

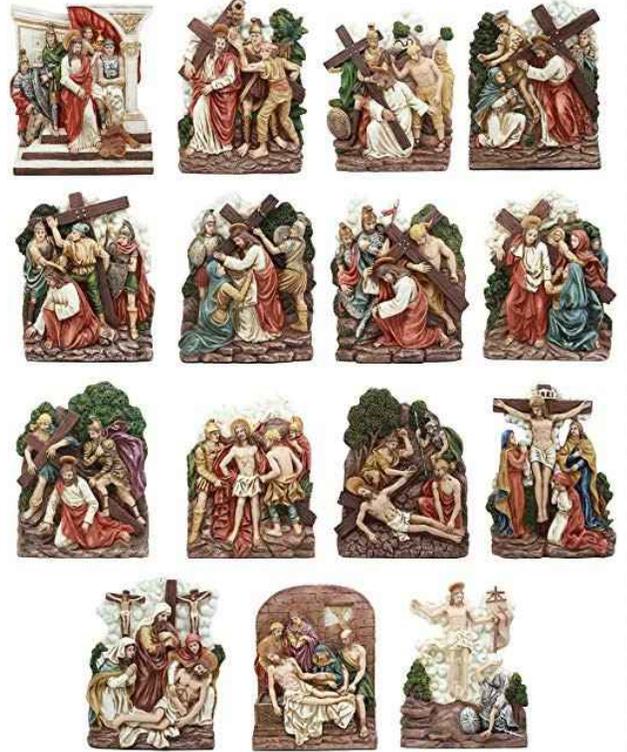
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March 2020

Lenten Opportunities

Stations of the Cross — Join us during Lent as we follow Jesus on his **Via Dolorosa** (“Way of Grief” in Latin). Stations of the Cross will begin on Friday, February 28th at 7pm. Stations of the Cross will be every Friday during Lent except on First Fridays. We will begin at 7pm and there will be books available for you to follow along with prayer. The object of the Stations is to help the faithful to make in spirit, as it were, a pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death, and this has become one of the most popular of Catholic devotions. It is carried out by passing from Station to Station, with certain prayers at each and devout meditation on the various incidents in turn.



Lenten Fish Fry — Join in the fun on Friday evenings from 5 to 6:30pm. The Knight of Columbus are donning the aprons for this weekly feast! The menu consists of: Fish (of course), but not just any fish — Fried Catfish, Blackened and Baked Talapia, Hushpuppies — Plain and Jalapeño, French Fries, Macaroni and Cheese, Cole Slaw and Green Beans. \$8 for Adults, \$7 for Seniors 55+, \$6 for children 6-12, and children 5 and under are free!

This year the youth of our parish will be at the desert table and will be accepting donations for their various programs that they have. Please be generous! Most of the youth will be making the deserts themselves.

With many blessings and prayers from our staff!
 Rev. Michael Werkhoven (Fr. Mike)
 Deacon Jimmy Schmall
 Debi Yetman
 Lisa Schmidt
 Debbie Breckenridge

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Last week as I was in Chicago for a retreat and spiritual conference, the forecast was for a “few snow showers and then a drop in temperatures.” That “few snow showers” was 8 INCHES OF SNOW! And that “drop in temperature” was down to -6 DEGREES! (Which felt like -20 with a Chicago wind!) This kind of weather in Memphis would have caused total chaos and panic... everything would have been shut down, and all the grocery stores would be completely out of milk, eggs and bread. But in Chicago, life went on.

From Fr. Mike's Studio



The lesson, is that the way we deal with the storms that come our way depend on what we have dealt with before, but especially on how we have prepared for them. Yes, Chicago has snow plows and salt trucks, but they also have Chicagoans that are used to driving in the snow and they have the wardrobe to prepare themselves for those frigid temperatures and windchills. As we enter into Lent, we fight against the storms of temptation and sin in the world; and God gives us exactly what we need through the Church to prepare ourselves. Think of our Communion of Saints as a crew of workers who have survived the harshest of winters, and they now come to us in our panic to share with us the tools to survive our spiritual blizzard.

St. Ignatius of Loyola, a former soldier, realized that Satan is like a shrewd military commander who will assault an enemy at his weakest point.

Thus wise defenders will concentrate their greatest efforts at that location.

In spiritual terms, this means honestly admitting our faults and weaknesses and seeking to grow especially in those areas that are challenging and frequently sources of temptation.

St. John Bosco, realized the greatest sources and most frequent of temptations were in idleness and boredom, so in his ministry to children, he emphasized keeping busy with wholesome activities, especially prayer.

All the saints emphasize prayer!

St. Bernard of Clairveaux reminds us that all prayer is more powerful than Satan and his temptations. **St. John Chrysostom** said prayer extinguishes temptation like water does fire.

St. Francis de Sales said that in humility, we must ask for help in prayer. Just as a child runs to his Father's arms when threatened by something, we must turn to God instantly when tempted. **St. Alphonsus Liguori** warns us that when we are tempted, do not trust ourselves, our resolutions or our promises, but rely on Divine assistance and turn to God and especially the Blessed Virgin, Mary.

But do not be discouraged by Temptations!

St. Philip Neri encouraged his parishioners in Rome and said, “Do not grieve over the temptations you suffer. When the Lord intends to bestow a particular virtue on us, he often permits us first to be tempted by the opposite vice. Therefore look upon every temptation as an invitation to grow in a particular virtue and a promise by God that you'll be successful if you persevere, acknowledge his presence, and trust in him.”

St. John Vianney said “Blessed are those who are tempted! It is when the Devil notices a soul close to a union with God that he redoubles his efforts. Be like farm workers who don't complain about long hours and harder work at harvest time; for they know they will earn good money by their hard work.” Do during this season of spiritual growth, look on Holy Week as a spiritual harvest. And as we struggle; fight, pray and persevere with God that we reap a harvest of virtue and grace!

from the Deacon's Desk...



From the Deacon:

Greetings all! As many of you have heard, my surgery went well. I am at home doing outpatient physical therapy and that is also going well. I want to thank you all for the prayers, cards and visits, while I was in the hospital and since my return home. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I continue my rehab. It is a slow process. But one that needs to be completed. My PT says I am doing well, and I am right on track. My goal is to be up and running 100% by Holy Week. My doctor and therapist both tell me that that is a realistic goal. So please keep me in your prayers. I am amazed, though, at how much better my leg feels after a total knee replacement!

By the time you read this we will have begun the season of Lent. Holy Week and Easter are just around the corner. We have five Catechumens and Candidates who have been working hard all year in preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers as well. Also, during Lent I like to do some personal spiritual reading. While I don't normally do this, I'd like to recommend a couple of books to help you on your Lenten journey. The first is, *The Resurrection of the Messiah* by Fr. Francis Maloney. In this book Fr. Francis breaks down the resurrection accounts of all four Gospels. The second book is *The Tears of Christ* by St. John Henry Newman. These are daily contemplations for us taken from sermons of one of the Church's newest saints. There are many others you can pick from. Debi Yetman always has some good choices to pick from in her Kiosk. Check it out! Spiritual reading enhances the spiritual journey.

During the weekend of March 21-22, 2020, I'd like to have another food drive. Please bring your donations to Mass that weekend and leave them in the Narthex. My brother Knights and I will gather, sort, and distribute the items collected. As always, we will keep a small supply on hand for emergencies. Thanks ahead of time for your generosity. St. Lawrence, Pray for us! I hope to be back in church soon. I still can't drive and walking short distances even with help is a chore. But, one day at a time. God is good! Again, keep those prayers coming.

Peace,

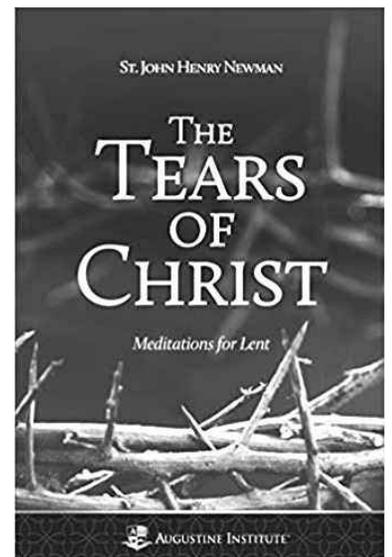
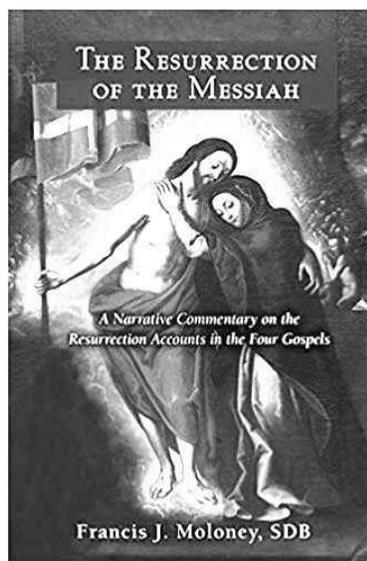
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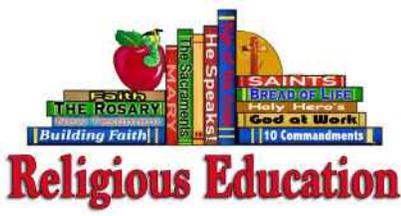


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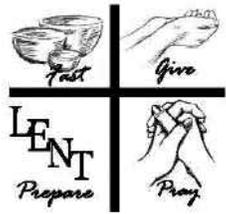
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! YOUTH NEWS !

February was a Fabulous Month in the PRE department! The 3rd Grade did an outstanding job serving at their Mass on the 16th. We are looking forward to the Sacramental Prep's turn on March 15th.



We will be having our annual PRE Retreat on Sunday, March 8th from 9:45-2:30. Our theme this year is Lent. Please be aware that your child will be in retreat during 11:00 Mass so you will either need to attend 8:30 Mass or 4:30 on Saturday. Drop off (9:45) and pick up (2:30) on the 8th will be the old school cafeteria. The Women's Club is supporting the retreat this year and providing Pizza for the entire group. Thank you, ladies, for all you do and always being there for the youth of our parish!

There will be no PRE on March 15th or March 22nd due to SPRING BREAK! Please note that if you are in the Sacramental Prep Class you will need to be at the 11:00 Mass to service no later than 10:45 on March 15th.

We had a GREAT turn out at the Monk's Supper on Ash Wednesday. The Confirmation Class helped the Women's Club serve a fabulous homemade soup dinner. Thank you to both

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groups for making that evening of nourishment and fellowship available to all. With Ash Wednesday behind us... that means several things, but one main thing is....FISH FRY!!! The Knights cook up the MOST AWESOME Fish and if you have not ever been to one of their fish fry nights...you are really missing a treat! Along with the tasty fish, the Knights allow the youth of our

parish an opportunity to raise money for their own causes by making desserts and offering them for a donation at the fish fry's. The Friday's will rotate from the High School Youth Group to the 7th grade Confirmation I class and then the 8th grade Confirmation II class. Each group will have two evenings to raise money for their group. Although they should make this very clear...the desserts are for a donation and your generosity is most appreciated. Most of these youth will be preparing the desserts themselves and are very interested in working hard to raise money for their group. Please help support them.



**For Everyone From:
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

During the Lenten season, we are guided by the Liturgy to focus self-reflection of our lives as Catholic Christians. We take this time to “spring clean” our inner selves, our soul. Sometimes in our day-to-day living, we don’t take the time we need to do this – to prepare ourselves for Christ’s resurrection. We fail at times to remember his passion and death he suffered for us – to save us from eternal death due to sin. Fortunately, the Church, through the graces of God and the Holy Spirit carrying the Church forward, we are given Lent to help us understand our sins and to seek God’s loving mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

What is this Sacrament about? Why do we need this Sacrament? Why should we tell our sins to a priest, when I can talk directly to God? These are just a few questions people ask about this Sacrament. This month, we will address these questions. Through God’s mercy may we come to a better understanding and appreciation of this great gift He has given us.

What is the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance/Confession)?

This Sacrament is one of the two Sacraments of healing. The other is Anointing of the Sick. When we are physically sick, we turn to doctors to help us heal. What about when we are spiritually sick due to sin? Who do we turn to help us with this healing? We turn to God, of course. God has given us this Sacrament to heal us. He did so through Jesus. Jesus during his ministry preached about forgiveness and its healing affects. We here in Scripture how we healed the sick many times. The Jewish people looked at illness and disease as the affect of sin. Jesus heals the afflicted physically, but also heals them spiritually. He tells them that their faith has saved them. He tells them their sins are forgiven and to sin no more. We know that Jesus tells his Apostles (the first bishops of the Church) that what sins they forgive will be forgiven, what sins they retain will be retained (John 20:21-23). This is the beginnings of the Sacrament.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph 1491 says: “The sacrament of Penance is a whole consisting in three actions of the penitent and the priest's absolution. The penitent's acts are repentance, confession or disclosure of sins to the priest, and the intention to make reparation and do works of reparation.”

This Sacrament is also called the Sacrament of conversion, as it makes sacramentally present Jesus’ call to conversion, which is the beginning step of turning back to God’s love and mercy.

Why do we need this Sacrament?

The answer is rather simple – we need to be forgiven of our sins to make amends with God and his Church. We can only be truly forgiven and made whole again through this Sacrament, if we receive it as it was meant to be received – though a sincere (contrite) sorrow for sinning and truly wanting to restore our relationship with God. We need the absolution that the Sacrament provides to mend this relationship to God and to each other. We must be truly sorry and do penance to undo the affects of the sin. The CCC 1494 says: The confessor proposes the performance of certain acts of "satisfaction" or "penance" to be performed by the penitent in order to repair the harm caused by sin and to re-establish habits befitting a disciple of Christ.

To be cont'd...

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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What are the necessary elements of the Sacrament?

The Church teaches there are four elements that are needed for the Sacrament to be effective.

1. Contrition – internal and sincere sorrow and repentance
2. Confession – telling of the sin for which absolution is requested
3. Absolution – emphasizing the healing power of Jesus
4. Satisfaction – penance, reform/amendment of life

Through the love and mercy of God, he gives us opportunities every week to turn to him for forgiveness and peace. By seeking his forgiveness and turning back to him, we show him that we love him and want to live our lives in accord to his will.

Make time to return to God during this Lenten season. Grow in your faith and love of God through his Sacraments and the graces they provide. Let God convert your life to his.

RCIA – Preparation for the Easter Sacraments

As we begin this Lenten Season, our Elect (those who will receive Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist) as well as our Candidates (those to be received into the Church and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist) will be in the final preparations that is known as the ***Period of Purification and Enlightenment***.

We will spend these next weeks on helping those on their journey to the Church with a focus on repentance and conversion, by means of guided, prayerful reflection as these are necessary for their personal and internal preparation.

“The Enlightenment part of this time is a more intense spiritual preparation. This consists of more interior reflection than instruction and is intended to purify their minds and hearts as they search for their own consciences and do penance” (RCIA 139)

During the Lenten Season, the Elect and the Candidates should begin to identify themselves as Catholic and express their faith in keeping with our sacred Tradition. They will experience Lent along with our parish community as you are also undergoing spiritual renewal as you prepare to renew your baptismal vows during the Easter Liturgies.

Please keep those who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, their sponsors and families as well as the RCIA team.

Our Elect: Crystianna Torres, Eliana Torres and Ella Torres

Our Candidates: Mary Castro and Cara Roberts

St. Joseph

Feast day: March 19

Patron of the Universal Church, unborn children, fathers, workers, travelers, immigrants, and a happy death

Death: July 20, 18AD

Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Scripture and that has seemed too little for those who made up legends about him.

We know he was a carpenter, a working man, for the skeptical Nazarenes ask about Jesus, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" (Matthew 13:55). He wasn't rich for when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb (Luke 2:24).



Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Luke and Matthew disagree some about the details of Joseph's genealogy but they both mark his descent from David, the greatest king of Israel (Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:23-38). Indeed the angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as "son of David," a royal title used also for Jesus.

We know Joseph was a compassionate, caring man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but was as yet unaware that she was carrying the Son of God. He knew women accused of adultery could be stoned to death, so he resolved to send her away quietly to not expose her to shame or cruelty. However, when an angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him, 20 "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins," he did as the angel told him and took Mary as his wife. (Matthew 1:19-25).

When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby. He waited in Egypt without question until the angel told him it was safe to go back (Matthew 2:13-23).

We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life. When Jesus stayed in the Temple we are told Joseph (along with Mary) searched with great anxiety for three days for him (Luke 2:48). We also know that Joseph treated Jesus as his own son for over and over the people of Nazareth say of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?" (Luke 4:22)

We know Joseph respected God. He followed God's commands in handling the situation with Mary and going to Jerusalem to have Jesus circumcised and Mary purified after Jesus' birth. We are told that he took his family to Jerusalem every year for Passover, something that could not have been easy for a working man.

Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph probably had died before Jesus entered public ministry.

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, the Apocryphal Date for Joseph's birth is 90 BC in Bethlehem and the Apocryphal Date of his death is July 20, AD 18 in Nazareth.

Joseph is the patron saint of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth.

Joseph is also patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers (pregnant women), travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people in general.

We celebrate two feast days for Joseph: March 19 for Joseph the Husband of Mary and May 1 for Joseph the Worker.



Time of Penance and Promise

Here and there in the stark March landscape, a few plants and trees are beginning to give evidence of the new life that winter's frost and chill had concealed from our eyes. The Church's vibrant new life has been obscured, too, by the austerity of the penitential season of Lent. But that life is indisputable, and it will burgeon forth on Easter as Christ coming forth from his tomb!

During this month we will continue our journey to the cross with our acts of penitence. We will reflect on our mortality ("Remember man thou art dust") and the shortness of life ("and to dust thou shall return"). We will heed the call, "Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2)." Just like Our Lord's earthly life every moment of our lives is leading up to the last moment—when for eternity we will either go to God or suffer the fires of hell.

During this month we will go from the suffering of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday. We will trade the purple of penance for the white of victory and resurrection. The feast of the Annunciation, normally celebrated on March 25, has been transferred to April 4 since it falls on Good Friday.

Let us not tire of doing our good works and penance, but continue with the enthusiasm of the catechumens on their way to Easter and Baptism. May our Lenten observance be a joyful journey — and not a forced march.

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Knights of Columbus Free-throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce the winners of this year's Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship 2020 for St Williams Council 6321. They are:

Boys

Age 10 — Aedan DiCello
Age 11 — Brennan Nolan
Age 12 — Osiel Castro
Age 14 — Branden Riley

Girls

Age 9 — Carmen Castro
Age 11 — Caitlyn Castro
Age 12 — Julianna Cook
Age 13 — Megan DiCello

Congratulations to all our winners who are eligible to compete the Knights of Columbus District Championship at St. Francis of Assisi Sunday the 23rd of February. Good Luck!



CHINESE AUCTION: SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH AT 5:30PM

The Chinese Auction for 2020 is being sponsored by the Women's Club and the Knights of Columbus on Saturday evening, April 18th at 5:30 PM (after the 4:30 Mass). We are asking for donations of items for the Auction. All items must be NEW and have a value of at least \$10.00. Items may be given to any club member or knight or left in the Parish Office for pick up.



A spaghetti dinner will be served by the Knights of Columbus at a cost of \$10.00 per person, regardless of age. The \$10.00 fee also provides each individual with 20 numbered tickets which can be used to try to win one of the auction prizes.

Spaghetti Dinner



Prizes will be numbered with a bag (with the same number) in front of it and you can drop your numbered ticket in the bag for an item you would like to take home with you. Additional numbered tickets may be purchased for \$5.00 a set and all numbered tickets will be given



out the night of the auction. In order to win one of the prizes you must be present at the time of the drawing and all tickets must be dropped no later than 6:30 PM.

Doors will open at 4 PM for those who wish to browse early. This fun evening provides funds for the Women's Club, Knights and Youth Association to use for their yearly donations to organizations as well as retreats for the Youth and projects for the Women's Club and Knights Organization. Questions, contact Shirley Maes at (901)647-6111. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door the night of the Auction.



FLAME OF LOVE PRAYER CENACLE

At St. William on every other Sunday.

9:45—10:45 in the Family Life Center Classrooms

Please Come Join Us!



Our Lady's Promises

"With this Flame you will light all hearts in the world. This Flame will become a fire, and with its shining Light, this fire will blind Satan."

Our Lord's Promises

"The Renewal of the Earth will take place through the power and imploring force of the Blessed Virgin Mary."



Come deepen your faith and prayer life! Learn about and pray the devotion "Flame of Love" given by Jesus and Mary to Elizabeth Kindelmann of Hungary between 1961 and 1983 as written in her diary. The Diary will be provided to participants.

PLEASE JOIN US ! Call Teresa Elliott for any questions at 901-604-7225

Due to the Friday evening Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross, Bunco will be on Thursday, March 19th. We meet at 7:00 with some snacky food (anything you have in the cupboard) and start rolling at 7:30. NO WORRIES if you have never played! No skill involved, just a desire to have a good time and get to know your fellow parishioners. Call Debbie Breckenridge with any questions or if you need a ride 901-359-7063.



40 Days for Life St. William Day!

Come pray for the unborn babies and their mothers! St. William's parishioners will gather for the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil on **Sunday, March 15th, from 1:15 – 3:00pm** this time at the CHOICES facility- where they do many abortions and are planning to open an enormous facility in April of this year - we must pray!! They are located at 1726 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN 38104. Join us for a complimentary lunch in the Family Life Center after the 11am mass before we carpool to the vigil - I will have information and maps about the new 40 Days prayer vigil location.

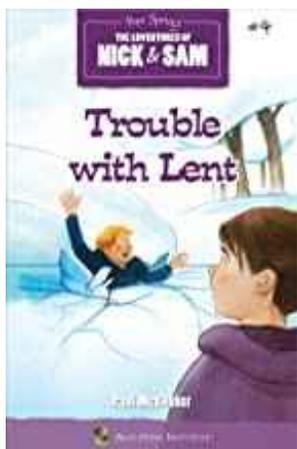
Please consider spending time with us on the sidewalk, praying for life! Here in Memphis, our prayers and efforts through 40 Days for Life has led to over 100 babies saved that we know of! If you have any questions, please feel free to call Bridget at (901) 628-3207. You can also sign up for additional hours at www.40daysforlife.com/memphis/.

What is 40 Days for Life? The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life Memphis is a **consecutive 40 day, 12 hour prayer vigil outside Planned Parenthood** to offer love, help and hope to mothers and their unborn babies.

As we pray, we assist the mothers considering abortion - showing them love and offering resources so they know that they don't need to destroy their life or their baby's life. We are a witness to the sanctity of life! **The vigil goes from February 26th - April 5th and people pray on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood from 6am to 6pm.** Please join us for St. William's slot, but also sign up for additional hours if you can! www.40daysforlife.com/memphis/.



Check Out What's New on the Kiosk's for Lent & Easter Located in the Family Life Center

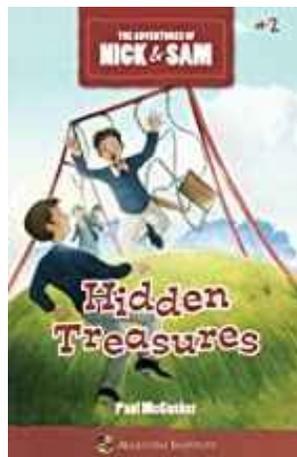


Trouble with Lent

By Paul McCusker

In Trouble with Lent, the fourth book of "The Adventures of Nick and Sam," the Perry twins are celebrating Lent at school, at church, and with their family.

The family discusses what they will be giving up for Lent, and Nick and Sam experience some struggles with their choices throughout the Lenten season. A new boy, Riley, joins their class.



Hidden Treasure

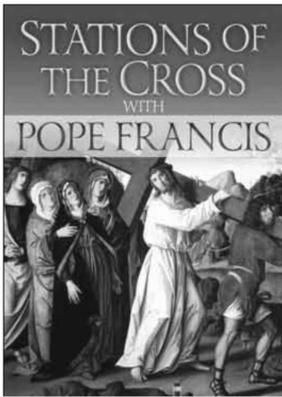
By Paul McCusker

Who knew the start of the school year could also be the start of so many new discoveries? In no time at all Nick and Sam are caught up in a family mystery, a dig for buried treasure and a secret about guardian angels. Faith-filled and faithful, Hidden Treasures is a collection of fun and inspiring stories about the wonder that surrounds us all.



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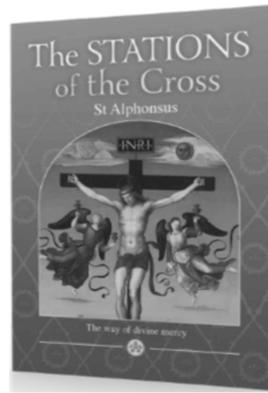
Check Out these Other Books, CD's and Booklets for Lent & Easter Found in the Family Life Center



Booklet

Stations of the Cross With Pope Francis

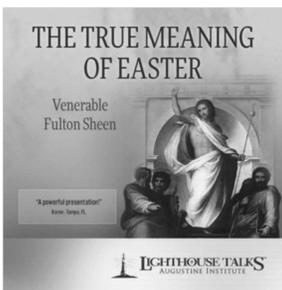
Amid all the sound-bites and comment on the words and actions of Pope Francis, this booklet invites you to stop and pray with the Pope and truly understand his message of love and mercy. These meditations on the Passion of Christ offer, in the words of Pope Francis, not only a deeply prayerful journey along the Via Dolorosa, but valuable insight into the mind and heart of the Holy Father.



Booklet

Stations of the Cross: The Way of Divine Mercy

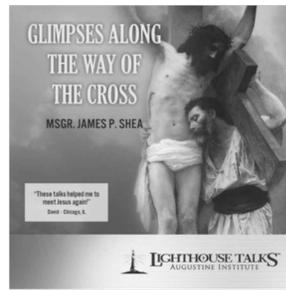
These classic reflections on Christ's passion by St. Alphonsus retain their timeless relevance - especially for the Year of Mercy. They are enriched by a brief biography of Alphonsus, a selection of prayers penned by him, and a word on the history and value of the Way of the Cross as a "way of divine mercy." This new edition contains new color illustrations to assist prayerful devotion.



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The True Meaning of Easter

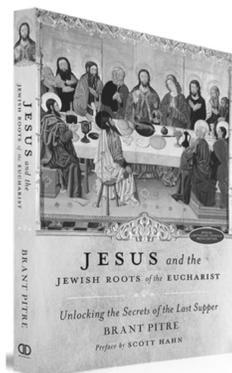
By Venerable Fulton Sheen
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was one of the best-known and best-loved Catholic orators of the twentieth century, reaching millions of Christians of all denominations. Presented here are his timeless reflections on the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord, combined with Scripture and Gregorian Chant to create a powerful presentation that is sure to become a family favorite.



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Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross

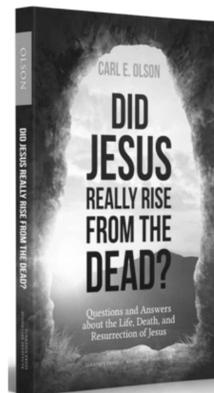
By Msgr. James Shea
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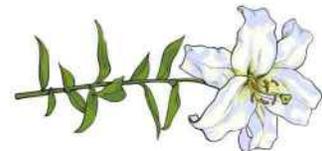
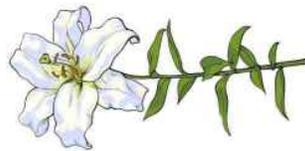
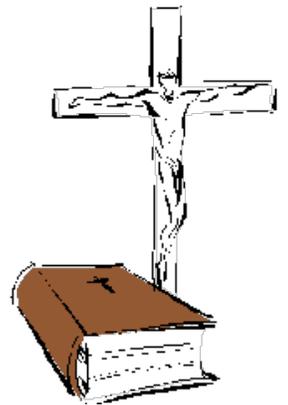
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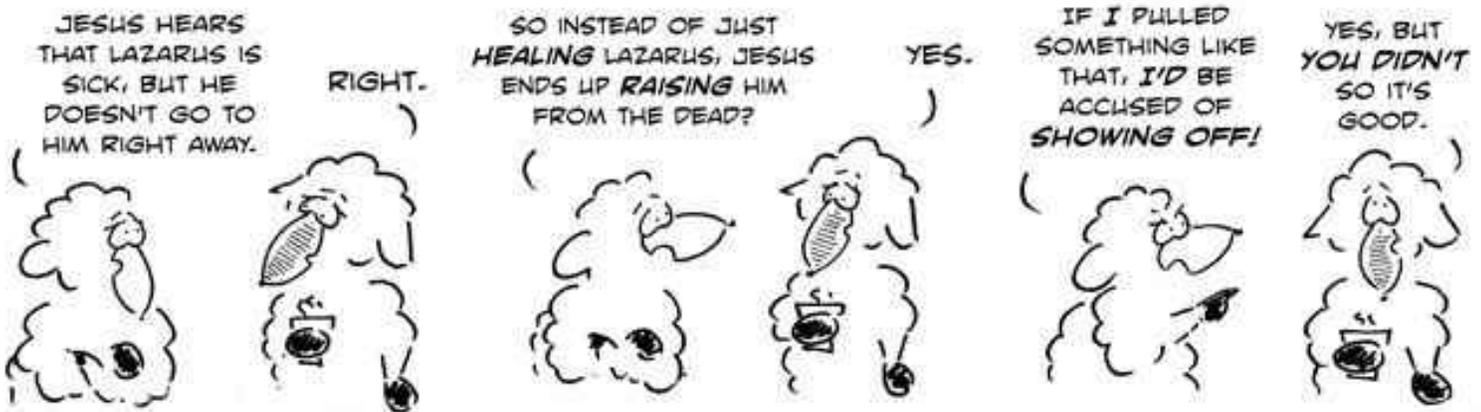
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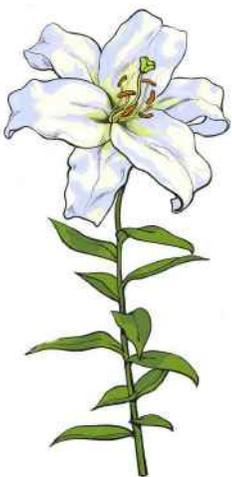
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