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For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities.

Psalm 130:7-8

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 26 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Scripture Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

4:30 p.m. Mass (Activity Center) for 🗗 Jean Baughman 7:45 a.m. Mass (Activity Center) for **†** Martha Carpenter

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Activity Center)

9:30 a.m. CCD (Parish Center)

11:00 a.m. Mass (Activity Center) for the People of the Parish

Monday, March 27

Scripture Readings: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

9:00 a.m. Mass (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for 🕆 Patrick Tanner

7:00 p.m. Lenten Penance Service (Activity Center)

Tuesday, March 28

Scripture Readings: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18. 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

7:15 a.m. Mass at Genesis Hospital (Chapel)

Mass (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for 🕆 Fr. Emmanuel Bertrand OP

7:00 p.m. Lenten Evenings of Faith & Fellowship (Activity Center)

Wednesday, March 29

Scripture Readings: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

11:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel)

Noon Mass (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for Living & Deceased Members

of Shaheed & Nacima Labaki Family

1:00-8:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel)

5:30 p.m. Rosary (Activity Center)

Thursday, March 30

Scripture Readings: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

9:00 a.m. Mass (Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel) for 🕏 Janet Robinson

Friday, March 31

Scripture Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (St. Thomas Facebook Page)

Saturday, April 1

Scripture Readings: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10; 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

11:00 a.m. Confirmation (St. Nicholas Church)

3:30-4:15 p.m. Confessions (Activity Center)

Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Scripture Readings: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

4:30 p.m. Mass (Activity Center) for **P** Betty Haren

7:45 a.m. Mass (Activity Center) for Living & Deceased Members of the Lenhart Family

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Activity Center)

9:30 a.m. CCD (Parish Center)

11:00 a.m. Mass (Activity Center) for the People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Catalyst Nights (Activity Center)

FISH FRY:

Fish dinners will be offered by the K of C each Friday throughout Lent. For \$10.00 you will receive fish, french fries, cole slaw, and a dinner roll. The hall is located at 275 Sunrise Center Drive, Zanesville and will open at 5:00 pm.

THE POWER OF SACRIFICE:

Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter! But through prayer and sacrifices, we share in Christ's suffering and prepare for the joy of His Resurrection. This Lent, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. How have your Lenten sacrifices helped your family and community and communities around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

LENTEN EVENINGS OF FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP:

Join Father Sullivan on the Tuesday evenings of Lent at 7:00 p.m., in the parish school cafeteria, as we consider Bishop Robert Barron's *Light from Light: A Theological Reflection on the Nicene Creed.* Each evening will consist of a video by Bishop Barron, Questions for Reflection and Discussion, and an opportunity to grow in the Catholic Faith with one another. The Nicene Creed was authored by the Bishops of the Catholic Church gathered at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. The Creed was written to proclaim the Catholic Faith, in its essentials, concerning the Incarnation of the Eternal Word of the Father, made flesh in the Virgin's womb, and the nature and relationship of the Blessed Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Nicene Creed is a statement of faith that all believing Christians profess. In 2025, we will celebrate the seventeen hundredth anniversary of its promulgation. Father Barron's book was a Christmas gift from Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish to everyone who attended Mass here in celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. Almost 400 books were distributed. A few remain. Please feel free to pick one up after Mass. Father Sullivan will facilitate each Tuesday evening session. Come join other parishioners as we grow in faith and understanding during this year's Lenten journey.

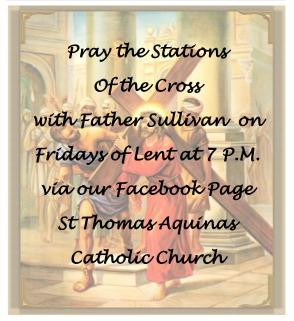
CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON:

Join us Friday, April 14 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Shawn Kenney, Director of the Museum of Catholic Art & History, about the Museum. Please note that because the First Friday of April is Good Friday, April's luncheon is on the second Friday of the Month. If you are interested in sponsoring this luncheon or another luncheon, contact Jim Gernetzke at jimgernetzke@noslumine.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Mr. Kenney's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next luncheon is Friday, May 5, 2023, and will feature a talk by Fr. Ty Tomson about the Traditional Latin Mass.



STEWARDSHIP (Our fiscal year is July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023) March 19, 2023

March 19, 2023					
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As Catholics, we've been told that Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a morally permissible way for couples to intentionally plan their family. Where does this teaching come from? How do the different models of NFP work to help couples trying to conceive or postpone pregnancy? Are they effective? Find the answers to these questions and any of your own about NFP at *Human Love in the Divine Plan: An Introduction to NFP*, a free weekly online session with Diocesan NFP Specialist Jennifer Fullin. Register at https://www.picktime.com/marriageandfamilylife, or gather a group and invite Jennifer to speak at your next meeting. Contact her at jfullin@columbuscatholic.org or 614-241-2560.

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Sunday, 11:00 a.m.	Dalton Frame David Thornton	Sophia Marcum Julia Guinta	Bob Fedorke	Mary Baker



As you prepare for Easter, remember the 40 days and nights that Christ spent in the desert without food or water, praying and preparing for His sacrifice on behalf of all mankind. Your small sacrifice can make a big difference in the lives of others.

Proceeds will benefit both our food pantry and other local pantries. Place items around the Gifts Table in the Activity Center or bring them to the parish office M-Th 8am-3pm

ITEMS NOT NEEDED:
Pudding/Jello Rice-A-Roni
Applesauce Tuna

CONVERGING ROADS CONFERENCE:

The St. John Paul II Foundation, in collaboration with the Diocese of Columbus and The Catholic Medical Association of Central Ohio invite all healthcare professionals to the second Converging Roads health care ethics conference on April 22, 2023 from 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, OH. The conference theme is Catholic Medicine in a Secular Society, and continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered. Topics include: Vocation of the Catholic Medical Professional, A Catholic Response to the Mental Health Crisis, End of Life Decision Making and Palliative Care, and more! For more information, please visit convergingroads.com or email CR@forlifeandfamily.org.



Holy Week at Saint Thomas Aquinas

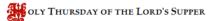
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April 1, 2 \ggg 4:30 Sat, 7:45 am and 11 am Sunday with Blessing and Distribution of Palm



April 3 № 5 pm to 7 pm Confessions



April 6 № 7 pm with Adoration until Midnight



April 7 \gg 3 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord



SATURDAY, APRIL 8 № 8:30 PM



April 9 № 7:45 am and 11 am Solemn Mass of the Resurrection

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The Fifth Week of Lent

Meditations for the Season of Lent

"Where is God, if evil is present in our world, if there are men and women who are hungry and thirsty, homeless, exiles and refugees? Where is God, when innocent persons die as a result of violence, terrorism and war? ... These are questions that humanly speaking have no answer. We can only look to Jesus and ask him. And Jesus' answer is this: 'God is in them.' Jesus is in them; he suffers in them and deeply identifies with each of them."

— Pope Francis, Way of the Cross at World Youth Day 2016

When Bad Things Happen

John 11:1-45

n today's Gospel a friend of Jesus Lis dying, and Jesus purposely waits before going to him in Bethany. By the time Jesus arrives, Lazarus has died, and his two sisters are distraught. If Jesus had come at once, he could have healed their brother!

Both women profess their faith in Jesus as Lord and their belief that they will be reunited with their brother in eternity, but they are grieving deeply. The painful question that hangs in the balance is: Why did Jesus allow this bad thing to happen to Lazarus? Jesus answers this question earlier in the passage when he said this was all part of a plan to reveal God's glory.

The story of Lazarus is a precursor to what will happen next week when God allows Iesus to die on the cross and then raises Jesus from the dead. What seems to be a

FOR REFLECTION

- > Do you believe that God will give you the strength you need to get through all things?
- > Can you recall something bad that happened in your life that ultimately resulted in something good?
- In what ways have you grown stronger because of the trials in your life?

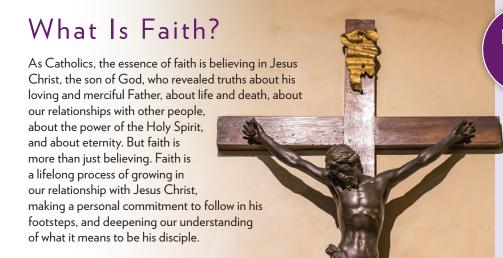
terrible tragedy will be transformed into the greatest miracle of all time. As people of faith, we understand that even in the darkest moments of our lives there is a promise of new life, new hope, new energy, and new possibilities.



- 1. How many times does Jesus fall in the Stations of the Cross?
- 2. Who helped Jesus carry his cross?
- 3. When does Lent officially end?

Answers on reverse.





Catechism CONNECTION

"The Paschal mystery of Christ's cross and Resurrection stands at the center of the Good News that the apostles, and the Church following them, are to proclaim to the world. God's saving plan was accomplished 'once for all' by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ."

— Catechism of the Catholic Church, 571

It is not easy to explain Family to children why bad things happen. Start Focus by acknowledging that everyone has difficulties in life but we

know that God will help us. Explain that Jesus died on a cross but three days later God brought him back to life on Easter Sunday. That's why we believe that even though something bad happens, God can make something good come from it.



Lenten Prayer

This week's prayer, by St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, asks for help in difficult times:

"O Lord, we ask for a boundless confidence and trust in your divine mercy and the courage to accept the crosses and sufferings which bring immense goodness to our souls and that of your Church. Help us to love you with a pure and contrite heart, and to humble ourselves beneath your cross, as we climb the mountain of holiness, carrying our cross that leads to heavenly glory. Amen."

Comforting the Sorrowful



The word "bereaved" has torn apart." When someone dies, bereaved people experience a deep emotional wound. It is no surprise that comforting the sorrowful is a work of mercy. One of the best ways to comfort someone who is grieving is to listen. Don't try to change the way the person is feeling. Just listen. And while you are listening, pray for the person who is grieving.

Answers: 1. Jesus falls three times. 2. Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus carry the cross. 3. Lent officially ends at sundown on Holy Thursday.

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