



Sacred Heart

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Formed in His Heart, Serving with His Heart, Giving From His Heart

Public Masses have resumed at no Greater than 50%, or 250 persons in the Church due to COVID-19 in accord with Gov. Walz' protocols

Mass Live Streaming will continue for Daily Mass and for one weekend Mass.

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To attend Mass in Church a sign-up must be used. It can be found on our Website.

Saturday—Lord's Day Vigil

4:00 PM Mass - In Church

5:30 PM - Parking Lot Mass

** Tune Radio to FM 104.9 **

Sunday— The Lord's Day

8:00 AM Mass - In Church

10:00 AM Mass - In Church

11:30 AM Latin Mass - In Church

Daily Mass Live Stream

Tuesday — Friday:

8:00 AM Mass - In Church

Eucharistic Adoration

The Sacred Heart Chapel will be open for personal prayer and adoration before the monstrance on Thursdays from 9 AM - 6PM

Extended Hours During Lent

N.B. When restrictions ease we intend to return to the former schedule.

Parish Office Hours

Open to the General Public.

Parish Web Site: shrmn.org

Parish Phone: 763-537-4561

March 14, 2021



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

Parish Directory

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The Church of the Sacred Heart is served by the clergy of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Priest Staff: Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen

Deacon: Dr. James Ramsey

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.

Appointed Sunday Readings**4th Sunday of Lent-3/14/2021**

First Reading: Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire,(2 Chr 36:19)

Psalm: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Ps 137)

Second Reading: For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them. (Eph 2:10)

Gospel: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, (Jn 3:16)

Latin Mass Sunday Readings**14th Sunday of Lent**

Epistle: Brethren: It is written that Abraham had two sons; the one by a bondwoman and the other by a free woman. (Gal. 4:22-31)

Gradual: I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: we shall go into the house of the Lord. (Ps. 121:1,7)

Gospel: At that time Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is that of Tiberias:: and a great multitude followed Him, ..(John 6:1-15)

Appointed Daily Readings**Monday, Mar. 15—Saturday, Mar. 20**

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

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

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

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 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

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

Prayers of the Faithful**Please remember in your prayers**

Those Who Are Ill: Tom Ambrose, Brady Swenson, Mary Jo Faustgen, Bunny Dargis, Andrea DeOtis, Medard Keisershot, Cody Binstock, Carol Borman, Delia Roca, Ray Swadner, Rosemary Ekelund, Peggy Bonicatto, Nicholas Fleck, Taylor Ziegler, Dwayne Brant, Lorraine Schreiber, Lorraine Nelson, Marlene Tuschen, Janice Luftus

Those Serving in Our Armed Forces: Sam Dahlgren-Castilla, Justin Rathbun, Liam Gregory, Jordan Reese, Andrew Gladitsch, Cathal & Cormac O'Connor, Lisette Knaeble, Zachary Wilhelmi

Those Who Have Died Recently:

Shelly Steward

Administration*Stewardship-Your Commitment is Vital !*

Collections for February 27 & 28 2021 (week 35)	Dollars	# Donors
Sunday Envelope Collections	\$ 8,681.00	67
Electronic Donations	\$ 7,568.00	46
Plate (non envelope) Collections	\$ 1,333.75	
Total Collections for week 35		113

Year-to-date Sunday Collections

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Behind</u>
Actual versus last year Feb 28, 2021 (week 35)	\$ 398,519	\$421,240	\$(22,721)
	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Ahead</u>
Actual versus Budget Feb 28, 2021 (week 35)	\$ 398,519	\$382,405	\$ 16,114

*******Mass Sign-Up Changes*******

Beginning with Palm Sunday weekend (March 27/28), we will be ending our Mass Sign-Up process for all of the Weekend Masses. We will also be changing from every third pew seating to every other pew seating. We will continue to seat only on either end of the pew (single or family up to 4 people) leaving the middle section open (follow the taped areas). If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

Job Opening at Sacred Heart Parish

Sacred Heart has a full-time bookkeeper position available in the Parish Office. This position is responsible for parish, school and childcare accounts payable, payroll, cash receipts/deposits, credit card processing, general ledger accounting, assisting with any special event recordkeeping and preparing financial statements. Qualifications include a minimum two-year degree in accounting, 3-5 years experience in all facets of bookkeeping preferred, proficient in word and excel at the basic to intermediate level and knowledge of computer-based systems. Full job description is available upon request. Please contact Mary Daugherty in the Parish Office at 763-285-6241 (direct line) or 763-537-4561 (main number) or at mdaugherty@shrmn.org with interest and/or further details.

Job Opening at Sacred Heart School

Sacred Heart Catholic School is looking for a long-term substitute teacher for 2nd grade for 6 weeks, beginning the end of March.

Please contact Karen Bursey for more information at 763-537-1329.



Sacred Heart Catholic School

Schedule a Virtual Tour or Visit Us In-person, PreK-8th grade

Openings in most grades

Come visit Sacred Heart Catholic School to see what is putting smiles on our students' faces! As you consider your educational options for the 2021-2022 school year, we invite you to set up a time for a virtual tour or you may come in-person after school hours.

We have many options for Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten, including half and full days. Discover our school and the activities that enhance each child's educational experience. See how our integrated faith lessons combined with our C-STEM program enrich our classrooms each day. We are preparing our students for 21st Century skills called the 4 C's: Creativity, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, and Communication. Call the school office to schedule a tour, 763.537.1329.



Fish Fry 2021 Take-out only

We are gearing up for our annual Fish Fry Dinners during Lent. Plan to join us on March 19, 26. **This year, we are only providing take-out orders.** Our guests may order online at <https://one.bidpal.net/fishfry> or place your order by calling the parish office.

Menu:

Adult: Fish Fillet, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Brownie \$13.00

Adult: Large Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Brownie \$12.00

Child: Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Brownie \$6.00

Child: Fish Fillet, Green Beans, Brownie \$6.00

**Kids 3 and under eat free.

Become a Fish Fry Donor

Give a man a fish and he eats for a day. Buy a box of fish and he, friends and family eat a great meal. Donate \$70.00 for a case of fish and receive 2 FREE dinners. You may designate your donation in honor/memory of someone special.

Gertens Spring Plant Sale

Our Gertens spring plant sale continues to grow each year. We sold a record number of plants last spring and the plants truly were beautiful.

Customers will log into the Gertens website, enter our school code **145**, scroll through the photos/descriptions of plants and check out using a credit card. At check out, customers will write in a seller's name or leave blank. We have perennials, annuals, vegetables, planters and hanging baskets.

Log into the website:

www.gertensfundraising.com School Code--145

Delivery Date: May 6th---Just in time for Mother's Day

Like our Facebook Page - [Sacred Heart Catholic School Robbinsdale, MN Alumni/Parent](https://www.facebook.com/SHCSRobbinsdale)

<http://www.facebook.com/SHCSRobbinsdale>

Follow us on Twitter - <https://twitter.com/SHCSRobbinsdale1>

To Join Sacred Heart Parish

If you are new to our community, or have been attending Mass here but have not yet joined Sacred Heart call 763-537-4561 or stop in the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Initiation — RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

To join the Catholic Church call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants and Children (RCIC)

Baptism for Infants and young Children is celebrated on the first & third Sundays of the month at 1 PM. Pre-Baptism Class meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. To make arrangements call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Confirmation

If you are in High School or an Adult who has yet to receive Confirmation contact Matt Kruc or Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

If you or your child have not yet made your First Holy Communion contact Bunny Brouillard. If you are shut in and would like to receive Holy Communion contact Deacon Ramsey to make arrangements

Sacrament of Penance

See the schedule for confessions or contact Fr. Pedersen to make an appointment. To receive instruction on making a first confession contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Anointing

To make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Last Rites contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Registered Parishioners should call Father Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey at least 8 months in advance of the wedding date to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Holy Orders

Catholic Men contact Fr. Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey for more information on joining the Diaconate or Priesthood.

Sunday School

Open to children ages 3 years through Kindergarten. Meets during the 10 AM Mass October through April. Please call Morgan Timmerman in the Parish Office.

Religious Education

For students grades 1—10. Meets Wed. evening 6:30pm—7:45pm, Oct. through April. Please call Morgan Timmerman or Matt Kruc in the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

****This Schedule is subject to change****

MARCH

Sun.	14	8:00 AM	James Bourke+
		10:00 AM	Parishioners
Latin		11:30 AM	Carol Matt+
Mon.	15	8:00 AM	-----
Tues.	16	8:00 AM	Fr. John E. McGrath+
Wed.	17	8:00 AM	Bernard & Cecilia Jude+
Thu.	18	8:00 AM	Darlene Johnston+
Fri.	19	8:00 AM	Bruce Johnston+
Sat.	20	4:00 PM	Werner Carlson+
Parking Lot			
		5:30PM	Francis Widmer+
F.M.104.9			
Sun.	21	8:00 AM	Estelle Stark+
		10:00 AM	Parishioners
Latin		11:30 AM	Annie Hermahson+

Chapel Open for Prayer:

- Monday: 8:30am - Noon
- Tuesday-Thursday: 8:30a-4:30pm
- Friday: 8:30am - Noon

****Note: No more than 10 people in the Chapel for prayer at any given time. Practice physical distancing. Use disinfectant provided in Chapel to wipe your area after you leave****

Confessions

Daily Tuesday-Friday 7:40-7:55a.m.
First Saturdays 9:00-10a.m.
All Saturdays 3:00-3:45pm
Sign is on Door #8 with Instructions.

**Thursday Eucharistic Adoration
Extended Hours During Lent
9:00am-6:00pm**



Pre-Baptism Class

PRE-BAPTISM CLASSES

Pre-Baptism Classes are offered at Sacred Heart on the Second Tuesday of the month. All parents are required to attend a pre-baptism class before the Baptism of their first child or if it has been over three years since they last attended a pre-baptism class. Our next scheduled session is **Tuesday April 13 at 7pm** in the Activities Building. **If you plan to attend this session, please call the Parish Office 763-537-4561.**

NEAR Food Shelf Donations

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(North Suburban Emergency Assistance Response)

FOOD SHELF

Donations of non-perishable food items
or monetary donations

Are especially heeded by NEAR at this time of the year.



Monetary donations made to NEAR during March—April 7, 2021

Will qualify for

Greater Minneapolis Community Connections

Additional anti-hunger funding.



Monetary donations

May be made using your weekly church contribution envelope

Or dropped off in the Parish Reception Desk.

NEAR Food Shelf Openings

NEAR Food Shelf has openings for volunteers and three (3) paid part-time positions.

Please visit NEAR website www.nearfoodshelf.org,

email 'The President' near@nearfoodshelf.org or call (763) 231-3020



N.E.A.R. FOOD SHELF UPDATE

Thank you for your donation of 163 lbs of food to the food shelf for the month of January and 133 lbs for the month of February

News From Other Sources

The Common Thread of Holy Saturday: How a Trauma Lens Can Unite and Strengthen our Catholic Church

Many people spend Holy Saturday (trauma's aftermath), by getting ready for Easter Sunday (triumphal new life), which reflects our overall unease with trauma (Good Friday). Trauma and its aftermath are viewed as something to "get over" as soon as possible, otherwise we risk shame and stigma. We forget: the resurrected Christ still carried his wounds. This presentation will explore the aftermath of trauma, and how use of a trauma lens can serve as powerful witness. We will discuss pastoral responses that help or hurt and will close with a look at what a trauma-responsive Catholic Church might look like.

Friday, March 26, Webinar presentation from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Event is Free. Registration is required (register at least five days in advance of the event); please visit www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, call 320-363-3560, or email theologyday@csbsju.edu to register.

Respect Life Ministry



Prenatal Partners for Life continues to serve families who find out their child may have special needs or health issues and families raising children who face these challenges. Through our new program Lumen Caeli, which means Light of Heaven, our outreach and support now includes families who have experienced miscarriage and stillbirth. Our support has now reached into 49 countries around the world. Through our support for families, conferences, talks and publications, Prenatal Partners for Life continues to promote the message of the gift and value of all life, no matter how long or short, healthy or sick.

Support, information & encouragement for carrying to term with an adverse prenatal diagnosis and support for raising your child with special needs after birth.

We are here to help you.

You are not alone!

Prenatal Partners for Life

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Fax: 866-870-9175

<http://prenatalpartnersforlife.org/>

email: mary@prenatalpartnersforlife.org



Catholics at the Capitol, April 15 – On Mission for Life and Dignity!

Join Catholics from across Minnesota either **virtually or in-person** at the Cathedral of St. Paul for this incredible day of prayer, education, and advocacy. You'll be formed in the faith through Mass and key-note speakers, informed on critical issues impacting life

& dignity in our state, and sent on mission to the Capitol to pray for our state and elected officials. **The next day, on April 16, you will get to meet virtually with your legislators to advocate on the issues you learned about during the event.**

Visit catholicsatthecapitol.org to learn more and secure your spot. Together, we can protect life and dignity.



MONTH EIGHT – Developing Baby Spiritual Adoption Program

Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished developing and is concentrating on gaining weight; she might be making her mother uncomfortable with her size. She will need a layer of fat to help her stay warm after she

leaves the perfect temperature inside her mother's womb. In a short time, this baby will be born. Your baby's mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term and the life God has planned for her.

Say the following daily prayer for a period of nine months.

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [baby's name] the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

- Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Calendar of Events

****THERE ARE NO PUBLIC EVENTS SCHEDULED****

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday, March 14 – 4th Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

11:30 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Monday, March 15– St. Louise de Marillac 1660, Hist.

Tuesday, March 16–Heribert 1021, Hist.

7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Wednesday, March 17 – St. Patrick 461

7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

4:00 PM Communion till 6:00 PM

Thursday, March 18 –St. Cyril of Jerusalem 386

7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Adoration following Mass till 6:00 PM

Friday, March 19– St. Joseph 1st. C.

7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

4:30 PM Take Out Fish Fry till 7PM

6:00 PM Living Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 20– St. Wulfran 720, Hist.

3:00 PM Confessions till 3:45 PM

4:00 PM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

5:00 PM Sung Lenten Vespers-Church

5:30 PM Parking Lot Mass

Sunday, March 21–5th Sunday of Lent; Passion Sunday, Trad.

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

11:30 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen



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Covid-19 Update
And Our Facebook Page
For most up-to-date info.**

Parish Prayer Line

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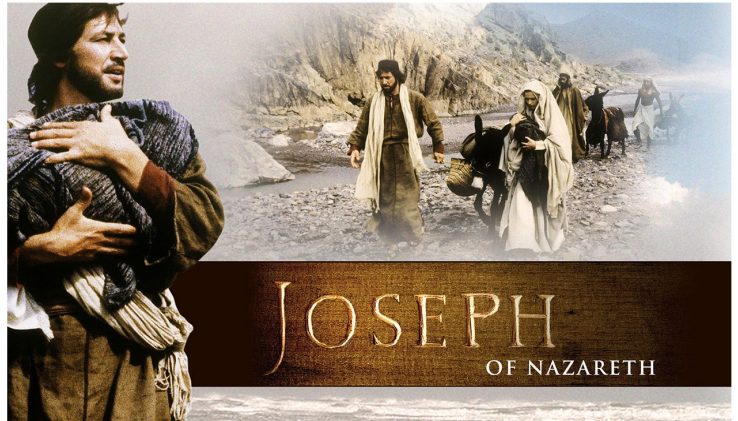
PICK OF THE WEEK

March 14, 2021

WATCH

JOSEPH OF NAZARETH: THE STORY OF THE MAN CLOSEST TO CHRIST

With this year being consecrated to St. Joseph, we celebrate the feast day of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



Beloved



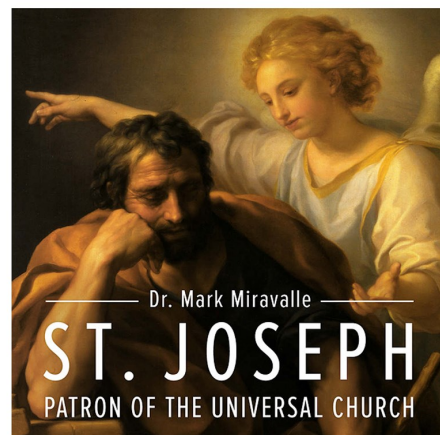
BELOVED - SESSION 4: THE TOTAL GIFT OF SELF

As foster father of Christ and virginal husband of Mary, St. Joseph fully gives himself to both his family and to God. Explore how we can emulate this gift of self in this episode of our Beloved series!

LEARN

ST. JOSEPH: PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH BY MARK MIRAVELLE

St. Joseph, the holiest of the patriarchs, serves as a model of fatherhood, obedience, chastity, and so many other virtues. Join Dr. Mark Miravalle as he shares incredible lessons found in the hidden life of Joseph.



LISTEN

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READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

When the Hebrews sinned in the desert, snakes came to bite them. Moses lifted up a metal snake in the desert. If God's people looked at the metal snake, their painful snake bites would be healed. Instead of dying from their snake bites, they would live. Our sins are a lot like those snake bites. Sins turn us away from God, hurt us, and hurt other people. When Jesus was lifted up on the cross, he washed our sins away. Jesus gave us healing and forgiveness. We don't need to die from our sins. We can believe in Jesus, follow God with our whole hearts, and live forever.

PRAYER

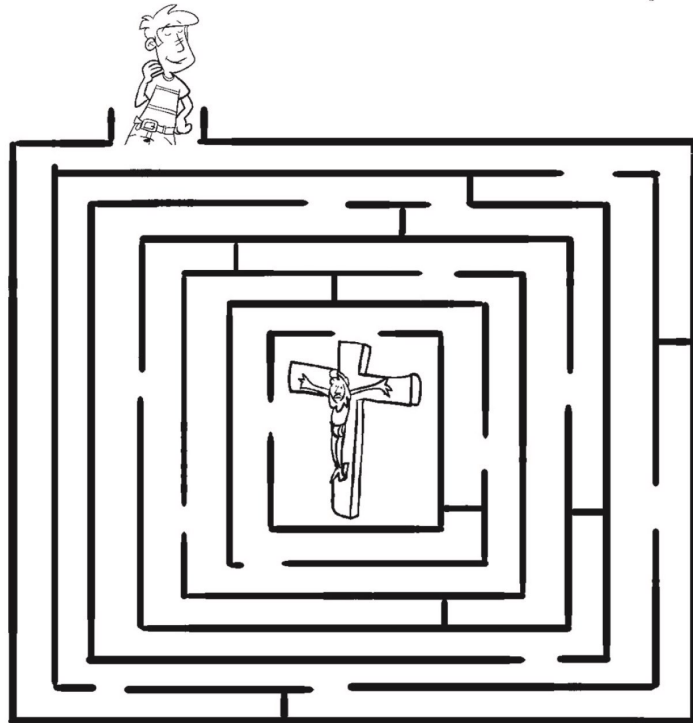
God, thank you for sending Jesus to wash away my sins.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Help your parents wash dishes. As you take dirty dishes and wash them clean, talk about how Jesus washed our sins away on the cross.

KIDS CORNER

Help the boy find Jesus:



LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Awake, O Sleeper!

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give.

I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Why do priests wear a Roman collar?

Answer:

The practice of priests wearing the Roman collar developed in the mid-nineteenth century as an alternative to wearing the cassock which in some places was seen as impractical or which was even outlawed by anti-Catholic legislation. Since its introduction, it has taken different forms, and if you visit different countries today, you will see variation in what priests wear.

The Code of Canon Law simply observes that priests wear "suitable ecclesiastical garb" according to the judgments of the national bishops conferences and local custom (no. 284). The US Bishops have instructed that outside of liturgical functions, a "black suit and Roman collar are the usual formal attire for priests. The use of the cassock is at the discretion of the cleric." Priests who are members of religious communities are to follow the rules of their institute regarding the habit or other approved clothing.

In the end, whether a priest wears the Roman collar, a religious habit, or, as is the case in many European countries, a suit and tie (to distinguish them from Protestant clergy who wear a collar) the goal of their clerical clothing is to serve as a sign of their commitment to guide and to serve, and to also allow them to be truly public figures because they are ordained for the service of all.

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