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SUNDAY MORNING 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.  
TU, WED, FRI: 8:00 A.M.  
THURSDAY: 5:00 P.M.  
ADORATION: FRIDAYS, 8:30 A.M.-6:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:  
TUES, WEDS, FRI: 7:30-7:45 A.M.  
THURSDAY: 4:00-4:45 P.M.  
SATURDAY: 3:45-4:45 P.M.

OFFICE HOURS: TUES-FRI 8:30-NOON & 1:00-4:00  
CLOSED ON MONDAYS

WELCOME! WE EXTEND OUR HANDS AND HEARTS TO ALL WHO CELEBRATE WITH US, WHETHER LONGTIME RESIDENT OR NEWLY ARRIVED IN THE PARISH. WE THANK GOD THAT YOU ARE WITH US

## The Week Ahead

**Saturday, March 19, 2022**

**5:00 p.m.**

Lector: Melanie Bechtold

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin Rupp, Van Reed

Acolytes: Sam Bechtold, Lukus Schmitt

Ministers of Hospitality: Chris & Sam Bechtold

**Sunday, March 20, 2022**

**8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Jeannine Nix

Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Beery, Mel Nix

Acolytes: Bailey Shidler, Volunteer

Ministers of Hospitality: Bonnie & Tony Crowe

**Sunday, March 20, 2022**

**10:30 a.m.**

Lector: Charlotte Hill

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Cochran, Nicole Alles

Acolytes: Keagan Born, Carson Duncan

Ministers of Hospitality: Volunteers

### Collections for March 6, 2022

Offering Envelopes	\$ 3,527.00
Loose	622.51
Repair	290.00
Candles	25.00
Religious Ed	105.00
Flowers	225.00
Donation	100.00
<b>Total in pew</b>	<b>\$4,894.51</b>

### Online Collections (February 28-March 6)

Reg. Envelopes	\$ 1,826.00
Repair	672.00
<b>Total Online</b>	<b>\$ 2,608.00</b>

### USED EYE GLASS DONATION



On March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, St. Paul of the Cross parish will be collecting used eyeglasses, prescription sunglasses, regular sunglasses, unopened contact boxes.

They do not accept frames without lens. There is a box in the narthex to deposit your glasses in. The glasses will be used locally and at an eye clinic in Honduras. Thank you to Mary Jo Brock for getting this ministry started.



March 13 Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. (Sat.) † Parishioners

8:00 a.m. (Sun.) † Bud Meyer & Trent Mowrey

10:30 a.m. (Sun.) † Isaac Elliott

(rosary ½ hour before each Mass)

(Adoration one hour before Saturday Mass and Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass)

March 14 Monday: Lenten Weekday

No Mass

March 15 Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Jean Dunnuck

March 16 Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Daniel Haggengjos

March 17 Thursday: Lenten Weekday

5:00 p.m. † Harry Chaulk

March 18 Friday: Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Virginia Beery

**11:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross**

**5:30 p.m. Soup in the Community Center**

**6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross**

March 19/20 Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 19

5:00 p.m.: † Parishioners

Confession: 3:45-4:45

Sunday, March 20

8:00 a.m.: † Dick Miller

10:30 a.m. : † Larry Reynolds

(rosary ½ hour before each Mass)

**Adoration: 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY



St. Paul of the Cross will have a Fish Fry on Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>—**Drive Thru Only 4:00 pm until all fish dinners are sold.** The meals will consist of fish, cole slaw, potato salad, roll and a dessert. The price will be \$10 a meal with proceeds going to Mission 25.

### PENANCE SERVICE



There will be a Penance Service here at St. Paul of the Cross on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. There will be three priests available to hear confessions.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

## **INTO THE DEEP**

Everyone has a mission. God has dreamed of us from all eternity and He desires for us to accomplish the mission He has entrusted to us. However, we are free beings, and as such, God respects our free will in following His promptings or not.

In today's Gospel, we hear of how Jesus too has a mission. Nevertheless, Jesus reveals His glory to His closest disciples, that is, Peter, James, and John, in order to prepare them for the horrific events of His passion and death on the cross, for love of us, but most of all, out of loving obedience to the mission that the Father had entrusted to Him as He is led by the Holy Spirit at all times.

We all have moments of glory and of failures. We all need healing from past wounds in order to become "wounded healers," to coin a phrase of Fulton Sheen. At Mount Tabor, Jesus is transfigured and He inspires us to focus in our God-given mission; not be afraid of the moments of desolation within the mission, which are the opposite of the moments of consolation. St. Ignatius of Loyola said, to paraphrase him, that in times of consolation remember to store the memories of consolation for future times of desolation, and that in times of desolation we are to hope for consolation. The most important part of our mission is our fidelity to the One who entrusted us with the mission no matter our feelings and emotions.

One of the effects of desolation is that it turns us in on ourselves and it also drives us down the spiral ever deeper into our own negative feelings, eventually draining us of energy. On the other hand, consolation directs our focus outside and beyond ourselves, lifts our hearts so that we can see the joys and sorrows of other people and eventually releases new energy in us.

As members of this parish community, we too have a mission which I recently found and spoke to the parish council about. It states: "St. Paul of the Cross is a community of Roman Catholic Christians under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, in communion with the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, which seeks to make Christ's presence a living reality in our lives and in the lives of others." As a parish community we are to reflect this mission statement in every event that we do, in such a way that it is evident to others who do not participate actively in our parish community.

May our patron saint, St. Paul of the Cross, who devoted himself to parish missions or renewals of the mystery of the cross, intercede for us and lead us to the Eucharist heart of Christ who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.



So many people in our lives need hope. As Catholics, we place our hope in our Lord & savior, Jesus Christ. But His Gospel message can seem daunting to share with others. What if I misspeak? What if my intended audience tunes out as I stumble through the message? How can we share the awesome story of God and His love of the world in a clear & meaningful way?

In his book, *Rescued*, Father John Ricardo spells out the extraordinary story of the Gospel in a succinct and compelling way. He equips us with a simple way to share the Good News with others, and he does it in a way that communicates the awesome power & unfathomable love God has for each & every one of us and, by extension, the whole world.

Join us on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 - 10:00 am in the Deacon Joe Zickgraf Community Center as we examine the ideas in Father Riccardo's book, learn his simple way of organizing the story of God's love for the world & equip ourselves to share that story with the people in our lives who need His story of hope & love the most. Our presenter will be Mike McClain.

### **The Church's Ministry of Exorcism**

Exorcist Fr. Vincent Lampert will present "The Reality of Evil and the Church's Ministry of Exorcism" on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. at Queen of Angels in Fort Wayne. Confession is offered at 5:00 p.m. with Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in honor of St. Patrick of Ireland at 6:00 p.m. and a presentation by Fr. Vincent Lampert at 6:30 p.m. (WAFWSB will provide grilled cheese sandwiches and soup) Our DRE, Anita Senesac will be one of the cooks. Dismissal and final blessing will be at 7:45 p.m. There is no fee to attend. Sign up at: <https://www.fatimafwsb.org>.

The second session on the Eucharist for 2nd grade parents will be Sunday morning, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am in the Sofa Room.

All 2nd grade parents are encouraged to attend. Our 2nd grade students will also be presented with the Gospels at the end of the 10:30 am Holy Mass that morning as well.

### **THANK YOU, BLOOD DONORS!**

A special thank you to the 37 individuals that came in to roll up their sleeves and donate blood during this past Knights of Columbus/Red Cross blood drive. These individuals can pat themselves on their back for collectively saving 111 lives.

The next Knights of Columbus blood drive will be in the church hall along with a breakfast on Sunday, May 15, 2022. Those that donated at last Sunday's drive will be eligible to donate again at this next drive. Sign up now to get your preferred choice of time slots.

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL!