THIRD SUNDAY OF

Lent

MARCH 7 2021

Jesus said, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

John 2:19

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Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor

March 7, 2021

The St. Francis of Assisi Community is a welcoming Christian family.

We believe in Jesus Christ and are guided by the Holy Spirit and the example of St. Francis.

We gather to celebrate, to grow in the knowledge of our faith rooted in the Catholic tradition, and to recognize our responsibility to reach out to the world.

MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM OUR PASTOR

Notes on the Scripture

An interesting contrast presents itself in our two big Bible stories this week. On the one hand we've got the grumbling nation behind Moses: reasonably thirsty, yet decidedly unpleasant about it. These are the same folks who've been recently delivered from a generation of slavery, miraculously led across a divided sea, and granted the unlikely gifts of quail and manna from heaven, right there in the Sinai wilderness. You'd expect a little show of faith from these people, an air of courtesy mixed into their request for water. But all we see is an ugly, snarling mob of ingrates.

On the other hand we meet the woman from Samaria, obviously thirsty, too, or she wouldn't be visiting the well at this difficult, sun-drenched midday hour. She also has reasons to be unpleasant: It's hot, there's a strange man hovering over her destination, and what's worse he's a traditional enemy to her community. Yet this woman chooses to keep the dialogue civil, calling the stranger "sir" and demonstrating, once more, a delightful spunk that is the signature characteristic of a biblical hero.

Friends through those stories, we are reminded today; that the way we relate with one another is the truest sign of our faith. Let us take the example of Samaritan women and try to apply it in our daily lives. May her example be an inspiration to all of us this Lent!

Lent

You can't step into the same river twice. That's because the water never stops moving. The seasons of the church year are like that. You're tempted to say: Oh, Lent again. But it's not the same Lent as last year. And you'll never have this Lent back again in the future. Lent 2021 is not a place you've ever been before, so keep your eyes open. The path is not the same, nor is the person walking it.

Drive-In Reconciliation

Every year we make an effort to make sure reconciliation is part of our Lenten journey. To prepare for Easter we take time to be honest with ourselves and God through the sacrament. Even though this year is very different we still want to invite you to celebrate God's love and mercy with us.

Please, join us for our Drive-In Reconciliation Services this Lent. On Sunday, March 28th at 3pm and Monday, March 29th at 7pm you can join us for those services in the parking lot and pray in the comfort of your own car. (Just drive into our parking lot, tune in to the radio channel we will use for the service, pray with us and receive the absolution as you drive by at the end of the service). Strange times require strange solutions, but I hope this will still be a meaningful and spiritual experience for all of us. Mark your calendars.

Renew My Church

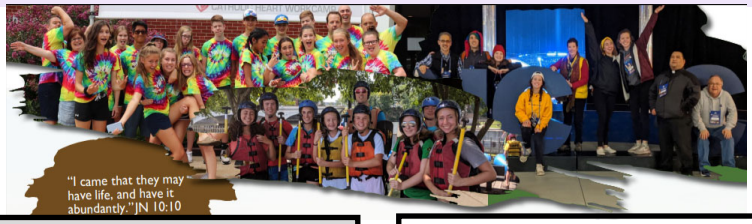
The Archdiocese of Chicago has begun a historic process of renewal and revitalization called Renew My Church. This project calls all of us to renew and reimagine our commitment to making disciples, building communities, and inspiring all to witness to our faith in the world.

Our committee have been meeting for a while now, but at this time I would like to invite parishioners to also get involved. Please, consider joining our parish zoom meeting on Tuesday March 16th at 7pm to talk more about our vision for the future . (the link for the meeting will be available on our website)

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Artur Sowa

EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION



Join in the Adventure

We have five more openings for teens on our summer mission trip.

TO: TWIN CITIES, MN

DATES: JULY 17-23, 2020

COST: $250 + FUNDRAISING

THOSE ENTERING GRADE 9 IN 2021 AND UP
March 21 Registration and Payments due.

Scan to register

SCAN ME

2021 Mission Trip

Welcome aboard Lisa Ouradnik. Lisa is currently the only adult leader we have for 20 young ladies, we are looking for two more women with the following qualifications to join in the fun this Summer. July 17-23, in Twin Cities, MN

Requirements:

- Be at least 21 Years of Age
- Be willing to drive
- Accompany our teens for the week. (Working, Praying, and Playing)
- Build Community with teens prior to trip
- Be present and open to young people
- Help make sure everyone stays safe, healthy, and encouraged.

Please notify Youth Ministry coordinator Matthew Toohill

Gathering Again

Everyone must wear a mask, sit 6 feet apart and have contactless temperature taken.

March 7: SSYMA Zoom Retreat @ 2:00 PM

March 14: Share and Prayer @ 7:00 PM

March 21: Online Game Tournament

March 28: Prayer and planning

PASSION PLAY

Unfortunately due to the pandemic, we will not be able to have the Passion Play during mass again this year. However, we would like to make a recording of the Passion Play. If you'd like to take part contact Youth Ministry Coordinator Matthew Toohill @ sfyg@sfaorland.org or call 708-460-0042.

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

WELCOME

We warmly welcome our new parishioners (February 2021) to St. Francis of Assisi:

Kevin Morandi

John & Kathleen (Kelly) DiNardi

Janet Andorf

Rob & Kimberly (Gervais) Kaczmark and children: Wolfgang & Barron

COVID CARE KIT BLESSING BAG SUPPLY DRIVE

hosted by Girl Scout Troop 60200 from Tinley Park and Orland Park for South Suburban PADS

The members of Girl Scout Troop 60200 have partnered with South Suburban PADS to assemble and donate Covid Care Kit Blessing Bags for the homeless people who utilize PADS shelter services. PADS facilitates a network of 14 overnight emergency shelters for the homeless, as well as assisting them with finding permanent housing (for more information about this organization, please visit sspads.org).

Our goal is to supply the homeless with personal hygiene materials to help them stay safe and healthy during the Coronavirus pandemic. Without regular access to running water, facemasks, and other personal hygiene materials, the homeless are at much greater risk of catching and spreading this virus. We want to help them stay as safe as possible by hosting this supply drive.

If you would like to donate items for our supply drive, the items most in need are:

- Disposable facemasks
- Hand sanitizer - unscented, small/travel size containers
- Antibacterial Wet Wipes - small/travel size packets
- Tissues - small/travel size packets
- Bars of soap
- Toothbrushes and small toothpaste containers
- Hand lotion

Please place your items in the grey bin located in the Narthex before and after all

masses March 20th/21st

If you have any questions, please contact our Troop Leader, Amanda Riordan at amanda.riordan@yahoo.com or 708-342-6135.

We Thank You and May God Bless You!
Cadette Girl Scout Troop 60200

Emma, Jenna, Nora and Sophia

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE!

The Helping Hands Committee sponsored yet another food drive. We are happy to report that over three full vans of food were collected along with over $1400. These funds can be used to purchase discounted products from the Greater Food Depository. Thank you to our generous parishioners who again came forward with donations beyond expectation. Also a big thank you to those who worked to facilitate this drive:

Sheila & John Pacholski, Debbie & Brian Burzinski, Ann Carroll, Teri Sankey, Dan & Jerry LaRoche and high schooler Fabio.

Thanks also to staff members Sr. Gael and Jim Hahn.

The proceeds of this drive will be donated to St. Blasé parish, St.. Philip Neri parish, Sacred Heart Mission and Orland Food Pantry.

Thank you all for giving in the spirit of St. Francis!

Parish Stewardship

Month of February, 2021

Electronic Giving $35,453.99

Envelopes & Loose $60,832.01

Total for February, 2021 $96,286.00

Lenten Fast for Creation Care

This Lent, consider a Lenten Sacrifice focused on Care for God's Creation

Why a Lenten Creation Care Fast? Water is a precious life-giving resource requiring enormous energy for distribution/treatment. **WEEK FOUR:** How you use water can have a significant environmental impact over time. Low flow shower heads, washers, dishwashers and toilets reduce water waste (and cost), as does avoiding letting water run unnecessarily. Fully load washers and dishwashers for more efficient use of this important resource and to be good stewards of the environment God has given us.

MARCH	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	4TH SUNDAY LENT
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

Water Waste and Energy Fast — Turn water heater to 120˚F setting, shorter (3 minute) showers instead of baths, cold water clothes washing, turn off water while brushing and shaving, fully load washers /dishwashers, and install low-flow fixtures.

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

Grief is the normal response of sorrow, emotion, and confusion that comes from losing someone or something important to you. It is a natural part of life, however, we are not meant to go through grief alone.

Our grief support group meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 4:00 pm in the Great Room. Please call the parish office 462-0042 to register – limited to 10 participants. Our next meeting is March 8. Remember your mask and social distancing.

The group will be facilitated by Valerie Piazza LCPC Join us and allow us to walk this journey with you.

Beverly Purrenhage

Carmen Arroyo

SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Names of sick relatives and friends normally appear in the bulletin for six weeks. After six weeks, the names are written into our parish book of prayers for continued remembrance. At the request of the

Rick Baud
Benjamin Cernak
Al Dilger
Nyla Dion
Holly Fedor
Infant Candelaria Gorak
Janeen Hanselman
Joyce Harris
Patricia Hebda
Wanda Johnson
Ernie & Ann Koch
Patrick McCann
Yolanda Sasso
Michael Skrandzius
Rosario Tadiamon
Don Wallace
Kyle Williams

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Please keep those listed below in your daily prayers

Saturday, March 6
4:00PM Sheila Petrarca rq. by Josephine Lee, Levia Palango rq. by Roxanne & Mike Zoladz, Irene McQuaid rq. by Bill & Beth Doyle, Bill O'Neill rq. by Anne Lebert, Dominic Sharkey rq. by Anne Lebert

6:00PM People of St. Francis

Sunday, March 7
8:00AM Marie Jeanne Skorup rq. by Emily Skorup, Nora Barrett rq. by Family, Alice McCormick rq. by Adrianne Wieczorek

10:00AM Joseph Herman rq. by Family, Marian Ward rq. by Mike & Roxanne Zoladz, Giovanna Scardina rq. by Salvatore Scardina, Joan Eckel rq. by John Eckel

12:00PM Kazimierz Lichaj rq. by Dorota & Andrew Ciezczak, Anthony Catalano rq. by CRHP 17, Patricia Lanigan rq. by David & Linda Schuman Family

Monday, March 8
8:30AM Jean Riley rq. by Family

Tuesday, March 9
8:30AM People of St. Francis

Wednesday, March 10
8:30AM Susan Cava rq. by Joseph March, Maybelle McCann rq. by Rosemary & Don Januszyk

Thursday, March 11
8:30AM Mary C. Fahy rq. by Una Dwyer

Friday, March 12
8:30AM Giovanna Scardina rq. by Salvatore Scardina

Saturday, March 13
4:00PM Jack Crisham rq. by Crisham Family, Elizabeth & Richard Schinners rq. by Sally O'Rourke, Dan & Bridget O'Rourke rq. by Sally O'Rourke, Joseph Olivieri rq. by Thies Family, Barbara McArthur rq. by Bobbi Mangan

6:00PM Schweiger & Norris Families rq. by Family, Piosek Family rq. by Sroka Family, Stefania & Franciszek Kleczek rq. by George & Eva Lopuszynski, Patricia Lanigan rq. by David & Linda Schuman Family

Sunday, March 14
8:00AM Louis Belski rq. by Family, Nanelle McClowry rq. by Bill & Beth Doyle

10:00AM John Concannon rq. by Kay & Jerry Saletta, Joan Eckel rq. by John Eckel, Giovanna Scardina rq. by Salvatore Scardina, John McDonnell, Sr. rq. by Family, Mary Hellman rq. by daughters

12:00PM People of St. Francis

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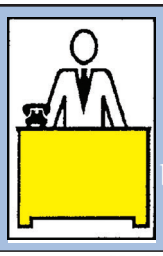

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The Parish offices are located in the lower level of the church. Entrance is via the walkway at the west side of the church building. Hours 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday. Masks are required in the building. Evenings and weekends are by appointment. The Chapel is located at the northeast corner of the Church.

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The Religious Ed Offices are located in the St. Francis Center, up the hill, west of the church. Religious Ed office hours ar Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM. The Religious Ed offices are closed on Fridays. Masks are required in the building.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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Phone: 708-403-6525
Principal: Kelly Bourrell
Web page: www.cjbschool.org

REGISTRATION Become a registered member of the parish by completing a registration form which is found in Church.

BECOME A CATHOLIC - R.C.I.A. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact the parish office at 708-460-0042

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Baptisms can be arranged by appointment. A baptismal conference will be set up with the parents.

CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL Our elementary Catholic regional school is located on the campus of St. Elizabeth Seton parish at 167th & 94th Ave. For registration information, contact the school at 708-403-6525.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Sessions are held on alternating Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 4:30pm- 5:30pm for all grade levels 1-8. Saturday class is from 8:30am-9:30am. Remote classes for all grades 1-8 are available for those who are unable to attend in person. Please call the Religious Education office at (708)460-0155 or email religioused@sfaorland.org to register or to obtain more information. .

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Communal celebration of the Sacrament will be held during Advent and Lent. Individual confessions are heard on Saturdays at 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM. **Individual Confessions will be heard at 9:00—9:30 AM** to allow time for sanitizing the church before Funerals and Weddings.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Weddings need to be scheduled at least 4-6 months in advance upon approval of a priest. Couples are reminded to secure the church date before the reception hall. Please check our website for more details.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Those of advanced age or suffering from a chronic or serious illness are invited to be anointed. A priest is available to offer the Sacrament whether the ill person is at home or in the hospital. Please call 708-460-0042.