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Masses: Saturday Vigil, 4:30 pm; Sunday, 7:30 am & 10:00 am ;
Monday - Friday 8:00 am (Chapel)
Confessions: Saturday, 3:30—4:00 pm
Sunday, March 31 and April 7, after 7:30 and 10 am Masses ;
Saturday, April 13, 11 am-1 pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
First Fridays, 8:30-9:30 am

Dear parishioners,

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as *Laetare Sunday,* from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon in Latin. The full antiphon is: *Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.* Our Scriptures show us the source of all this joy.

Today's dramatic Gospel has been the subject of many interpretations. It has been given different titles: *The Prodigal Son, The Forgiving Father, The Elder Brother,* and so on. It has been analyzed and deconstructed again and again. I won't make another attempt.

Luke sets this story—and two shorter parables about a shepherd who lost a sheep and a woman who lost a coin—in a larger scene: *Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying: This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.* (Luke 15:1-2*, NRSV*) Some disapprove of Jesus; others come near to listen. Some are plainly disappointed that Jesus is not the Messiah they hoped for; others are delighted that Jesus offers more than they could have hoped for: forgiveness.

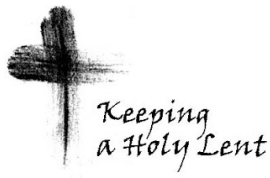
Jesus brings something new: a new creation, a new covenant, a new beginning, every day, in the gracious mercy of God. What could be more joyful?

Peace be with you,
Fr. Paul

We invite all parishioners to come to Single Hall after 10am Mass on Sundays to get to know each other over a cup of coffee & donuts!

SERVING TEAMS
MAR 31-Mashburn;
APR 7-Scheer; 14-Estrada;
21(EASTER)-NO DONUTS.

SINGLER HALL WILL BE CLOSED FOR RENOVATION STARTING THE DAY AFTER EASTER.



The season of Lent prepares both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. By listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, we are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew our baptismal promises. During Lent, penance should be not only inward and individual but also outward and social, and should be directed toward works of mercy on behalf of our brothers and sisters.

The three main practices of Lent are prayer, fasting, and works of mercy.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Lent is the most opportune time to reflect on and seek God's mercy and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition to our usual Saturday confession schedule, confessions will be heard after Sunday Masses on March 31 and April 7 as well as on Saturday, April 13, 11am-1pm.

Stations of the Cross will be led by our Burmese Community on Fridays in Lent (March 8—April 12) at about 8pm in Church. All are welcome!

Fast and Abstinence

During Lent, we follow the example of Jesus, who fasted for forty days and nights in the wilderness. The Lenten fast includes the 40 weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday. Fasting is a physical practice with a spiritual motive and goal. By denying our bodily appetites, we increase our hunger for the spiritual, we are more aware of the poor, and give more readily to those who are in need. Fasting has taken many forms through history, and is practiced in different ways by individuals and communities. However we choose to fast, it should be a consistent and appropriate discipline to assist us in our prayer and our charity.

The following are the minimum requirements for everyone, so that we may be united in heart and mind during this time of grace.

All Catholics aged 18-59 are required to fast on Good Friday, April 19. Fasting is one meal, two smaller meals, and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted).

In addition, all Catholics over the age of 14 are required to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation. Water and medicine are always allowed, and in the case of illness, the law does not oblige.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE HOSPITALIZED AND FOR ALL THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:

Happy Aboflan, Mary Bohley, Valerie Cissell, Jerry Clark, Martin Deeken, Laura Fazio, Carmen Gonzalez, Maria Tran Thi Gioi, Lili Huelman, Theresa Johnson, Joe Judge, Neil Kielty, Sr. Bea Klebba, Dan Kreitner, Ruthann Marshall, Tom Roche, "Corky" Schultz, Maggie & Vincent Sheehan, Justin Stein, Shirley Vien, Dennis (DJ) & Colleen Wilson, Ray Winkeler.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Today:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32
Monday:	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Is 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

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Participation in the Sacraments of ...

Baptism of Children: The parents' **preparation session** is usually held on the **first Tuesday of the month at 7pm.** Please call the parish office for more information and to register for the session.

Adult Baptism or Confirmation: Please call the Pastor for more information.

Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available upon request, especially before surgery or hospitalization. Please contact the parish office to request this sacrament, or a visit from the Parish Nurse.

Marriage: St. Pius V Church is available for weddings of parishioners only. Engaged couples should contact the Pastor as soon as possible after engagement and at least six months prior to the wedding

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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30am –4pm ; Friday: 8:30am - 2pm

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — APRIL 6-7

Please arrive for your assigned ministry 15 minutes before Mass.
Please find a substitute if you cannot be present.
Lector/EM Schedule is also available online at www.stpiusv.org.

LECTORS:

4:30 p.m.	D. Huck
7:30 a.m.	H. Sand
10:00 a.m.	K. van den Berg, V. Zam

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:30 p.m..	M. Heidbreder, P. Salamone
7:30 a.m.	P. Salamone, J. Sanderson
10:00 a.m.	Sr. G. Cassani, C. da Silva, J. Gravert, P. Hinton, C. Lloyd, K. Lloyd, P. Lynch

GREETERS

4:30 p.m.	M. Heidbreder
7:30 a.m.	None
10:00 a.m.	Sr. G. Cassani, H. Aboflan

CANTOR:

7:30 a.m.	Ann Konzen

MASS OFFERINGS

This week, offerings were given for the following intentions:

SATURDAY, 3/30 4:30 p.m. Donald Lane †
SUNDAY, 3/31 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
10 a.m. Josephine Rodgers †
MONDAY, 4/1 8 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
TUESDAY, 4/2 8 a.m. Diana Dold †
WEDNESDAY, 4/3 8 a.m. Winifred Rodgers †
THURSDAY, 4/4 8 a.m. Michael Butler †
FRIDAY, 4/5 8 a.m. All Family Souls
SATURDAY, 4/6 4:30 p.m. Dorothy Maloney †
SUNDAY, 4/7 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
10 a.m. Tabaka Family

Happy Birthday and God's Blessings on: MARCH 22: Erica Perlowe; **APRIL 1st** Cheryl Blake; Mary Ann Waeltermann; **3rd** Arline Schmiedeke; **9th** August Melton; **10th** Francine Lawler; **11th** Sue Clavin, Marion Cronin; **12th** Charles Mettlach; **15th** Katy Konzen; **16th** Trisha Nuelle; **17th** Megan Judge; **19th** Sr. Paulette Weindel; **20th** Mary Heidbreder; **21st** Tim Fortune; Father Mike Lydon, Julie Knoepp; **22nd** Irving VanDuyne; **26th** Jeff Mudd.

Wedding Anniversary Congratulations and God's Blessings to: 6th Vince & Christy Estrada (27); **30th** Tom & Alice Roche (35). Thank you for your example of married fidelity.

If you would like to see your birthday and/or anniversary in the bulletin, please call Shirley at 772-1525.

Palm Sunday, April 14
Palms will be blessed at all Masses. Procession to Church at the 10am Mass. *Weather permitting, we will gather at the corner of Grand & McKean (parking lot).*

Holy Thursday, April 18
Morning Prayer: *8:00am, Chapel*
Mass of the Lord's Supper: *7:30pm, Church*
Eucharistic Adoration: *Until 11:00pm, Rectory Chapel*

Good Friday, April 19
Morning Prayer: *8:00am, Chapel*
Stations of the Cross: *3:00pm, Church*
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death: *7:30pm, Church*
Confessions: *After the Liturgy*

Holy Saturday, April 20
Morning Prayer: *8:00am, Chapel*
No 4:30pm Mass
Easter Vigil Mass*, 8pm*

Easter Sunday , April 21
Mass: *7:30 & 10:00am*

In your charity please pray for the soul of **MARTY DEEKEN, son of parishioner GLORIA DEEKEN.** May he be with Our Lord in glory and may his family be consoled. Also pray for all of our parishioners mourning the deaths of their loved ones.

GOD'S CAPACITY FOR FORGIVENESS

Where is the foolish person who would think it in his or her power to commit more than God could forgive?
—St. Francis de Sales

CSRS RICE BOWLS

Remember to put the money you saved by not buying meat – an average of $3 per person per meal – into your CRS Rice Bowl to feed our brothers and sisters in need around the world. Try our recipe cards in back of Church! Our almsgiving has the power to transform the world. During Lent, CRS Rice Bowl invites you to reflect on some of the lives that are changed through Lenten almsgiving.

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR FILLED RICEBOWLS ON HOLY THURSDAY NIGHT.

St. Pius V
Sunday, March 31st
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center (MVRBC) RV will either be parked on Grand in front of church or on the parking lot. I am hoping that all of our regulars will be able to donate, and that those who have never donated will consider donating. I know that many people feel very anxious about donating but these folks are terrific and make it so easy. If you any have questions or would like to sign up you can call Mary Heidbreder at 314-369-6939. Thanks so much!

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION APRIL 6-7 WEEKEND

We need canned pasta sauce, canned fruit. canned meats, pork & beans. Please bring the items you wish to donate to one of the weekend Masses and place them in the bins at the communion rail at the Offertory. We are grateful for your continued support of our SVDP Food Pantry!

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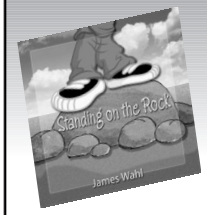

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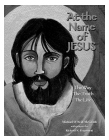

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Opening: *Table of Plenty* #310

Service Music: *Mass of Spirit and Grace* #923, 926

Liturgy of the Word

Readings: Pages 79-81, Today's Missal

Response: *Psalm 34, Taste and See* #340

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: *Hosea* #666

Communion: *Amazing Grace* #432

Communion Meditation: *West African Choir*

Closing: *In These Days of Lenten Journey* #110

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Friday Nights

St. Pius V Fabulous Fish Fry!
April 5 & 12 4 - 7:30 p.m.

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MENU

Adult Plate $10
choice of: fried catfish, fried cod or baked cod + 3 sides

Child Plate $5
choice of: 1/2 fried catfish, 1/2 fried cod, or cheese pizza (NEW!)
2 sides

Side options: homemade mac and cheese, seasoned green beans, homemade potato salad, homemade coleslaw, applesauce

****All dinners include a free dessert, water and tea****
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!

3rd Week Fish Fry

50/50: Walter Tabaka

Attendance: Lia Favazza

APRIL 5 &12

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