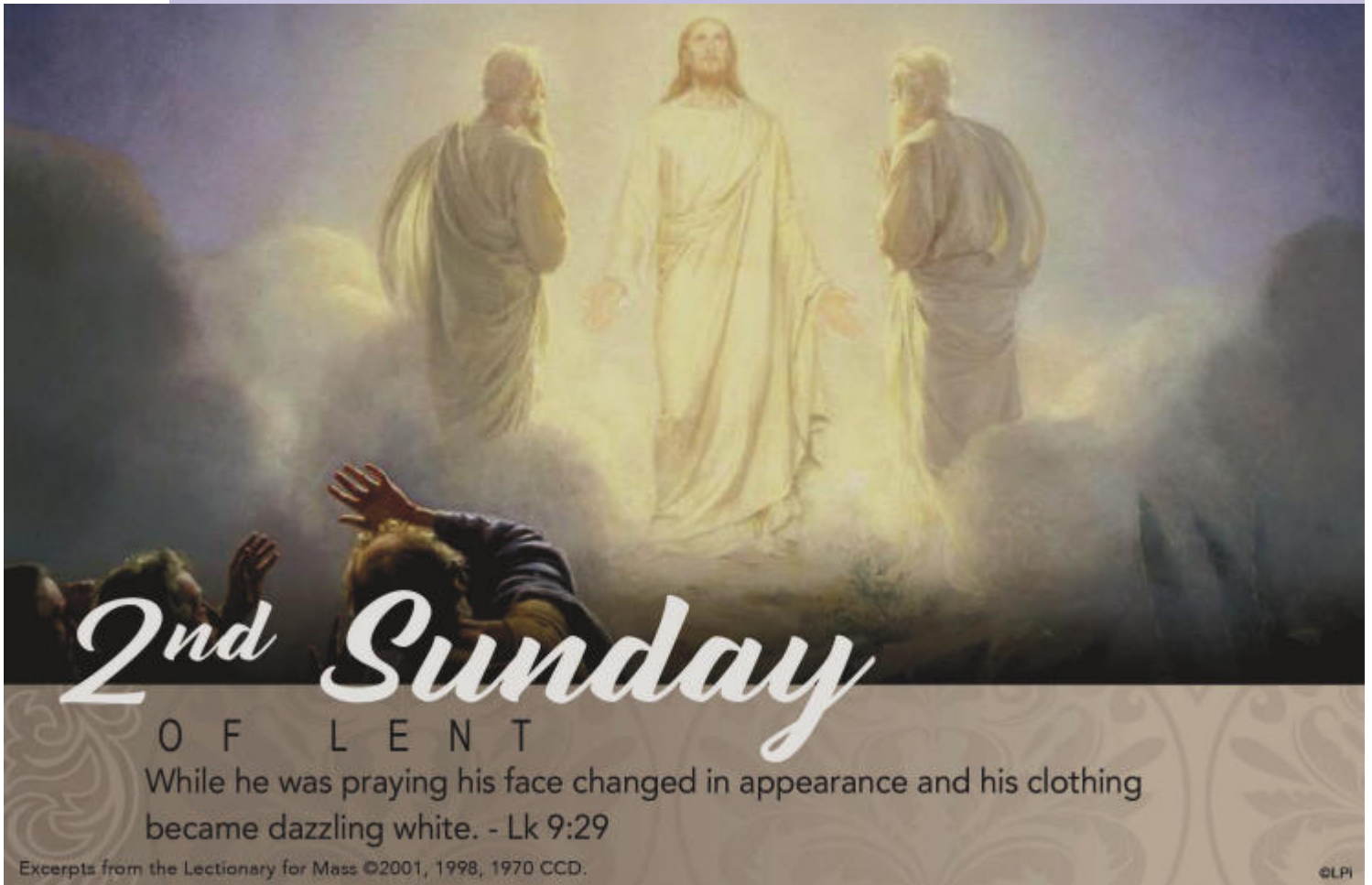




CHURCH OF ST. RAPHAEL

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 17, 2019



2nd Sunday OF LENT

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

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MISSION STATEMENT

Faithful to the Teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, St. Raphael Parish and School promotes the Universal Call to Holiness for all the People of God.

WORSHIP

Weekday Masses
Monday - Saturday: 8:00 am
First Friday: 7:00 pm
Extraordinary Form Latin
Weekend Masses
Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am

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Parish Office Hours
Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation
Weekdays: 7:30 - 7:50 am
Saturday: 7:30 - 7:50 am,
8:30 - 9:30 am, & 4:00 - 5:15 pm
Marriage
Please contact Fr. Rudolph.
Baptism
Please contact the Parish Office.

PASTOR'S LETTER



The Mysteries of the Rosary, Chapter 32: The finding of the child Jesus in the Temple, continued...

In this column last week, I wrote that if we are Christians, we are called to follow in the footsteps of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and that includes being in the house of our Heavenly

Father. I also said that the meaning of being in his house includes accepting the way God has made the world and operates in it, including that most of his communication with us is nonverbal.

Following up on that, I would like to extol the virtue of silence. Silence helps us to be more open to God's communication with us, whether it is verbal or nonverbal. Just as in a crowded, noisy restaurant or cafeteria it can be difficult to hear what people right next to us are saying—especially if they are soft-spoken—so being inundated with a flood of words—spoken or written—can make it difficult to hear God speaking to us. He is very powerful, but also very gentle and quiet. For example, he spoke to the Prophet Elijah in a “still, small voice” (1 Kings 19:12).

This brings up the question: Why doesn't God speak more loudly? Wouldn't he reach more people that way? Wouldn't more people believe in him if he made himself more obvious? I don't think so. God made himself very obvious, and vocal, in Jesus Christ. Most of his contemporaries rejected him. Nothing can convince people who don't want to believe, whose hearts are hardened to the truth.

Many years ago, I heard a great homily on the topic of God's being soft-spoken. Here is how it went, as I remember it...

One day a man went to talk to his parish priest. He asked the priest, “Why doesn't God speak to us out loud?” The priest replied to him, but in a voice so quiet, the man couldn't understand what he said. “What's that? I couldn't understand you,” the man said. The priest again replied, in a voice no louder than before. The man moved closer to the priest to try to hear him better. Once again, the priest replied, in the same barely audible voice. The man said, “Sorry, I still can't understand you,” and moved still closer to the priest. Again, the priest very quietly said something. Once more the man moved closer to the priest, until he was within a foot of him.

The priest spoke again. This time, the man could understand him. The priest said: “This is why God speaks so quietly to us.” The man got the message. God speaks so quietly to us so that, in our effort to understand him, we will come close to him.

God wants each and every one of us human beings to come close to him. He is passionately in love with us! But we may not notice his voice subtly calling us if we are constantly surrounded by noisy distractions.

We are now in the Season of Lent, when it's a worthy tradition to give things up. I recommend giving up some of the noise we allow to permeate our personal airspace. If we aren't already doing so, I suggest we take some time each day without music, videos, TV, the internet, radio, using the phone, barking pets or even fellow human beings. If we already have these daily fasts from noise, maybe this Lent we can increase their duration.

Some people are uncomfortable with silence, or even afraid of it. That may be because they are not used to it. Or maybe they are afraid of who they are, or of their thoughts. Maybe they are even afraid of God. There is no reason to be afraid. Silence can bear great fruit. As Saint Teresa of Calcutta said:

The fruit of Silence is Prayer.
The fruit of Prayer is Faith.
The fruit of Faith is Love.
The fruit of Love is Service.
The fruit of Service is Peace.

The best fruit of silence is that if we let him, God himself will fill it with himself. What more could we ask for?

**Your fellow pilgrim
through the Rosary,
Father Rudolph**



Please welcome:

Jim and Mary Kay Pauly

Guadalupe Moises Pina and Lilia Rodriguez

MASS ON EWTN Can't make it to Mass because of illness, physical limitations, driving conditions or another serious reason? Good news! There is no reason for you to feel guilty. The obligation for Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation doesn't apply in circumstances like these. As a substitute, you may want to watch Mass on EWTN, the Eternal Word Television Network. Around here it's carried on Cable Channel 291, three times a day. If you don't have Channel 291, you can call EWTN at 205-271-2900 or go to www.ewtn.com to find out what station in your area carries EWTN.

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Dale Hoffmann, Sharon Hedman, Mike Vecellio, Roselyn Lawrence, Betty Kreuter, Rose Pistilli, Scott Gregory & Mario Chavez.

Pastoral Council Meetings

If you would like a particular item on the next Parish Council agenda please contact Fr. Rudolph.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

MARCH 3, 2019

Contributions.....	\$17,891.78
Budget	\$20,809.00
Building Fund	\$1,053.00
Budget	\$2,600.00
Mr. J. Scholarship Fund.....	\$90.00

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 17

- 9:45 am - Rosary Talk by Fr. Altier, Marian Hall
- 7:00 pm - Squires Meeting, Marian Hall

Monday, March 18

7:00 PM The Wild Goose Study Group, Marian Hall
7:30 PM Schola, Choir Room

Tuesday, March 19

9:45 AM Navarre Bible Study, Fr. Fenelon Room
6:30 PM Fundamentals of Catholicism Fr. Fenelon Room

Wednesday, March 20

10:00 AM Grief Support, St. Raphael Rm.
7:00 PM RCIA Class, St. Raphael Room
7:00 PM Adult Choir, Choir Room
7:00 PM 9th&10th ROC/8th FF/Altus, Marian Hall, Youth Rm, JP II, Fr. Fenelon Room
7:00 PM Faith Formation Grades 1-7, School

Thursday, March 21

9:30 PM Fatima Prayer Cell, Fr. Fenelon Room
6:30 PM Respect Life/ACCL Meeting, St. Thérèse Room
7:00 PM Bell Choir, Church
7:00 PM St. Raphael Prayer Group, Marian Hall

Friday, March 22

9:00 AM English Class, St. Thérèse Rm.
1:00 PM Stations of the Cross, Church
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, March 23

8:30 AM English Class, St. Thérèse Rm

Sunday, March 24

8:15 AM Parish Library Open
9:30 AM Fellowship Sunday, Marian Hall

LENT - CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES

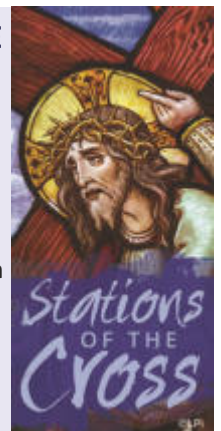
During the Lenten season, in addition to our regular schedule, we will be offering some additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On Sundays, March 10th-April 14th, confessions will be heard from 3:00-4:00 pm. During these times, both Fr. Rudolph and Fr. Altier plan to be in their confessionals. Because of these added confession times, we will not have a Parish Penance Service.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us for Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent.

Stations will be held in the main church at:

- 1:00 pm
- 6:30 pm



PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 18

8:00 AM + Anthony Zegar

Tuesday, March 19

8:00 AM Mary & Bob Lawrence

Wednesday, March 20

8:00 AM + Marie Fursman

Thursday, March 21

8:00 AM + Florian & Evangeline
Noll

Friday, March 22

8:00 AM Maria Abel

Saturday, March 23

8:00 AM + Louise Gerarden

5:30 PM St. Raphael Parishioners

Sunday, March 24

8:30 AM + Del Novak

10:30 AM + Eileen Tynen

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of March 17, 2019

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14[1a]/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

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HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

For those parishioners who are homebound due to surgery, serious illness (not contagious), or immobility but would like to receive Holy Communion each week, please contact the Parish Office at 763-537-8401 to be put on a schedule.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"He is The Bread sown in the virgin, leavened in the Flesh, molded in His Passion, baked in the furnace of the Sepulchre, placed in the Churches, and set upon the Altars, which daily supplies Heavenly Food to the faithful." ~ St. Peter Chrysologus



Eucharistic Adoration Contact Betty Kreuter 763-537-1399

"Prayer is nothing but a conversation with the one who knows me and loves me." ~ St. Teresa of Avila

Enter and be with the Prince of Peace. Jesus is available all the time.

Come and share with Him whatever is on your heart. What better place is there to sit quietly than with our Lord in the silence of the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Spend a moment with Jesus there.

There is no time spent better than in an hour of Adoration with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Allow Jesus to bring you peace. In the quiet, receive the

encouragement and blessings our Lord has for you.

If you cannot be present for an hour, come for as long as you are able. If you have never been to the Adoration Chapel, just come. Now is the perfect time.

If you are able to make a commitment to a full hour of prayer each week, please contact Betty at the number above or Barb McCalley at 763-971-8460 to become a substitute.

Currently, there are two hours on Saturday afternoon that need new adorers. They are 2:00 to 3:00 pm and 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Lorraine Boehm & family

Dave Bouley

Dolores Boyle

Louise Buckman

Andrew Eisenzimmer

Allen Evenski

John Herbes

Nichole Iverson

Kevin Long

David McMillen

Norb Meier

John Noe

Anthony Smith

Barbara Thotland

Lynn Tupy

Mary Lou Wensman

Jeff Woodruff

To add a name for a six week period, please call 763-537-8401 x 523

To learn and live the Fatima message of Gospel living through prayer and formation, join St. Raphael's World Apostolate of Fatima prayer group. We meet the 3rd Thursday of every month, 9:30-11:00 am. Our next meeting is March 21st in the Fr. Fenelon Room.



"I promise salvation to those who embrace devotion to my Immaculate Heart, and these souls will be loved by God like flowers placed by me to adorn His throne."

~Our Lady of Fatima, June 13, 1917

THE POWER OF THE HOLY ROSARY

SUNDAY, March 17th ~ 9:45 AM ~ MARIAN HALL

Please join us for the next talk on The Power of the Holy Rosary by Fr. Altier.

"....there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary." ~ Sister Lucia dos Santos of Fatima

Thank You From the Coordinator, Retirement Fund for Religious

“This money is pure gift” writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. “It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters.”

Your generous parish contribution of \$1,668 will enable hundreds of religious communities to meet their pressing retirement needs, while continuing to serve the People of God.

Your contribution also provides financial planning directed by the National Religious Retirement Office to younger religious communities; this will enable them to better prepare for their future retirement needs now.

Thank you for your support of this important annual appeal; I am inspired by the generosity of your parish community. On behalf of all retired women religious, priests and brothers, I thank you - it is a blessing to be able to support those who have given a lifetime! With sincere gratitude, *Sister Lynore Girmscheid, SSND*



2019 FESTIVAL PLANNING

Festival planning has begun and there are some

ways you can help! Consider donating a prize for this year’s raffle or consider signing up as the chair person for Children’s Games. For more information, please contact Anne at 612-860-1454.

The next festival planning meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 25th in the Fr. Fenelon Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MCCW (Minneapolis Council of Catholic Women) Deanery Meeting

Monday, March 25 at 9:00 am

St. Patrick Catholic Church

6820 St. Patrick’s Lane, Edina

**Reservation contact: Mary Lacina
763-566-4346 or nanaoftwkt@gmail.com**

Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 19th.

Silent Auction MCCW

To donate, please bring a new (or almost new) item for the Silent Auction to the March 25th Deanery Day. Complete silent auction forms that morning. Bidding will take place until 2:00 pm. The winning bidders will pay for their items and take them home. Contact Teresa Droessler with questions 651-697-1344 or tdroessler@centurylink.net

FUN FOR SENIORS

Tired of our long winter months? Let’s get together to attend one or both of the following events listed below. The related flyers will include more detailed information. If interested, and to confirm your reservation, obtain a form from the parish office information rack or from the circular rack in the east gathering space. Complete the lower portion of the form and turn it (and your check payable to the Church of St. Raphael) into the parish office receptionist by the respective RSVP deadlines. Tickets to be handed out the day of the performance.

Wednesday, April 10th - 2:00 pm Matinee: A Tribute to the Birth of Rock & Roll and Teens Idols of the 50’s and 60’s, at the LeMusique Room inside the St. Michael Cinema. Songs performed by Wayne Luchau in the authentic style from the era. Group discount cost: \$30.00 per person. **RSVP deadline: March 26th.**

Friday, May 3rd - 2:00 Matinee: Johnny Cash, A Tribute to an American Icon at the LeMusique Room inside the St. Michael Cinema. Nashville recording artist Doug Allen Nash brings to life Johnny Cash’s legendary music in the only endorsed show by his estate. Group discount cost: \$30.00 per person. **RSVP deadline: April 11th.**

The St. Michael Cinema is about a 20 minute drive from church, located just off north I-94 at the St. Michael exit - exit 205. Transportation on your own. If you need help with a ride or are willing to carpool, call Sharon Reinert at 612-242-3200.

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. RAPHAEL

“**THE WILD GOOSE**” (14-part series on the Holy Spirit) Study/Discussion Group meets **Monday evenings 7:00-8:00 pm in the Marian Hall.** Come to any or all of the sessions led by parishioner Shawn Horn.

BEAUTY, TRUTH, GOODNESS: THE FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM

Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Fr. Fenelon Room. January 12-April 2. This is a twelve week course covering the basic teachings of the Catholic Faith presented by Fr. Altier. You may come to any or all of the sessions.

The Respect Life Committee and A Community Caring for Life (ACCL) is hosting a Baby Shower on Sunday,



March 24th in conjunction with the regular hospitality of coffee and donuts (plus light "baby shower" refreshments) after the 8:30 am and the 10:30 am Masses. *Baby items most needed: baby grooming kits, baby bottles (Philips Avent brand), baby wipes, diapers (newborn, & sizes 1, 4, and 5); but all items are welcome.

Please join us Marian Hall. Everyone is welcome!



Help Is Needed

Could God be calling you? Please consider **sidewalk counseling.**

Babies need you! Sidewalk counseling is exactly what the name implies—trained volunteers are present on the sidewalk in front of an abortion clinic educating women about their choices. It is a last attempt to turn their hearts away from abortion and offer real help. For more information, call Billy Kelly at Pro Life Action Ministries, 651-797-6365.

YOUTH MINISTRY

OPEN YOUTH ROOM

Open youth room is a time of fellowship, fun, & games.

Junior High: March 19th from 2:20 - 5:00 PM

Senior High: March 20th from 5:00 - 6:45 PM

All Grades: March 22nd from 6:00 - 10:00 PM

RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC)

These nights are required for all 9th-10th graders.

All Faith Formation Lenten Penance Service: March 20th from 7:00-8:15 PM in the main church.

No Youth Ministry, Faith Formation, or ROC: March 27th - We will be on Spring Break!

CORE TEAM UPDATE:

Friday Night Live (FNL): April 12th from 6:00-9:00 PM in Marian Hall. Core Team, please arrive at 5:00 PM!

Core Team Meeting: April 14th from 6:00-9:00 PM in Marian Hall.

CONTACT

Questions about the Youth Ministry Programs?
Please contact Anna Scherber at 763-537-8401 x210
or at ascherber@straphaelcrystal.org.

Register for any youth events on the St. Raphael youth website:
www.straphaelyouth.com



REBOOT

Wednesday, April 17th ~7:00-9:30 pm
St. Michael Church - St. Michael, MN

Chris Stefanick, an internationally acclaimed author, speaker, and television host, who has devoted his life to inspiring people to live a bold, contagious faith, will be speaking.

The cost of this event is \$25.

For more information about this event, please contact Anna Scherber at the Parish Office x 210.

Tickets will be sold in the East Gathering Area before and after all Masses every weekend until the tickets are sold out.

EXTREME FAITH CAMP

June 22-26, 2019 // Big Sandy Camp in
McGregor, MN

Open to all 6th-8th Grade students

Don't miss the best week of summer!

The pre-registration form can be found on
our youth ministry website.

www.straphaelyouth.com

SCHOOL NEWS



The SCRIP Desk will be closed the weekend of March 23/24 due to Spring Break. If you need to purchase SCRIP, you may stop by the Parish Office where someone will assist you. Thank you for supporting our school!

Many thanks to all the parishioners who supported St. Raphael Catholic School by purchasing Catholic United Financial Raffle Tickets through the month of February. We are so grateful for your generosity!



HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:

Totino-Grace 2019 Spring Open House
1350 Gardena Ave. NE, Fridley
Monday, April 8, 2019 ~ 6:30 pm

Learn more & register at www.totinograce.org/admissions

SRS FAITH FAMILIES

Greetings! The students of St. Raphael School began their Faith Family Lenten project. Each class, after reading about them, chose a saint to represent their class. The picture of each saint is posted on the wall outside the classroom door. The 8th grade students along with Mr. J. gave a beautiful presentation to the whole school body about the virtues each class should strive to achieve. Each class has a Faith Family container in which to put spare change collected at home by family and friends. The funds collected will be donated to assist those in need.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Enrollment is now open for the 2019/2020 School Year! St. Raphael School is now accepting applications for enrollment. If you have any questions or would like to set up an appointment for a tour of the school please contact our school receptionist, Wendy Sosa, at 763-504-9450 ext. 351.

~ Cheryl Aviña, School Principal



Join Fr. Rocky for the

Lenten Lessons on the Mass

Sign up at relevantradio.com
under the "Faith" tab!



Lenten Retreat For Healthcare Professionals

Are you in healthcare? Would you like to connect and renew the spirit of your vocation in healthcare? Join us for Curatio's Lenten Half -Day retreat and hear Father Joseph Johnson on, " *The Privilege of Caring for Christ in the Sick*". The retreat will be held at the Little Sisters of the Poor in St. Paul on Saturday, April 13, 2019. Cost is \$40 for healthcare workers and \$20 for students in healthcare. Scholarships are available. The retreat begins at 7:30 am and ends at 12:00 pm, and includes: breakfast, Mass at 10:30 am, and lunch .

Registration deadline is April 10th, or when full . Register now at www.curatioapostolate.com . Call Christin at [612.875.2802](tel:612.875.2802) with any questions you may have.

The Serra Apostolate for Vocations is hosting Fr. James Burns, President of St. Mary's University of Minnesota, as guest speaker on Tuesday, March 26. Fr. Burns is well known in this area and is one of our Bi-Ritual priests in the diocese. He is approved in both the Latin Rite and Maronite Rite. Parishioners interested in hearing his talk are invited to this luncheon meeting at Jax Café. For RSVP or additional information, contact Norma Swanson, 763-571-3288 or normaswanson@msn.com

40 Days for Life Twin Cities Lent 2019

March 6 – April 14, 6 am - 6 pm, Sidewalk/Planned Parenthood,
671 Vandalia St., St. Paul.

Pro-Life Action Ministries invites all to join us in this international movement of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach to end abortion. Please register at <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/st-paul/> or, contact Brian Walker at 651-797-6363 or brian.walker@plam.org.

SAINT OF THE DAY - THE MARTYRS OF MAR SABA

The monastery of Mar Saba—meaning Saint Sabbas in the Syriac language—is halfway between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea. It is one of the oldest continually inhabited monasteries in the world. 44 monks there were killed by the Persian army in the year 614, caught up in warfare between the Roman and Persian Empires, which the Persians won. By the end of that century, the Arabs had replaced the Persians as the local rulers. They devastated the country, burning monasteries and looting churches. The monks of Mar Saba considered leaving, but decided that would be an act of cowardice, given the saying of Our Lord Jesus Christ that his disciples should not fear those who could only kill the body. They also figured that if they abandoned the monastery, it would soon be wrecked by the looting invaders and left uninhabitable for future generations. In the year 797, the monastery was attacked by about sixty armed Arabs. Some of the monks tried to explain their peaceful vocation as hermits, but the Arabs wanted money. They became angry when the monks told them they didn't have any and started shooting arrows at the monks, wounding about thirty of them. The attackers then set fire to the monks' cells. A group of people then came to the rescue of the monks. Seeing them, the Arabs took off with what loot they could. Anticipating another attack, the monks buried the sacred vessels. Sure enough, the Arabs returned with reinforcements several days later. They attacked the monks with a variety of weapons, wounding most of them, and herded them into the church. Some managed to hide, including in a cave. When the Arabs approached the cave, thinking some monks might have taken refuge there, one of them—named Patrick—bravely went out and gave himself up, trying to convince the attackers that he had been the only one in the cave, and then drawing them off by running to the church. At the church, the Arabs made the monks go into a dead-end corridor and made a fire at its entrance with thorns and brushwood. The monks died of suffocation. New monks took their place, and the community is still thriving today. Martyrs of Mar Saba, pray for us! (Excerpted and adapted with permission of the Publisher from *Butler's Lives of the Saints, New Full Edition* ©Paul Burns 2003, Published by Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN)

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