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We, the Catholic community of St. Anthony of Padua, relying on the wisdom and the grace of God, unite ourselves to the call for renewal and transformation of our spiritual, social and economic life.

1st Sunday of Lent February 26, 2023



"Away with you, Satan! for it is written, Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." Yes we are tested. And we give into temptations, We feel defeated guilty, ashamed and even angry with ourselves. Paul reminds us "Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all people. The good news, as we enter this Lenten journey is that Jesus is the one who died for our sins, for the times we succumb to temptation.



Stewardship Reflection

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.



Prayer Requests

*Please pray for those who are ill or housebound
in our Parish family*

Mark Ryan, Joanna Black, Debbie (Frank and Lynda's daughter), Cheryl Yaretz, Lyn Milburn, Janet Quinn, Paul Van Scheyndel, Stella Hildebrandt, Adriana Striker, Paul McKenzie, Marilyn Struys,

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MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Mass of Anticipation - 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass - 10:30 am

Weekday Mass:

Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri - 9:00 am

Tuesday - 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

20 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Rosary:

Begins 30 minutes prior to Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

All Fridays - 9:30 to 10:30 am

Benediction at 10:15 am

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: February 25th - 4:00 pm

+Anne Marie Freimark & sons
Robert Thompson (65th birthday)

Sunday: February 26th - 10:30 am

+Florence Sinclair
Kelly, Keith & Jordan Henry

Monday: February 27th - 9:00 am

Michael & Eileen Walsh

Tuesday: February 28th - 7:00 pm

+Phil Redmond
Marilyn Struys

Wednesday: March 1st - 9:00 am

Liturgy of the Word

Thursday: March 2nd - 9:00 am

+Matthew, +Theresa, & +Bernard Denis

Thursday: March 2nd - 3:00 pm

Logan Manor

Friday: March 3rd - 9:00 am

+Johanna & Tony Struys
Souls who have become lukewarm
and your intentions

Friday: March 3rd - 5:00 pm

Stations of the Cross (Every week during Lent)

Saturday: March 4th - 4:00 pm

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+Sean Claggett



Our very own Fr. Dennis is offering the reflection this Wednesday and we welcome all of our friends and neighbors. Please come everyone!!

Soup and Buns is being held in our parish from Wednesday, March 1st at until March 29th at 6 pm. This is a joint effort of all of the churches in Agassiz, and we are so proud that we can host this annual event in our parish, welcoming many of our local friends and neighbors. Please put this on your calendar and plan to join in each week. It begins with a short prayer service, followed by homemade soups & buns in the parish hall!

We also would really appreciate some volunteers to help with the Soup & Buns. There will be a signup sheet available on the bulletin board.

Stations of the Cross



Our Stations of the Cross were installed last week. Thank you very much to Ed, Metro and Fr. Dennis for their hard work. Everyone is invited to join us for praying the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 5 pm during Lent.

Although the Stations of the Cross is a popular devotion, and while you may pray it with your parish every Lent, it's helpful to understand how praying the Stations of the Cross can affect not just your own faith, but your daily life. Here are five reasons to pray the Stations of the Cross:

They offer strength in times of suffering.

Praying the Stations of the Cross reminds us that we are not alone in our suffering: Jesus suffers with us. He chose to embrace every aspect of human life, including suffering and death.

They instill in us a compassion for those who suffer

We see in the Stations of the Cross how some people mocked Jesus, revealing the worst reactions to the suffering of others. Yet we also have the example of Mary, who stayed close to her Son throughout. In the Stations of the Cross, we are gifted with the ability to see Jesus in those who suffer and therefore to treat the suffering with compassion.

They remind us of the vast love of God

Seeing the horror of Jesus' suffering reminds us of something wonderful: how much He loves us. Jesus endured His Passion because of the love He had for each individual person that would ever live, and so the Stations of the Cross remind us of how much we are loved.

They give us a sign of great hope

We know why Jesus suffered and we know what happened afterwards. His suffering and death was not the end of the story. He came back in glory. This is a powerful reminder that for us too, suffering and death are not where it ends. There is so much more.

They enable us to feel Jesus' suffering

For our faith to grow, we need to be able to empathize with Jesus suffering on the cross and feel His pain as though it were happening to ourselves or someone we care deeply about. The Stations of the Cross help us do this by giving us fourteen focal points to meditate on.

COFFEE

Coffee after Mass today. Please bring a snack to share with everyone who attends! See you there.

R C I A

This Morning at the 10:30 Mass, we welcome Kyle Miller & Lloyd Leins who will be received into the church on Easter Vigil, and this morning will be the Rite of Election.

What is the Rite of Election?

If we understand the primary purpose of the election rite is to choose those who are "fit for duty," we can see that this rite is not especially appropriate for baptized candidates. All baptized Christians, Catholic or not, have — through the grace of baptism — been made ready for discipleship. All baptized Christians have already been chosen — been "elected." They cannot be chosen again. Becoming Catholic is a fullness of expression (full communion) of God's choice, but it is not fundamentally a new choice by God. This teaching of the church — that baptism makes us disciples — presents us with a conundrum. Every day we see scores of Christians who engage in decidedly undisciplined (un-disciple-like) behavior. This has been a problem from the beginning. Even the original disciples were often undisciplined. Much of Mark's gospel seems to be images of Jesus shaking his head and muttering, "When are they going to get it?" But as clueless and as inept as the original disciples sometimes were, Jesus never unchose them or rechose them. The choice had already been made, and it was irrevocable.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Feb 26th is Food Bank Sunday

OFFERING COLLECTIONS

Sunday, February 19th, 2023

Envelope: \$1525.00

Loose: \$200.00

Refugee family: \$1597.65

Total: \$3322.65

WHEN THE PRIEST GOES A LITTLE
HEAVY ON THE ASHES.

