Third Sunday of LENT

“Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.”

Exodus 3:5

March 20, 2022

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THE MISSION OF OUR PARISH
As members of the Diocese of Joliet, we are a faith community united in Christ by a common bond to the universal Catholic Church. Our words and actions are a reflection of Christ’s presence among us. We manifest God’s Word through active participation in spiritual, liturgical, educational, service, and social ministries directed at bringing all people to Christ.

Please join us for:
Masses at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Communion Service at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday
Rosary at 8:30 a.m. on Monday–Friday
Individual Rite of Penance at 4:00 p.m. & Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday
Sunday Masses at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME
WE’RE GLAD YOU’RE HERE!
If you are a new visitor to our church today, welcome!
If you would like more information about our church or would like to register in the parish, please contact any of the staff members listed above or fill out a simple on-line registration form at st-phil.org.

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS & BULLETIN DEADLINES
Parish staff reserves the right to accept/decline/edit pulpit announcements and bulletin submissions. Please submit pulpit announcements to Carol Schubert (cschubert@st-phil.org; 630-628-0900 x104) no later than the Wednesday preceding the desired weekend. Please send bulletin submissions to Barb Nicolai (bnicolai@st-phil.org; 630-543-1754) a week prior to desired publication date.
PRAYER OF THE WEEK
Third Sunday of Lent
O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection: Undertake an examination of conscience this week and pray for God’s loving mercy.

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Are you a Roman Catholic?
7 hours of Confession!

When was the last time you received Reconciliation?
Was it recently? In the past year? Past 20 years?
The priests of Eastern DuPage County will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness of Sin!

Saturday April 2nd
from 8 AM-3 PM

There will be select times when the sacrament will be offered in Polish and Spanish.

All are invited to receive God’s grace
Immaculate Conception Church
132 Arthur St. Elmhurst, IL
630-530-8515

Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? Please call 312-391-3843 or visit http://kofc650.org for more information.

March 2022

Dear Friends,

Our diocese will take up the annual second collection for Catholic Relief Services on March 27, and it could not come at a more fortunate time.

As the arm of the Catholic Church that helps the poor and vulnerable overseas, Catholic Relief Services plays a vital role in emergencies such as the war in Ukraine. When Russia launched a military invasion of Ukraine last month, Catholic Relief Services immediately contacted its partners in that country to help families fleeing to safety. The agency and its workers set up field kitchens that offered food. They established evacuation centers to provide shelter, food, and counseling for displaced families. They rescued children from areas of conflict and relocated them to safe zones.

Your support of Catholic Relief Services funds organizations dedicated to aiding people affected by war and natural disaster, migrants and refugees in need of material and legal assistance, and people worldwide whose livelihoods are impacted by changing political and environment conditions.

This is life-saving work. Thank you for your support of our neighbors overseas with your donation to the humanitarian mission of Catholic Relief Services.

Paz y bien,
Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

Those who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they themselves must pass. (Confucius)

Bishop Hicks has appointed Fr. Jerry Rogers to guide the community of St. Philip the Apostle Parish in Addison. Fr. Jerry was originally a seminarian of our diocese many, many years ago. He was ordained for the Crookston Diocese in Minnesota and recently retired from service at an Indian reservation in that diocese. There are a couple of impressive articles on his work there on the internet.

The date of the start of the appointment will need to be nailed down, but looks like sometime after Easter.

Fr. Rogers will be introducing himself in your bulletin and ultimately in person.

Sincerely,
Fr. John Balluff
Episcopal Vicar of Clergy
The RE Program will be gathering donations for the needy in the area for the St. Joseph Lenten Project during the month of March. Items needed are paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, dish soap, laundry detergent, hand soap, shampoo/conditioner, combs, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine products, diapers, lotion, etc. Donations may be dropped off in the RE Office. Thank you for your generosity! The donated items will be blessed at the St. Joseph Liturgy on Saturday, March 19, at 9:15 a.m. in the church. Please join us!

JOE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE JOLIET DIOCESE

St. Margaret Mary is seeking to hire a parish receptionist to work 15-18 hours a week. This person will greet visitors, answer telephone calls, maintain the Mass intention book, maintain and schedule ministries meetings, and assist with special projects. The ideal candidate must have good interpersonal communication skills and the ability to maintain confidentiality in all matters. Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite necessary. To view a complete job description, visit https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=770. To apply for this position, please send your résumé to sbarcel@smmp.com.

Reflecting on a Tree and a Bush.

In Luke’s parable, the gardener wants to give the unproductive fig tree a second chance. Here is an image of God’s tending to all of us—always wanting the opportunity for second (and third and fourth and…) chances. In the Exodus account, God, in an unconsumed burning bush, speaks to Moses. Both vineyard and Horeb are holy ground, places for God’s saving activity.

How will I work the holy ground of my life this week, this Lent?

What fruit will my life bear?

How will I listen and respond to what God calls out to me?

40 DAYS FOR LIFE (MARCH 2 to APRIL 10) Please join us to pray for moms and their babies during a 40 day prayer vigil now in progress until April 10. 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily

Location: Access Health Center at 1700 75th Street in Downers Grove

For more information, please email Mary Stuhr at mes102238@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you to our eighth graders who led the parish in the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 11. It was a most profound and moving experience.

Thank you also to the generous parishioners and school families who donated to our drive to send supplies to Ukraine.

SCRIP gift cards are available to order throughout the year. Visit shop.shopwithscrip.com to see brands/denominations. Contact Lizzy Roberson at 224-287-5278 or email lizzywrobsorn@gmail.com for more information. All proceeds are earmarked for the school. Thank you for your support in keeping the St. Philip the Apostle School tuition low.
There is nothing quite like an unambiguous writing, especially when it forces a reality check. This is exactly what happens in Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. Paul writes, “Whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.” Confidence is important. Overconfidence is vicious. As we celebrate this Third Sunday of Lent, in what ways have we become complacent in confidence? Today’s gospel is a good checkpoint of sorts as we enter this third week of our Lenten journey. Have we been using the time we have to cultivate our relationship with God and others? Have we generously and selflessly shared our gifts and resources with others? Are we making the most of each day? Jesus tells us we have another chance to step it up. Repentance and God’s life-giving forgiveness are possible. Let us not squander that opportunity.

Source: Living Liturgy 2022, Liturgical Press
As we continue our journey through the season of Lent, let us allow ourselves to be transformed into the person God has created us to be.

Please consider these words from Mark Trotter about Repentance:

- Repentance doesn’t mean going through life with your head down, feeling remorseful for being so bad. It means start doing something good. Start practicing what you believe in.

- Repent means start doing the things that you know you should do. If you are alienated from somebody, be reconciled.

- If you are self-righteous in relation to others, humble yourself.

- If you have been uncaring toward the poor, now is the time to get some moral imagination and put yourself in the plight of another human being.

- If you have been callous about prospects for peace in the world, now is the time for you to start praying and begin working for those things in your own neighborhood that make for peace.

- If you have put your trust in the accumulation of things so that you are slave to a whole host of masters, now is the time for you to unload some of the stuff and to put your trust in God.

- And if you assumed to this point that you are going to be judged on your ability to avoid evil in this life, this is the time for you to hear that you are going to be judged on your courage to do the good.

- Repentance is not some negative, life-denying gesture. In fact, repentance doesn’t mean turning to a past way of thinking or doing at all. Repentance means turning to a new way. Repentance does not mean to change from what we are to what we were. It means to change from what we are to what we are going to be.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 21 to 27, 2022

| Monday 03/21/22 | 6:30 p.m.-Legion of Mary (VR) | 7:00 p.m.-Mission Presentation (CH) | 7:00 p.m.-St. Vincent de Paul (R2) |
| Tuesday 03/22/22 | 7:00 p.m.-Mission Presentation (CH) | 7:00 p.m.-Contempo Choir (MR) | 8:00 p.m.-AA Meeting (R2-upstairs) |
| Wednesday 03/23/22 | 6:30 p.m.-RE Classes for Grades 6 & 7 |
| Thursday 03/24/22 | 3:00 p.m.-School Children’s Choir (CH) |
| Friday 03/25/22 | 7:00 p.m.-Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday 03/26/22 | 8:30 a.m.-RE Children’s Choir (MR) |
| Sunday 03/27/22 | 11:00 a.m.-RCIA (R1) |

Collection for March 12/13, 2022

Collection: $9,777
Budget: $13,115
Difference: ($3,339)

Cumulative for Year to Date ending 06/30/22

Collection: $457,478
Budget: $485,269
Difference: ($27,791)

Thank you for your generosity!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 21
8:00 AM Mary Fratto

TUESDAY, MARCH 22
8:00 AM Peter Rini

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23
8:00 AM (Communion Service)

THURSDAY, MARCH 24
8:00 AM Vince Levy

FRIDAY, MARCH 25
8:00 AM Tom Meyers
7:00 PM (Stations of the Cross)

SATURDAY, MARCH 26
4:00 PM INDIVIDUAL RITE OF PENANCE
5:00 PM Anticipated Mass for Sunday
Rosella DeAstis Tangorra / Adeline Kulbeda
Charlene Berg / Mary Jane Maxwell
Anthony John Rudele

SUNDAY, MARCH 27
Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Domenico Imbrogno
Marian Rapacz / Larry Morretti

LENTEN REGULATIONS
Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful. Lent is the principal season of pance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

Please pray for all of our young men and women currently serving in the Armed Forces, especially:

Richard Avila, Marines
Salvador Bonilla, Jr., Air Force
Elijah Burgins, Marines
Emiliano Carranza, Marines
Kevin Catano, Marines
Steven J. DeMarco, Army
Matthew Deimling, Army
Jack Domek, Marines
Adam Dorney, Army
Samantha Fallon, Navy
Diego Feros, Army
Blaze Galardy, Air Force
Martin Garcia, Army
Mark Jastowski, Marines
Dylan Johnson, Army
José Juarez, Navy
Paul Keppler, Navy
Ben Krause, Marines
C. J. Loveland, Air Force
Drew Loveday, Marines
Kristofferson Marzo, Army
Andrew Maslanka, Army
Mathew Maslanka, Army
Bradley Melson, Marines
Anthony Milazzo, Navy
Ryan Mills, Air Force
Billy Moncatch, Marines
Jason Okara, Army
Enrique Ospina, Marines
Adam Ostrander, Navy
Coe Parent, Marines
Randall Petrbok, Air Force
James Roman, Marines
Ryan Ruizol, Navy
Andrew Tarchinski, Army
Patrick Tobias, Air Force
Isaiah Wuich, Marines

To add a name to the list, please call 630-543-1754 or email bnicolai@st-phil.org.

Please pray for our sick & shut-in and those who are healing & convalescing...

Jenny Bellezza, Fr. Steve Bondi, Ray Bugielski, Alison Carey, Brian Cherry, Tim Kullum

Please get permission from family members or the person who is ill before requesting that his/her name be added to the prayer list. To add names to the list, please call 630-543-1754 or email bnicolai@st-phil.org. Names are deleted from the list after six months unless a request is made for a perpetual listing.

ABORTION ALTERNATIVES: Waterleaf (630-701-6270), Post Abortion Healing (877-467-3463), Birthright (800-550-4900, 24 hours)
**Baptism Information:** Baptisms are celebrated on the second & fourth Sunday of each month. A pre-Baptism program must be attended by the parents. Please call the rectory to register for a program.

**Marriage Information:** Please call the rectory to make arrangements at least six months (a year is preferred) in advance of the wedding date. It is recommended you do not rent reception facilities until your wedding date is confirmed with the pastor. Your preferred wedding date may be unavailable, and we do not want you to lose your deposit with the reception venue.

**Parish Registration:** New families are welcome and are asked to register at the rectory. Also, previously registered parishioners are asked to notify us of any address changes.

**Emergency Sick or Anointing Calls:** Please notify us immediately of any serious illness in your family. If you have a hospitalized loved one who would like a visit, please call the rectory with contact information since the hospitals and hospices no longer notify parishes. Please do not wait until the last minute to have someone anointed. There are always accidents/emergencies, but sometimes there is less panic when the anointing can be done prior to someone passing.

We now have available low-gluten hosts which make it possible for people who have celiac disease or allergies to wheat or gluten to be able to receive communion. If you have celiac disease or an allergy to wheat or gluten, please let us know before Mass so that arrangements can be made for you to be able to receive communion at Mass.
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