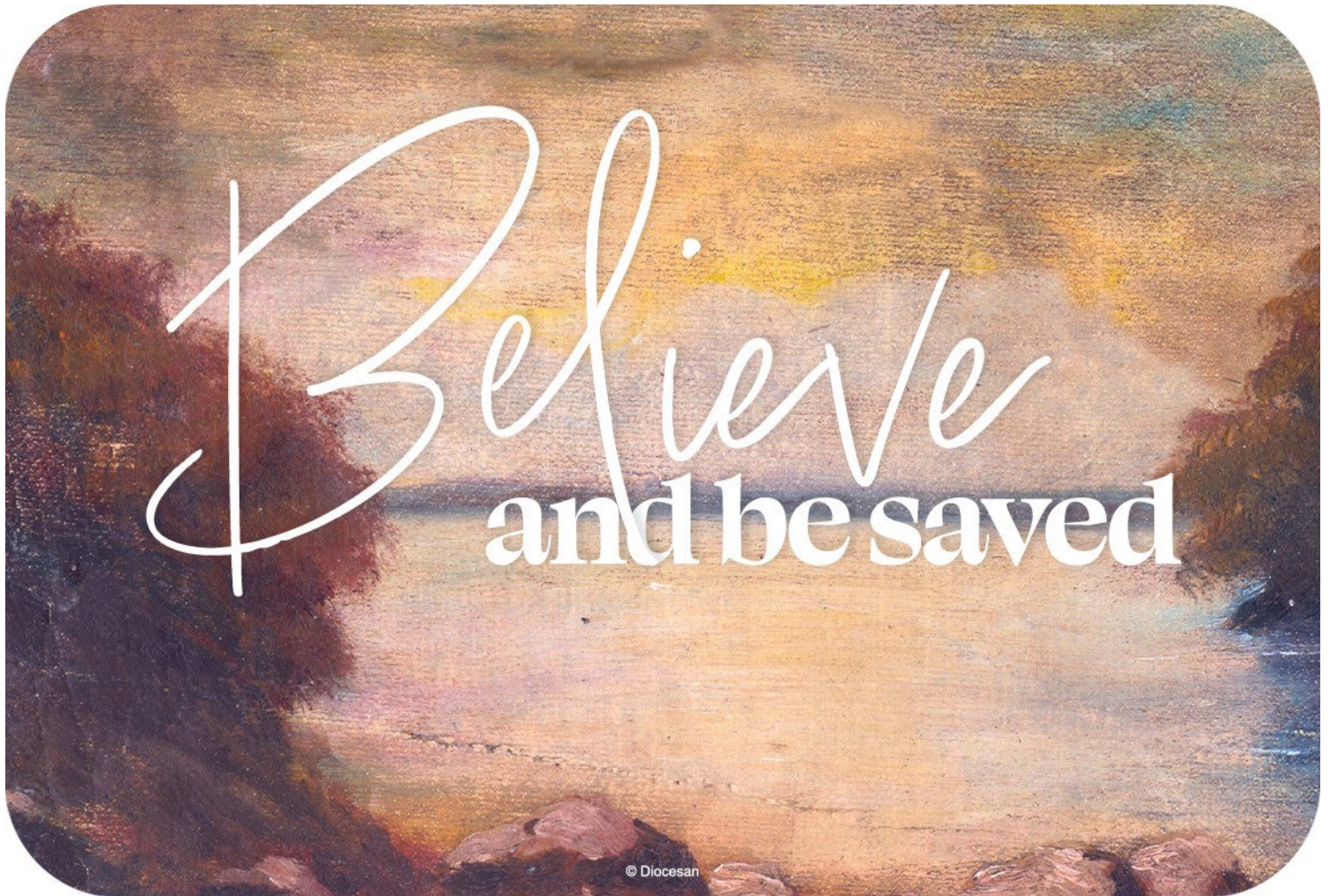


# March 10, 2024 • Lent – Fourth Sunday



## Welcome to Our Cluster of Catholic Churches • Bienvenido Nuestro rupo Iglesias Católicas

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#### Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday.....8:00-4:00PM  
Closed Friday

### St Catherine Parish

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(231) 853-6222

#### Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday.....8:00-4:00PM  
Closed Friday

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# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, March 9

3:00 PM Confessions until 3:45 PM ..... SFX  
 4:00 PM † Lavern Denhof by Bonnie Denhof..... SFX  
 5:30 PM † Frank & Henrietta Chesla by Family.....SJ

## Sunday, March 10

9:00 AM † Lloyd Goodno by Jason, Maura & Shea Lamoreaux..... SC  
 11:00 AM † Ed Armock by Al & Winnie Spencer .....SJ

## Monday, March 11

8:00 AM Rosary ..... SFX  
 8:30 AM † Ben Looks by M/M Earl Jones ..... SFX  
 5:15 PM Confession /Adoration until 6:15 pm ..... SFX

## Tuesday, March 12

8:30 AM † James Brown by Zimmer Family .....SJ  
 9:00 AM Adoration until 3:00 PM .....SJ

## Wednesday, March 13

No Daily Mass

## Thursday, March 14

8:30 AM † Eugene Helsen by M/M Jon Morey ..... SC

## Friday, March 15

8:30 AM † Dave Lemieux by Tom & Philomena Paniwozik .....SJ

## Saturday, March 16

3:00 PM Confessions until 3:45 PM ..... SFX  
 4:00 PM † Paul VanDyke by M/M Chuck May ..... SFX  
 5:30 PM † Ed & June Armock by Roman & Kay Krupp.....SJ

## Sunday, March 17

9:00 AM † Members of the Cluster ..... SC  
 11:00 AM † Jim Alt by Laurissa Zimmer .....SJ



## A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark." Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to take action. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the lights."

## Seminarian of The Week

Men of the Eucharist

STRENGTHENED IN  
**CHRIST**  
 RESPONDING WITH JOY



Pray for Seminarian:  
**Thomas A. Curry**

Mundelein Seminary  
 750 N. Wabash Ave.  
 Chicago, IL 60611



## Please Pray

*It is within the waters of Baptism  
 that we welcome into our communities...*

Louisa Schoenborn, March 9th

*And in sadness, with hope of the  
 Resurrection we say good-bye to:*

Mary Ellen Courtade, February 18th  
 Freda Vanderlaan, February 20th



## Rosary Intention for March

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



## Ministry Schedules

### Saturday, March 16

#### St. Francis Xavier • 4:00 PM

Sacristan/EM ..... Irene Bosman  
 Lector ..... Bill May  
 Usher ..... Anyone Available  
 Server ..... Anyone Available

#### St. Joseph • 5:30 PM

Sacristan ..... Deb Clelland  
 Lector ..... Bill Gavin  
 EMHC ..... Deb Clelland  
 Ushers ..... Dave Clelland & Norm VanDyke  
 Servers ..... Liam & Esme Beuschel

### Sunday, March 17

#### St. Catherine • 9:00 AM

Sacristan ..... Rich & Judy Knapp  
 Lector ..... Melanie Block  
 EMHC ..... Annie Kubasiak  
 Ushers ..... John Helsen, Matthew Grover,  
 ..... Greg Grover, & Herb Schoenborn  
 Servers ..... Frances Morey & Tenley Visconti

#### St. Joseph • 11:00 AM

Sacristan ..... Chuck Rasch  
 Lector ..... Deb Tenbrink  
 EMHC ..... Chuck Rasch  
 Ushers ..... Al Dietrich & Dan Dietrich  
 Servers ..... Johnathan Dietrich & Ally Knauf

### Money Counters for March

#### St Catherine

Cheryl Helsen, Mary Patterson

#### St Francis Xavier

Betty Miller

#### St Joseph

Barb Umlor, Marj Williams, Jackie Schoenborn

## Scripture Readings

*For the Week of March 10, 2024*

### Sunday

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

### Wednesday

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

### Thursday

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

### Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### Saturday

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

### Sunday

#### Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33



## Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Email Jeannie Sokolowski, [jsokolowski@ourcluster.org](mailto:jsokolowski@ourcluster.org) for more information.

## Sacrament of the Sick

Contact the parish office.

## St. Catherine's News

### **Men's Club News**

Next Community Fish Fry is **Friday, March 15th** from 5:00pm—7:00pm at St. Catherine's Hall. Cost is \$15.00 for adults, \$8.00 for Children 12 & under.

**Winner** of the February 50/50 drawing for \$240 is Adam Pyman from Randy Helsen's book.

Next Men's Club meeting is **Wednesday, March 27th** at 7:30pm in the parish hall. All men of the parish are invited.

**Alcoholic Anonymous** meets every Monday at 8:00pm at St. Catherine's Hall. For more information, call the parish office.

**Altar Society** will be meeting **March 19th** at 1:00pm at the hall. Hostesses—Chris Darcy and Barb Emery.

**Divorced? Separated?** You don't need to go through it alone. A 13 week, confidential support group begins **April 8th** from 6:30-8:00pm at St. Catherine's school. For more information, see the flyer in the back of the churches.

## St. Francis Xavier News

**Lenten Soup Supper** every Monday during Lent at St. Francis Xavier. Starts at 6:15pm in the church basement and Stations of the Cross starts at 7:00pm. To volunteer to bring a bread, soup or dessert, contact Jeannie Sokolowski—(616) 262-3686.

## St. Joseph's News

**Happy Birthday** to Agatha Kluting! Agatha will be 99 years old on **Sunday, March 24th**.

If you would like to send her a card, her address is: 2074 Roosevelt St. Coopersville, MI 49404

### **Senior Euchre**

Will be at St. Joseph's Hall from 1:30-3:30pm. Barrier free entrance, lower side south doors. \$1 gets you an afternoon of fun! Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The next date is **March 12th**.

## The Cluster News

### **Cluster Directory**

We finally received the proof of the Cluster Directory. This will take time to go through to make edits and changes. We will announce when the official directories are available for everyone interested in having one.

### **"The Light is ON For You: An Evening of Penance"**

As we begin the season on Lent, the Diocese of Grand Rapids will once again offer a special opportunity to receive sacrament of reconciliation. This event will be held on **March 14th** from 5-8pm at St. Francis Xavier.

### **Knights of Columbus, Council #4404 Pancake Breakfast**

Join us for Sunday breakfast from 8:30AM -1:00PM at the St. Vincent De-Paul Hall. Same great food and great fellowship. If you're a member or would like to help, contact Randy Graftema at (616) 327-9839

**Walking With Moms In Need Ministry** is again seeking donations for our Clusters pantry. The baby shower boxes will be in back of each church during the weeks of Lent, and again in October. We are collecting baby and toddler clothing, ointments, formula coupons, etc. The pantry is open to any mom in need in our surrounding communities, on the 2nd and 4th Saturday each month, 9-11AM. If you want to make a monetary donation, please write the check to WWMIN and drop into the weekly collection.

## Cluster Music Information

**Beginning with Ash Wednesday** and throughout Lent, we will switch to the Chant mass setting. This can be found in the Breaking Bread book starting on pg 5.

Starting on Easter, the mass setting will be a new one: Mass of St Mary Magdalene by Sarah Hart. This can be found in the Breaking Bread book starting with # 936. We will start going over this prior to mass in February, leading up to Easter. If you aren't able to make it prior to mass to hear, it is available to listen to on multiple platforms -YouTube, Spotify, or Pandora.

## Divine Providence Academy

### **"Giving Drink to the Thirsty"**

DPA's Lenten Project of the year is to continue the Corporal Works of Mercy by raising money to have a well dug in Nigeria to provide fresh drinking water for families.

Students will be working together with the parish communities of Our Cluster to help raise awareness for this important cause.

If you would like to donate, please make checks out to either St. Joseph or St. Catherine Parish and write on the memo line "Lent Well Project". We will be accepting donations until **March 28th**. For more information, check out the flyer posted on the bulletin board at the back of the churches.

## Religious Education News

**Please pray** for our 2nd graders who will be on retreat **March 23rd** in preparation for their 1st Holy Communion.

**Please pray** for our catechumens, Taylor McGough and Brian Grimm, who will be received into full communion with the Church on Holy Saturday.

## Cluster Youth Group Ministry

### *Youth Bake Sale*

The youth ministry bake sale has been rescheduled to **April 13th-14th** to be during the Easter season rather than Lent. Bring your pocketbooks after Mass those days and help support the many wonderful opportunities on offer for the youth of our parishes.

### *Chicago Pilgrimage*

Join the youth ministry on Saturday, **May 4th**, for a day in Chicago as we explore the city's most beautiful churches and catch a game at Wrigley Field. Cost to attend is \$100.

## Outside the Cluster News

### *Serra Speaker Series*

Please join us on **March 21st** as we begin our 2024 Serra Speaker Series with an inspiring talk by **Fr. Peter Omogo**, Pastor of St. James Parish in Montague. Fr. Peter will share **Exciting News from Nigeria** including video footage from his recent trip. This event will be held at St. James Catholic Church at 5149 Dowling Street in Montague, MI starting at 5:00pm with a social hour and light meal followed by Fr. Peter's talk at 6:00 pm. All are welcome. To reserve a meal, please call or text Tom Zmolek at (231) 740-0044.



## Offertory for March 3

St. Catherine .....\$4,607.00  
St. Francis Xavier .....\$1,194.00  
St. Joseph .....\$9,131.90

St Joseph only. Text (616) 377-2855, enter the dollar amount, Enter your info.  
Questions (616) 899-2286

### *Online Giving*

St Catherine ..... [tinyurl.com/5a9jfd6n](https://tinyurl.com/5a9jfd6n)  
St Joseph ..... [tinyurl.com/7ns3j3ya](https://tinyurl.com/7ns3j3ya)  
St Francis Xavier ..... [tinyurl.com/5fep7wr23ya](https://tinyurl.com/5fep7wr23ya)