil God’s saving work in the Eucharist.

**REGISTRATON REQUIRED FOR DAYTIME OR EVENING SESSION**  
CONTACT: DEACON TOM MARCIANI  
tpmarciani@gmail.com  
630.721.2232

**GOOD MORNING!**  
Mornings are always better when you talk to God first.  
- Anonymous

**Would you like to provide a fresh floral arrangement to adorn the sanctuary of our church on a given Sunday?** This is a wonderful opportunity to commemorate a special event, i.e. a birth, wedding anniversary, anniversary of a loved one’s death, etc. Your name and the occasion will be published in the bulletin. To order your arrangement and secure the date you wish simply contact The parish office at 630.985.2351, ext. 122. Seventy-five dollars will cover the cost and the Art and Environment Committee will take care of the rest!



I received this from a very devout friend, Ralph.

“I am sitting here tonight reflecting on your questions and have thoughts I want to share, so here goes.

“Increasingly, as society has developed and advanced, people seek new edge-of-the-seat and even mind-blowing experiences — experiences ranging from the popularity of Disney to the dramatic increase in recreational drug use. Of course, there are a myriad of things in between.

These experiences are basically for observers and are designed to stimulate the senses.

“Alternatively, many people seek experiences that are meaningful, profound, and spiritual. Transubstantiation, for example, occurring at Catholic Masses, *defies* the senses. As observed through the secular eye, the Consecrated bread and wine still appear to be bread and wine. We must therefore be more than observers of this experience — our Salvation is ultimately at stake!

“Listening to the Word of God in the Gospels, absorbing Church teachings, praying, meditating, and being open to the Holy Spirit — these are ways we can come to intimately believe the truth that the bread and wine at Consecration are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ.

“I was aware of this, with the mind of a child, when receiving my First Holy Communion. Afterward, with time and the efforts mentioned above, I experienced Jesus in the Eucharist in a more profound way.

“Achieving the feeling of His Presence in the Eucharist will always require my self-awareness, mindful awareness, and complete attention at Mass. And this will always be a work in progress. But the benefits could be amazing — especially the reality that this is the basis for the salvation of my Soul.”

Shared with gratitude and  
Lenten blessings,  
Shawn Denning-Ross  
Parishioner  
RCIA/OCIA Sponsor



[eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)

**AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Service**

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides tax assistance to anyone, free of charge, with a special focus on taxpayers who are over 50 or have low to moderate income. Tax-Aide volunteers are trained and IRS-certified every year to make sure they know about and understand the latest changes and additions to the tax code. Free tax preparation will be available Mondays and Fridays through April 12, at the Woodridge Park District Community Center. For more information, go to [taxaide.aarpfoundation.org](http://taxaide.aarpfoundation.org)

# Bishop Hicks' Column

March 2024

## SUPER BOWL SURPRISE



ON A SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY, I gathered with my family and friends to watch the Super Bowl. It was entertaining hearing everyone's reasons for gathering around the game that day. Some were cheering on a particular team or player. Others couldn't

wait to view the halftime show or catch a glimpse of Taylor Swift. A few just relished being in the company of friends and family and indulging in the abundance of food and drink. Regardless of each person's motivation, the Super Bowl provided us with an opportunity to come together in the spirit of fun and camaraderie.

I enjoyed the gathering and the game for all those reasons, but I must admit many of the commercials left me confused! I found myself asking, "What was that commercial about?" or, "What product were they trying to sell? I just don't get it!" Thankfully, there were plenty of younger people around to explain curious ads to me.

Then, to my surprise, a 30-second commercial popped up featuring the actors Mark Wahlberg and Jonathan Roumie. I did a double-take and blurted out in surprise, "Wait a minute! Did they just actually run a positive, CATHOLIC commercial?!" I convinced my family and friends to rewind it and rewatch it with me three times. Amazingly, the commercial urged viewers to take a break from the game, thank God, and enjoy a moment of prayer on this Sunday. The ad highlighted a 40-day Lenten prayer challenge to be found on the Hallow app. The last three words in the commercial nudged us to "Stay prayed up." If you have not yet seen this commercial, you can find it on Hallow's YouTube channel ([hallow.com/youtube](https://www.hallow.com/youtube)).

I'm already a subscriber to the Hallow app. But I immediately clicked to join the 40-day prayer challenge which began on Ash Wednesday. It seems I was not alone in heeding that call! The day after Ash Wednesday, the Hallow app reached the number-one spot in Apple's App Store. I'm liking this structured and intentional Lenten challenge; it has enhanced my further spiritual growth during this season of Lent.

Here's what's stirred me: the Pray40 Community Prayer Challenge offers a different, well-prepared meditation or reflection from a variety of presenters, including Mark Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie, Sister Mary Bernice, M.C.; Sister Miriam James, S.O.L.T.; and Father Mike Schmitz. Many of the days guide us through the astonishing, spiritual classic, *He Leadeth Me*, written by Fr. Walter J. Ciszek, S.J. Fr. Walter was a Jesuit priest and missionary, imprisoned for more than 20 years in the Soviet Union. Amidst horrific and brutal conditions, Fr. Walter underwent a profound spiritual journey. He surrendered his life to God and gifted us with an extraordinary example of faith, humility, and hope in Christ.

I've noticed several testimonials about the positive, spiritual effects of using the Hallow app this Lent. One that was moving was from a man who shared "Hallow right now is bringing me back to my faith and I will see where it goes. I abandoned my Catholic upbringing because I struggle with religion being the root of so much division and war in our world. I've just recently introduced Hallow and am taking great comfort in welcoming God back into my life."

This Lent, I've been trying to spend less time on social media and more time in quiet and meditative prayer. So it seems like a paradox to me that Hallow's Lent Pray40 challenge is leading me back to my phone. Yet, using this particular app doesn't make me feel like I just wasted a large chunk of time—instead, it's guided me to feeling nourished, inspired, and blessed during my Lenten journey.

This Lent, I've noticed how many people are seeking to go deeper spiritually. So many yearn to return to God and the Church. The Church gives us so many beautiful paths to do so. Astoundingly, this year's Super Bowl commercial, which was broadcast to millions throughout the world, just might have been the voice of the Holy Spirit whispering with a megaphone to each one of us! We have been invited to draw closer to the Lord this Lent and become more fully the person God created us to be. So, here's my commercial: if you have not already done so, I encourage you to download the Hallow app and start following the Lent Pray40 challenge daily. It's never too late to stay prayed up!







**Students Planning on Attending a Catholic High School or Accredited University, College, or Trade School are Eligible to apply for the LEONARD M JARKA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The scholarship application and full eligibility requirements can be obtained from the Parish Office or by contacting our Scholarship Chairman, Carl Jakubowski at 630.696.0151. All applications must be submitted by **APRIL 22, 2024**. Applications can be submitted via email to [TrainNut56@outlook.com](mailto:TrainNut56@outlook.com) or given to any Council 5918 member, or our Scholarship Chairman. The Scholarships will be awarded at the end of May.



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7:30am - 12:00pm

**SHOW YOUR LOVE THIS MARCH AT OUR BLOOD DRIVE!**

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

This drive will take place in the Activity Room at Saint Scholastica Parish -- 7800 Janes Ave, Woodridge

7:30am to 12:00pm

To schedule your donation, scan the QR Code below, go to [www.versiti.org/IL](http://www.versiti.org/IL) or call/text Camille from Versiti at 847-305-9998.

Appointments encouraged; walk-ins welcome!

**ONE DONATION CAN SAVE UP TO THREE LIVES!**

Call (830) 723-2589 with eligibility questions.

**Did you know St. Scholastica Parish has an App?**

You can find readings of the day, weekly bulletins, and monthly calendars, as well as Links to FORMED, Eucharistic Revival, and On-line Giving! There is also a button you can use to read about the Saints! Follow the simple instructions below to get the App for St. Scholastica Parish, Woodridge!

**Text App to 55321 to download our parish app**

- 1) Download **myParish App**
- 2) Select our Parish after opening

[myparishapp.com/appstore](http://myparishapp.com/appstore)

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**Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30 pm—St. Vincent de Paul Meeting in Room 112
- 6:30 pm—Knifty Knitters & Crocheters in Room 113
- 7:00 pm—Cub Scout Tiger Den Meeting in Art Room

**Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 4:00 pm—8th Grade Confirmation Session in Youth Room
- 4:15 pm—Religious Education Session A in School
- 5:45 pm—8th Grade Confirmation Sessions in Youth Room & Room 201A
- 6:00 pm—Religious Education Session B in School
- 6:30 pm—S.T.O.R.M. Youth Ministry Discovery Skit Team Practice in Activity Center
- 7:00 pm—Worship Commission Meeting in Room 112
- 7:00 pm—Boy Scout Troop 512 Meeting in Activity Center
- 7:00 pm—Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal in Church
- 7:30 pm—S.T.O.R.M. Youth Ministry Discovery Retreat Team Meeting in Youth Room

**Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 3:00 pm—Christ and the Eucharist Video and Discussion in Rooms 112, 113, & 114
- 4:30 pm—Youth Choir Rehearsal in Church
- 6:30 pm—Christ and the Eucharist Video and Discussion in Activity Center
- 6:30 pm—S.T.O.R.M. Youth Ministry Unleashed Small Group Session in Youth Room
- 7:00 pm—Finance Council Meeting in Room 112
- 7:30 pm—Handbell Solo Rehearsal in Art & Environment Room
- 7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal in Church

**Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 6:00 pm—Cub Scout Pack Night in Activity Center

**Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

No Scheduled Meetings

**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- 7:30 am—Knights of Columbus Blood Drive in Activity Center
- 3:30 pm—French Nun Baked Goods Sale in Breezeway
- 3:30 pm—Easter Ham Collection in Breezeway
- 4:00 pm—Christian Outreach “Bucket Brigade” Collection in Breezeway
- 4:00 pm—Daybreak Adopt-a-Family Sign-up at Welcome Kiosk

**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 am—Christian Outreach “Bucket Brigade” Collection in Breezeway
- 7:30 am—Easter Ham Collection in Breezeway
- 7:30 am—Daybreak Adopt-a-Family Sign-up at Welcome Kiosk
- 7:30 am—French Nun Baked Goods Sale in Breezeway
- 9:00 am—Rite of Christian Initiation Session in Room 112
- 10:15 am—Children’s Liturgy of the Word in Gym

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† denotes deceased...

**Monday, March 18, Lenten Weekday**

**Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
Orthodox Lent Begins**

8:30 a.m.—† Rico Mugnaini—*Dorie Mugaini & Family*

**Tuesday, March 19, St. Joseph, Spouse of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 a.m.—† Joseph & Stephan Nartnick—*Kathy Nartnick  
Beatrice Walsh [Healing]—Family & Friends*

† Pat Sardina—*Sally & Manuel Valerio*

Carol Zaleski [Peacefrul Journey]—*Kent & Nance*

1:30 p.m.—SCHOOL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Wednesday, March 20, Lenten Weekday**

8:30 a.m.—† Enrique Mora Reynoso—*Reynoso Family*

† Delores Mejdrich—*Bob & Deb Spiewak*

† Edgar W. Simpson—*Marji Nicoletti*

† Elizabeth Nikkila—*Glas Family*

Jada Felica Shijith—*Shijith Shanavas*

**Thursday, March 21, Lenten Weekday  
No Public Mass**

**Friday, March 22, Lenten Weekday**

8:30 a.m.—ALL SCHOOL MASS—† Kyle Kozak—*Family*

7:00 p.m.—STATIONS OF THE CROSS—CCW

**Saturday, March 23, Lenten Weekday**

**St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**

**Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

4:30 p.m.—† Patricia Hesslau—*Bowman Family*

**Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord  
Orthodox Sunday  
Jewish: Purim**

8:00 a.m.—† Ignac Glavac—*Mary Glavac*

10:00 a.m.—The Parish Family of St. Scholastica

12:00 p.m.—† Marianne Koys—*Jane & Jim Gorecki*

**Please Note Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines**

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