

Fides ♥ Spes ♥ Caritas

MEN'S GROUP

Every Wednesday
6:45 AM
Lower Level of Church
Contact Bob Lang for more
information
disciplelang@gmail.com
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WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

First Thursday of the Month
2 PM-3:30 PM
Lower Level of Church
Contact Barb Mastalish for more
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920-642-0376

YOUNG MOMS

Every Monday school day
8:10ish (after school dropoff)
Lower Level of Church
Contact Kathy Miller for more
information
skramcorp@gmail.com
715-546-2139



Join us each Friday during Lent at 5 PM for Stations of the Cross followed by a soup dinner! Sign up to bring a meatless soup in the narthex. If you have questions or could help out, please call Pam at 715-573-7377



THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT

Prayer

The first of the Pillars of Lent is prayer. We should pray all year long, but during Lent, prayer oftentimes seems different. This is because we see it through the framework of Jesus's passion and sacrifice. The devil has a habit of tempting us more during this "time in the desert." If we pray, which is simply "communication with God," He'll give us the strength to withstand these attacks.

Prayer gives us courage, it gives us hope, and it gives us a connection to heaven. Prayer plays a crucial role in understanding and appreciating the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. Use Lent as an opportunity to focus and grow your prayer life. Daily rosaries, visits to the nearby adoration Chapel, and praying the stations of the cross are all great ideas.

Fasting

The second of the Pillars of Lent is fasting. A common question around this time of the year is: "What are you giving up for Lent?" Many Catholics treat this pillar of Lent like a "second chance" at a New Year's resolution.

When choosing a Lenten penance, we should concentrate on removing something that's keeping us from fully embracing Jesus. This sacrifice should have a positive impact on your relationship with God. It has to have a purpose. Remember, *you are making room for God*, not a new bad habit or distractor or temptation.

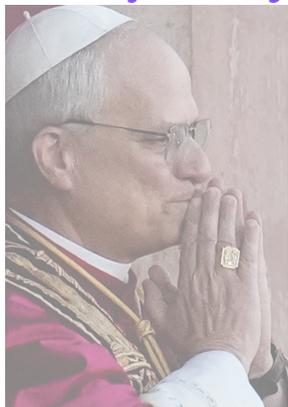
When you reach Easter Sunday, you should have increased gratitude for the abundance that God has provided in your life. Your Lenten sacrifice should yield a permanent, positive change.

Almsgiving

The third and final of the Pillars of Lent is almsgiving. The act of giving receives extra emphasis during Lent. When we give our time or money, it takes our focus off of ourselves. It helps us grow our hearts and eyes for others. We suddenly see our neighbor as the one we are supposed to love as we love ourselves. When we generously give, we aren't doing it for recognition but to serve the Lord.

Charity helps us learn humility and gratitude. It can reveal our selfishness . . . even though we might not have everything we desire, we may have the means to give to those who have less. Finally, we don't want to give out of our excess alone; we want our almsgiving to be a form of sacrifice to the Lord.

The Pope's Monthly Intention for February



For Children with Incurable Diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Lenten Reflection Music

submitted by Mark Pieplow

If you are looking for music to listen to during your Lenten prayer and reflection periods, I would invite you to go to markpieplow.com and check out the piano music albums. Many of the songs we sing during Lent are performed, as well as many of the piano preludes you hear before Mass. There is also the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* that you can sing with me.

CATECHISM CORNER~~Test Your Knowledge!

answers and explanations on page 4

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1. Which sacrament can only be received once?
 A) Eucharist
 B) Penance
 C) Baptism
 D) Anointing of the Sick
 2. What are the first three commandments primarily concerned with?
 A) Respect for others
 B) Love of God
 C) Social justice
 D) Moral behavior
 3. What is the main purpose of the Sacrament of Reconciliation?
 A) To punish sin
 B) To restore physical health
 C) To forgive sins and restore grace
 D) To prepare for marriage
 4. Which statement best describes the Catholic understanding of Sacred Tradition?
 A) Customs added later to Scripture
 B) Personal beliefs held by Catholics
 C) The living transmission of the Gospel guided by the Holy Spirit
 D) Church laws created by councils
 5. What is the primary role of the Magisterium in the Church?
 A) To create new doctrines
 B) To interpret Scripture and Tradition authentically
 C) To govern political affairs
 D) To replace personal conscience
 6. Which virtue enables a person to give God what is His due?
 A) Justice
 B) Temperance
 C) Fortitude
 D) Prudence

Thank you to Lee Ann Richmond for this submission!



“Dear Jesus, while worship doesn’t change our circumstances, it does change our posture. Teach us how to worship you Ash Wednesday and throughout the Lenten season in body, mind and spirit, and bless the year ahead no matter what it looks like. Teach us to look to you in times of abundance and need, knowing you are with us always. We love, praise and thank you, Jesus. Amen”

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
01 Rev. Showri Jojappa Pasala	02 Rev. Shaji Joseph Pazukkathara	03 Rev. Balarsaju Policetty	04 Rev. Nicholas Punch, O.P.	05 Rev. Richard Rhinehart	06 Rev. Andrew Ricci	07 Thomas Naveen Sagili
08 Rev. Rajesh Sagar Sare	09 Rev. Isaiah Schick	10 Rev. Samuel Schneider	11 Rev. Ron Serrao	12 Rev. Joe Stefancin	13 Rev. Hrudaya Raju Sunkara	14 Very Rev. Jim Tobolski
15 Rev. Tom Thompson	16 Rev. Sunil Kumar Thumma	17 Rev. Daniel Tracy	18 Rev. Sunder Reddy Vadireddy	19 Rev. Mariadas Vallabhaneni	20 Rev. Gerard Williger	21 Rev. Thomas Wolf
22 Rev. Anthoni Reddy Yannam	23 Rev. Papi Reddy Yeruva	24 All Diocesan Deacons	25 All Women Religious	26 All Seminarians & for an increase in vocations	27 Bishop James Powers	28 Rev. Francis Adoboli

Eternal Father, Thank you for all the clergy, seminarians, religious women, staff and lay leaders in our Diocese. I lift them all up to you, but especially, (name) today. Sanctify him. Heal and guide him. Continue to mold him into the likeness and holiness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May his life be pleasing to You. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen

**Open Fridays and Saturdays,
10AM-3PM**

Donation Drop-Off (at the store)
Wednesday 9AM-1PM
Friday and Saturday, 10AM-2:30PM
Questions, please call
Jeannie 414-430-1246 or
Mike 715-617-3158

Thrift Store

The thrift store is in need of a manager! Please call the office 715-479-8704 or look on our website for more information! We need you!!!

Upcoming February Sale Items

- 13th-14th: Pictures and Frames Half-Price
- 20th-21st: \$4 Bag Sale!!! Any clothing and footwear you can fit in a bag for \$4
- 27th-28th: All Linens 50% Off

Women's Book Study

The Women's Book Study Group meets on the first Thursday of the month to discuss a book or video centered on the Catholic faith and Christian principles. Participants share their insights and experiences, strengthening their faith and building friendships. All meetings will be from 2:00 - 3:30 PM in the lower level of St. Theresa. New members are always welcome - please join us!

Check out the March newsletter for our next topic of discussion!



We just recently watched *God's Doorkeeper* which looks at the heart and legacy of Brother Andre Bessette of the Congregation of Holy Cross. He welcomed people at the door and became known as a miraculous healer, God's doorkeeper - as a man of prayer, hospitality and compassion; a man who draws people in to experience a God who is love. Brother Andre also had a tremendous devotion to St. Joseph that he shared with all who came in contact with him. Brother Andre became the first Canadian-born male saint and the first saint for the Congregation of Holy Cross on October 17, 2010. He is living proof that *"it is with the smallest brushes that the divine artist paints the most beautiful pictures"*.

Did You Know? In the Old Testament, temple doorkeepers were honored roles, guarding the entrance and guiding worshippers. A "doorkeeper" can symbolize *anyone who welcomes people into God's presence, embodying hospitality and faith.*

Hospitality Committee

Our committee hosts a monthly social gathering after Mass on the second full weekend of each month. Join us Saturdays for our wine and cheese social after the 4 PM Mass or Sundays for coffee and donuts after the 8:30 AM Mass. All parishioners and visitors are welcome to join us for fun and fellowship! Our **next gatherings will be held February 13th and 14th.**

We are looking for additional committee members. Please contact Debbie Lang at 920-213-0041 if you are interested in joining the Saturday Wine and Cheese committee or Bev Hart at 406-471-7410 if you would like to join the Sunday Coffee and Donuts committee.

Pray for One Another James 5:16 prayerfully submitted by Phyllis Pieplow

There's nothing like the privilege of praying for another person, to intercede on their behalf to the Great and Almighty God. He already knows what we need, but through prayer we often become more aware of what someone else needs. The power of Jesus in us, leads our thoughts and words, and opens our spiritual eyes for seeing beneath the surface of things. That's what Jesus did--he saw beyond the outer layer of attitudes and actions directly into the heart of each soul he encountered. Then he took his concern straight to his Father on their behalf. We should all strive to do the same. Amen.

Collection of non-perishable items for the Three Lakes Christian Food Pantry is the last full weekend of each month!
Baskets will be in the entryways!

Catechism Corner Answers

1. Answer: C) Baptism
Explanation: Baptism imprints a permanent spiritual character and therefore cannot be repeated.
2. Answer: B) Love of God
Explanation: The first three commandments govern humanity's relationship with God.
3. Answer: C) To forgive sins and restore grace
Explanation: Through Reconciliation, sins are forgiven and the sinner is restored to a state of grace.
4. Answer: C) The living transmission of the Gospel guided by the Holy Spirit
Explanation: Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture together form the deposit of faith, preserved and handed on by the Church.
5. Answer: B) To interpret Scripture and Tradition authentically
Explanation: The Magisterium serves the Word of God by giving authoritative interpretation of Scripture and Tradition.
6. Answer: A) Justice
Explanation: Justice is the moral virtue that gives God and neighbor what is their due; worship belongs to justice.

Beer and Brotherhood

Hey Guys! Join your fellow St. Theresa brothers monthly to discuss a saint and try a craft beer!!!
Meet us just down the road at
The Brew Station
1803 Superior Street
Three Lakes, WI
Listen for the date of our next gathering during the ambo announcements or contact Jeff Richmond for more information
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(563) 340-7939

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Mass

Wednesday 8:30 AM
Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM

Adoration and Confession

Wednesday 8:00 AM
***1st Wednesday
9:00 AM-Noon***

Rosary for Priests

Wednesday 7:15 AM
***1st Wednesday 7:45 AM

Confession

Saturday 3:00 PM-3:45 PM

Talk To Us

Questions, Comments, Suggestions Welcome!
What would you like to see? Please email Liz at liz@northernlakescatholics.org or call/text 715-617-5255. Thank you for your input! March submission deadline: 02/25/2026



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