

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21, 2021



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MASS SCHEDULE:

WEEKDAYS:

8:00 am (Monday-Friday)

SATURDAYS: 4:00 pm

SUNDAY: 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAY FROM

3:15-3:45 pm

BAPTISMS:

First Sunday of Each Month

By Appointment with Pastor

MARRIAGES:

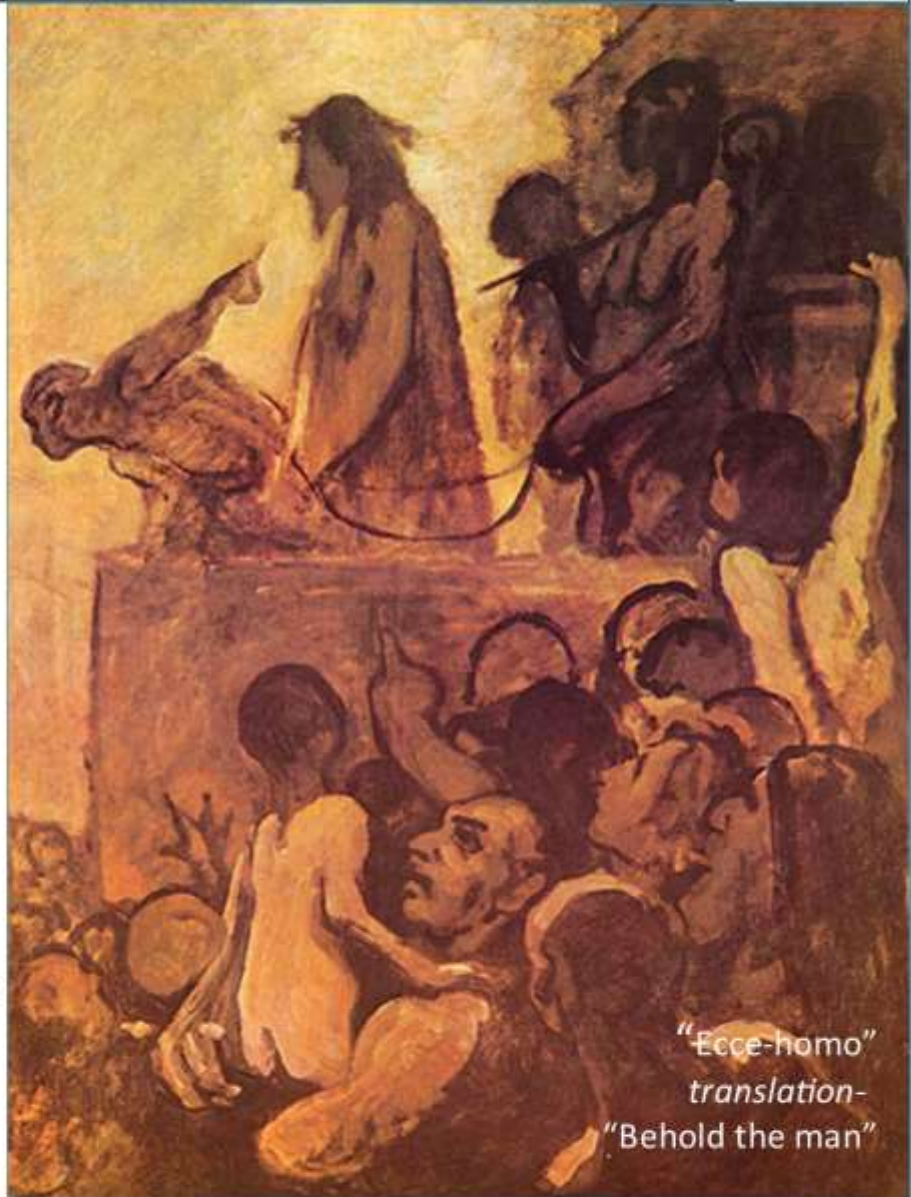
Arrangements Must Be Made

with the Pastor 6 Months

Prior to Proposed Marriage

Food Pantry:

Mondays & Fridays 9-11 am



"Ecce homo"
translation-
"Behold the man"



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Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 8:00 am

Reconciliation: Before Mass

Organist: Jim Wagner



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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<i>Intentions</i>			
Mon.	22	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Tues.	23	8:00 a.m.	Paula Pace
Wed.	24	8:00 a.m.	Jan Nash
Thur.	25	8:00 a.m.	Carol Farr
Fri.	26	8:00 a.m.	Dec. St. Francis de Sales Par
Sat.	27	4:00 p.m.	Rosener/Mouser Families
Sun.	28	10:00 a.m.	Parish Family
(SA)		8:00 a.m.	Craig Wibbenmeyer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

ST. JOSEPH	
SATURDAY VIGIL - 4:00 PM	<i>March 27, 2021</i>
Lector	Janie McCormick
Altar Servers	Landon Stotler
Ushers	M/M Jacob Stotler
ST. JOSEPH	
SUNDAY MASS – 10:00 AM	<i>March 28, 2021</i>
Lector	Marcy Mueller
Altar Servers	Dan & Bernice Burle
Ushers	Mike Lukachick Gerald Stanley
ST. ANNE	
SUNDAY MASS – 8:00 AM	<i>March 28, 2021</i>
Lector	Ron Schmidt
Altar Servers	Patrick McDowell Audrey McDowell MaryKathryn McDowell
Ushers	V. Bender, R. Byington



Lenten Fish Fry - Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a fish fry dinner at their meeting hall every Friday in Lent starting February 19, 2021, 3:30 pm – 6:30 p.m. The meal includes baked and fried catfish, walleye, breaded baked cod, mac & cheese, green beans, stewed tomatoes, slaw, and dessert, and the proceeds help our parishioners offset the costs of Catholic education. Please come out to pick up a good meal and help support these families. **There will be carry out only.**

Reminder St. Joseph Cemetery St. Anne Cemetery

With Easter not very far away, we ask that you please remove Christmas/holiday decorations from the graves. Thank you.



We will have the Stations of the Cross after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday mornings during Lent at St. Joseph Church.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at St. Anne Church after the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass for those who wish to attend.

Dynamic Catholic, Alive!

Have you ever heard people say that the Christian life is easy and that we just need to be nice people? People who say such things are woefully ignorant. Jesus challenges us today in the Gospel and shows us that authentic discipleship is hard. However, He also teaches us that great fruit can be borne for the Kingdom of God when we choose to die to ourselves and suffer with purpose in this earthly life. We are called this Lent to make the journey all the way to Calvary with our Lord, for He tells us that where He is His disciples will also be. Let's kick it up a notch as we near the end of Lent with more prayer, fasting, almsgiving, works of charity, and self-denial so that others may taste the love of God and know the salvation found in Jesus Christ, salvation bought at an infinite price. archstl.org/dynamic



Maintenance & Repair

Reminder

We invite you to help us by volunteering to regularly donate a morning of repair and labor. Signup sheets are available in the

vestibule. Thank you.

Your Gift to God March 13 & 14, 2021

	<i>St. Joseph</i>	<i>St. Anne</i>
Envelopes	\$3,006.00	\$1,200.00
St. Vincent de Paul	27.00	400.00
Palm Sunday	40.00	
Catholic Relief	229.00	340.00
Church Restoration	972.00	

2020-21 Budgeted Amounts

Envelopes/Loose
St. Joseph \$3,712 St. Anne \$804
for 52 weeks

Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 21, 2021

The Annunciation and the Gospel of Life

The Annunciation celebrates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the mother of Jesus. On this great feast day, we not only recall Mary's courageous "yes" to God, we also celebrate the Incarnation of Christ, our Savior. For it was there, in the womb of a woman, nine months before the celebration of the manger, that "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14).

The celebration of the Annunciation coincides with the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (The Gospel of Life). This prophetic document on the dignity and inviolability of every human life was put forth by Pope John Paul II on the Solemnity of the Annunciation in 1995. The intimate connection of these two events highlights a profound reality about the identity and value of every human person.

Luke's Gospel tells us that by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ would be conceived within the womb of Mary. It was there, in the womb of the Blessed Mother, that Christ first took on human flesh and made his dwelling among us. Like us, the unborn child Jesus grew and developed beneath the shelter of his mother's loving heart. Through Christ's Incarnation, God chose to share fully and intimately in our humanity and bridge all distance between God and man, so that we may dwell together.

The Church teaches us that "by His incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every man." God desired to dwell among us, as one of us, in order to bring us salvation. This truth "reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God... but also the incomparable value of every human person."

Each of us is made in the image and likeness of our Creator, to share in the very life of God himself. This reality "reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life." The human person is "a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory." Created through the love of the Father, each one of us bears "an indelible imprint of God." By sharing in our humanity, Christ invites us to share in his divinity, that we might dwell with him for eternity.

Therefore, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel." Through Christ's descent to earth God desires to raise each one of us to the heights of heaven. May we recognize that to proclaim the Gospel of Life is to proclaim Christ, the one who made his dwelling among us.

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What We've Learned from COVID Spiritual Well-being

In this, our time of plague, we have come to realize that we human beings, although flawed, are more beautiful than we ever could have imagined, that through Love's extravagance we are graced with a share in the divine image. We recognize that we are fragile and vulnerable, yet strong and resilient; that we are capable of great compassion and generosity, yet also capable of terrifying cruelty and meanness.

We have begun to grasp our ineluctable interconnectedness: We wear masks to protect those whom we love and strangers who are not really strangers at all. We distance ourselves to protect those battered by social inequities. We pray for nurses, physicians, technicians, specialists, medical researchers and scientists; for those who cook and clean and keep buildings in good condition; for those who collect refuse; for those who stock shelves and staff cash registers; for those who deliver packages and mail and food. We are one and, therefore, responsible for and to one another.

In this, our time of plague, we have come to know the shape and texture of mourning. We have become acquainted with suffering and anguish, lament and loss. We have become too intimate with death. Yet we are learning to launch ourselves onto the sea of hope, to steady ourselves and stretch beyond our capacities—no matter how small and limited. We follow hope into the streets to protest injustice, to stand with those excluded and minoritized and marginalized, to risk new solitudes and solidarities. We follow hope's challenge to re-member, to recollect, to reconsider; to value paradoxes of absence and presence, of daring and possibility.

In this, our time of plague, we must intentionally live and act in hope in order to move into the unknown future that God's love prepares for all creation.

M. Shawn Copeland is a professor emerita of theology at Boston College. AmericanMagazine.org

St. Anne Church

Church Cleaning Team #3 – Jane Schmidt

In the Words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words ...*and say kind words*
Fast from sadness ...*and be filled with gratitude*
Fast from anger ...*and be filled with patience*
Fast from pessimism ...*and be filled with hope*
Fast from worries ...*and have trust in God*
Fast from complaints ...*and contemplate simplicity*
Fast from pressures ...*and be prayerful*
Fast from bitterness ...*and fill your hearts with joy*
Fast from selfishness ...*and be compassionate to others*
Fast from grudges ...*and be reconciled*
Fast from words ...*and be silent so you can listen*
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When I was sent to my previous parish in St Charles, I was the recipient of my predecessor’s good stewardship in encouraging a group of handymen who came every Thursday morning and contributed about 3 or 4 hours work to the parish. They had the interesting name, the “**ya-yas**” (I can’t really say how they got the name, but it stuck). There were ideally about a dozen parish men in the regular group, but usually I could figure about 6,7, or 8 there each week. Typically, they worked in teams of 2. During that time, they would work on what was needed around the campus. Some might be tearing up some flooring, others rewiring something, still others some paint project or plumbing. They had a running list of projects and over the year, we would meet a couple times each year to see how progress was heading with multiple tasks. After they worked in the morning, most would then go out to lunch. Frankly they enjoyed their labor, and they probably identified with the parish more because they had a real stake in it. I can tell you they probably saved the parish funds in the hundreds of thousands of dollars! They are still very much an active parish group, replacements have come and gone, and most of the charter members are resting in the embrace of God.

We have been greatly blessed to have had the labors of a couple in our parish who have assisted us in such a fashion. I am so grateful for the **many years** that Jim and Betty Novotny have contributed to doing a lot of voluntary repair work around here. There many, many hours over the years has been a real contribution to the parish. **Thank you to both!!** Nonetheless, they have decided to step away from further projects. With that in mind I would like to encourage some of our fellas (this would be a men’s fellowship effort) to join together and regularly donate a morning of repair and labor (maybe Thursday). This would be a good thing for retired fellas. Like so many things, you never start seeing what needs to happen till you get in there and do it. And so I’m asking for a good dirty dozen men. Can you help me?

Fr. Steve Bauer, Pastor

Name _____

Contact Number _____ Email _____

Area of Expertise _____

Days Available _____

Perfect Contrition and Spiritual Communion

What to do if you cannot go to Confession or Holy Communion due to the COVID-19 coronavirus



If you have to self-isolate or are quarantined due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, it is unlikely that you will be able to receive the sacraments as normal.

In these circumstances, there are devotions through which you can receive absolution for your sins, (under certain conditions), and the consolation of Eucharistic grace.

These devotions are officially encouraged by the Church and have been practiced by saints.

How to make an Act of Perfect Contrition

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, on condition that you determine to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you.

Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift throughout the day prior to making your act of contrition: "My God, grant me perfect contrition for all my sins".

1. In reality or imagination kneel at the foot of a crucifix and say to yourself: "Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony, you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wished to wipe away my sins".
2. Contrition is 'perfect' if you repent of your sins because you love God and are sorry for offending Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have brought our Lord to His sufferings on the Cross. Promise him, that with His help, you will not sin again.
3. Recite, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focused on the goodness of God and your love of Jesus: "O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and by the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen".
4. Make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as practically possible.

How to make a Spiritual Communion

The key to Spiritual Communion is to grow in your heart a constant desire for the Blessed Sacrament.

1. If you are aware of serious or mortal sin, make an Act of Perfect Contrition.
2. Imagine the sacred words and actions of the Mass or watch online or on TV.
3. Make all those acts of faith, humility, sorrow, adoration, love and desire that you usually express before Holy Communion.
4. Desire, with earnest longing, to receive our Lord present — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity — in the Blessed Sacrament.
5. Say this prayer of St. Alphonsus de' Ligouri: "My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You are already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.
6. After moments of silent adoration make all those acts of faith, humility, love, thanksgiving and offering that you usually express through prayers after Holy Communion.

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