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we **love** others,
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FR. MARK'S NOTES

Lent 2023

Welcome everyone to lent. I always appreciate lent. It gives me time to re-focus and look at things that I may have taken for granted or gotten lazy about in my spiritual life. How am I praying? Am I praying each day ON PURPOSE? Am I faithful to my discipline of prayer? Fasting! What do I need to fast from? Social media, TV, food, alcohol, shopping, etc. And almsgiving: where am I being called to serve and to give?

We have a few disciplines throughout lent for you to consider, but what about your everyday life? Where are we called to offer kindness and beauty? Or, to put it our way, love others, deepen our Faith, and, in our own way, transform the world. All three are required!

Stations of the Cross

Pope Benedict writes, **“the way of the cross is, in fact, the only way that leads to victory.”** Therefore, we have Stations of the Cross each Friday evening at 6:00, going back and forth between Our Mother of Sorrows (which was this past week) and St. Michael's. (Check out the weekly bulletin for Stations and the soup and salad meal schedule.). We will alternate between the two parishes and use different Station books each week. It's good to hear different “takes” on the Stations of the Cross. Also, keep an eye out for the soup suppers we have planned for a few Friday evenings. What a great way to observe Lent -- Stations of the Cross.

“Follow Your Faith” YouTube Live

Thanks to those who joined us this past week for “Follow Your Faith.” We had a few details to work out as we began, but we had a relatively successful debut. Given the Rite of Election on February 26, we will not be having “Follow Your Faith” this week, but we will be up next week, and we look forward to engaging you on the many topics of our Faith. Thanks for watching.

Communion from the Cup Again!!

I'm not yet sure of the exact time; I believe it's sometime during Holy Week; we will again be offering the option of receiving Holy Communion from the Cup, receiving the Precious Blood of Christ. I understand that many will be reticent to receive from the Cup. So, why am I pleased that the Precious Blood is again available to you? Let me share some thoughts about why receiving from “Both Kinds” is a good thing.

It is often stated that the Full Presence of Christ is contained in either part (The Host or the Precious Blood) of the Eucharistic Species. So, why receive from the Cup? In the Liturgy, especially in the Eucharistic Prayers, they are rarely or never mentioned separately but always together. First, what does Jesus say, “Take this **all of you** and drink from it.” He is inviting us all. Secondly, the early Church offering of the Cup was almost universal as a complete sign of our Holy Communion with Jesus. May I quote from a favorite book, Meeting Christ in His Mysteries by Gregory Collins, OSB? “The Liturgy is a sign language made up of symbolic actions through which Christ manifests himself. It is not a matter of ‘more’ or ‘less.’ Rather, it is about recognizing the symbolic significance attached to this action of eating and drinking, and the richly symbolic meaning of the chalice set forth in Sacred Scripture.” So, it's not necessarily about how little I can do or the minimum required; it's about the breath, the depth, and the heights of this experience of risen Christ here in our midst in the Sacred Liturgy.

Simply put, it is a more profound human experience of the Real Presence to receive from both the Host and the Cup. It's a deeper experience of Christ's presence. I hope that helps you understand why I think this is important for us as Catholics as we seek to grasp the depth of our precious sacred Liturgy.

I'll inform you of the details of all this and when this happens for us. In the meantime, we should ponder what all this means for us and our journey of faith. Maybe we can discuss it more in venues like “Follow Your Faith.” It's all very significant stuff for us!

FR. MARK'S NOTES (continued)

Rite of Election

This Sunday Evening at St. John Gualbert Cathedral, we will be celebrating the Rite of Election for 4 of those seeking entrance into our precious Catholic Faith. McKenzie Sinclair and Valarie Mayhew are our catechumens, and Michele De-ter and Luke Pringle are our candidates. We welcomed them officially last week, and this week, Bishop Mark will call them to the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist this Easter Vigil— a great evening for all of them, and us, their brothers and sisters in Faith.



FOLLOW YOUR FAITH—FEBRUARY 26 @ 7 pm

There will not be Follow Your Faith tonight, February 26, because our four candidates and catechumens are at the Rite of Election with Fr. Mark and Bishop Mark.

Join us for Follow Your Faith Sunday, March 5, at 7 pm on YouTube "omos media." Fr. Mark And Marty will discuss "free will" and the book Good Goats-Healing Our Image of God by Dennis Lint.

CARE MINISTRIES

Within our parish of Our Mother of Sorrows and St. Michael's, we have ten different ministries that serve others in our parishes and our community. These Care Ministries provide special assistance during illness, injury, loss, crisis, or need. They offer a kind heart and a welcoming touch to so many. During Lent, we will feature these ministries each week, so everyone can familiarize themselves with our Care Ministries. It will showcase their amazing work but also offer an opportunity for you to join these ministries and help in their service to others. So stay tuned to see if there is a ministry that interests you as we all seek to 'transform our world.'

THANK YOU

Thank you, St. Michael's and OMOS parish family, for your generosity to the bookmark project that the Youth Faith Formation Groups, 2nd through high school, initiated and generated. We collected over \$1500 for the St. Vincent de Paul Family Kitchen, and they are so excited about our contribution.! All of you have certainly affirmed what we want our students to become, servants who spread the Gospel through word and action. God bless all of you for lifting up our students to believe they can make a difference!



Congratulations to the Santee's small group for winning the Trivia Night at Bishop Carroll!!! They donated their winnings, \$300, to Joseph's Hands. Well done, everyone!!

If you want to join a small group for Lent, please let us know by signing up on our website, omostoday.com. It is never too late, and all are welcome!

LENTEN SOUP, SALAD, & SPEAKERS!

Join us on Fridays during Lent for Stations of the Cross. We will have a meatless soup available each week for everyone. If you want to help make the soup, please go to the Perfect Potluck website, Username: OMOS, Password: SOUP, and check out the recipe for the week. Soup can be dropped off Thursday afternoon and will be available for pick-up Friday morning at Holy Grounds.

During the weeks of March 10 and March 24, we will have a speaker after Stations of the Cross at OMOS, followed by a simple meal of Soup & Salad. All are welcome as we journey through Lent together.

EMPOWERING DISCIPLESHIP **Annual Commitment 2023**

Thank you to all the parishioners who have completed and returned their Commitment Cards to the parish. We hope to hear from all our parishioners regardless of their commitment amount. Our Annual Commitment is a great time to reflect on our giving and commitment prayerfully. If you still need to return your Commitment Card, please drop it in the grey drop box outside Holy Grounds, in the collection, or mail it to the Parish Office (415 Tioga Street). We want to encourage you to sign up for online giving. If you need assistance signing up for online giving, give Joyce Dailey a call at the Parish Office, 814 535-7646 ext. 6

2023-LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross:

- ◆ March 3—6:30 pm @ St. Michael's
- ◆ March 10—6 pm @ OMOS
- ◆ March 17—6 pm @ St. Michael's
- ◆ March 24—6 pm @ OMOS
- ◆ March 31—6 pm @ St. Michael's
- ◆ April 7—6 pm @ St. Michael's

Soup, Salad, & Speaker: (will begin after Stations)

- ◆ March 10 @ OMOS
- ◆ March 24 @ OMOS

Nights of Reconciliation:

- ◆ March 20—6 pm @ OMOS
- ◆ March 21—6 pm @ OMOS

Walking Stations of the Cross:

- * April 7—TBD—@ OMOS

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

Gifts cards for Giant Eagle, Sheetz, Walmart, and BiLo are available for purchase at Riek's Country Store, Thursday and Friday, 11 am to 5 pm and Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm, or by calling Marisa Williams at 814 243-3674. Please make checks payable to St. Michael's Church. Sorry, we cannot accept cards for payment.

SAVE THE DATE

March 5 @ 3 pm—"The Via Dolorosa"—Slide show presentation of award-winning book examining the path Jesus took to cross. St. Benedict Church, Johnstown

March 12 @ 3 pm—The Shroud of Turin: Is it the Face of Jesus? -Presentation of history, science, Passion & Resurrection evidence seen in the Shroud of Turin. St. Benedict Church, Johnstown

March 19 @ 3 pm—The Passion of Christ—movie at St. Benedict Church, Johnstown

April 29— 9 am—3:30 pm— Men's Conference, "Strength in Christ-Be Not Afraid", Mount Aloysius College, Cresson

SAVE THE DATE—JUNE 6, 2023

Unlocked Conference at OMOS

All hands on deck to help host this event and welcome bishops, priests, and parish leadership teams.

A Season for Everything



OMOS Women's Retreat

Saturday, April 15, 2023

8:30 AM -4:30 PM

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School
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The focus of this retreat is to understand the seasons of life and the many ways we can relate, support and love each other through our seasons.

Register at omostoday.com

NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE— MARCH 3



Join us for a Night of Worship and Prayer this Friday, March 3, at 7 pm at OMOS. This blessed evening is an excellent opportunity to spend time praising and worshipping our God through song and prayer. There will also be an opportunity for everyone interested to receive personal prayer, and healing of physical, spiritual, emotional, or relational issues. So, join us Friday evening, March 3, at 7 pm. See you there!

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 27

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration
 8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Meara Gleason

Tuesday, February 28

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 7:30 am—Confession
 8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Nicolas Barger

Wednesday, March 1

7 a.m.—Praise & Worship
 4:30 p.m.— Eucharistic Adoration
 5:15 p.m.—Confessions
 6 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Tim Burgess

Thursday, March 2

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 9 a.m.— Mass with Divine Mercy
Servers: Divine Mercy Students

Friday, March 3

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael's
 6 p.m.-Mass at St. Michael's
Server: Tim Burgess
Lector: Doug Puchko
 6:30 p.m.—Stations of the Cross at St. Michael's
 7 p.m.—Night of Worship & Prayer at OMOS

Saturday, March 4

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Abby Curtis & Wynn Curtis
Lector: Cathy Vigna
Euch. Min. Mary Kay Clark (2), Jerry Clark, Michelle Petrell
Hosp. George & Mary Kogut, Kathy Lepsch, Pat Smith, Helen Hromulak, Allie Zoldos, Cathy Vigna, Alexis Angelo

Sunday, March 5

9 a.m.-Mass at St. Michael's
Servers: Tim Burgess & Stanley Smith
Lector: Sister Patty

Sunday, March 5

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Sophie Messina & Kyle Mateljan
Lector: Rosemary Zenone
Euch. Min: Ed Sheehan (2), Rick Messina, Julie Sheehan
Hosp: Matt DiFrancesco, Anne DiFrancesco. John Esch, Kevin Evans, Karen Findish, Julie Fontana, Jim Frischauf, Joan Frischauf

Sunday, March 5

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Charlie Neumann & Aubrey Marron
Lector: Christa Curtis
Euch. Min. Mike Garver (2), Nelson Lowes, Mike Thomas
Hosp: Bill Ingram, John & Julie Edwards, Annette Kamzik, Barbara & Rich Luckner, Joyce Nesmith, Rick Phillips

Saturday, February 25—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Frank Zack (Family)
 6:00 p.m. Hilary & Lucille Schrum & Karen Pinkas (Spack & Hicks Families) & Julias Petruska (Liz, Theresa & Stacey)
(Sanctuary Candle— Schrum Family Feb. 26 -March 3)

Sunday, February 26—First Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Josephine M. Demo (Richard & Theresa Weaver)
 11:00 a.m. Joseph & Clara Vranich (Ron & Janice Gagan & Son)

Monday, February, 27

8:00 a.m. Ray Peterson (wife, Cil Peterson)

Tuesday, February 28

8:00 a.m. Edward J., Sr. & Marie Burkhard (Edward, Jr. & Florine Burkhard)

Wednesday, March 1

6:00 p.m. Jeffrey & Shirley Vien (Norma Oliverio)

Thursday, March 2

9:00 a.m. Patricia Mandichak (John & Sharon Delic)

Friday, March 3

6:00 p.m. Janet L. Swab (Husband, Tom)

Saturday, March 4—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Rose Mirabile (Jim & Elsie Kukura) & Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Gerri Isban on her 90th Birthday (Family)

Sunday, March 5—Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Charles Owens (Sandra Petrusic)
 9:00 a.m. Marie Fesko (Florence Warfel) & Helen Hecker (Family)
 11:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Galliker & O'Connor Families (Polly O'Connor)

REST IN PEACE

Richard Popchak
 Husband of Nancy

Audrey Kettering
 Mother of Michelle & Chuck Rivetti

Our sympathy goes out to all the family and friends

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
 Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19,20,22(22)/2Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

SUNDAY COLLECTION

February 19, 2023

Envelopes\$ 8,417
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Online 8,248
Total\$ 18,166
Budget to Sustain Mission \$17,000/wk
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