

**Ste. Genevieve Catholic Church**  
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Saint Genevieve - Pray for us!

March 29, 2020

**Stewardship Awareness Fifth Sunday of Lent** *Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" (John 11:40)*

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our Parish. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe and put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need. It opens our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives.

**Mass Intentions**

*Fr. Nemeth will be saying Private Masses daily.*

**Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Clarence Grieshaber

**Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Mary Lou Kertz

**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Jack Myers

**Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Wade Lurk & Dylan Grither

**Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Ella Schilly

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

-Nicholas Michael Vaeth (Latin)

-John J. Oberle, Jr.

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

-Francis Kreilich

-Larry Basler, Jr.

**WORDS TO LIVE BY...**

*Scripture Readings for the Week*

**Monday**

**ST. JOHN CLIMACUS** Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 and John 8:1-11

**Tuesday**

**ST. BENJAMIN** Numbers 21:4-9 and John 8:21-30

**Wednesday**

**ST. CATHERINE** Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 and John 8:31-42

**Thursday**

**ST. FRANCIS OF PAOLA** Genesis 17:3-9 and John 8:51-59

**Friday**

**ST. RICHARD** Jeremiah 20:10-13 and John 19:31-42

**Saturday**

**ST. ISIDORE** Ezekiel 37:21-28 and John 11:45-56

**Sunday**

**PALM SUNDAY** Matthew 21:1-11 and Isaiah 50:4-7 and Philippians 2:6-11 and Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

**Together we pray for those who are sick:** Aly Bauman, Jaida Fallert, Bob Mueller, Anna Van Houten, Virginia Marchek, Pat Marzucio, Shirley Kern, Marilyn Burgert, Miles Woodward, Sarah Rash, Julia Ann Jennings, Dick Basler, Michael Bader, Mary Martin, Lewis Pruneau, Erna Kist, Shirley Valle, Vernon E. Roth, Jerry Woods, Wallace "Gump" Roth, Elizabeth "Ellie" Castorena, Amanda Nesslein, Rosalie Brumfield, Jean Fisher, Margie Klein, John Como, Sawyer Gullett, Bill Naeger, Anna Mae Grieshaber, Rick Johnson, Marvin Basler, Barb Schweiss, Mary Meyer.

## **A LETTER FROM FATHER**

**Dear Parish Family,**

This weekend in church you will find a rather shocking change to our beloved church. This week we will enter the period of Passiontide, the two weeks leading to the Sacred Triduum. A rather traditional practice in churches, sadly largely dismissed after the Second Vatican Council, takes place during this time; the veiling of statues.

Our statues (or at least MOST) will be veiled for this Passiontide period. This practice helps us prepare more fully for the joy of the Resurrection we celebrate at the Easter Vigil. On the tables in church is some information about the practice of veiling statues during Passiontide. Special thanks to Julie Holland and Hilda Kraenzle for preparing the fabric and for the fearless volunteers who will help place the veils this week.

Let us pray for one another during these final weeks of Lent!

Fr. Nemeth

### **For Your Information**

- The Parish Center Office is closed. If you need to speak to someone in the office, please leave a message. The office staff will be checking voicemails regularly.
- Church will remain open each day for private prayer and devotion in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Hours open: 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- Perpetual Adoration Chapel is open.
- Mass will be live on the radio at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday on AM 980.
- Ste. Gen. TV will show the Mass at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday. (Recorded 8:30 a.m. Mass)
- Mass will be livestream on the Parish Facebook Page at 10 a.m. on Sunday.
- Daily Mass Monday thru Thursday: Livestream on the Parish Facebook Page at 3:30 p.m.  
Daily Mass Friday: Livestream on the Parish Facebook Page at 9 a.m.
- Confessions will be available at the following times:  
Monday – Thursday 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.    Friday 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- Divine Mercy Chaplet will continue on Fridays at 3 p.m. at Church.
- Envelopes etc. may be dropped off at the drop box by the RECTORY Front Door.
- The Banquet for Life that was scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> has been postponed.

**Church Offertory**

3/22/2020	Sunday Envelopes	\$2,175.00
	On-Line Giving	\$4,187.00
	TOTAL	\$6,362.00

*We thank you for your generosity.*

**Dynamic Catholic, Alive! ~ The Theological Virtues**

The Gospel story of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead is a beautiful account that teaches the power of faith, hope and charity. These virtues are essential in allowing us to participate in the life of God. Christ states that he is the resurrection and the life and that those who have FAITH in Him will never die but will live forever. Those who HOPE in the Lord will not be disappointed but will look forward to eternal life with a fervent desire for heaven. Hope enables us to trust in God's promises and to rely on His grace and not our own efforts. Finally, the story shows the LOVE Jesus had for His friend Lazarus. Jesus loves the Father perfectly and all His creation for the love of God. The theological virtues are infused by God into our souls to make us capable of acting as God's children and of meriting eternal life (CCC 1813). As we approach Holy Week, let us pray for a deeper awareness of these glorious virtues that are present in us when we are in the state of grace.

**Blessed Palms** will be available for all parishioners in church next Sunday. The palms will remain on the tables in church for parishioners to pick up when they are able to stop by.

**Easter Lilies/Flowers/Decorations** Even though all Public Liturgies for Holy Week and beyond are suspended, The Art & Environment Committee will still be decorating the sanctuary. Parishioners are invited to donate towards the purchase of the Easter Flowers and other decorations to be used for the Easter Season in memory or in honor of someone. This year we have:

24	6" Lilies	\$13	8	10" Hydrangea	\$30
4	6" Peace Lilies	\$20	8	6" Yellow Kalanchoe	\$15
4	10" Peace Lilies	\$40			

Please call the Parish Center if you are interested in purchasing a flower or donating towards decorations @ 883-2731 and leave a message or you can write on a piece of paper the flower you are interested in purchasing and who it is in memory or in honor of and drop it in the drop box at the RECTORY (by front door) or mail it to the Parish Center, 20 North 4<sup>th</sup> St. Thank you for helping enhance the beauty of our church.

**Attention Students in Grades 8 – 12!** There is still a couple of spots remaining for the Steubenville Youth Conference which will be held in Springfield July 17-19. Contact Annette Wehner @ (573) 579-3863 or [wehner@brick.net](mailto:wehner@brick.net) if interested. It's a great way to strengthen your relationship with God and have a blast doing it!

**Diaper Drive** The Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in conjunction with Respect Life Office, will be collecting diapers as part of our fourth annual diocesan-wide Pro-Life service project to assist families in need. We would ask that you please consider placing the purchasing of diapers on your shopping list and place them in the boxes in Church. All diapers collected will be donated to assist families through the Ste. Genevieve St. Vincent De Paul Society. For more information, speak to Deacon Jim Robert.

**Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Meeting** scheduled for April 15 has been cancelled.

**Pope Francis offers this Spiritual Communion Prayer during Coronavirus** As more Catholics around the world find themselves unable to receive Eucharist due to the coronavirus pandemic, Pope Francis provided an example of a spiritual communion prayer that can be said from home. *“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart... I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.”*

**The Archdiocese of St. Louis** has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called *Prevent and Protect STL*. Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are required and asked to register in the new system before December 31, 2020. This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service. For those who have already attended a Protecting God’s Children Workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition to attending a live Protecting God’s Children Workshop, all clergy, volunteers and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct. Please go to: [www.preventandprotectstl.org](http://www.preventandprotectstl.org) to register and contact your Parish Child Safety Coordinator @ 883-2731 with any questions or for further assistance.

## Good News!

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

Ez,37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

It is not ghosts that come out of these graves, but a second chance at life. Ezekiel compares the reestablishment of ancient Israel after the exile with the dead rising alive from their graves. They are filled with God’s spirit, God’s power of life, and they have a second chance at living. Only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus performs an even greater marvel. He actually brings Lazarus back from death, giving him a second chance at living. Once again, only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus is that graciousness and that power, as he declares: “I am the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25).

After its reestablishment, Israel was not immune to failure, nor was Lazarus exempt from eventual death. That was not the point. The point was a demonstration of divine generosity at that particular moment. As seen in the Gospel reading, the point is Jesus’ self-identification: “I am the resurrection and the life.” What follows is paradox: Those who live in him will not die, even if they die, they will live.

Joined to the one who is the resurrection and the life, we too will be raised from our graves and be transformed into a new life. We will never again face failure, as did the Israelites, or death, as did Lazarus, for the Spirit of Jesus will live in us.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA