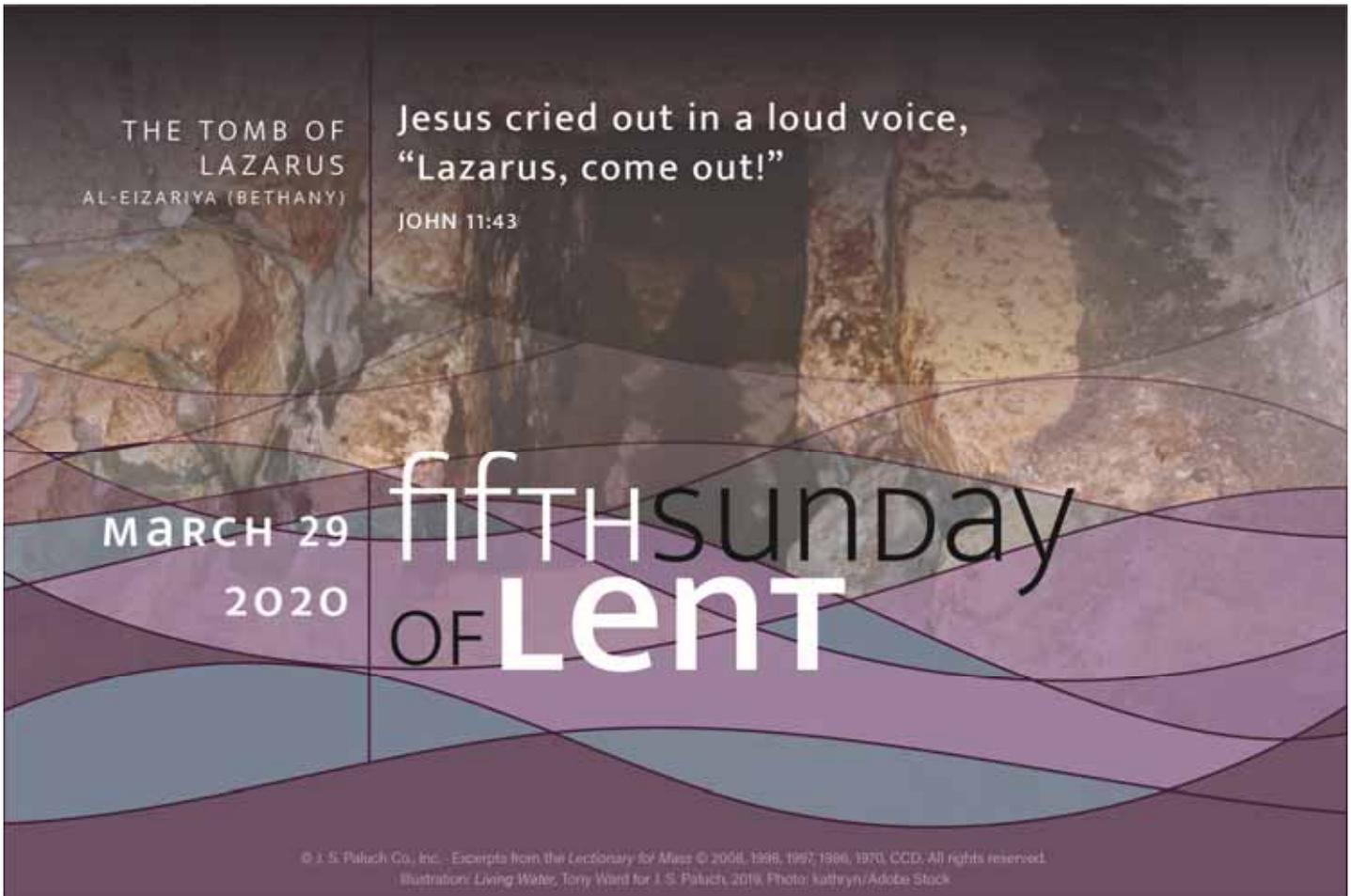


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The Tabernacle Candle

"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:

Henry Louis Marcum
By: **Andre Sherlock & Tom Gannon**



Welcome

All those visiting the parish are invited to stop by the "Welcome Kiosk" in the Breezeway at the entrance to the Church to pick up some 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.

Welcome Center Activities

Would you like to use the Welcome Center in the Breezeway to share information and/or sell or distribute items for your organization? Contact Sue in the Parish Office to be placed on the schedule.

Our Mission

We, the family of St. Scholastica Catholic Parish, are dedicated Christian stewards of God's gifts. We have been called in Baptism and through the Holy Spirit to be disciples of Jesus. We are a sacramental community, sharing a sense of welcoming and belonging. We provide opportunities for spiritual growth and faith formation. We are committed in both prayer and action to support and nurture each other and those in need.



www.facebook.com/stscholasticaparish/woodridgeil

We are still here for you....

That time has arrived. We are no longer able to staff the parish office, but we will continue to be here for you. Please call if you are in need, in any way. We have a list of generous parishioners who have offered to shop or run errands.

Parish Office Hours:

The Parish Office is closed. Staff will be monitoring phone calls and e-mails from home. Dial extension 159 if you are in need of a priest.

Dying with Christ; Dying to Self.

Even when his friends are disappointed with him and his disciples misunderstand him, Jesus is clear and resolute. No one's death is everlasting. We believe that just as Baptism graces us with new life in Christ, physical death transmits us to newer life with God for ever.

- † What "death" is sucking the life out of me? What will I do about it?
- † What will I do, as one loved by Christ beyond all measure, for those in need of mercy works?
- † How will I be a sign of Christ-filled life for the elect preparing for Easter Baptism?



Can you be here for your parish....

If you are able, please continue your generous support by dropping off or sending in your weekly donation. You can also support your parish online by following the guidelines below.

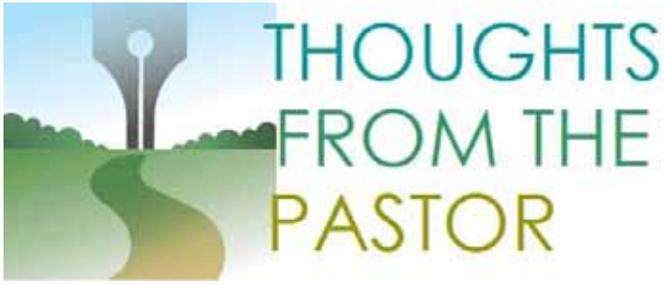


ONLINE GIVING

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 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



As I began to write this article I wondered whether anyone would read it or not. “Why?” you may ask. And that is a very good question and the answer is because the recent events that have taken hold of our lives and we were ordered, like everyone else, to stay closed. The end result was that we had a fairly large amount of bulletins left over on Monday morning. Now we find ourselves at the Fifth Sunday of Lent and we all received multiple instructions both from civic authorities and church authorities before this Sunday. It seems as if our normal routines are changing at an extremely fast pace. As I write this small pondering we are still under orders to “stay at home” for the present. Whoever thought that something unseen and unheard of until recently would alter all of our lives. And yet it happened. Instead of saying, “Good old Charlie Brown”, we could say, *Good old corona virus 19* has had a lasting effect in our lives. I imagine that each one of us has a tale to tell of how our lives were altered, not to mention how every part of the USA as well as more than 140 other countries have been

affected. Uncertainty, distress, and fear have become the controlling forces in our lives. Basically each one of us may pray that we survive this part of history and are able to resume a more stable and satisfying routine again. The lives of both Martha and Mary were upset by the illness and eventual death of their brother Lazarus. Their hope was that their friend Jesus could come and visit before Lazarus’ condition worsened. This was not to be: Lazarus died. Running to meet Jesus as he drew near to their home, Martha expressed her confidence that if Jesus had arrived earlier---four days earlier---Lazarus would not have died. But that was not the reality she experienced. Her brother did die. Even in the face of her great grief at having lost her brother, she was unshaken in her faith that Jesus was the “resurrection and the life.” As a matter of fact this event did move Jesus because in verse 35 of this chapter we read the shortest sentence in John’s gospel: “*And Jesus wept*”. [Jn. 11:35]. But Jesus did not stop there. He restored Lazarus to life and brought joy once again to his friends and to us. Our Lenten journey draws us away from the sadness and death that we hear about daily and asks us to travel along during this Fifth Week of Lent to embrace the joy and hope that Jesus brings us in his resurrection. The celebration of this Lent and approaching Easter may be entirely different this year—*totaliter aliter*---but Jesus still calls us to be a people of hope. May the Lord bless you and protect you throughout this whole week.

Fr. Norb, C.R.

**How Can We Celebrate Sunday Liturgy
Without Mass?
The weekend of March 28/29
The 5th Sunday of Lent
Pray together, read together,
discuss together.**

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel Acclamation:

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
Whoever believes in, even if he dies, will never die.

R: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 11:1-45

On-line Masses available:

Heart of the Nation TV Masses on Sunday

WJYS Channel 62 at 10 am
WCUU Channel 62.2 at 6:30 am
WMEU channel 48.1 at 6:30 am

Daily Mass with Bishop Pates

<https://www.youtube.com/c/DioceseofJolietIL>

Sunday Mass at Mercy Home

<https://www.mercyhome.org/sunday-mass/>

Weekday and Sunday Masses

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/StMaryImmaculate/videos/>

Masses from Rome

<http://www.catholictv.org/shows/papal-programming>

There are other sights available as well. Just google “view Mass on-line”, or a more complete list of options can be found on the parish web site or facebook page.



The 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 invited to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. Please call the Parish Office at 630.985.2351, ext. 122, for more information and to sign up

for the class. Baptisms can only be scheduled after completion of the baptismal class. **Please note: no baptisms take place during Lent.**

WITH GOD

With God, go over the sea.
Without God, don't even go over the threshold.

- Russian Proverb

The 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, 630.985.2351, ext. 124, for more information.



Continue to Pray for Our Friends and Family who are in Active Duty in the Military. Pick up a prayer card from the bulletin board in the Breezeway.

The Military bulletin board in the Breezeway has been updated. Drop pictures of loved ones who are on active duty to be included on the bulletin board in the Parish Office.

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



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.

We Pray for Our Deceased and Their Families

Deacon Bill Murphy
Husband of Beverly Murphy
Aurea Ramos

Journey to J.O.Y.

Grief Support for recent or not so recent losses. Meetings are generally the 1st and 3rd Friday mornings, and will resume when it is safe to do so. Please email Shawn Denning at sdenning@stscholasticaparish.org Or call 630.985.2351 x 130 to join us. *We wish you blessings on your journey.*



Three great grief websites:

<https://www.garyroe.com/>

<https://grief.com/>

<https://griefjourney.com/>

You are always welcome to join our Friday meetings.

Shawn Denning

Please Pray for Our Friends and Family Battling Cancer

Catherine Rizzo, Erich Pavel, Mary Dugenskie,
Michele Casey, Colleen McLaughin, Richard DePirro,
Paul Leising, Justin Simpson, Deb Sharbak, Cindy Grubba,
Jodi Huntley, Fe Asuncion, Linda Wood, Steve Wirtas,
Darlene Feliksik, Jim Picek, Andrew Schmith,
Kim Sanford, Pat Sautter, Tom Nobles, Al Voras,
Susie Cushler, Marilyn Moxon,
Steve Klujka, Michael Campbell,
Sara Jablonski, Roberta Farley,
Maria Perez, Fr. Ed Jaskula, CR;
Becky Jankowski, Valerie Tracey,
Jeanine Soloy, Jen Valenti, Alice Aubele,
Betty Lara, Sheila Tomaszewski,
Gaudioso Flores, Jack Bremner,
Joan Marie Poole, Craig Smith,
Fr. Tony Bus, CR; Renee Heiden,
Sandra Woodring, John Kozlowski,
Mike Mimnaugh, Kathleen Davis,
Charles Thomas, Patricia Greedan,
Carly Mondane, Tony Russo,
Carol McCormick

St. Peregrine



Pray for Us

Stewardship of Prayer

Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name....

John 11:1-45



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 \$101,300. 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.

PRAYER

The more you devote yourself in prayer the more you will do well in your work

- St. John Baptist de la Salle

Prayer List Policy

In the interest of keeping our Prayer List up-to-date, names will be placed on the list for four weeks. To continue on the list, please notify Rita by calling her at 630.985.2351, ext.122. Thank you!

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Vicki Lemon, Joseph Carbone, Lisa Mrofcza, Margaret Risky, Valentino Alan Llereza, Walter Shiffer, Anna Stanister, Stone Santiago Sula, Jane Purcell, Linda Malysa

LIFE

A well-spent life is the only passport to heaven.

- Pope Leo XIII

"Prayer is the best weapon we have.
It is the key to God's heart."

St. Padre Pio

Visit the Parish Web Site
www.stshcolasticaparish.org
And click on the Special
Activities Tab To view and pray
the Stations of the Cross



Spiritual Communion

In this time of uncertainty, when we are unable to leave our homes to attend Mass, we are encouraged to make and act of "spiritual communion," where we unite ourselves to God through prayer. It is a beautiful way to express to God our desire to be united with him when we are unable to complete that union in the reception of Holy Communion.

Countless saints incorporated this type of prayer into their daily lives, not being satisfied with receiving Jesus in the Eucharist once a week or even once a day. Making an act of spiritual communion for them was an essential part of life and drew them closer to God on a daily basis.

St. Josemaria Escriva encouraged everyone to make a spiritual communion as often as they could, "What a source of grace there is in spiritual communion! Practice it frequently and you'll have greater presence of God and closer union with him in all your actions."

Padre Pio also had a habit of making a spiritual communion throughout the day outside of the celebration of Mass. He desired to be always united with Jesus Christ in everything he did.

Below is a traditional prayer of spiritual communion that many saints have prayer over the years. It can be prayed if you find yourself at Mass unable to receive the Eucharist, or even in the midst of your daily work, lifting up your thoughts to God.

The ultimate goal of our lives should be communion with God and an act of spiritual communion can help a person draw closer to that goal.

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

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 (<i>Crisis Pregnancy</i>)	630.355.9888
Catholic Charities (<i>Crisis Pregnancy</i>)	630.495.9850
Domestic Violence Hotline	630.469.5650
St. Vincent DePaul Pick-up.....	630.231.4658
Hope's Front Door.....	630.322.9803
F.I.S.H. Food Pantry & Clothes Closet.....	630.964.7776



Adopt-A-Family Appeal

"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." (1 John 3:17-18)

Daybreak of St. Scholastica helps host families get back on their feet by providing housing assistance, temporary financial support, financial counseling, and encouragement to improve their job skills or employment situation.

We are currently providing transitional housing for two families. The per month cost for each family is a little over \$1,000 which is \$35.00 per day.

Our goal is to "Break the cycle of poverty, one family at a time." You can still Adopt-A-Family by requesting a specific day, multiple days, a week, etc. and mailing your request to the parish office. As a thank you for your support, for each \$35 donation, you can enter your name in a raffle to win a \$100 Amazon gift card. We will draw one lucky name on March 29th. The winner will be notified by phone.

The ministry is always open to new members. If interested call Liz Haeflinger at 630-910-9020 or email to lizhaeflinger2017@gmail.com

Lenten Regulations

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 sinful.
3. 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.
4. Those who are sick, pregnant, nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued the following regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19):

With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity — that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God.

God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Courtesy of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).



Sign up at formed.org/lent



Saint Scholastica School News

Saint Scholastica School has much to celebrate during the month of March. Our school was one of several chosen to receive the Whole Kids garden grant. This \$3,000 grant will provide the materials for students to construct, plant, and tend their own garden. We are planning on edibles so that students can eat their hard work!

Our band program is also providing opportunities for students to reach their greatest potential. The Illinois Music Educators Association held auditions for their junior conference and performance program. ILMEA invited one of our eighth graders, Michael, to take part in their workshop and performance. Playing with a full concert sized group of musicians was a wonderful experience that does not happen often enough!

March is also our spring band concert. Saint Scholastica School has a wonderful band program led by Mr. Stefan Kocelko. He has brought a love of music to the students and developed their skills with challenging pieces. Saint Scholastica hosts this year's spring concert which included several other schools. In all, about eighty students play together to bring a full concert experience for everyone to enjoy.

Saint Scholastica students also excel in academics. Our seventh and eighth graders have been working on their science fair projects for months. They presented their projects in January for scoring. Many of our seventh and eighth grade students earned invitations to attend the regional science fair. We are proud of them!

Family and fun are also a great part of the Saint Scholastica School community. Students had fun at the Cupid Boogie as well as the Middle School Dance. Families came out to enjoy Family Game Night, Family Bingo Night, and an adult Texas Hold 'Em tournament.

As a parish school, we are always focused on faith. During the month of March, we have been walking our Lenten journey together. Classes have an intention each day and a path to fill in to stay focused on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

May we all find peace and love at the feet of the Lord!

Liz Driscoll, Principal
Saint Scholastica School
630-985-2515



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What are you Doing for Lent this Year?



Ask Catholics what they're doing for Lent this year, and they'll probably tell you that they are giving up a favorite food, a favorite pastime, or anything else they really love but isn't essential in their lives.

Giving up something for Lent fosters self-discipline and tempers our desires. It is a form of fasting. It is a form of penance. It promotes spiritual growth. If you're giving up something for Lent, that's great. But think also about the possibility of doing something positive to bolster your spiritual life and make the world a better place. Look for ways that you can increase your knowledge of your faith, strengthen your spiritual life, or perform special acts of mercy and kindness at home in this uncertain time.



Easter Baskets

Help us make Easter special for those families in need by donating Easter Baskets and supplies.



SUGGESTED ITEMS:

Ham, Filled Easter Baskets

Easter Basket Supplies Including:

Baskets, Grass, Plastic Eggs, Wrapped Candy, Small Gift

We are collecting Easter Baskets made for children 2-12 years old. Please label the basket with boy or girl and the approximate age.

All donations benefit the **West Suburban Community Pantry**, which serves more than 47,000 individuals per year throughout DuPage and Will Counties. WSCP is working to eradicate hunger and improve the quality of life for those we serve. Our vision is a community without hunger.

Donations can be dropped off at the Pantry, 6809 Hobson Valley Drive, Unit 118 in Woodridge, Monday through Saturday, 8 am to noon. Baskets will be distributed April 6-11. Contact the Pantry at 630.512.9921 with questions.

Your Lenten Journey

Giving up something or changing something about your self to be more in touch with the beauty of the Lenten and Easter Season
myParish App has a wealth of resources to help make this Lent meaningful

1. Take the time to set up online giving, it is easy to do and will help you give consistently throughout the year.
2. Set a prayer reminder and pray every day. Need more accountability? Set one with a group of friends.
3. Start a daily Lenten reflection through the Inspire Daily button.
4. Be more accepting of other peoples' habits that seem to push you over the edge. Close your eyes, smile and think about why that person or action annoys you. When you take a moment to think about it, you might feel better about yourself which will in turn help you to be more accepting of others.
5. Start weekly and offer acts of kindness to your friends; surprise a friend with a meal, stop by with a little inexpensive gift for them, offer to run an errand for someone or pick up something from the grocery store for them. Even as simple as a happy text. Seeing the gratitude from others will encourage you to continue this lifestyle habit. (sign up at myparishapp@diocesan.com)

Why Pray the Stations of the Cross? 8 reasons from Pope Francis

1. They allow Us to Place Our Trust in Him
2. They Put Us into the Story
3. They Remind Us That Jesus Suffers with Us
4. They Compel Us to Action
5. They Help Us Make a Decision for or Against Christ
6. They Reveal God's Response to Evil in the World
7. They Give Us the Certainty of God's Love for Us
8. They Guide Us from the Cross to the Resurrection

Please visit the parish web site to pray
the Stations of the Cross
www.stscholasticaparish.org
Listed on the special events page



*How is education important for your children's future?
RE families donate to your Rice Bowls so children around
the world can achieve their dreams.*

25% of donations stay in our local communities.

You can also donate directly to CRS at crsricebowl.org/give

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CLASSES WILL NOT
BE IN SESSION UNTIL
AFTER EASTER!**



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

*Due to coronavirus concerns with
contact, food preparation, etc.,
April & May Hospitality Sundays
have been suspended.*

*Thanks to all who donated food,
supplies, time & treasure the last
few months.*



*Special thanks to Marlene Clark &
the Hospitality Sunday team!*

DISCOVERY RETREAT IS COMING!

St. Scholastica is hosting our 23rd DISCOVERY Retreat here at St. Scholastica the weekend of April 18-19. This is our Confirmation Retreat, so all 8th Graders will attend, but it is also open to 8th Graders & high school students who have not experienced one before. It will be held here at St. Scholastica in the Parish Center. The retreat is run by the high school Discovery Team and they serve as Directors, small group leaders, and witness speakers. The participants will spend the weekend getting to know each other, the retreat team and God. It's a chance for you to "discover" something new about your life and your relationships. There will be witness talks, group activities, time for reflection, and free time to relax or hang out with friends. The theme of the Discovery Retreats is based on the readings of the weekend, "As the Father Has sent Me, So I Send You." The teens will learn how God wants to be part of their life and they will have the opportunity to build relationships in a Christian community. It is a chance for the teens to realize Christ's love for them.

Did you know....

You can do your regular Amazon shopping and support Saint Scholastica at the same time!



- ... Go to smile.amazon.com on your computer or device browser. (It does not work on the app.)
- ... Choose "St. Scholastica Church" as your organization in the search box under "Supporting" with Woodridge as the location
- ... A percentage of your purchases will be donated to Saint Scholastica! Thank you!



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, downloaded from the website www.kofc5918.org or by contacting our Scholarship Chairman Jim Schmidt at 630.728.4784. **All applications must be submitted by APRIL 15, 2020.** Applications can be submitted via email, printed and mailed, or given to any Council 5918 officer or our Scholarship Chairman. The scholarships will be awarded at the end of May.

YOUTH NEWS!!!

If you would like more information about any or all of the activities of the S.T.O.R.M. Youth Group, please contact Jennifer at 630.985.2351x138 or e-mail her at youthministry@stscholasticaparish.org.

CANCELLED: Feed My Starving Children Service Opportunity

Holy Thursday Pilgrimage—Cancelled

Last Chance For Steubenville Youth Conference

Hey current 8 – 12 graders! Join St. St. Scholastica Youth Ministry this summer for Steubenville | Springfield, Missouri - Mid-America // July 10-12, 2020

A Steubenville Conference weekend is PACKED with dynamic speakers, worship music, Mass, Adoration and MORE! Come encounter Christ with over 4000 teens from 10 states as we worship together and grow in our Catholic faith!

The speakers for our conference are amazing: Jackie Francois Angel, Paul J. Kim, Chika Anyanwu, hosted by Bob Rice, Music by Josh Blakesley, and our priest is Fr. John Burns.

Cost to you is \$150 and includes transportation, meals and admission. **We need a \$75 deposit ASAP to hold your spot (firm deadline to get a spot on campus).**

(The actual cost is \$250 and St. Scholastica will be subsidizing and fundraising to make up the difference.)

****First time participants can go for ONLY \$75 – Don't Miss Out****

We have gone the last three years and it is very powerful!

GO MAD (Go Out & Make A Difference) for current 6th, 7th & 8th Graders

GO MAD, our short term local Mission Trip Experience for Middle School students, is coming on July 6-7 to St. Scholastica. During GO MAD we will do some projects around the church and we will go out into the community for others, including Feed My Starving Children and a nursing home. We will eat and sleep in the Parish Center. We will also have fun morning and evening programs provided for you by the High School Mission Team. Permission Forms are due April 18 and they are a tri-fold brochure and can be turned in to the Parish Office or your RE or St. Scholastica School Class.

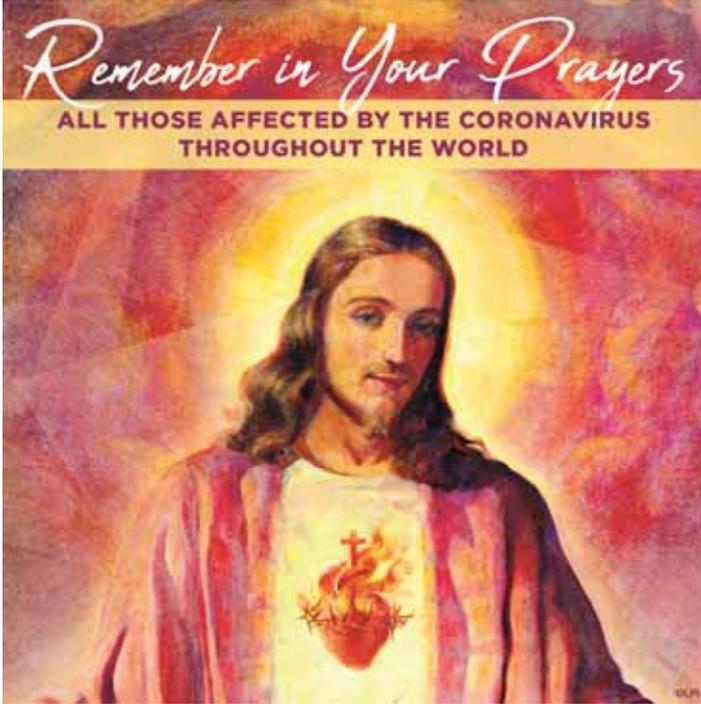
We are still looking for adults and young adults to help with the planning and organization of this event. Please contact Jennifer for more information or if you can help!

PLEASE NOTE!!!!

Due to the current health crisis in our area, activities and events for the youth of our parish are subject to change. Contact Jennifer for updated information!

The Ministry Schedule can be downloaded from the web site at www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stscholasticaparish

All meetings for the month of March through Easter have been cancelled in keeping with the recommendations for social distancing from the CDC in response to the COVID-19 pandemic



For those infected with or quarantined because of COVID-19

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses.

Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

For leaders, caregivers, researchers, and health care professionals

Father, we seek Your wisdom daily. Be with people making decisions that affect the lives and futures of our families, communities, countries, and the wider world. Inspire and invigorate people developing better tests to diagnose the virus, vaccines to prevent it, and protocols and communication to eliminate the disease's spread. May truth and empathy be the touchstones of people setting policies for our protection.

For those who are high risk

Dear Lord, we lift to You our concern for people who are more likely than others to become severely ill from COVID-19 — the elderly and people with chronic health conditions. Protect them from harm and be their comfort in this time of uncertainty.

Mass Intentions & Readings

All weekday and weekend Masses have been cancelled for the foreseeable future. Mass intentions will be fulfilled by Fr. Mark and Fr. Norbert as they celebrate Mass privately.

Monday, March 30, Lenten Weekday
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11

8:30 a.m.—Robert Reynoso—*Reynoso Family*

Tuesday, March 31, Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

6:30 a.m.—Rudny Family—*Jim & Sonja Rudny*
 Clemente Alcantara †—*Evelyn Columnas*
 Mary Dugenske—*Katherine & Ed Dee*
 Max Eldridge †—*Jerry & Mary Jane Munley*
 Tom Rafferty †—*Tuch Family*

Wednesday, April 1, Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

8:30 a.m.—Thomas Greene †—*John Greene*
 Gabriel Morales †—*Morales Family*
 Kathleen Kaczmarek †—*Marjorie O'Shea*
 Charlene Ringo †—*Domnick Ringo*
 Ian Oldenburg †—*Joan Oldenburg*

Thursday, April 2, Lenten Weekday
Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
 NO MORNING MASS

Friday, April 3, Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Abstinence

8:30 a.m.—Deacon Roger Schmith †—*Family*

Saturday, April 4, Lenten Weekday
Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
 NO MORNING MASS

Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

4:30 p.m.—James Duffin †—*Dave & Cathy Armstrong*

Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

8:00 a.m.—Edward Lewandowski †—*Quinn Family*

10:00 a.m.—Intentions from Fathers' Day

12:00 p.m.—The Parish Family of St. Scholastica

In this time of uncertainty, be kind, look out for one another, and most importantly, continue to pray!

PLEASE NOTE UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

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