

5th Sunday of Lent March 26, 2023

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130; Roman 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

Respecting Life In Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we progress through the Season of Lent, I am mindful that this time of prayer, fasting and works of mercy prepares us for Holy Week and Easter. The core mysteries of our faith are celebrated in this holy time of year. We believe as Catholics that the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord opened heaven and that we who are in union with our Lord through faith have the hope of sharing in his Resurrection and eternal life.

“Life is Christ”, St Paul tells us. Lent moves us to a deeper gratitude to God for the gift of our lives and the hope of life forever. During Lent, when I am hearing confessions, I often instruct the penitent to take a few minutes and from the heart thank God for the gift of his or her life. It sounds obvious, but I find it true that anyone of us can overlook the essential gift that God has given each of us: life itself. When we pause and take stock of what Jesus has done for us in the Paschal Mystery, we are moved to a deeper appreciation for the gift of our lives. Take a moment and gaze upon a crucifix. Have you ever looked at a crucifix or read the Lord’s passion in the gospel and thought: “Am I worth this much to you, Lord?” The answer is “Yes”, we are worth so much to Jesus that he offered himself on the cross for the forgiveness of sins, so that we can have the hope of life eternal. As we move toward Holy Week, I invite you to join with me and our brothers and sisters in faith in expressing our gratitude to the Lord for the gift of our lives by performing works of mercy and compassion that help other people have what they need to live. I am very pleased that later this month, we will dedicate and open the St. Anne Cradle of Hope, a place where expectant and new mothers can receive baby clothes, diapers and many of the basics needed for a new born baby. The Cradle of Hope will open in Carbondale, an area of our diocese where we can help the lives of many women and their children. Watch The Messenger for more news about the St. Anne Cradle of Hope in the next edition.

Please keep me in your prayers and know that I keep you in mine. And especially keep in your prayers Pope Francis as he marks ten years since the day the College of Cardinals elected him pope. May God bless our Holy Father and each of you.

In Christ,
Bishop Michael McGovern

VOCATION CORNER MAR 26, 2023

“I grew up in Haiti as the first child in a family of cradle Catholics. I heard stories about how my dad discerned the priesthood before he married my mom, and I witnessed the humanity of the religious sisters who taught me in school. This faith-filled environment sowed the seeds of my religious vocations, and as a young girl I believed I was called to be a sister. Years later, after my family settled in the United States, I became a lost sheep on a college campus. In 2008, I began to go to daily Mass, participated in Eucharistic adoration, and found a spiritual director. My discernment journey took me to many communities until, in 2010, I knew that the Lord was asking me say “yes” to him through the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church.”

*Sister Christiana Marie Rene; Sisters of Mary, Spokane Wash
Columbia November 2018*



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THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped with the *Fish Fry* on March 17th.

RECONCILIATION

Lenten Reconciliation Service Thursday March 30 at 6pm.

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12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Schedule of Masses

Sun Mar 26 8:00 am Mass
Sat Apr 1 8:30 am Mass- *Billie Anderson*
Sun Apr 2 8:00 am Mass- *Palm Sunday*

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>	
Lynn McMahan	3/28
Curtner Bergmann	3/31

Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Mar 26	Joe Nelson	B. Bowers	V. Anderson	Vol	* Alan Irby D. Zmuda Sr.

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	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Apr 2	Z. Garrett	X. Gruszyck	M. Nelson S. Widowski	M. Palmer E. Zmuda	* Joe Nelson R. Weeks

Gift Bearers Arnold & Brenda Morse Cantor C. Ross

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Mar 19, 2023

General (18)	\$1653.00
Loose	\$100.00
Candles	\$5.00
Dio Collection	\$30.00 (MESSENGER)
Fishy Fry	\$1179.00
50/50 Drawing	\$183.00
Donations	\$200.00 (LED Sign)
Other (7)	\$218.00 (CRF)
Total	\$3568.00

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (3) \$75.00
Total \$75.00

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

SUN	MAR 26	7:30 AM	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
SUN	MAR 26	8AM	Mass
SAT	APR 1	8:30 AM	Mass- <i>Billie Anderson</i>
SUN	APR 2	8 AM	Mass- <i>Palm Sunday</i>

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Easter Flower Memorials are in your boxed envelopes in the March 19th section.

HELPERS WANTED

Looking for a few helpers for the *Fish Fry* on March 31st. Sign up on bulletin board.

ST. PAUL FISH FRY

March 31 4:30-6:30 pm

Place your CarryOut / Dine-In Order Reservations the Thursday before. Call **217-714-4568 or 618-697-1694**

Hand battered fish, baked potato, vegetarian baked beans, coleslaw, hush puppies, dessert & drink
\$12

Children 8 years and under (**children under 3 eat free**) *Fish, bag of chips, drink & dessert or grilled cheese w/ bag of chips, drink & dessert* **\$5**

HOST & WINE

The bishop has opened up being able to receive communion in both services (Host & Wine) Fr. Christian has asked for parishioners to share if they want both Host/Wine or to continue with host only. You can tell him directly or vote using suggestion box.

PRAYERS NEEDED

Cathy Kruep cannot do any weight barring on one leg for the next five weeks or so. Kathy Hupe is undergoing chemotherapy up in St. Louis for a few weeks. Keep them in prayer, and send them some cheer if you can to: Cathy Kruepcan be reached at *180 State Hwy 145 S Golconda, IL 62938/* Kathy Hupe can be reached at *1 Parkview Place St. Louis, MO 63110(Attn: Kathy Hupe Rm 10827)*

PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development in the Diocese of Belleville is looking for an active, practicing Catholic in the southern part of the diocese to serve part-time as an intern. This internship begins in June 2023 and ends May 2024. Hours are flexible and no more than 20 hours per week. This intern will assist with community and economic development projects, including grocery and childcare cooperatives, facilitating groups, and promoting diocesan fundraising efforts. If you're interested, please contact Cheryl Sommer by email at cherylsommer@yahoo.com or by phone at **(618) 624-2838**.

HELP IF YOU CAN

Cairo Daystar Food Pantry begins 2/22- 4/9. Daystar is asking for household supplies such as paper towels, laundry and dish detergents, sponges, toilet paper, etc. **There will be a tub in the entryway.**

LOOKING AHEAD

Mar 30	<i>Reconciliation</i>	6:00 pm
Mar 31	<i>Fish Fry at St. Paul</i>	4:30-6:30 pm
April 2	<i>Mass- Palm Sunday</i>	8:00 am
April 6	<i>Holy Thursday Institution of the Eucharist</i>	7:00 pm
April 7	<i>Good Friday Liturgy</i>	7:00 pm
April 8	<i>Easter Vigil</i>	8:00 pm
April 9	<i>Mass- Easter Sunday/Easter Egg Hunt After Mass</i>	10:00 am

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