



Saint Matthew Church *The PULSE*

March 27, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



4th Sunday O F L E N T

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always;
everything I have is yours.'" - Lk 15:31

Readings for the Week of March 27, 2022

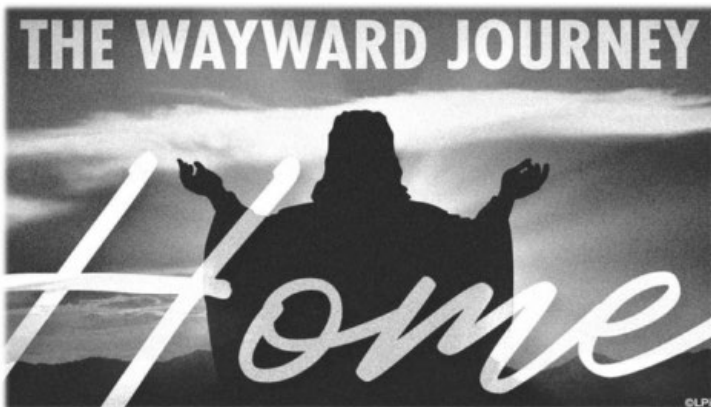
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/
2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and
13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/
Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and
23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/
Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

4th Sunday of Lent

God's love story reveals itself in our stories, experiences, and aspirations. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. There are many times in our lives when we would "sell our souls" in order to pursue our passions. We pursued what we wanted without regard for others or God. We have sowed our oats, thrown ourselves into careless pleasures, spent what we know we ought to have saved, turned our backs on those we love and abused gifts we have been given. We even hit bottom and realized the silliness and self-destruction of it all. We needed to come home. We knew we erred and needed a gentle presence to show us God's unconditional love. This wayward journey home changed us.

As much as we need to be welcomed, we are also the one who needs to do the welcoming and mercy giving. Those we love need our guidance, but they don't always take it. We know that what they are doing is off the mark, self-destructive and wrong. We have to let them go and let it happen, even though they might get hurt. As we wait and hope, they choose to make their way back to us. They don't need us to judge them. They have done enough of that to themselves. We immediately embrace them and are just happy they're home. God uses us to help heal them. Knowing how much we craved understanding and forgiveness ourselves, we can now freely give it away. God uses what he has taught us to teach others.

We are also the entitled ones. At least we "think" we are entitled. After all, we work hard for what we have. We cannot get our heads around the idea that someone can get something that I really deserve! If I do what I'm supposed to do, I ought to be rewarded for that, right? If I do something wrong, I ought to pay the consequences. This is justice, isn't it? This is not God's justice. God is all about love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God's justice is love freely given without merit. We carry the stories of the prodigal son, the unconditional forgiving father, and the entitled angry brother with us. When we make friends with all three, humbly telling those stories to others makes us Christ's ambassadors.



Our Lenten Journey - Driven by a Dream

Living in Kigali, Rwanda, Glorioso Uwamahoro and her husband Karekezi Jean Pierre are no strangers to hardship and hard work. Driven by a dream to send their three children to a good school, Glorioso sells vegetables and water in a ki-
osk and Karekezi sells vegetables at a market. It's a full day's work. They often return home late at night, but thankful for the blessings they have.



"Our country went through a lot," Glorioso says. "Though I say that our country has made progress, development is still essential, and it is ongoing." They faced many challenges. Their daughter was malnourished—like many other children in their village. Then Glorioso joined Gikuriro, a project funded by the U.S. government and led by Catholic Relief Services to support the Rwandan government's efforts to combat malnutrition.

In Gikuriro, Glorioso learned how to prepare balanced meals for her children. She also learned about the importance of good hygiene. She shared these and other skills—like how to grow a kitchen garden—with her husband so they could support their children together. "Parents have to pull together ... because they are our responsibility," Glorioso says about caring for their children.

She later joined a CRS-led micro-savings group and learned how loans could help her grow her business and make more money. Now she earns enough to support her family. She and Karekezi can also afford to fulfill their dream of sending their kids to school.

Glorioso says because parents in her village have gained knowledge about balanced diets, their children are receiving the food they need to grow. But what she considers truly wonderful is how, by participating in the program, "a woman has been given a voice."

"It wasn't a thing before for a woman to speak up ... or borrow a certain amount of money and use it to make profit and pay it back," she says. "That is something to be thankful for."

A Recipe from Rwanda - Eating Simply

3-1/3 C Cornmeal
4 C Water
1/2 t Salt
1 16-oz Can of Beans
1 Onion, diced
1 Tomato, chopped

Boil water in a sauce pan, and then stir in cornmeal and salt. Mix for 5 to 7 minutes or until the water is absorbed. Add more water as necessary to reach the desired consistency (thick). Stir often to prevent burning. Sauce is meant to be thick.

Beans: Sauté the onion and the tomato, add the beans to the vegetables including some of the bean broth.

This serves 4 to 6 people. This cornmeal dish is eaten with your hands. It is a very malleable, able to be formed by hand to dip in the main bean dish like a chip or used as a tortilla. Form "boats" to carry the bean mixture. A quick and easy meal for the family with plenty of leftovers. Enjoy!

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, March 26, and Sunday, March 27, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - Catholic Relief Services Collection (not Rice Bowl)

Tuesday, March 29, 6:30 pm - Organ Dedication Concert Committee Meeting, Church Auditorium

**- SAVE THE DATE -
Parish Communal Penance Service
Monday, April 11, 7 pm**

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This week we take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Thank you for your generosity!



PRAY FAST GIVE

A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

*Give comfort to those who suffer because of the violence.
Give comfort to those who mourn their dead
and strength to neighboring countries to welcome the refugees.
Convert the hearts of those who resort to arms
and protect those who work to promote peace.
God of hope, inspire leaders to choose peace instead of
violence and to seek reconciliation with enemies.
Inspire compassion in the universal Church for the
Ukrainian people and give us hope for a future of peace
based on justice for all.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
Prince of Peace and Light of the World. Amen*

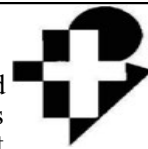


A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

We may feel like the Prodigal Son, but the Gospel wants us to focus on the father who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent?



CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron has charged all faithful in our Archdiocese to join together as a "joyful band of missionary disciples" in a spirit of evangelization. Generously sharing ourselves and our gifts through the CSA allows us to witness our discipleship in Christ through our love of one another. This "attitude of gratitude" also provides growth in our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your generous support of CSA through St. Matthew Parish. There are only a few weeks left for the 2021 CSA campaign. If you are interested in participating in the 2021 campaign, please contact the rectory for further information or go to aod.org for more information.

Fridays during Lent ~ St. Paul on the Lake 157 Lake Shore, Grosse Pointe Farms

Bring your family and friends for:

A simple supper from 5:30 to 6:45 pm in the cafeteria.

A free will offering will be accepted.

Stations of the Cross from 7:00 to 7:30 pm in the Church

with reflections by Seminarian Charlie Giroux,

7:30 to 8:00 pm in the Church on Lenten practices

and how they help us live the virtues, from the

"The Art of Living" by Edward Sri.

Questions? Contact Anne Graves at 313-885-8855 or

agraves@stpaulonthelake.org.

REFLECT Retreat Weekend

Many never-married, divorced, or widowed people in mid-life (mid 30s to mid 50s) feel alone, out of place, and wondering what this phase of life means for them. REFLECT retreat weekends offer a chance to experience healing, a sense of belonging, and a renewed relationship with the Lord.

As a mid-life single, are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend at the St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on April 22-24, 2022. Take a chance and get involved...you won't regret it! The cost is \$200 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call 586-770-1772 for details.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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WEEKEND/WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	9:00 a.m.
Reconciliation	By Appointment
Holydays	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

In your prayers...

Please remember those in our parish and in our families who are sick or in need of our prayers.

Anthony Mastronardi
Stephanie Smith
Janet Law
Laura Alix
Jo Marie Nardi
Anthony Crimauco
Rosemary Schoolcraft
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William Walker IV
Nancy Clemons
Cathy D'Agostini
Madeline Jozwiak
Marc McEachern
John Cassisa

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, April 2, 2022, 4:30 p.m.
Liz Foley-Dunstone

Bruce Campbell

Sunday, April 3, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
David Smydra

Jermaine Donaldson
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 26 - Vigil: 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

4:30 p.m. - Tim Fitzgerald

Sunday, March 27 - 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

10:00 a.m. - Elizabeth "Rue" DeWaeltsche, Marcella Adams, Renee LaPratt Jazckowski (8th Anniv), For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

Monday, March 28 -

Tuesday, March 29 -

9:00 a.m. - For an End to the War in Ukraine

Wednesday, March 30 -

9:00 a.m. - For Healthcare Workers and First Responders

Thursday, March 31 -

Friday, April 1 -

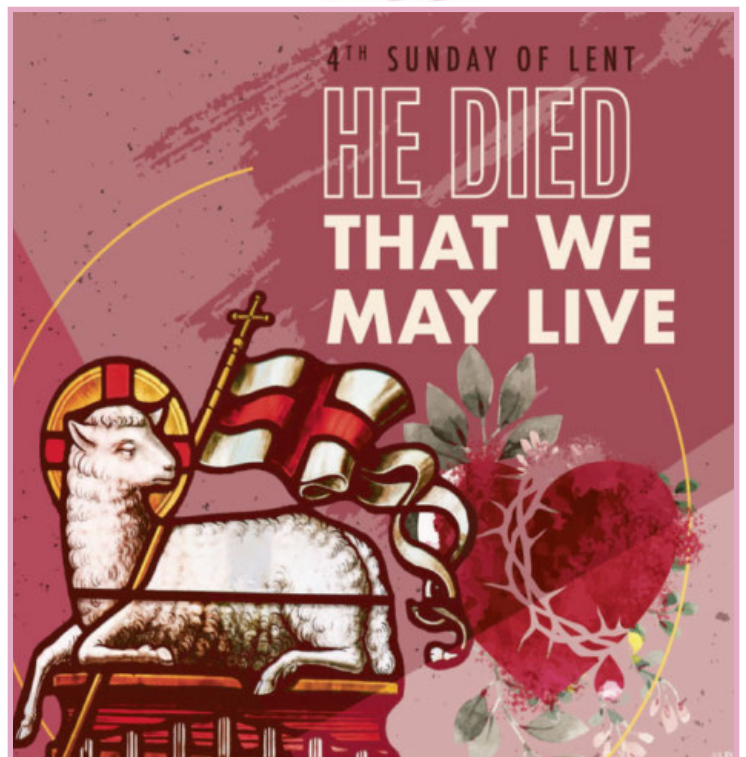
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, April 2 - Vigil: 5th Sunday of Lent

4:30 p.m. - Maria Fowler

Sunday, April 3 - 5th Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. - Hermenia (Emmy) Escorial



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