#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 10, 2024



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# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

Heavenly Father, As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins. Fourth Sunday of Lent

### MASS TIMES AT MARY OUR QUEEN

DAILY MASS 6:20am Tuesday - Friday, 8:15am Monday - Saturday

> COMMUNION SERVICE 6:20am Monday

#### **SUNDAY OBLIGATION**

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

#### CONFESSIONS

Tuesday & Thursday 5:30-6:00pm, Saturday 4:00-5:00pm

### **MASS TIMES AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY**

DAILY MASS 9:00am Tuesday - Friday

**COMMUNION SERVICE** 9:00am Monday

SUNDAY OBLIGATION Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 7:30am, 10:30am

**CONFESSIONS** Saturday 4:30-5:00pm, and by appointment.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

#### FOR BOTH PARISHES

Monday - Thursday 8am-4pm Friday 8am-12:00pm

#### CLERGY

Fr. Marc Lim, Pastor frmarc@moqchurch.org Fr. Tom Bauwens, Senior Associate Pastor frtom@moqchurch.org Fr. Richard Reiser, Senior Associate Pastor rjreiser@johnvianney.org

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# A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We enter the Fourth Week of Lent. The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that translates to rejoice. In the Gospel reading, we hear these words that are perhaps one of the most cited Gospel verses "For God so loved the world that he gave is only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." We are invited to recognize the gift of the Cross

which is meant to bring healing to our lives. The Cross that Christ offered for our sake saying that He loves us. This is why we always encourage you to make a good confession during the season of Lent. The Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to get rid of all the junk in our lives and be renewed with our focus in Christ. We hope that this Lenten season continues to be a source of renewal that shapes us in the love of God.

I hope you have been able to attend the Lenten series that has been offered for our Family of Parishes. Our final two sessions will be at St John Vianney on Mondays, March 11 and 18 at 7pm. We hope to build up our Parishes by providing more faith opportunities, like our Lenten series, that not only give us an opportunity to be a place where faith is lived but also where our faith is shared. If there—is something that you would like to see that helps the growth of your faith life, kindly contact Jodi Meyer.

Once again, for the Season of Lent, both St John Vianney and Mary Our Queen Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Annual Fish Fries on Fridays. The proceeds support the charitable activities of the Knights of Columbus. Please join us if you are able to.

#### Things going on at St John Vianney:

What is left of the water damage repairs is the staining of the Church pews that were affected. We are hoping to complete this task in the next few weeks. There are also a few spots in the flat roof portion of the Church that are leaking. We are currently working to get them patched up.

We are currently upgrading the technology of our Parish with the installation of automatic locked doors for our Church building. This will allow us to give access to groups gathering to meet in Church with ease. We are also installing security cameras around the Church building as an added measure of security. We are also working on replacing our old servers and phone system.

#### Things going on at Mary Our Queen:

With the closing of the house next to our Early Childhood Education and Youth Center, we are now planning on working on our plans to have the house removed and to provide a space for the preschoolers to use.

We are currently scheduling the renovation of our existing playground. We will be removing the shredded mulch and replacing it with a new rubber surface. The renovation also includes the replacement of the dome in the playground and the slides in the existing playground structure.

God's Blessings, Fr Marc

# MARY OUR QUEEN SCHOOL



"Where Faith and Knowledge Meet" Serving Preschool - 8th Grade

**MOQ School Mission:** To form students of faith to pursue academic excellence and live in Christian service.

Welcome to Mary Our Queen Catholic School. For nearly 60 years, we have partnered with parents to provide students an academically rigorous curriculum and strong spiritual foundation rooted in our Catholic faith. Our motto, "Where Faith and Knowledge Meet," encompasses our mission to provide our students opportunities to grow in intellect, faith and service to become faith-filled leaders of tomorrow.

#### Want to learn more about MOQ School?

Visit us @ moqschool.org Mustang Memo Located on moqschool.org Facebook facebook.com/moqschool/ Instagram @maryourqueenschool Interested in Enrolling at MOQ School or scheduling a tour? Visit us at moqschool.org or call 402.333.8663



Grandparents & Grandfriends Day Tuesday, March 19th

8:15-9:15 Classroom Visits 9:30 Mass with Reception to follow

Celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph

### **MOQ SCHOOL IS HIRING!**

Visit moqchurch.org/careers for more information.

### ATHLETICS

#### TRACK AND FIELD

Please sign up for track season as it is quickly approaching. Open to all Registered Parishioners Grades 6-8, enrolled in MOQ's 5-day school or RE program or attend a school that does not offer Track & Field. Registration is \$100 per

athlete; this includes the price of the shorts that the athletes will keep.



Email moqtrack@gmail.com with any questions. The first practice will be Tuesday, March 12th. Scan to register:



#### MICRO SOCCER SPRING 2024

Join us on the soccer field for Mary Our Queen Micro Soccer! The first practice/game will be <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 13</u>

<u>Cost:</u> \$30. You can reuse past MOQ Micro shirts or wear any royal blue t-shirt. Note, that we are no longer selling new Micro shirts.

Ages: 4 – 5 (and some 6) year-olds

<u>Dates:</u> April 13 — May 11. Practice/games for 5 Saturdays. (May 18 will be a makeup day if needed due to weather) Time: Saturdays from 4 pm to 5 pm.



Location: MOQ Soccer Fields (south side of the MOQ Campus)

\*Parents – if you wish to coach your child's team, volunteers are always appreciated! Coaches do get priority during team formation. We can't play without coaches.

If you have any questions, please email microsoccer@moqchurch.org

### **RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS**

**COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND** Please contact either Parish Office.

#### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

**Both Parishes:** Contact Renee Spicka at the MOQ parish office at least six months in advance.

#### **BAPTISM CLASSES**

**Mary Our Queen:** Classes are currently online. Contact Kolleen Hoffman at the MOQ parish office to register.

**St. John Vianney:** Contact Mary Johnson at the SJV parish office to register.

#### RCIA

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, contact Ann Hagenau at 402-578-9346 or email rcia@moqchurch.org

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** Jesus is waiting for YOU! Join us for Exposition:

Mary Our Queen: every Monday after the 8:15am Mass until 5:45pm.

**St. John Vianney:** First Friday Benediction at SJV at 6pm

#### **PERPETUAL ADORATION**

The time of paying a visit to Jesus is wholly the time of love—a love we will resume practicing in Paradise, since love alone "does not come to an end", said St. Catherine of Genoa. Many hours for perpetual adoration are open, especially on Saturdays and Sundays at Mary Our Queen. Contact Mary Adam, 531.375.0733.



Winners 02/24/24 - 03/01/2024

#### **Daily Winners:**

02/24/2024: Marilyn Humphrey (1266) 02/25/2024: Joe Ramirez (1220) - Sunday Prize 02/26/2024: Nick Partsch (1187) 02/27/2024: Janna Sullivan (1084) 02/28/2024: Bella Syslo (1302) 02/29/2024: Terry Latimer (1244) 03/01/2024: Barb Krzemein (1305)

#### **Bonus Draws:**

03/01/2024: Bruce Bermel (1159) - First Friday

# MARY OUR QUEEN PARISH NEWS

# STEWARDSHIP



Scan the QR Code to donate online! Donations accepted for all collections including regular weekend tithing, special collections, and Holy Days.

Civing week of February 11

Sunday Giving, week	сот не	bruary 11
Sunday Offering	\$	17,027.00
Online Giving	\$	6,411.20
Total	\$	23,438.20
Weekly Budget	\$	35,257.48
Fiscal Year to Date		
Actual	\$	999,839.65
Fiscal Year to Date		
Budget	\$1,	,228,496.84
Difference		-18.61%

#### Upcoming Collections

March 17, 2024: **General Maintenance and Repairs.** This collection is for parish building and maintenance expenses.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Monday, March 11, 2024

6:20 AM	Communion Service
8:15 AM	Living & Deceased members
	of the O'Meara & Jaworski
	families (TB)

#### Tuesday, March 12, 2024

6:20 AM	+ Poor Souls (TB)
8:15 AM	+ Bud Johnson (ML)

#### Wednesday, March 13, 2024

6:20 AM	<sup>+</sup> Tom Monteith (JT)
8:15 AM	For the living & deceased
	members of the Horan &
	Nave families (ML)

#### Thursday, March 14, 2024

6:20 AM	+ Rita Kunkel (ML)
8:15 AM	† Marjorie Tyler (ML)
9:30 AM	Personal Intention (TB)

#### Friday, March 15, 2024

6:20 AM	+ Ralph Hackel (RR)
8:15 AM	+ Mary Liebentritt (ML)

#### Saturday, March 16, 2024

8:15 AM	+ Carl Regner (TB)
5:30 PM	Ginny McGargill (TB)

#### Sunday, March 17, 2024

7:00 AM	MOQ Parishioners (ML)
9:00 AM	<sup>+</sup> Ruth Herder (TB)
11:00 AM	+ Ronald Hood (TB)

#### TNTS

We are ready to play cards! Won't you join us? The TNTs host a card fest every Friday at 12:30pm in the St. Joseph Room. This is a great, warm opportunity to meet new friends and share with existing ones. St. John Vianney parish members are very welcome; we look forward to getting to know you better. Bring a friend and enjoy the fun. Questions? Contact Mike Dougherty at 402-689-2826, <u>Guinness1124@yahoo.com</u>. See you soon.

#### **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

The next Catholic Daughters meeting will be on Monday, March 18th. We will pray the rosary at 6:15pm, social time at 6:30pm and meeting at 7:00pm. At this meeting we will discuss the up-coming Court elections, serving funeral luncheons in March,



attending Mass at the Holy Family Shrine April 6th, Golden Years luncheon April 11th and many other activities. **We would love to have more women join our Court!** All Catholic women over 18 years of age are invited to join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Even if you are not able to attend our meetings, we are looking for new members to help with our projects and also as prayer partners. For more information about Catholic Daughters see National: www.catholicdaughters.org or State: www.nebraskacda.org. Contact Regent Sherry Wittrock at 402-850-4764 for more information.

#### CHANGE FOR LIFE – A FUN WAY TO SUPPORT EPS

Mary Our Queen parishioners are invited to support mothers and babies in unexpected and under-supported pregnancies by participating in the EPS Baby Bottles "Change for Life". Our pro-life committee will be distributing small baby bottles and also collecting donations for Essential Pregnancy Services after Masses on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Donations can be placed in the large baby bottles in the narthex or you can take home a small baby bottle to add coins, cash or checks and bring it back the following weekend. Checks may be made payable to: Essential Pregnancy Services.

The need for the services provided at EPS is greater than ever. We especially need your prayers for the women experiencing a crisis pregnancy. Please pray that they seek compassionate and professional pregnancy and parenting assistance at Essential Pregnancy Services. All services are cost free at EPS. To learn more go to friendsofeps.org

### MARY OUR QUEEN SCHOOL BOARD

Apply online at http://moqchurch.org/leadership

Hard copies available in the parish and school offices.



# MARY OUR QUEEN PARISH NEWS

#### **COMING SOON - ST. JOSEPH ALTAR!**

The Legion of Mary will once again have the St. Joseph Altar in the narthex beginning Saturday March 16th. It will be blessed before the 9:30am School Mass on Tuesday, March 19th. The display will be taken down that afternoon. Cash and some food donations will go to SJV Parish Community Lenten Outreach Program, most canned/boxed food donations will go to the Catholic Charities, breads and fruit will be donated as well.

Mark your calendar and plan to bring candles, St. Joseph pictures and statues,

canned foods, etc. and add to the display. There is a great need for canned protein (tuna, chicken, beef, spam) and soup. Also things like peanut butter, jelly, cereal, box of oatmeal packets, healthy crackers and popcorn. Canned fruits and vegetables are also appreciated.

Questions: Lori Hamilton at 402-699-5027 or Linda Thomsen at 402-660-2213.





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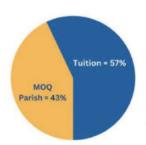
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#### **BRIDGE THE GAP**

As you may be aware, tuition paid by our school families does not cover the full cost to educate each child. Closing this gap between tuition and the actual cost to educate a child at MOQ School is dependent on the generous donations and support of our parish and school community, alumni, and philanthropic partners.



Bridge the Gap will enable MOQ School to serve its mission to form students who are committed to faith and academic excellence now and well into the future.

Your contribution to Bridge the Gap will directly impact MOQ students, enabling us to enhance academic programs, invest in technology and infrastructure, and provide financial aid to de-



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1:00 PM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM 5:45 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM Men's Club Monthly Meeting (Cafeteria) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:00 PM Legion of Mary (Queen of Peace Room) Tuesday, March 12, 2024 6:20 AM Mass (Church) Mass (Church) 8:15 AM 12:00 PM Finance Committee (Conf Room (PC)) 2:45 PM Jr. Legion of Mary (Queen of Peace Room) 3:15 PM **Robotics** (Cafeteria) 6:30 PM GriefShare (Queen of Peace Room) 6:30 PM St. Monica Prayer Group (Family Room) 6:30 PM Home & School Meeting (St. Joseph Room) 7:00 PM Catechist Training (Trinity Rooms) 7:00 PM Tanzania Sister Parish (Upper Room) 7:30 PM Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Church) Wednesday, March 13, 2024 6:20 AM Mass (Church) 8:15 AM Mass (Church) 11:30 AM Serra Club (St. Joseph Room) 6:00 PM **Religious Education** 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Church) 6:45 PM Spiritual Reading Study Group (Upper Room) 8:00 PM Magis 2 (Family Room) Thursday, March 14, 2024 6:20 AM Mass (Church) 8:15 AM Mass (Church) 9:30 AM All School Mass (Church) 10:00 AM Joyful Mysteries (Queen of Peace Room) 12:00 PM Golden Years Bingo & Luncheon (Trinity Rooms) 6:00 PM Knights of Columbus General Meeting (Cafeteria) 6:30 PM CEC Planning (St. Joseph Room) 6:30 PM His Global Love (Family Room) 7:00 PM Spanish Speaking Bible Study (Upper Room) Friday, March 15, 2024 6:20 AM Mass (Church) 8:15 AM Mass (Church) 11:00 AM Memorial Mass - Ronald Walowski (Church) 12:30 PM TNT Cards (St. Joseph Room) 2:30 PM Stations of the Cross (Church) Saturday, March 16, 2024 8:15 AM Mass (Church) 4:00 PM Confessions (Family Room) 5:30 PM Mass (Church) Sunday, March 17, 2024 7:00 AM Mass (Church) 7:30 AM RCIA (Trinity Rooms)

9:00 AM Mass (Church) 11:00 AM Mass (Church) 12:00 PM Baptisms (Church)

serving families. Scan the QR Code to contribute today.

1:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 448 Meeting (Cafeteria)

# ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH NEWS





Scan the QR Code to donate online! Donations accepted for all collections including regular weekend tithing, special collections, and Holy Days.

#### Sunday Giving, week of February 11

Sunday Offering	\$ 12,052.94
Weekly Budget	\$ 13,692.31
Fiscal Year to Date	
Actual	\$ 477,762.91
Fiscal Year to Date	
Budget	\$ 471,846.23
Difference	1.25%

#### Upcoming Collections

March 17, 2024: **General Maintenance and Repairs.** This collection is for parish building and maintenance expenses.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 11 9:00am Communion Service

Tuesday, March 12 9:00am Parishioners of SJV

Wednesday, March 13 9:00am † Joe & Ceil Krzemien & family

Thursday, March 14 9:00am + Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday, March 15 9:00am † Vincent Pravecek

Saturday, March 16 5:30pm + Dorothy Povondra + Lvg/dec of Pleskac family

Sunday, March 17 7:30am For the living parishioners 10:30am † Mary Bonnett † Bill Coacher CHRIST IN GLORY WITH ALL THE SAINTS An Art and Development Program celebrating the

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. John Vianney Parish

Thank you those who have completed the pledge card and returned it to the parish office. If you have not returned your card, please take a few moments to fill it out and return it. Thank you for your generosity in *"Moving Forward By Giving Back"*.

Contributing to the **Christ In Glory With All The Saints** campaign is not just about the funds we raise, but the unity and love we demonstrate. It is a powerful affirmation of our commitment to the parish, to our faith, and to each other, setting a strong foundation for the next 50 years and beyond. By giving, you are helping to

provide the resources necessary to continue offering vital spiritual guidance, community outreach programs, maintaining the sacred spaces where we gather in worship, and ensuring the financial stability for future generations and growth. Your gift, no matter the size, makes a tangible difference. As we move towards our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it is an investment in our spiritual home and in the future of the faith we hold dear. Let's join hands, invest in our future, and continue the legacy of love and faith that has been faithfully passed down to us. There are extra pledge cards and information on the table in the Narthex. Please complete your pledge card and turn it into the office.



Progress of 2nd panel of *Christ In Glory With All the Saints*, including image of St. John Vianney.



#### Fish Fry Fridays from 4:30-8pm.

**MENU:** Baked and fried fish, mac & cheese, French fries or baked potato, pancakes, coleslaw, salad, tomato soup, and grilled cheese.

#### Drive Thru available! Bake Sale and Live Music!

**BAKERS NEEDED:** Please bring your baked items (individually wrapped, please) each Friday of Lent. A table will be set up by the parish office in the narthex.

**HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR COOKBOOK(S) YET?** Our beautiful 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbooks are available to be picked up. You can pick up your cookbook(s) after the weekend Masses in the Narthex or stop by the parish office Monday-Thursday, 8am-4pm or Friday 8am-Noon. Cookbooks cost \$25 each. You are welcome to purchase more than one. What a great gift for yourself and your family and friends. *Proceeds from this special cookbook will be used to retire our debt.* 

#### **COAT DRIVE**



Please consider donating your clean, used winter coat. We continue to accept winter coats in the bins under the glass display case in the Narthex. They will be distributed to various agencies in Omaha that help the needy. Thank you for your continued support of our ministry!

# **ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH NEWS**

Footsteps of Saints Pilgrimage

**FRANCE & ITALY** Mass at the Shrine of St. John Vianney

Join Fr. Richard Reiser from July 31 - August 10, 2024

\$3,800 plus airfare



How to register online? \*Visit shepherdfieldtours.com \*Click on Upcoming Tours \*Click on Footsteps of Saint Pilgrimage France & Italy \*Click on Book This Tour ~For more info, see flyer in the SJV Narthex~

#### **Volunteers Needed**

We need two volunteers to lead the rosary at Good Samaritan Society located at 12856 Deauville Drive. One volunteer is needed for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, and another volunteer is needed for the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. The rosary is prayed at 10:30am. Please contact Cathy High at 402-895-0629.

### Save the Date!

MOQ and SJV Classy Seniors!

Let's Play Bingo! March 20th, 9:30am

#### More information to come!

#### **ST. JOHN VIANNEY JUBILEE**

St. John Vianney Parish will turn 50 years old in 2024. We have activities throughout the upcoming year to celebrate this milestone anniversary.

Thoughts from Fr. Paul Schwaab, compiled by Martha Bruckner "After his agony in the garden, Jesus pulled himself up and returned to the disciples. He knew he was about to suffer in pain, a soul in sadness; all the disciples had to do was 'sit down, watch, and wait.' It was a simple job, but at this important hour, they failed Him. He came and found them sleeping. Notice it was the 'rock', Peter, that he roused first, 'Simon, are you sleeping?' Imagine the confused look in the startled face of the Rock. 'Could you not watch one hour with me?' At a time when we would be effusing with self-pity aware of what was ahead, Jesus Christ understood the weakness of his followers." (1963) SJV JUBILEE 50<sup>th</sup> JUBILEE PRAYER

God, our Almighty Father, to you be given all honor and glory. May you continue to bless our parish under the patronage of St. John Vianney. We ask for his continued intercession as we celebrate this 50th year jubilee. Just as St. John Vianney taught God's love and forgiveness in Word and Sacrament may our parish honor his witness and presence as we continue to live as a faith family in Community to Proclaim your Word, to Worship you in Spirit, and to provide Service to others. We ask this all in the name of Jesus Christ, alive in glory with all the saints. Amen.

St. John Vianney, pray for us.

Neekly Schedule

#### Monday, March 11, 2024 Communion Service (Church) 9:00 AM 6:30 PM Mary & Martha 7:00 PM Lenten Series (Social Hall) 7:00 PM Al-Anon (Youth Room)

Tuesday, March 12, 2024			
9:00 AM	Mass (Church)		
1:00 PM	Pinochle (Ars Room)		
6:15 PM	Young Adults		
7:15 PM	AA (Ars Room)		
Wednesday, March 13, 2024 All day NO RE, TLM			
Wednesda All day			

10:00 AM Adult Bible Study (Ars Room)

Thursday, March 14, 2024 9:00 AM Mass (Church) 10:00 AM Al-Anon (Youth Room)

#### Friday, March 15, 2024

Mass (Church) 9:00 AM 4:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Church) 4:30 PM Lenten Fish Fry (Social Hall)

#### Saturday, March 16, 2024

7:00 AM Blood Drive (Social Hall) 7:30 AM Men of Faith 4:30 PM Confessions 5:30 PM Mass (Church)

#### Sunday, March 17, 2024

7:30 AM	Mass (Church)
10:30 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word (Family Room)
10:30 AM	Mass (Church)

PANTRY NEEDS. THIS WEEK'S NEEDED ITEM:

During Lent, please bring items listed in the weekly SJV Community Lenten Outreach Program article found below.

St. John Vianney Parish Community Lenten Outreach Program

#### Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 17th "I was a stranger and you sheltered me."

The Juan Diego Center always serves the needs of strangers. Please help them by donating laundry detergent (liquid or powdered), dish soap (liquid or pods), shampoo, body wash, and pet food (both cat and dog). Please leave your donations in the bins in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

#### **PRAYER CHAIN**

MARY OUR QUEEN: To add a name to our prayer chain, please contact Connie Garza (402-333-2168) or Sheila Gehrman, (402-333-9595).

**ST. JOHN VIANNEY:** Call Mary Johnson at the Parish Office at 402-895-0808 or email mjohnson@johnvianney.org.

#### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

MARY OUR QUEEN: To add a name to the weekly prayers of the faithful for the recently deceased or the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 402-333-8662. **ST. JOHN VIANNEY:** Please contact Mary Johnson at the Parish Office at 402-895-0808.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF A VISITATION BY A PRIEST BECAUSE OF ILLNESS, PLEASE CALL EITHER PARISH OFFICE.

WE PRAY FOR OUR JOINT PARISH FAMILY.

FOR THE SICK. Linda Schluter

FOR THE DECEASED. ETERNAL REST GRANT UPON THEM, O LORD, AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN. Robert Johnson, Raymond Walowski

Communication Deadlines: Combined Bulletin Monday at Noon communications@moqchurch.org

MOQ Pulpit Pleas Thursday at Noon SJV Sanctuary Screens Monday at Noon

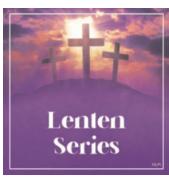


#### **OPENING 5PM TO 7PM**

\$14 Adult, \$12 Senior \$10 Children (12 and under)

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, COME ENJOY AN EVENING OF GOOD FOOD & FRIENDSHIPS.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH



#### Join us for a 4-part Lenten Series! Session 2: Finding Meaning in Suffering Monday, March 11, 7:00-8:30pm SJV Social Hall

To avoid suffering is something all people seek, but none attain. Jesus came to suffer with us, and to show us how to bear our own crosses. In this session, we will examine how Jesus carried out the most significant miracle in human history: transforming suffering into redemption. Join us for snacks and drinks, interesting talks, and great conversation. Open to all!

#### **Congratulations to First Semester Honor Roll Recipients!**

Academic Honor Roll:
Grace Bathel
Kate Bathel
Brody Dai
Kaycie Dai
Alize Herrera
Isaac Jonaitis
Hope Klein
Noah Klein
Benjamin Krajicek
Elizabeth Krajicek
Trent Kramer
Sabrina LaMotte

#### Skutt Catholic

Audrey Liebentritt Haley McCall Austin McCarthy Alaina Meyer Jacob Mickels Izabella Pfeifer Ava Rowe Addison Schwartz Meghan Starling Dominic Streff Jack Swanson Connor Trapp Leah Wheatley

Justin Witcofski Cade Ziola Jace Ziola **Distinguished Honor Roll:** Sophia Bathel Riley Farnsworth-Livingston Nathan Krajicek Joshua Roza

Congratulations to these students of Mary Our Queen and St. John Vianney Parishes!

We are so very proud of our high school students who have been recognized on their Catholic High School's honor roll and share those successes in the bulletin as we are notified by their schools. We are also proud of those students earning honors at other high schools in the area. Please send us the names of your student, the high school attended. We will recognize your student in our parish weekly bulletin so all of us may acknowledge the achievement.



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# **DEACON'S CORNER**

#### Today's Host: Deacon Steve Floersch

This column features a weekly article from the Deacons of both parishes.

#### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – IT'S NOT TOO LATE

Here I am in the fourth week of lent. I find myself falling into a familiar trap of looking back and judging how "successful" my lent has been, even though there are a couple weeks yet to go. My inclination is to measure my success in terms of how closely I followed my Lenten resolutions. I suppose that can be one measure, but I do not think it is the best standard to use in looking at my Lenten journey.

Lent is about <u>conversion</u> and conversion cannot be effectively measured in a 7week period of time. Conversion is a lifetime process. The word "conversion" comes from the French word convertěre, which means to "turn around". During lent we are challenged to turn around or to change our focus, so we see things differently. The traditional biblical definition of conversion is to turn away from a life of sin and toward a life of faith in Jesus Christ. While that is true, that is too abstract to be of much practical help for me. I need something concrete that has everyday application to my life.

So regardless of where I am in terms of the resolutions that I made at the beginning of lent, I find it helpful to look at 3 areas of my daily life:

1. Prayer: Am I setting aside a regular time to relate to God every day. Relationships do not grow without spending time together.

2. Becoming less selfish: Do I continue to discern the difference between by "wants" and my "needs" with the goal of disciplining myself away from unnecessary attachments that have no real value for me but may be feeding my selfishness.

3. Becoming more "others centered": There are a lot of terms for this, but Jesus tells us that loving our neighbor is of utmost importance. Our "neighbor" is really everyone God puts into our path, and it starts at home with our family members.

If I continue to strive to incorporate 1. and 2. above into my daily life, I will inevitably get better at 3. And Jesus tells us that, we will be judged on love alone.

So, Lenten resolutions are good if they help me in one of these 3 areas. But the better question for me is: am I willing to continue focusing on incorporating 1, 2 and 3 into my daily life as I go forward past lent? Conversion is a lifetime journey, so it is never too late.

Next Week: Deacon Tom Frankenfield



**BLOOD DRIVE** Give blood. Help save lives.



A Red Cross Blood Drive will be THIS **Saturday, March 16, 7:00 am to 12:30pm at St. John Vianney**. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit red-crossblood.org and enter: StJohnVianneyOMA to schedule an appointment or contact John at jaculotta@yahoo.com or (402) 321-5966.

Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime. WE NEED YOU!



#### GOSPEL REFLECTION FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if they are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it without an act of condemnation. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

- Father John Muir, ©LPi

#### Stewardship Reflection March 10th, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent

#### "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. He asks that we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

#### YOUR LEGACY: Your Estate Plan

Have you remembered the Church in your will? A bequest from your will of a portion of your estate can help ensure that the good works of our parish can continue. Prepare or amend a will today by contacting an attorney. You may also direct questions to Tony LaMar, *Legacy Planning Officer*, Archdiocese of Omaha at 402-557-5650 or <u>ajlamar@archomaha.org</u>.



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#### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 10TH

Sunday:	4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight
	Saving Time begins
Sunday:	5th Sunday of Lent

All you holy men and women, pray for us!

# IN THE COMMUNITY

**VESPERS AT ST. CECELIA CATHEDRAL** During Lent, we will pray Vespers at 5:00pm each Sunday at St. Cecilia's Cathedral. You are invited to come; pray together as we progress through this holy season.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS** Holy Cross Church will be holding its annual St Patrick's Day Mass on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 10:30 am. A sing-a-long of Irish tunes with the choir begins at 10:00am. Members of the Altar Society will be selling Irish themed goodies (including soda bread) in the vestibule before and after Mass. The Hibernian honor guard will present the flags before Mass. Wearin' of the green is highly encouraged!

**RESTORING CATHOLIC CULTURE: LEADING OUR FAMILIES, HOMES, COMMUNITIES, AND CHURCHES BACK TO THEIR CATHOLIC ROOTS.** Join us for our next speaker! Jessette Berggren will speak on *Explorations of Literature*. Saturday, March 16, Chesterton Academy of Omaha, 36th and Q Streets. Evening begins with a Social Hour at 6:00pm followed by the talk at 7:00pm. Event is free and open to the public; sponsored by Chesterton Academy of Omaha.

**CATHOLIC BUSINESS GROUP OMAHA SOCIAL/NETWORKING EVENT** You are invited to our March 2024 SOCIAL/NETWORKING event. - THURSDAY, MARCH 21st, 4:30 pm - 6:00pm, OCI Building - 4221 No. 203rd St. There is always quality Networking, Conversation and Growing in our Catholic Faith. Attend & share conversation, create business connections, learn from others about Catholic resources here in Omaha. Learn about a local Catholic Business. Reservations NOT required for this free event. <u>http://www.CBGOmaha.org</u>

45TH ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY WALK FOR JUSTICE Friday, March 29, 2024. 1:00pm- 2:30pm. STA-TIONS OF THE CROSS. St Mary Magdalene



Church, 109 S. 19th Street. Download this QR code to print or to view the participant packet on your phone.

**KNOW YOUR FAITH: PRAYER AND THE SPIRITUAL LIFE** Thursdays in April, 7-8:30pm, St. Leo the Great Catholic Church. Join the Evangelium Institute for a weekly course on prayer and the spiritual life! Those that register will also have the opportunity to meet with a trained and credentialed spiritual director. Classes will be held on Thursdays in April, from 7-8:30pm, at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church. Please register by March 31 at <u>www.eicatholic.org/upcoming-events</u>.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FUNDRAIS-ER** The "live" Strawberry Brunch is back! Join us on June 1, 2024 at St. Wenceslaus Church's Cain Hall. Food insecurity is a terrible problem for many people and their families in our commu-

nity. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will again be holding The Strawberry Brunch fund raiser for our downtown Omaha food pantry which serves the metro area and beyond. Registration now open!

**CAMP MOUNT MICHAEL** Registration for Camp Mount Michael is now open! Located northwest of Elkhorn, NE., Camp Mount Michael makes full use of the athletic and recreational facilities of Mount Michael Benedictine School as well as the surrounding 400 acres overlooking the Elkhorn River Valley. Boys, ages 7-14, from the Omaha area and beyond have enjoyed camp Mount Michael since 1967. You can sign up for one or all of the camp dates, June 23-28, July 7-12, July 14-19 or July 21-26 at this link: <u>mountmichael.com/camp-mount-michael</u>





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