



# *Our Lady of the* **WAYSIDE PARISH**

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## **Vision Statement:**

We will be a parish who lives  
the message and mission of  
Jesus.



*Madonna Della Strada (Our Lady of the Wayside Church), 1953*

## February 26, 2023

*First Sunday of Lent*

# YOUR FEEDBACK URGENTLY NEEDED



## Catholic Leadership INSTITUTE

### Disciple Maker Index Survey

It's official! The Disciple Maker Index Survey is **NOW OPEN** and we need your help!

Please help us participate by taking this 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible, by:

- Scanning the QR code with your phone camera
- Visiting <https://bit.ly/DMI-OLW>
- Completing a paper copy survey available in the back of church, Gathering Place foyer, or Parish Center.

For assistance taking the survey, please call our Parish Office at (847) 253-5353.

The survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide important feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be **CONFIDENTIAL** and our parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

**We are striving to get the highest response rate possible.** This information will be invaluable to our Priests, Deacons, Staff and Ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. Survey results will be made available this spring/summer and we will share our findings with the entire parish then.

Thank you for helping  
with this important  
project!



How often did you participate in or attend each of the following over the past year?

	Never	Once or Twice a Year	Quarterly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
Individual prayer time with God	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bible study or Prayer group (in person or online)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mass	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

#### Participation at the Church

Below are several activities that you may have taken part in over the past year. Please indicate the frequency that best describes how often you have done any of these activities.

How often did you do each of the following over the past year?

	Never	Once or Twice a Year	Quarterly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
Invited someone to join me for an activity at the parish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Invited someone to join me for Mass	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

#### Parish Community Test

Below are several ways your parish community can help you grow spiritually. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:

My parish helps me grow spiritually by...

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Helping me develop a personal prayer life that connects me with God	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Offering vibrant and engaging Sunday Masses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

#### Parish Connections

Below are several ways your parish can help you connect with others in the local Catholic community. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:

My parish helps me connect with a local Catholic community by...

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Making me feel welcomed and accepted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing me with opportunities to serve those in need	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

#### Catholic Journey

How do you identify yourself?

- ☐ I am Catholic;  
☐ I was Catholic once, but no longer consider myself Catholic;  
☐ I am not Catholic.

If you answered "I am Catholic" for "How do you identify yourself?" please answer the following question. Otherwise, skip it.

Which of the following best describes your path to Catholicism?

- ☐ I was baptized Catholic as a child  
☐ I converted to the Catholic faith

If you answered "I am Catholic" for "How do you identify yourself?" please answer the following question. Otherwise, skip it.

Which of the following best describes where you are on your Catholic journey?

- ☐ My relationship with Jesus Christ is the most important relationship in my life  
☐ I have personally encountered Jesus Christ and am growing as a disciple  
☐ I practice my Catholic faith, but do not know Jesus personally like a friend  
☐ I consider myself Catholic, though faith is not a significant part of my life

Which of the following best describes the pace of your spiritual growth?

- ☐ In a period of rapid spiritual growth  
☐ Growing at a steady, continued pace  
☐ Growing in my faith, but would like to grow more than I am  
☐ Content staying right where I am spiritually  
☐ Stalled in my spiritual growth  
☐ In a period of spiritual decline

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# Soup & Stations



Every Friday  
(in March)  
during LENT



Our Lady of the Wayside Gathering Place  
6:00 – 7:00 pm

## Soup & Stations are Back at OLW!

Journey with Jesus this Lent.

All are welcome to enjoy a simple but substantial supper of soup, pasta and bread, served on Fridays (March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31) at 6pm in the Gathering Place, followed by Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7pm.

There is no charge but donations for St. Mark's Food Pantry are certainly appreciated.

More hands make light work (and great soup)! If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Ann Marie Tarczon at [ann.tarczon@gmail.com](mailto:ann.tarczon@gmail.com).

## LENT'S SPIRITUAL DESERT

1st Sunday of Lent



Father Arthur Marat

*"Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God 'with all their hearts' (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and grow in friendship with the Lord."*  
~Pope Francis

This Sunday's Gospel tells us that the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted. The desert is not only a physical place, but also a psychological state of loneliness, trials, and temptations. It is the place where man finds out the truth about himself and encounters God. It is also the place where Jesus was victorious over the Devil and shows us who He is: our Lord and our God.

Every year the Church enters into the season of Lent to remind us that every day we are presented with the choice to either avoid or choose sin, which ultimately lead to eternal life or death. We are constantly tempted by power, glory, and pleasure. We are tempted to eat that extra piece of cake, to watch the next episode (when we could pray instead), to be afraid in the face of crises and natural disasters, and to yell when we could practice patience. We are tempted to choose death. For this reason, we need God and His grace.

What is most important during this Lenten Season is to remember that Jesus is Our Lord Who knows exactly what we experience. If we really desire to be faithful to God and ask Him for His help, then He will give us the strength to confront and overcome daily trials and temptations. He will give us the grace we need to be like Him: holy. He will assist us in choosing life.

As we enter into the spiritual desert of Lent, let us spend time in silence in order to listen to God's voice, reflect on our lives. Let us also take this opportunity to ask ourselves: *For whom do I live? For what do I long?* Hopefully the answers to those questions are: Jesus Christ and eternal life. If they are not, let us ask the Lord for His grace so that we can turn our spiritual situation around.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Arthur

## DID YOU KNOW...

The icon of Our Lady of the Wayside that graces our Church was painted by a distinguished Italian artist in Rome in 1953. The figures of the Virgin and Child appear as they must have been seen by early Christians. Our icon is a reproduction, inspired by the original 13th Century fresco of *Madonna Della Strada* that hangs in the *Chiesa del Gesù* in Rome.



# DEACON'S BEACON

by Deacon Tom Corcoran



*"You are the light of the world. Do not light a lamp then put it under a bushel basket... your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Heavenly Father." Matthew 5:5-16*

Please email your comments to: irenetomc@hotmail.com

Today is the first Sunday of Lent – it's a time for us to focus on our relationship with God - where our Lenten Journey with Jesus Christ will take us this year. Based on current events in our world, there is certainly a need for that.

This past holiday weekend was marred by further shooting and killings in Chicago and throughout our country. There is a great need to let God in our life.

But how do we do that? As I pondered that question, I was reminded of an old familiar tune.

**"Let there be peace on earth..."**

Many of you probably remember that song from years gone by. It's usually thought of as a "Christmas Season" song, but the message is important every day of our lives. (For those who are unfamiliar with it, it is available on YouTube.)

The message is that **peace** comes from God to all of us. We must let God's peace into our hearts – then **we** are called to share God's peace with all in our lives. That message is very apparent in today's gospel, as Jesus shows us the way.

## *The Temptations*

In Mathew's gospel, Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit to be tempted by the devil. For 40 days and 40 nights Jesus fasted, and afterwards He was hungry (a tremendous understatement).

The devil's **first temptation** was for Jesus to "turn the stones into loaves of bread. Jesus responds that we "live not by bread alone, but every word that comes from the mouth of God." The **second temptation**, the devil takes Jesus to the highest point of the temple and tells Jesus to throw Himself down, for God will save Him. Jesus responds, "You shall not put God to the test." The **third temptation** the devil tells Jesus to worship him. Jesus responds, "Get away Satan, God alone shall you worship and serve."

Through these temptations Jesus show us that God is with each one of us as we journey through life.

God is with us every step of our life. We forget this sometimes; but Lent is a time for us to focus on the message to

**trust in God always.**

The temptations and Jesus' response are relevant to us today - in our world. For example: With the **first temptation**, do we eat and drink to maintain good health; or do we over-indulge food and drink while millions of less fortunate go hungry? With the **second temptation**, do we pray for the miraculous intervention of God in our career, health, etc. for our self-benefit; or do we willingly accept the will of God? The **third temptation** focuses on lusting after the riches and influence of the world; rather than accepting and thanking God for what we have and sharing with others.

**" and let it begin with me."**

If we want peace on earth, it needs to start with us. Too often we look at Lent as a **time to suffer**. We make sacrifices and adjustments in our life. There's a solemn tone of repentance to Lent, but Lent is also a **joyful time of developing a deeper, more meaningful relationship with God**. We should not focus only on the "giving up" side, it's also a time for us to develop a more meaningful relationship with God.

If we enter into our Lenten season eager to improve our relationship with God, our Lenten Journey will be a joyous celebration.

In closing, I would like to share a few lines from the "**Ministry of Praise**" Prayer for January:

**"Loving Father,** open our hearts to hidden realities: your love for all people, your call to justice and peace.

**Christ Jesus,** help us to imitate your example: healing the sick, welcoming the stranger, assisting the poor and vulnerable.

**Holy Spirit,** make visible to our eyes what is invisible: your call to your people, your summons to live our faith daily as witnesses of justice and peace. May the sacraments move us to engage in love-inspired action that transforms us and the world.

**AMEN**





Get ready for a year of events!



## Celebrate 70 with Us 1953-2023

Our Lady of the Wayside enters her 70th year as a Catholic Parish this year, and we can't wait to come together as a community through service, celebration and prayer! Join us in learning about our history and by participating in events to connect with Christ and each other in this joyous, parish-wide celebration. Look for more information in our bulletin and online in the weeks ahead.

### Save the Date!

Here are just a few Celebrate 70 events on our calendar and our featured March event (below). We hope you will join us throughout 2023!

MAR 15, 16	Multi-Parish Mission
JUN 10	All Parish Picnic
JUL 14	Pastor's Masters Golf Outing
SEP 23	Oktoberfest

### Multi-Parish Mission

Our Lenten Parish Mission, *Surge of the Heart*, will take place on March 15 & 16. Join Jon Leonetti, international Catholic speaker, for two very important talks on God in our lives. Admission is free!



## Calling all doers and difference makers!

**Planning teams are being formed right now. Will you help?**

Successful events need committed volunteers willing to roll up their sleeves and make great things happen. Doers make all the difference! If you'd like to volunteer for any of our Celebrate 70 events, please reach out as soon as you can.

**To volunteer, or for any other questions, contact us at [Celebrate70@olwparish.org](mailto:Celebrate70@olwparish.org).**



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## REP Schedule for the Weeks of February 26 & March 5, 2023

### Tuesday, February 28

- 4 pm, 1st through 4th grade classes meet
- 5 pm, Light Service Practice – Grade 8
- 7 pm, 7th and 8th grade classes meet

### Thursday, March 2

- 7 pm, Light Service Event – Grade 8

### Tuesday, March 7

- 4 pm, 1st through 4th grade classes meet
- 7 pm, 5th and 6th grade classes meet

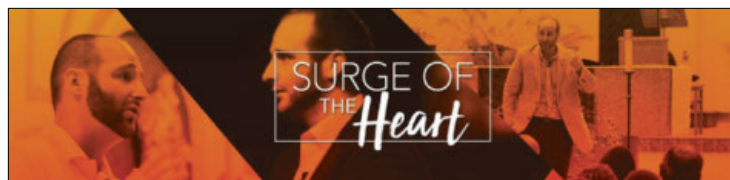


### Please Continue to Prayer for our OLV 2nd and 8th Graders



Our OLV School and REP 2nd and 8th graders continue their journeys towards receiving First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

The 8th grade students recently participated in the Chastity Talk and in Reconciliation to prepare for the Rite of Confirmation on Saturday, March 11. The 2nd graders received Reconciliation in December and are now preparing to receive 1st Holy Communion in April. Please continue to pray for these students as they walk with their parents, teachers, and catechists in their journeys of faith towards a closer relationship with Jesus. Special thanks to those of you who took prayer cards with students' names on them. Your prayers for each student are very important.



Please join us for **Surge of the Heart, a Lenten Mission** at Our Lady of the Wayside Church on Wednesday & Thursday, March 15 & 16, from 7:00–8:30 pm.

**Jon Leonetti**, international Catholic speaker and author, will lead the mission and present on...

- **Who is God and Why That Matters** (March 15)
- **God's Dream for Your Life** (March 16)

Questions? Contact Deacon Peter LeTourneau at: (847) 253-5353 or [pletourneau@archchicago.org](mailto:pletourneau@archchicago.org).

This multi-parish mission is sponsored by Saints Colette, Edna, Mary, and Our Lady of the Wayside parishes.



## Emily Holum Memorial Blood Drive



SCAN HERE  
TO SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, FEB 26**

**8 AM – 2 PM**

Our Lady of the Wayside Gym

Appointments Recommended.  
Walk-ins welcome.



Emily Ann Holum was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia at the age of four. She bravely fought her battle for two years with grace, dignity and determination. She was small but mighty, earning her the nickname Mighty Mite. During her fight, Emmy needed numerous transfusions of blood products. For the many times Emmy needed some type of blood product and it was there for Emmy, her family would like to give back. In true Emmy spirit, this blood drive is a way that Emmy can continue to help others.

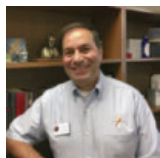


## Eucharistic Revival – What is it?

You may have seen this statistic - In 2019, a study by the Pew Research Center reported that only a third of Catholics believe the Eucharist is the real Body and Blood of Christ. Maybe we shouldn't be surprised by this information given the full complexity of the Eucharist - that through the power and grace of God, the bread and wine is transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. This very real presence of Christ begins at the moment of consecration and endures until it is consumed.

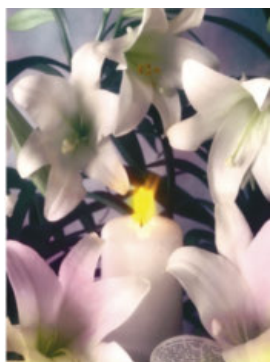
To help Catholics not only better understand the Real Presence of Christ but to develop a deeper love for the Eucharist, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has established a National Eucharistic Revival. This is a multi year effort involving catechesis (knowing about God) and evangelization (knowing and loving God). This effort began in July of 2022 at the National Level and will move throughout this year to the Diocesan level and then to the Parish level.

As part of this Revival, I recently attended a Symposium for the Diaconate sponsored by the Diocese of Joliet and the Archdiocese of Chicago. We heard from Cardinal Blase Cupich, Bishop Ron Hicks, Bishop Bob Lombardo, and Bishop Daniel Conlon. The overall message was that this is not just about understanding what takes place during the liturgy of the Eucharist, rather that our Church and the world needs healing. One way to accomplish this is to renew the church from the inside-out through an ever-deepening appreciation of the Eucharist.



We are excited to bring more to you throughout the year - stay tuned!

Many Blessings,  
Deacon Peter LeTourneau  
*Director of Parish Ministry & Evangelization*



## Easter 2023

*Church Flowers in Memory  
of Your Loved One(s)*

*"I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he  
dies, will live, and everyone who  
lives and believes in me will never  
die. Do you believe this?"*

We invite you to honor the names of loved ones with flowers and decorations for our church at Easter.

Please clearly fill out the form below, attach a check made out to *Our Lady of the Wayside Church*, and drop it in the collection box in the rear of church or give it to Patricia at the parish office **no later than Monday, March 27**. Your loved ones name(s) will appear in the bulletin under "*In Memory Of*" or "*In Honor Of*."

**Suggested Donation:** \$20 per intention.

*Please Print: First and Last Name Only*

Donor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of (Deceased): \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor Of (Living): \_\_\_\_\_

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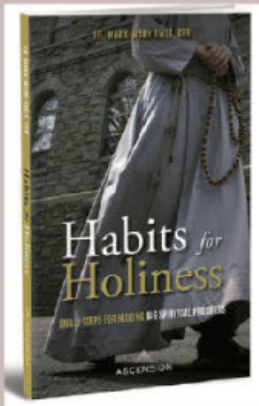




Email  
[yamnw.suburbs@gmail.com](mailto:yamnw.suburbs@gmail.com)  
for questions and  
to join our mailing list

# Lent with YAM-NW

Young Adult Ministry-NW (YAM-NW) serves those in their 20s and 30s within Northwest Cook County.



Wednesdays 7-9pm  
St. Edna's

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays  
See Facebook  
for parishes  
and times



 Young Adult Ministry-  
Northwest Chicago (YAM-NW)

## LOOKING FOR SOME RINGERS



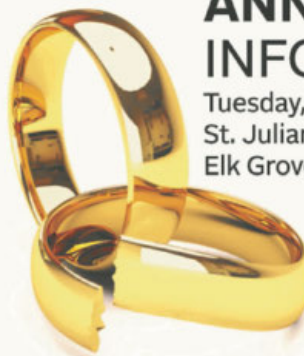
You may have heard the hand bell choir perform at various liturgies last year. Brass hand bells are a form of worship and lend a beautiful dimension to the mass.

We are a small group of musicians looking for additional members. Ability to read music is important. If you are interested but uncertain about the commitment, please drop in and observe any rehearsal. We practice on Thursday evenings in church from 7-8 pm.

If you have any questions about this ministry, contact Dan McMahon at 847-253-5353, ext. 225 or email: [musicministry@olwparish.org](mailto:musicministry@olwparish.org).

## ANNULMENT INFO NIGHT

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 | 7:00pm  
St. Julian Eymard Church  
Elk Grove Village, IL



If you are divorced and looking to remarry, or already married, or just looking for peace of mind, the Catholic Church has resources to help.

All are invited to attend an **Annulment Information Night** presented by the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Chicago on Tuesday, March 14, at 7pm in Shea Hall at St. Julian Eymard (601 Biesterfield Road, Elk Grove Village).

To register, scan the QR code with your phone camera, or contact Mary Ellen Ottenstein at (847) 979-0901 x1007 or [info@olbsegu.org](mailto:info@olbsegu.org).







## VICARIATE I

# RECOGNITION MASS FOR YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS

### **Serving at the altar can open hearts to the sacred!**

It's wonderful to see our children and youth dedicate themselves to the ministry of serving at Mass!

Bishop Grob and your parish pastors invite you and your altar servers to celebrate their dedication and commitment to this important ministry. As a gesture of our gratitude for the gifts these disciples offer in serving their parishes, servers from across Vicariate I are invited to a recognition Mass and to share in a meal together afterward.

**Sunday, March 26 | 3 p.m.**

**St. Thomas of Villanova Parish**

1201 East Anderson Drive, Palatine, IL 60074

Please visit [bit.ly/3luYt1p](https://bit.ly/3luYt1p) or scan the QR code to register by Thursday, March 23.



This is a family event and parents are expected to accompany their child(ren). This Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation. After Mass, we will be sharing in a meal of cheese pizza and pepperoni pizza along with dessert.

Please help us to best serve you by registering and noting any dietary restrictions.



**NOW OPEN**  
**SAINT VIATOR**  
**SUMMER CAMPS**

From Swimming and Soccer  
 to Theater and Service and Song,  
 we have you covered.

**REGISTER TODAY**

## Bible Study

*In Person & Online / Friday Morning 9:30*



Join us for lively discussion of  
 next Sunday's readings:  
 Genesis 12:1-4a  
 2 Timothy 1:8b-10  
 Matthew 17:1-9

Join us in the Cabrini Room of the Parish Center  
 or email [biblestudy@olwparish.org](mailto:biblestudy@olwparish.org) for a sign-in code.

HELP SUPPORT PARISH YOUTH MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL OLYMPICS



**KNIGHTS**  
**OF COLUMBUS**  
 IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



### Friday Fish Fries are Back!

The KC Hall | 15 N Hickory Avenue | Arlington Heights  
 Hall located 6 blocks east of Arlington Heights Road  
 and 2.5 blocks south of Euclid.

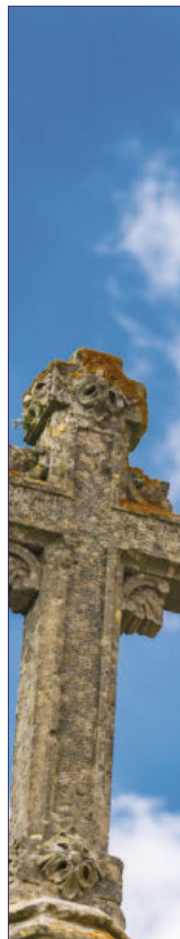
**FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS ARE INVITED**

Adults: \$15.00	<b>Lenten Fridays:</b>
Children 5–12: \$8.00	02/24, <b>03/03*</b> , 03/10,
Children Under 5: Free	03/17, 03/24, 03/31
Carryout: \$13.00	Hours: 5:00 – 7:30 PM

**Fish Dinner includes:** deep fried cod, tater tots, coleslaw, mustaccoli with marinara sauce, cornbread muffins and complimentary coffee and tea. Full cash bar including free refills on soda.

\* March 3rd is **OLW Youth Ministry Night** at the Fish Fry, with our teens volunteering to raise money to support their activities. Your support, and appetites, are appreciated!

Hall is available for rent. Call 847-255-4483.



## Moving Forward In Hope

*Join us for an evening of*  
**Prayer, Connection & Hope**  
*Sponsored by the Archdiocese Commission  
 on Mental Illness*

Moving Forward in Hope is a monthly series of prayer, connection, and hope.

Our goal is to create a safe place for those living with or those caring for someone with mental health concerns to come together to pray and share with one another.

Connection is paramount to mental health and well-being. These virtual meetings will cover relevant topics and be held monthly on the fourth Tuesday

### Moving Forward In Hope Tuesday, February 28th 7-8pm

Please reach out to Deacon Tom Lambert at [olmcinfo2@aol.com](mailto:olmcinfo2@aol.com) to register for this evening.



# February is American Heart Month

Did you know that people who have close relationships at home, work or in their community tend to be healthier and live longer? One reason, according to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), is that we're more successful at meeting our health goals when we join forces with others.

**Trying to keep your heart healthy?**

Joining forces with friends or family may keep you more motivated.

**#ourhearts**  
are healthier together

**#ourhearts**  
motivate each other



Follow these heart healthy lifestyle tips with your friends, family, coworkers, and others in your community and you'll all be heart healthier for it:

**Move More:** Invite members of your faith community to join you in your efforts to be more physically active. For example, walk together on a regular basis or join an exercise class at your local community center.

**Aim for a healthy weight:** Find someone in your faith community who also wants to reach or maintain a healthy weight. Do healthy activities together, like walking or playing on a neighborhood sports team. Share low-calorie, low-sodium meals or recipes.

**Quit smoking:** To help you quit, ask others for support or join a support group. Research shows that people are much more likely to quit if their spouse, friend, or sibling does.

**Manage stress:** Join with a friend or family member to do a relaxing activity every day, like walking, yoga, or meditation, or participate in a stress management program together.

**Improve sleep:** Family members and friends: remind each other to turn off the screen and stick to a regular bedtime. Instead of watching TV before bed, relax by listening to music, reading, or taking a bath.

**Track your heart health stats together:** Keeping a log of your blood pressure, weight goals, physical activity, and if you have diabetes, your blood sugars, will help you stay on a heart healthy track. Ask your friends or family to join you in the effort.

**To learn more about American Heart Month, visit the [National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute website](#).**



**Sunday, Feb 26, 2023**

### God's messengers

Have you thought much about your guardian angel since you prayed at bedtime when you were a kid? If not, maybe it's time to catch up with the one that's been assigned to help you. The word *angelos* means "messenger" in Greek, and since angels "always behold the face" of God in heaven (Matthew 18:10), they're well-positioned to intercede for you. Appreciate the watchful care that surrounds you and protects you from spiritual and perhaps physical dangers. Their constant attention indicates how precious you are to God and how active God wishes to be in your life.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11 (22). *"He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you."*

**Monday, Feb 27, 2023**

### A book for your nightstand, next to your Bible

Grigor Narekatsi, born near the turn of the first millennium, was an Armenian mystical and lyrical poet, monk, and theologian. He has the distinction of being venerated as a saint in the Armenian Apostolic and Catholic Churches and was declared a doctor of the church by Pope Francis in 2015. The prayer book of Gregory of Narek is a fixture in religious Armenian homes, second only to the Bible, and is considered a masterpiece of Christian spiritual literature. It has been translated into 30 languages, including English. Given the rave reviews, consider this writer-saint for your next read!

MEMORIAL OF GREGORY OF NAREK, ABBOT, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46 (224). *"Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."*

**Tuesday, Feb 28, 2023**

### United in prayer

Pope Benedict XVI, may he rest in peace, wrote beautifully on prayer and the Our Father: "In praying our heart is opened. Not only do we enter into communion with God but actually with all the children of God, because we are one body. When we address the Father in our inner room in silence and in recollection we are never alone. Those who speak to God are not alone. We are within the great prayer of the Church, we are part of a great symphony that the Christian community in all the parts of the earth and in all epochs, raises to God." Pray the Our Father slowly and consciously today, with everyone.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15 (225). *"This is how you are to pray: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name."*

**Wednesday, Mar 01, 2023**

### Get on board for justice

Today marks the 98th death anniversary of Homer Plessy, the man who attempted to end segregation with his legendary ride on a whites-only streetcar in New Orleans in 1892. His efforts were unsuccessful, and the following seven decades of U.S. jurisprudence included segregation as a bedrock feature. Plessy, however, is much less heralded for the fact that he was a man of faith, a black Catholic whose famous ride was organized by an interracial activist group known as the Comité des Citoyens (Citizens' Committee). Their holy disobedience was one of the first Catholic-led efforts against the

developing hierarchy of racism in the formerly French and Spanish regions of the Deep South. May the courage of Plessy and his allies be of use to us today as we continue the march toward justice.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32 (226). *"Man and beast shall be covered with sackcloth and call loudly to God; every man shall turn from his evil way and from the violence he has in hand."*

**Thursday, Mar 02, 2023**

### Read it and reap

Welcome to Read Across America Day, established in 1998 by the National Education Association to encourage this most central, enjoyable, and enriching of activities. Popular among teachers, students, and librarians, today can also be a day for Catholics to explore and support organizations such as the Catholic Media Association, whose members inform, inspire, and educate readers, keeping them connected to their faith, and telling the story of the church. Check a list of Catholic newspapers and magazines to find one you can support with a subscription. You in turn will be supported in your faith.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12 (227). *"Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."*

**Friday, Mar 03, 2023**

### Store up treasure in heaven

Saint Katharine Drexel was born in Philadelphia in 1858 to a wealthy family. The Drexels had a reputation for generosity, reportedly opening their home several days a week to feed and care for people in need. They also made time every day to pray together. During a trip to Europe as a young woman, Katharine was able to have an audience with Pope Leo XIII. She asked the Holy Father to send missionaries to Wyoming. He answered, "Why don't you go?" Not long after, Katharine stunned society by leaving behind her privileged life to dedicate herself to religious life. She worked to improve living conditions and educational opportunities for African Americans and Native Americans. She left a legacy far greater than her family fortune.

MEMORIAL OF KATHARINE DREXEL, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26 (228). *"Go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift."*

**Saturday, Mar 04, 2023**

### Short but sweet sainthood

Lenten inspiration can come from anywhere—from scripture to Instagram, from saints to young people. While not a Bible figure or social media influencer, 15th-century Casimir of Poland happens to fit the categories of both saint and young person. Saint Casimir was a prince who was under intense pressure from his family and country to take a leading role in government and politics. But Casimir felt called to focus on prayer, study, and care for people in need. Although he had to contend with some very disappointed people, he stood firm in his decision to follow his calling. Disease cut short his life at the tender age of 25, but his example can inspire us to live out our calling and thus help fulfill his.

MEMORIAL OF CASIMIR, PRINCE

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48 (229). *"This day the LORD, your God, commands you to observe these statutes and decrees. . . . with all your heart and with all your soul."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY:

**5:00 pm Saturday, March 4, 2023**

Presider: Father Arthur Marat

**7:30 am Sunday, March 5, 2023**

Presider: Father Gilbert Mashurano

**9:30 am Sunday, March 5, 2023**

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**11:30 am Sunday, March 5, 2023**

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**6:00 pm Sunday, March 5, 2023**

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION:

**February 26, 2023**

**1st Sunday of Lent**

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: “He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.” Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn’t it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word “fast” means to “hold firmly.” We still use it that way when we say, “I held fast to my original decision.” We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can’t manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they’ll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

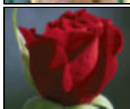
Jesus fasts for us. He’s showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. “Man does not live by bread alone,” he says, “But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” Jesus’ fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



### Pray for the Sick

Mary Ruth Bolda, Helene Bottalla, Susan Cardinale, Marie DeSanto, Mary Joan Dobson, Bob Finch, Fione Hergenreder, Ken Kramer, Bill Lohmeier, Valerie Lund, Evelyn Macam, Tim Mauren, Daniel McCloy, Delores McCloy, John McGuinness, Melvin Rotor, Marianne Saas, Stacey Scott, Sue Sloma, Rev. John Topper, Mary Sloan Weidner



### Pray for the Deceased

Mark Gruendl, Anne Lingrill, Lorraine Lysiak, Josephine Nagy, Joseph Napoleon, Mary Semrau

## SACRED LITURGY:

**Monday, February 27, 2023**

8:30 am – Sheila Berberick

**Tuesday, February 28, 2023**

8:30 am – Robert Cannatello, Lorraine Lysiak

**Wednesday, March 1, 2023**

8:30 am – Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

**Thursday, March 2, 2023**

8:30 am – Diane Westerkamp, Adelaide & Eddie Janz, Bob Lynch

**Friday, March 3, 2023**

8:30 am – Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

**Saturday, March 4, 2023**

8:30 am – Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

5:00 pm – Richard Schrage, Judi & Klaus Schubert, Lu Segreto, Edward & Adelaide Janz, Dale Raef

**Sunday, March 5, 2023**

7:30 am – Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

9:30 am – Cy & Rose Farwell, Caroline Banach

11:30 am – Kelly Trecka, Maureen Lavin

6:00 pm – For the Living and Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26, 2023

**Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

**Next Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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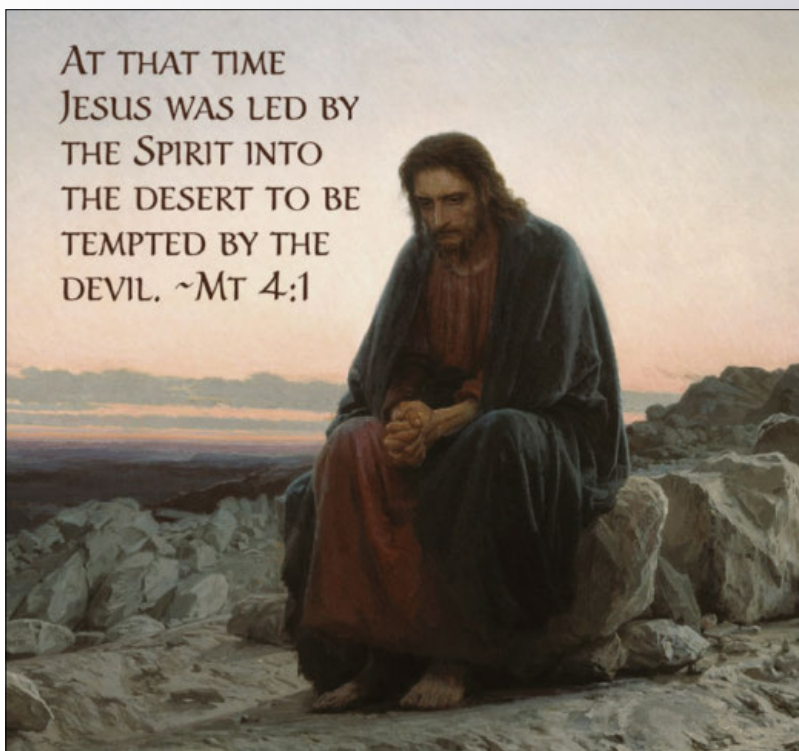
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