

ITEMS FOR SALE BY PARISHIONERS

ARCHDIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROGRAM NEEDS

Clare House is in need of: (Donations can be dropped off at Clare House, 7 days a week, 10a-6p):

- White kitchen trash bags
- Black trash bags
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Body soap

Brother Francis Shelter is in need of:

- Magazines
- Books
- Yoga mats
- House plants

Homeless Family Services is in need of:

- Bedding
- Blankets
- Towels
- Queen Sheets
- Shampoo

St. Francis House Food Pantry is in need of:

- Canned Fruit
- Size 6 diapers
- Reusable bags/brown bags
- Towels
- Queen Sheets
- Shampoo

There is a RAIS client looking for a bicycle. If you have a bike you can contact Nick Leone at nleo-ne@cssalaska.org to coordinate this donation.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

St. Francis House is looking for volunteers to help pack boxes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am – 1pm. Also, looking for volunteers to help distribute boxes to clients – in a socially distanced way – on Monday's, Tuesday's and Wednesday's

RAIS is looking for a volunteer with web development experience

UPCOMING EVENTS

Charity Ball—Join us Thursday, May 6th, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for our virtual Charity Ball. Learn more or register for the fundraiser at cssalaska.org/charityball

OTHER NEWS

Pick.Click.Give.—You can make a difference by donating directly from your Permanent Fund Dividend! File your PFD by March 31 and add a Pledge at <https://pfd.alaska.gov/>. Thank you.

Our Amazon Wishlist is up to date with our community's current needs. Browse the shopping lists of essential supplies on Amazon and choose to ship your gift directly to CSS Alaska. It's easy, safe, and your generosity contributes to a brighter future for thousands of Alaskans. Learn more at <https://www.cssalaska.org/donate/in-kind-donations/>.



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Welcome Visitors and soon to be New Parishioners

Thank you for visiting our parish, and for joining us in our celebrations as we worship and praise Our Lord. Please stop by the Welcome Table after Mass to get information about our parish and pick up a parish registration form. We will have people to help you once COVID restrictions are lifted.

Prayer Chain Phone # 694-4771

The deadline for bulletin entries is Wed. @ noon.

**MARCH 14, 2021
LAETARE SUNDAY**

Readings: 2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23, Psalms 137:1–6
Ephesians 2:4–10, John 3:14–21

The Sunday readings in Lent have been showing us the high points of salvation history—God's covenant with creation in the time of Noah; His promises to Abraham; the law He gave to Israel at Sinai.

In today's First Reading, we hear of the destruction of the kingdom established by God's final Old Testament covenant—the covenant with David (see 2 Samuel 7; Psalm 89:3).

His chosen people abandoned the law He gave them. For their sins, the temple was destroyed, and they were exiled in Babylon. We hear their sorrow and repentance in the exile lament we sing as today's Psalm.

But we also hear how God, in His mercy, gathered them back, even anointing a pagan king to shepherd them and rebuild the temple (see Isaiah 44:28–45:1, 4).

God is rich in mercy, as today's Epistle teaches. He promised that David's kingdom would last forever, that David's son would be His Son and rule all nations (see 2 Samuel 7:14–15; Psalm 2:7–9). In Jesus, God keeps that promise (see Revelation 22:16).

Moses lifted up the serpent as a sign of salvation (see Wisdom 16:6–7; Numbers 21:9). Now Jesus is lifted up on the Cross, to draw all people to Himself (see John 12:32).

Those who refuse to believe in this sign of the Father's love condemn themselves—as the Israelites in their infidelity brought judgment upon themselves.

But God did not leave Israel in exile, and He does not want to leave any of us dead in our transgressions. We are God's handiwork, saved to live as His people in the light of His truth.

Midway through this season of repentance, let us again behold the Pierced One (see John 19:37) and rededicate ourselves to living the "good works" that God has prepared us for.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 10 am and 7 pm (10am Live-streamed during COVID)

Weekdays* : Tues-Fri. Mass 9 am

*Unless otherwise noted in the weekly schedule

Holy Days: 9 am and 7 pm

Rosary—8:30 am daily, 6:15 pm on Thursday

Eucharistic Adoration—Perpetual

Sacraments

Confessions—Saturday: 3:30 or by appointment

Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of Sick--contact the office.

Sacraments of Initiation--**Adults interested in becoming Catholic** --Please contact Deacon Mark or the office.

Mass Intentions week of March 15

Mon.		
Tues.	Williams Family	
Wed.	Sandy Roberts	ROS
Thurs.	Special intentions of Marian Jones	
Fri.	Living & deceased members of the Cook and Jones families	
Sat.	Doug & Arlou Bartlett	50th
Sun. 10am	Spring & Herman Ellemburger	20th
7 pm	People of the Parish	

Miscellaneous Items

“There is no more efficacious means than this (Eucharistic Adoration) for nourishing and increasing the piety of the people, toward this admirable pledge of love which is a bond of peace and of unity.”

—St Paschal Baylon

These hours need more adorers soon:

Monday 1pm & 11pm

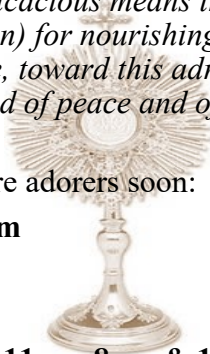
Wednesday 7pm

Thursday 7pm

Friday 10pm

Saturday 5am, 6am, 11am, 8pm & 11pm

Please call 632-0272 to reserve a holy hour



STATIONS OF THE CROSS—We will be having Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent at 7 pm. Because of COVID restrictions we will not be hosting our Simple Soup Suppers.

MORTGAGE BOND DEBT UPDATE—St. Andrew Parish will be retiring a \$140,000 bond, due on March 15, 2021. Additionally, we will be making a \$25,000 principal payment towards a future bond which will enable the church to reduce its interest payments. Thank you for your faithful and continuous generosity towards the building and debt reduction funds.

HOLY SPIRIT CENTER in Anchorage is seeking a new Director. This position is responsible for the overall operations of the Catholic Retreat House Ministries. Duties include administration, staffing and supervision, ministry services, program development, operation and maintenance of facilities. Qualifications include: bachelor’s degree in administration or related field, experience in management, must be a practicing Catholic (preferred experience as director of a non-profit with a mission similar to Holy Spirit Center). Currently 25 hours per week/full year; expected to return to 40 hours per week when the Center resumes full operation. For information and application visit: www.holyspiritcenterak.org or call 907-346-2343. Open until filled.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP AND ADELINE CAMPBELL SERVICE AWARD—Applications are now available online at the Knights of Columbus Council 9830. The website can be found following the link:

<http://www.council9830.com>

Applications are under the forms tab in PDF, Word and Pages format. There are 3 forms on the webpage. You can also reach the Knights website from the link on the St. Andrew Parish website.

All applications and letters of recommendation are due in the Church office by 4 PM, April 16th.

ST. ANDREW MOMS MINISTRY—Meeting IN PERSON THURSDAYS, through May 13, 2021 10am-12noon, Mother of God Chapel, St. Andrew, *Mask required*

If you need to have something to drink, bring your own water/coffee. No food please.

Please note: I know this will be a hardship for some, but unfortunately there will be NO CHILDCARE available due to covid restrictions. Nursing babies, however, are welcome.

Our Lenten Study - *The Pray More Lenten Retreat*:

<https://praymoreretreat.org>

Inspiring talks to help you focus your eyes on the Lord and transform your prayer life this Lent.

Cost: choose your own price! You choose amount to donate or you can participate for free! For example, you could choose \$50, \$20, \$1 or even skip paying completely It’s up to you.

St. Andrew MOMS Rosary— Our Lady’s Blue Army has grown into such a wonderful prayer group. You are always, always welcome to join when you can.

Praying the Rosary Everyday on Zoom

Sunday-Saturday at 7am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8964391349>

Meeting ID: 896 439 1349

LENTEN MOVIES—On March 13th, 20th, and 28th We will have a Lenten themed movie after the 5:30 Mass. Contact Gene @ 250-1180 for info.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR 2020 ONE BREAD ONE BODY—The parish has not reached its 2020 goal for the Archdiocese Annual Appeal. We are approximately \$20,000 short of our assessment. Please consider making a donation to the second collection we will have on March 14th. Thank you to all who have donated already.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/len/catholic-information-on-lenten-fast-and-abstinence>

We are asking those who intend to attend Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday Mass in person to reserve a spot for your party (similar to what we did for Christmas). Sign up will be available on line (preferred) or by sign up forms available in the narthex soon. Please be on the lookout for further information. It will be up and available as soon as we work out the details of which services are to be streamed and the number of seats available.

Triduum Schedule:

Holy Thursday—7pm

Good Friday —7pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil—8 pm

Easter Sunday Schedule:

Mass —9:30 am

Mass—noon

We will also have Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 3pm, but registration for this event is not required.