

# ST. MARY CHURCH

HYDE PARK

MARCH 19, 2023

## THE MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH



*Joseph's Dream, 1620s, Daniele Crespi*

# Worship Aid for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

## Prayer for Vocations



Almighty Father, You have created for us some definite purpose.  
Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

## Entrance Hymn

## Entrance Antiphon for Lent

Re - joice! Re - joice, Je - ru - sa - lem, and  
all who care for her. Be joy - ful, let all  
mourn - ing cease. Find com - fort at her breast.

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## Verses

*Choir or cantor*

1. I rejoiced when they said to me,  
"let us go to the house of the LORD."  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

2. For the sake of my family and friends,  
let me say, "Peace upon you."  
For the sake of the house of the LORD, our God,  
I will seek good things for you.

## Penitential Rite

**I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and  
in what I have failed to do,  
*And striking their breast, they say:*  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask  
blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

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Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.  
Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.

Christe Eleison/Christ, have mercy.  
Christe Eleison/Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.  
Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

## First Reading

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

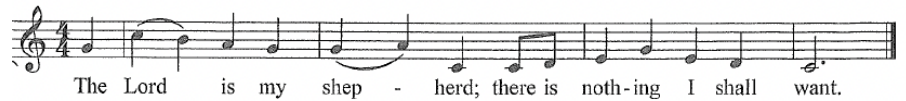
As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm Response

### Psalm 23



## Second Reading

### Eph 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

### Jn 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him." So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,  
 the Father almighty,  
 Creator of heaven and earth,  
 and in Jesus Christ,  
 his only Son, our Lord,

**All make a profound bow:**  
*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,*

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried;  
 he descended into hell;  
 on the third day he rose again  
 from the dead;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand  
 of God the Father almighty;  
 from there he will come to judge  
 the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and life everlasting.  
 Amen.

## Offertory Hymn

## Christ, Be Our Light



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.  
 2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.  
 3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.  
 4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less.  
 5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple,



Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.  
 Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.  
 Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.  
 Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold.  
 man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.

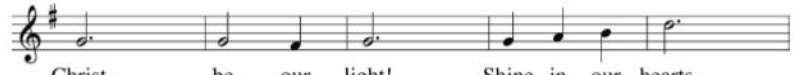


Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,  
 Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.  
 Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers,  
 Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,  
 Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,



light for the world to see.  
 Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 shared un - til all are fed.  
 walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



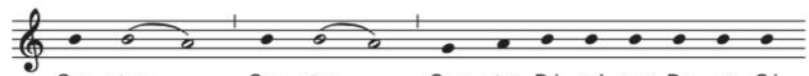
Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your Church gath - ered to - day.

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## Sanctus



San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá -



ba - oth. Ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a.



Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in



nó - mi - ne Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - sis.

Text and music: Chant; Graduale Romanum, 1974.

## Mystery of Faith



Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion



you have set us free.

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Recessional Hymn Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

### Communion Hymn

### Shepherd of My Heart

Verses



1. My shep-herd is the Lord, for noth-ing shall I want;  
2. If I should walk one day in - to the vale of dark-ness,  
3. You a-noint my head with oil; my cup is o-ver-flow-ing;



green are the pas-tures where I'm led to re- pose.  
no e- vil shall I fear with God at my side.  
good-ness and kind-ness crown the days of my life.



Near wa-ters still and deep God will re- fresh my soul.  
There with your crook and staff you give me strength and com-fort;  
With - in the Lord's own house I dwell in peace for ev- er;



I am led on-ward in ways true to the Name.  
you spread a ban-quet in the sight of my foes.  
with - in the house of God my soul is at rest.

Refrain



Guide me, O shep-herd of my heart; lead me home-ward through the



dark, in - to ev-er-last - ing day. Show me the way of truth and



light; keep me al-ways in your sight. May my life nev-er



part from the shep-herd of my heart.

Text: Psalm 23; Francis Patrick O'Brien, b.1958  
Tune: Francis Patrick O'Brien, b.1958  
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1. Again we keep this solemn fast,  
A gift of faith from ages past,  
This Lent which binds us lovingly  
To faith and hope and charity.

2. The law and prophets from of old  
In figured ways this Lent foretold,  
Which Christ, all ages' Lord and Guide,  
In these last days has sanctified.

3. More sparing, therefore, let us make  
The words we speak, the food we take,  
Our sleep, our laughter, ev'ry sense;  
Learn peace through holy penitence.

4. Let us avoid each harmful way  
That lures the careless mind astray;  
By watchful prayer our spirits free  
From scheming of the Enemy.

5. We pray, O blessed Three in One,  
Our God while endless ages run,  
That this, our Lent of forty days,  
May bring us growth and give you praise.

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## Weekend Mass Schedule

**St. Cecilia (Oakley):** Saturday 3:30 PM | Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 8:15 PM

**St. Mary (Hyde Park):** Saturday at 4 PM | Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

**The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville):** Saturday 3 PM | Sunday 9:30 AM

## Daily Mass Schedule

**St. Cecilia (Oakley):** 9 AM Mass, Monday-Saturday. Communion service, Monday-Saturday 8 AM

All-day Adoration follows the 9 AM Mass on Wednesdays with 7 PM Holy Hour and Confessions from 7-7:50 PM

**St. Mary (Hyde Park):** 5:30 PM evening Mass, Monday-Thursday with Holy Hour on Tuesdays following the 5:30 PM Mass.

**The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville):** 11:45 AM Mass, Monday-Friday

## Confession Schedule

Confessions begin immediately after all daily Masses and one hour before weekend Masses, ending 30 minutes before Mass.

*For information on weddings, baptisms and funerals, please visit [eastsidefaith.org](http://eastsidefaith.org) or call the appropriate parish office.*

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**Priest Emergency Line: (513) 815-5038**

## Mass Intentions (St. Mary)

**MONDAY, MARCH 20 Feast of Saint Joseph**

5:30 PM Anthony Shamaly by Nadia Zogbi

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21**

5:30 PM Marion Leonard by Kohrman Family

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**

5:30 PM Greg and Pam Philips by Nadia Zogbi

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23**

5:30 PM Nick & Janelle Scalmato by Nadia Zogbi

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24**

5:30 PM No Mass

**SAT., MARCH 25 The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00 PM Catherine Butler by The Butler Family/Theresa Hammonds

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:30 AM Marcia and Tom Kiser by Nadia Zogbi

10:30 AM Fr. Jamie Weber by Nadia Zogbi

**Mass Intentions.** If you have any particular intentions for which you would like to have a Mass offered, please contact your parish office. Intentions are often requested for those who have died, but may include any kind of need that you or someone you know is experiencing for which prayer is needed.



## Wedding Banns

**BANN III Taylor Ingram & Jacob Paulis**

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## The Month of Saint Joseph

March 19, 2023

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph. Many great saints had a strong devotion to him. St. Teresa of Avila and St. Francis de Sales were among this group. When you look at the reasons they give, it always comes down to the fact that St. Joseph was perfectly submissive to the Divine Will. They made St. Joseph the patron of the novices in St. Francis' order, The Order of the Visitation of the Holy Mary. Becoming as virtuous and obedient as St. Joseph was seen as a thoughtful way to prepare them for contemplative life. May we walk with St. Joseph through Lent this year in giving in to God's Divine Will. I know it is a struggle to be so faithful at all times as he was, but what a great role model he is for us.

Amen? Amen.

*Fr. Jessie*

### Lent Wake Up Series

The series continues! 9 AM for coffee and donuts, and a presentation from 9:15-10:15 AM. This week, we are proud to welcome **Tony Stieritz, CEO of Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio**, speaking on "Love in Action: Our Baptismal Call to Promote a Culture of Life, Charity, and Justice." Join us for a presentation and discussion on how we, as individuals and parish communities, can put our faith into action through ministries of charity and justice. You are still welcome to attend even if you have not attended earlier sessions.



### EPIC's Day at the Races at Keeneland—Wednesday, April 26

If you are interested in joining the outing, **contact Mary Landrum at [mlandrum@smshp.com](mailto:mlandrum@smshp.com)**. Cost is \$120. **Reservations are limited to 46 and must be made by April 1. Payment is due with reservations. Registration is easy at [www.eastsidefaith.org/epic](http://www.eastsidefaith.org/epic) and payment can be made online.** If sending in a check, please make checks payable to St. Mary Church and mail to 2853 Erie Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45208, attn: Mary Landrum/EPIC. Your reservation will be confirmed upon receipt of payment.

### Introducing the Oratory: Masses and Sacraments

The Oratory has daily Mass — Monday-Friday at 11:45 AM — in addition to weekend Masses on Saturday at 3 PM and Sunday at 9:30 AM. Coffee and donuts are served after the 9:30 Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month. The Oratory is also available for weddings, baptisms and funerals.

This week, in the mission of St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests, please join in praying for: **Fr. Del Staigers, Fr. Benson Lokidiriyo, Fr. Jeff Kemper, Fr. Henry Albietz, (St. Andrew, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Veronica) and Fr. Thomas Axe. (retired).**

*... We like to see that our good works are known. If our virtues are seen, we are pleased; if our faults are perceived, we are sad ... the saints were not like that — they were vexed if their virtues were known, and pleased that their imperfections should be seen. — ST. JOHN VIANNEY*



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Monday-Thursday 9 AM-4 PM | *Office closed on Fridays.*

Please contact **Office Manager Carrie Brigger** for scheduling funerals, for Mass intentions or for sacramental records. You can visit the office on the St. Mary campus or call Carrie at (513) 321-1207. You can also email her at: [cbrigger@eastsideregion.org](mailto:cbrigger@eastsideregion.org) or [cbrigger@smshp.com](mailto:cbrigger@smshp.com).

**ST. CECILIA + ST. MARY + THE ORATORY of ST. JOHN VIANNEY at ST. ANTHONY CHURCH**





### From the Desk of Fr. Ken

In today's Gospel, Jesus heals the man born blind. I don't think anyone in this Church today is deprived of eyesight; however, how is our spiritual sight? Are we focused totally on the Lord? Do we gaze upon trivial and commercial things? If we do, it is time to get our sight in order.

*Fr. Ken Schopf*

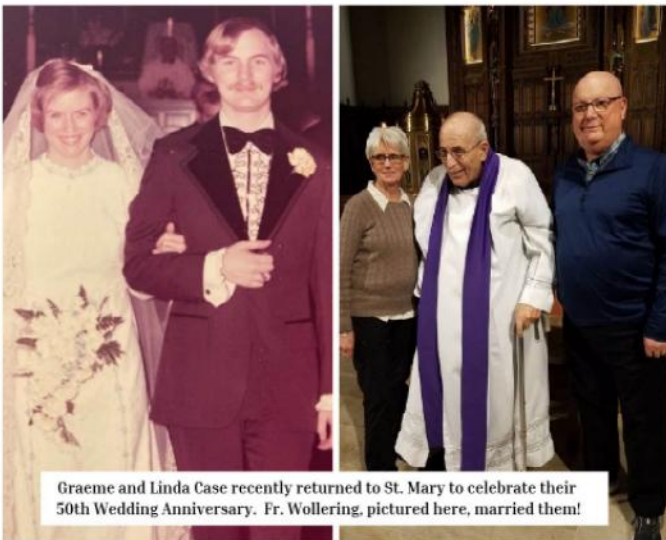
### From the School Office

Grandparents are a treasure! We welcomed the grandparents of students in K-Grade 4 last Friday for Mass and a theater performance. Thank you for sharing your faith, family, and life experiences.



### God Bless the Newly Baptized

**Bryce William and Bodhi Allan**  
*sons of William & Traci Kissell*



Graeme and Linda Case recently returned to St. Mary to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Fr. Wollering, pictured here, married them!

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# FISH FRY

## St. Mary Annual Fish Fry

Menu:	Food Cost:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fried Cod</li> <li>• French Fries</li> <li>• Green Beans</li> <li>• LaRosa's Cheese Pizza</li> <li>• Macaroni &amp; Cheese</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sushi</li> <li>• Lemonade &amp; Water</li> <li>• Coleslaw</li> <li>• Desserts</li> <li>• Split the Pot Raffle</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$12 per person</li> <li>• \$35 for family</li> </ul>



**WHO DEY**

**Friday, March 31st**  
**5:00pm - 7:30pm**  
**St. Mary Cafeteria**

Contact: Greg Albanese, 513.903.9688  
 Proceeds Benefit Knights of Columbus  
 St. Mary 8th Grade Boys and Girls Scholarships



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

5:30PM - 6:30PM



**“Only when we meet the living God in Christ do we know what life is. ... There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel by the encounter with Christ.” – POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI**

DURING LENT, we pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 9:30 AM and 7 PM at St. Cecilia and every Wednesday after the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Mary. During this special devotion, through meditation and prayer, we will walk with our Savior on his way of suffering from the time he was condemned to death until he died and was buried. Making this devotion part of your Lenten commitment to prayer will help you grow closer to Christ.



### Catechesis (kat'i-ke'sis) n.

#### The Dalmatic

We continue our mini-series on the liturgical vestments of the priest and deacon. Today, we shall focus on the next liturgical vestment: the Dalmatic.

The dalmatic is a long wide-sleeved tunic worn by a deacon at Mass, which serves as a liturgical vestment in the Catholic Church. Although infrequent, it may also be worn by bishops above the alb and below the chasuble. Like the chasuble worn by priests and bishops, it is an outer vestment and is supposed to match the liturgical color of the day.

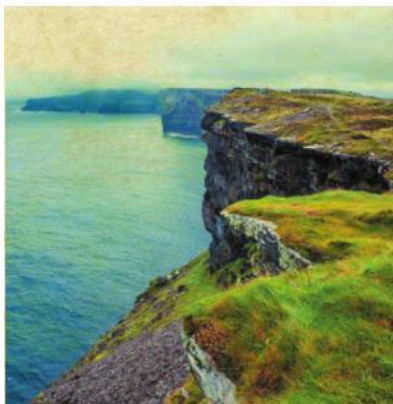
In 18th century vestment fashion, it is customary to slit the underside of the sleeves so that the dalmatic becomes a mantle like a scapular with an opening for the head and two square pieces of the material falling from the shoulder over the upper arm. Modern dalmatics tend to be longer and have closed sleeves, with the sides being open below the sleeve. The distinctive ornamentation of the vestment consists of two vertical stripes running from the shoulder to the hem.

### Know Your Saints

#### St. Agnes of Assisi (1197-1253)

Agnes was the sister of St. Clare and her first follower. When Agnes left home two weeks after Clare's departure, their family attempted to bring Agnes back by force. They tried to drag her out of the monastery, but all of a sudden her body became so heavy that several knights could not budge it. Her uncle Monaldo tried to strike her but was temporarily paralyzed. The knights then left Agnes and Clare in peace.

Agnes matched her sister in devotion to prayer and in willingness to endure the strict penances which characterized their lives at San Damiano. In 1221 a group of Benedictine nuns in Monticelli (near Florence) asked to become Poor Clares. St. Clare sent Agnes to become abbess of that monastery. Agnes soon wrote a rather sad letter about how much she missed Clare and the other nuns at San Damiano. After establishing other Poor Clare monasteries in northern Italy, Agnes was recalled to San Damiano in 1253 when Clare was dying. Agnes followed Clare in death three months later and was canonized in 1753.



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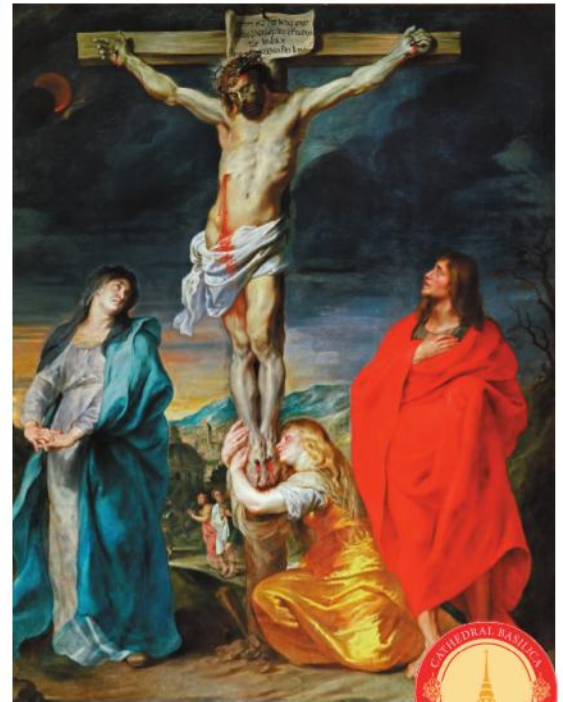
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The Eastside Young Adult Ministry invites you to join us after a February hiatus for the second night of our yearlong, monthly series, Cocktails with the Catechism. We are excited to welcome RCIA Catechist, faith formation instructor, and the Eastside Family's own, Colin Kunath, who will call us to reflect on how Jesus' witness to authentic masculinity both conforms to and challenges our modern notions. Is the Jesus we think we know really the one that walked the streets of Galilee? Come enjoy a drink, an evening with friends, and the wisdom of our speaker in this can't miss event!

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## The Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Ephesians 5:8. You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.**

Today's gospel is a powerful mini-play about light, ignorance, and faith. Seeing a blind man begging, the disciples ask Jesus whose sin caused the man to be born without sight. Jesus replies that the man's blindness is not from sin but so "the works of God might be visible through him." Saying, "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world," Jesus makes clay, puts it on the man's eyes, and tells him to go wash. Healed, the man tells his story to his astounded neighbors, who in their disbelief take him to the Pharisees, where he repeats the account. The authorities then call in his parents to verify the man's blindness and healing, but they are afraid and tell the Pharisees to question their son directly. So the man tells his story a third time and, with his exasperation growing, adds, "If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." The angry Pharisees berate him and throw him out. Jesus then seeks and finds the man, asks "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" – and identifies himself. The man's immediate reply: "I do believe, Lord."

When I read this gospel, I wonder what my role in it might have been. Would I be like the disciples, ready to cast blame for the man's misfortune? Or the neighbors who doubted the miracle, the Pharisees who thought only they could determine righteousness, or the parents afraid to speak what they believed to be true? I hope – I pray – I would have the faith of that blind man, ready to see, accept, and proclaim the light of God that came into my life.

Light is much needed in our dark world today. On this Laetare Sunday, when we are called to rejoice in the salvation of Easter that is coming, may we allow Jesus into our lives and all the uneven, spotted places where light can heal and bring joy! May we in turn live as the light we are meant to be.

~Janet Buening

Janet Buening, a St. Mary parishioner since 1982, was inspired by her service as a lector to establish this weekly column. She invites all Eastside Family members to share a reflection on The Word of the Lord. Please contact her at 513-871-9294 or [janetrehlingbuening@gmail.com](mailto:janetrehlingbuening@gmail.com) for info.

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