



ST. KATERI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"

- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

All in the Family

St. Alphonsus-St. Clement, St. Barbara, St. Kateri, St. Maria Goretti

More on Catholic Social Teaching? PART 3 Improving Access to Healthcare

Affordable and accessible health care is a fundamental human right and should be extended to the poor, uninsured, unemployed, and other vulnerable populations. **To improve access to affordable and adequate health care for all, MCC supports:**

- Protection of health coverage, including preventative care, for low- and moderate-income individuals and families.
- Appropriate Medicaid funding to ensure adequate coverage for recipients and payments to providers in the public healthcare system.
- Upholding the mission of faith based institutions and the conscience of individual faith-based providers.
- Ensuring access and adequate resources for physical and behavioral health care, including telemedicine and treatment for addictions and substance abuse.
- Ensuring patients are treated with dignity and respect.

Supporting Students, Schools, and Parents

Parents have the fundamental right to choose an educational setting for their children that best meets their needs. As such, public authorities should promote education choice by removing barriers to public and nonpublic education so families can choose the best option for their children. In its advocacy to support all students, schools, and parents, MCC supports:

- Reimbursement to nonpublic schools for state-mandated, non-instructional services, including policies which protect the health, safety, and well-being of students.
- Maximizing opportunities for non-public school students to participate in comprehensive shared time services.
- Amending Article VIII, Section 2 of the Michigan Constitution, which prohibits any educational funding to nonpublic schools or their students, to allow the Michigan Legislature greater flexibility for necessary education reforms.
- Inclusion of nonpublic schools, students, faculty, and staff in state funded programs or initiatives, whenever appropriate.
- Improving the quality of public education and ensuring parental rights regarding the education of their children.
- State policies which enable Michigan residents to take full advantage of federal school choice programs.
- A requirement that all public school districts have open enrollment policies.
- Protection of nonpublic schools from excessive regulation.
- Continued participation of nonpublic schools in school safety and non-core extra-curricular grant opportunities.
- Adequate funding for the Michigan Tuition Grant and Tuition Incentive Programs.
- Policies and funding that foster and promote education and job training for the skilled trades, including information technology support positions, especially for students in low-income families.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY

@St. Maria Goretti

Our needs for April:

Dollar Store:

Shampoo

Food:

Canned Carrots	Beef & Chicken
Canned Spinach	Broth or Gravy
Boxed Mashed Potatoes	Chef Boyardee Spaghetti Sauce
Special K Cereal	



The Food Pantry also accepts monetary donations.

- For a cash donation, please enclose in an envelope clearly marked for the **SVDP Food Pantry**.
- For a check, make it payable to **St. Maria Goretti-SVDP** and in the memo line **FOOD PANTRY**.

Thank you all for your support of the pantry. **In the month of February, we served 157 families with 457 family members.**

The Simple Give Program ended March 29th. When we get the donation gift cards from Meijers, I will let you know the total we receive.

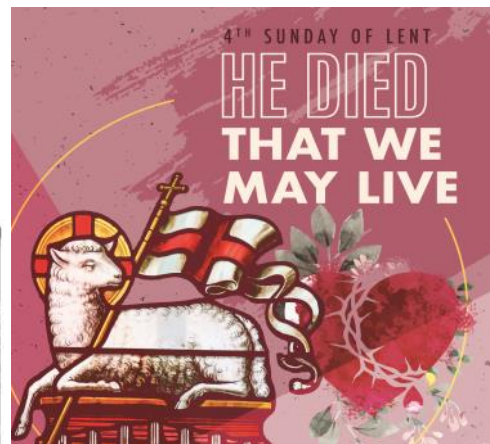
We appreciate all the support we receive for our Neighbors in Need as our needs are still great.

In addition to food donations, **monetary and Kroger, Aldi and Dollar Tree Gift cards** would be greatly appreciated.

Blessings,
David Grindstaff
St. Maria Goretti SVdP

Trivia Answer from page 5:
Recessional hymn.

4th SUNDAY OF LENT



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!" A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. *Something* had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God.

When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal

such infirmities? We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day.



Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain,

"You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.

Lenten challenge: Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it.

— Father John Muir

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Gospel Question: In the parable of the Prodigal Son, in a real sense, both sons are lost. **How might you help a lost family member or friend this week?**

1st Reading Question: As Israel settled into the land of Canaan (the Promised Land), they learned God removed the "reproach" of Egypt from them and they could freely eat from the land. **What have you discovered about yourself or others during this season of Lent?**

2nd Reading Question: Paul taught that reconciliation with God and with each other was key to being a "new creation." **How often do you experience reconciliation with God or with others?**



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Prodigal Son doesn't dare ask for the honor of being called his Father's son again. All he wants is to be close to his Father, to be cared for. But his Father surprises him with his mercy, as God surprises us. He offers more than just forgiveness. He offers redemption.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 2nd

6:40 PM

† **Kenneth Kruse**
(by Friend, Tom)

Wednesday, April 3rd

St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

9:00 AM

† **Deacon Patrick Bruen**
(by Friends & Family)

Thursday, April 4th

9:00 AM

† **For the Most Abandoned, Forgotten & Neglected Souls in Purgatory**
(by Tom Korte)

Friday, April 5th

St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM

† **Dorothy Nouhan**
(by Gloria Koss)

Saturday, April 6th

St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

4:00 PM

† **Maria & Juan Benitez**
(by Mary Meyer)
† **Emma Escobedo**
(by Maria Cunningham)
† **Lina Herring** (by Family)
† **Michael Leonetti**
(by Family)
† **Alfred Zadrozny** (by Family)

Sunday, April 7th

5th Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM

† **David Boik** (by Zell Family)
† **Carl Cinzori** (by Family)
† **Frank & Anthony Serazio**
(by Ruth Ann Youness)
† **Paul Sullivan** (by Kathy)

11:00 AM

† **Maria Alejandra Armaza**
(by Signori Family)
† **Nancy & Ronald Caretti**
(by Maria Caretti)
† **Mary, Feliks & Robert Turek**
(by Son/Brother)

Stewardship Report ©LPI

WEEK ENDING	Mar 23	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 5,720.00	\$ 201,338.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 740.00	\$ 34,350.00
ACTUAL	\$ 6,460.00	\$ 235,688.00
BUDGET	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 228,000.00
VARIANCE	\$ 460.00	\$ 7,688.00



Question: What is the generic name for the hymn sung at the end of Mass?

Answer on Page 3



DENISE ANTIEAU

We are happy to have you join our parish family!

Around the Shop

Lent isn't just about "giving up." Lent is also about "growing up" and deepening our relationship with God. We grow by praying more, doing good deeds, reading spiritual books, etc. Modern media such as trusted videos, podcasts and music can also "fertilize" our spiritual lives.

That is where "The Chosen" video series comes in. Join us in watching Season 4 of "The Chosen" beginning Sunday, March 2nd at 12 noon. Two episodes of Season 4 will be shown the Sundays of March 9, 16 and 30. The videos will be shown in the St. Kateri Parish Center (St. Martha classroom). There is no charge.

And don't forget to stop by the Gift Shop to check out our selection of spiritual books, Bibles, sacramentals, gifts and more. The shop also carries St. Patrick and St. Joseph Day cards along with RCIA and Easter cards and gifts. Have a blessed Lent!

Pray for Our Military

Lord, hear our prayers those who are serving in military forces. Bless and protect them Lord and use their work for the good of our nation and your glory. May they know your presence with them at this time. May they know our appreciation for their valiant service. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.



U. S. Air Force

Diamond Knight
Kathleen Lyons
Teresa Lyons
Timothy Lyons
Connor Plate

U. S. Army

Nick Calvas
Mary Beth Myers
Rocky Myers

U. S. Marines

Noah Aiello
Anthony P. Alfano
Louis J. Bardel
Lukas Boudreau
Connor Danaher
Haley Valentine
Joseph R. Walker
Evan West

U. S. Navy

Anthony Baldwin
Brendan Burns
Conor Burns
James Donahue
Jacob Fader
Ben LePage
James Smith
Rob Swales
Alex West

National Guard (Army)

Joey Enright

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Registration is the official way you join a parish community. It is a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Registering in the parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of our parish.

TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Just fill out this form below and submit it in the offertory, to the office, by mail, or simply call 313-336-3227.



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY & ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

