

FEBRUARY 28, 2021



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. - Mk 9:7-8

FROM THE PASTOR...

February 28, 2021

On page six of this bulletin we have included brief biographies of our new Finance Council members: John Fiore, Tim Jacobs, Bill O'Hara and Donna Quirk. You may know some of them, but now you can learn a little more about their background and families. We are so blessed to have such faith filled and professionally qualified volunteers who are also very dedicated to Catholic education and the Lord's mission here at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. We already had our first meeting and will be gathering about every four weeks. There is plenty to do, as you may know.

I recently found out the exact amount of the partial sale of St. Thecla property. After the closing costs, \$3,296,246.00 was deposited in a reserve bank account for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish. The gross sale price of the property was \$3,450,000.00. In the interest of transparency, you should know this, but also be aware that even though this money is reserved for the parish it won't be touched until the appeal to the unification is resolved. We can use the interest/dividends though to fund some capital and ministry needs. The next the task of the Finance Council is to help come up with a solid investment plan that keeps most, if not all of the principal intact. The parish still obviously needs your involvement and financial support.

Now to our Readings this week which begin with the dramatic account of the sacrifice of Isaac by Abraham his father. What we find most difficult in this story is that God asked Abraham to kill someone who was innocent, which is murder. How can God give this command and it not show His other commands to be arbitrary, or even worse, show that God is horrible? When we consider what makes murder evil, we can understand God's command to Abraham better. Murder is wrong because it permanently takes the life of an innocent human being.

But if God gave evidence to someone that death would not be the end, then that would take away the gravity of people dying. In part of the text that wasn't read today, we hear Abraham tell his servants that he and Isaac would go up the mountain alone. He then says: "We will worship, and we will come back to you." In an even more moving moment when they are alone, we hear Isaac ask: "Father, here is the fire and wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham replies: "God Himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering my son."

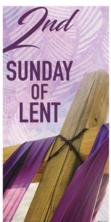
These passages show that Abraham knew that God's command would not end in his son's death, even if it meant God would raise him from the dead. Because God commanded it, Abraham knew it could not be wrong and furthermore wouldn't end in his son's death. We are told in the Letter to the Hebrews: "By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac...He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back" (Heb. 11:17, 19).

A New Testament example of this special type of Divine command can be found in Jesus calling Peter to walk on the water. Normally someone on their own trying to walk on water in the middle of a big lake during a storm is going to drown. But if Jesus, who is the Son of God, tells you to walk on water in the middle of a storm, then you can morally do in faith what ordinarily would be sinfully negligent. The point of both accounts is that God has given us enough evidence to trust Him and act with faith. The Lord didn't allow Peter to perish just as He didn't allow Isaac to die...in both cases the Divine command did not end in death. Rather the command was used to reveal the faith of both men to themselves. Abraham acted with great faith...St. Peter with less faith.

We cannot fully appreciate the account of Abraham and Isaac without looking at the foreshadowing involved. Abraham's only begotten son Isaac is like our Heavenly Father's only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. In the part of this story we didn't hear today it says that Isaac carried the wood upon which he would be sacrificed up the hill of Moriah. Christ carried the wood of His cross up the hill of Calvary for our redemption.

Even when He tests our faith for our sake, the Lord is revealing His great love and is proving that He is a Father who keeps His promises.

Your brother in Christ,



Fr. Mike



Lent is a call not just to give up something, but more importantly, to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

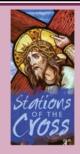
Your almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday of Lent - 6:30 p.m. (English) and 7:30 p.m. (Spanish) You will need to sign in at the door and to sit in a designated section of the church.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

In addition to Saturday afternoon between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available each Monday of Lent between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.





BETTER MEALS IN MADAGASCAR

In Madagascar, half of all children are undernourished. That means 50% of kids won't grow to reach their full potential. But communities are changing this by focusing on improving health and nutrition. What role has food played in your life? How can you help those who

lack access to enough nutritious food. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

If you did not get a Rice Bowl box (and included envelope) you may find more on the table in the vestibule.





LENTEN EMAILS

We have been sending out emails to everyone on our email list from "Word on Fire—ENGAGE."

Much of the content is written by Bishop Robert Barron.

If you're not getting these, please contact the parish office and give us your name and email address.



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS July 1, 2020 - January 31, 2021

Year-to-date budget Year-to-date-actual YTD difference

Year-to-date prior year actual Increase from prior year



\$245,487 \$2,472







Emmett Logan child of Daniel & Kellie (Kaczmarski) Switalla



NOTICE



Due to a scheduled funeral Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at noon on Tuesday, March 2, rather than the normal 11:00 a.m. It will conclude as usual with Benediction at 1:50 p.m.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

AN APOLOGY FROM FAITH DIRECT

Recently, Faith Direct, our electronic giving partner, sent out a letter to all parishioners in Fr. Mike's name, asking you to consider enrolling in electronic giving. This annual mailing is a service they offer us at no cost.

Unfortunately, they used a mailing envelope that showed St. Tarcissus on the return address, rather than St. Elizabeth of the Trinity.

While they had changed the letterhead and the application, no one thought to change the mailing envelope. They assure us that this will not happen again. And they apologize to anyone that may have been upset by this oversight.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2020 contribution statements are now available by request. These statements cover contributions to St. Cornelius, St. Tarcissus, St. Thecla and St. Elizabeth of the Trinity.

We would prefer to email them to you or have you pick them up at the parish office, but they can also be mailed. You may call or email the parish if you would like to request a copy. Call 773 763-8228 or email: jmadura@archchicago.org.

If you are a Faith Direct user, you are able to print out your own report through their website. If you have made contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal or To Teach Who Christ Is campaign, you will receive an acknowledgement directly from the Archdiocese.

Keep Your Options Open



Last week we covered the Entrance Antiphon and how it serves as a profound introductory statement at the Mass. As we continue through Lent, I encourage you to be mindful of our Entrance Antiphon - as you listen to it, try to reflect on what is being said and how it relates to the rest of the Mass. This week the Church gives us two options for the

Entrance Antiphon. Why would she do that you ask? Have you ever tried to come up with a title for a book or paper, or perhaps a name for a pet, and had a couple good options from which to choose? You agonize over which to pick, which is most appropriate. Well, your final choice may be dependent upon circumstances. If you wrote a short piece about your parent or grandparent and the life lessons they taught you, a title such as "Wisdom of the Ages" or "Standing on the Shoulders of Those That Came Before" would be a much better choice than "Geriatric Musings." If you were a stand up comedian though, the opposite may be true. The content/message is the same, but the manner in which that content is presented is different.

Today, our two Entrance Antiphon options highlight different aspects of the same Mass. It is up to the Priest to determine which angle (or focus) to take (See General Instruction of the Roman Missal 356-367). <u>Option 1</u>: "Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me." <u>Option 2</u>: "Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress."

I encourage you to take a few minutes (probably about five total) to review the readings and prayers of today's Mass - do a Google search for USCCB daily readings - and explore how both of those options highlight different aspects of the Mass texts. Perhaps you will find that the Lord is speaking to you more directly when you focus on one over the other.

Next week we will move on to the Introductory and Penitential Rites.

St. Cecilia, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity...Pray for us!

--Mark Wozniczka, Music Director (mwozniczka@archchicago.org)





Michele Schmidt — Maria Szumski — Carol Williams — Gary Sowell — Virginia Barski — Jeffrey Lalowski — Judie Nitka — Jadwija Chudzynski —Angie Cantillon — Elis Kirck — Amy Grudzinski — Bernadette Bannach — Jackie Fortier— Patricia Newell — Guzman family — Angela Ross— Kasia Worth (Call the rectory office to have your name added to the list)



Meet the New St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Finance Council...

<u>John Fiore</u> – Active member of the school and parish community. Current Chairman of the St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School Board with previous roles including Finance Chairman for Pope Francis Global Academy and a member of the PFGA Consolidation Executive Committee.

Professionally, I am a senior manager at KPMG with 25+ years of tax and accounting experience, a successful track record of building consensus and managing change during the implementation of innovative tax technology and compliance solutions.

Before moving to the parish in 1998, my wife Alicia (Our Lady of Victory) and I (St. Robert Bellarmine) grew up in the neighborhood. I graduated from St. Robert's (1980) and Gordon Tech H.S. (1984) and we strongly believe in the values of Catholic education.

For college I attended the University of Illinois (BS in Accounting and Finance) and DePaul University (MS in Taxation). I am licensed Illinois Certified Public Account in good standing.

Alicia and I have two children: Justin who is attending the University of Illinois Champaign – Grainger College of Engineering (St. Tars – Class of 2016) and Allison who is attending Loyola Academy (PFGA – class of 2019).

I am looking forward to supporting the parish mission for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity.

<u>**Tim Jacobs**</u> – I am a proud parishioner of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity and humbled to have been selected to serve on its Finance Committee. I currently serve as Co-President of the St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Holy Name Society and have three (soon to be four) children attending its school.

My wife Meg and I hail from the southside of the parish and were active parishioners at St. Cornelius over the prior decade. We were both very fortunate to have attended Catholic Grade and High Schools. I attended Queen of Angels in the Lincoln Square area and St. Ignatius for high school. Meg went to Sacred Heart in west suburban Lombard and Montini Catholic for high school. Given our backgrounds, we are strong believers in Catholic Schools and the faith enhancement a strong parish can provide.

I am real estate attorney by trade with a focus on property tax assessment appeals. I am often called upon to analyze a client's financial statements and tax returns as it relates to their properties. I believe this experience along with my devotion to our fledgling parish will serve this committee well.

<u>Bill O'Hara</u> – I recently joined the St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish from St. Thecla, as part of the Renew My Church merger. My wife, Emily, and I have two children, Evelyn and Liam. Evelyn attends Prekindergarten here at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School.

I currently work at a local accounting firm, with a focus on audit, accounting and financial reporting. I hold a CPA license as well as a degree in accounting. Previously, I served on St. Thecla's Finance Council for several years, most recently, as Chair. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish, and am committed to being a good steward of our Parish finances.

Donna Quirk - I am proud to be a member of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity parish, having been a St. Tarcissus parishioner since 1983. Over the years, I have served on the Finance Council, the Parish Reopening Leadership Team, the Parish Pastoral Council, and the School Board. I attended St. Angela elementary school, Mother Guerin High School and DePaul University, receiving both a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and an MBA. My husband, John, attended St. Eugene, Notre Dame for Boys and St. Norbert College. Our three children are all graduates of St. Tarcissus School, as well as Catholic high schools and universities. We are very committed to Catholic education and the strong foundation it provides. My husband and two of our adult children currently work in Catholic schools.

I enjoyed a 42-year professional accounting career, spending 27 years in corporate finance and the last 15 years in the non-profit sector, retiring in 2019 from Loyola University Chicago as Associate Vice President for Financial Administration and Compliance. I am also currently on the Board of Directors and Finance Committee at the Irish American Heritage Center.

I am excited to be a part of our new parish mission and look forward to serving on the Finance Council.





RE CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH IN-PERSON CLASSES

LIFE WITH CHRIST IS A WONDERFUL ADVENTURE!-POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST VIRTUAL CLASSES

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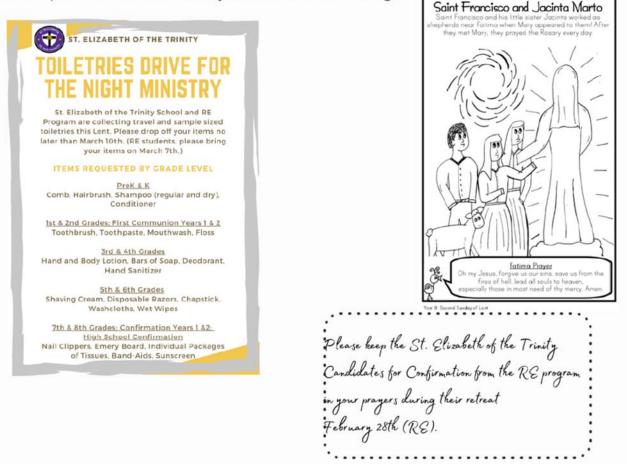
us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.



Fast

Typically, we think of fasting as not eating or drink a particular item or items. Fasting, however, can be applied to other areas of lives, such as the internet, social media, TV or video games. Fasting helps us to become spiritually strong because when we purposefully say "No" to something we like, we build our spiritual muscle and strengthen our self-control. A person who is spiritually strong can more easily ward off temptation from the devil.

Fasting also helps us keep in mind that God is the only one who can truly fill our souls and make us happy. Food, the latest gadgets, a new outfit or some other item can make us happy for a period of time, but that joy, while good, is fleeting. The happiness that comes from being in relationship with the Blessed Trinity, however, is everlasting.





A Papal Encyclical - On Fraternity and Social Friendship (Fratelli Tutti) Part III

This is the continuation of excerpts from Pope Francis' recent Encyclical Fratelli Tutti. I think that there are many worthy ideas for us to reflect on and to act upon. Spiritual reading is certainly one of the prominent aspects of Lent. I'd like to sug-

gest that you use these excerpts as a starting point. The entire Encyclical can be found online.

Jim Madura

55. I invite everyone to renewed hope, for hope "speaks to us of something deeply rooted in every human heart, independently of our circumstances and historical conditioning. Hope speaks to us of a thirst, an aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfillment, a desire to achieve great things, things that fill our heart and lift our spirit to lofty realities like truth, goodness and beauty, justice and love... Hope is bold; it can look beyond personal convenience, the petty securities and compensations which limit our horizon, and it can open us up to grand ideals that make life more beautiful and worthwhile". Let us continue, then, to advance along the paths of hope.

60. ... "In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets". This command is universal in scope, embracing everyone on the basis of our shared humanity, since the heavenly Father "makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good". Hence the summons to "be merciful, just as your Father is merciful"

65. What is more, caught up as we are with our own needs, the sight of a person who is suffering disturbs us. It makes us uneasy, since we have no time to waste on other people's problems. These are symptoms of an unhealthy society. A society that seeks prosperity but turns its back on suffering.

68. We cannot be indifferent to suffering; we cannot allow anyone to go through life as an outcast. Instead, we should feel indignant, challenged to emerge from our comfortable isolation and to be changed by our contact with human suffering. That is the meaning of dignity.

106. Social friendship and universal fraternity necessarily call for an acknowledgement of the worth of every human person, always and everywhere. If each individual is of such great worth, it must be stated clearly and firmly that "the mere fact that some people are born in places with fewer resources or less development does not justify the fact that they are living with less dignity". This is a basic principle of social life that tends to be ignored in a variety of ways by those who sense that it does not fit into their worldview or serve their purposes.

107. Every human being has the right to live with dignity and to develop integrally; this fundamental right cannot be denied by any country. People have this right even if they are unproductive, or were born with or developed limitations. This does not detract from their great dignity as human persons, a dignity based not on circumstances but on the intrinsic worth of their being. Unless this basic principle is upheld, there will be no future either for fraternity or for the survival of humanity.

110. ... A truly human and fraternal society will be capable of ensuring in an efficient and stable way that each of its members is accompanied at every stage of life. Not only by providing for their basic needs, but by enabling them to give the best of themselves, even though their performance may be less than optimum, their pace slow or their efficiency limited.

118. The world exists for everyone, because all of us were born with the same dignity. Differences of color, religion, talent, place of birth or residence, and so many others, cannot be used to justify the privileges of some over the rights of all. As a community, we have an obligation to ensure that every person lives with dignity and has sufficient opportunities for his or her integral development.



Watch St. Elizabeth of the Trinity 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass live on You Tube - search for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish channel

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021

5:00 PM— Gilski & Ryjewski families, Kathy Ryjewski Cashman, Lorraine Schmidt, Peggy Zahn-Powers, Gilda Rivero (thanksgiving), Daniel Burke, Joseph Turco, Don Love, Agnes Walaszek,

SUNDAY, FEBRUART 28, 2021

7:30 AM- Alice Kern, John C. Barrett, for those suffering with mental disabilities

9:00 AM-(livestreamed) - Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Marcia Ver-Carmona, Simeon Ver, Ernesto Vierrnes

11:00 AM- Martin & Monica Hawkins, John & Peter Quirk, William & Mary Frances O'Mara, Robert & Jeanne Luby, Carol Paterno, Mrs. Bybee, Louis J. Cicchetti

1:00 PM (Spanish)— Leodegario Tories

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021

8:30 AM- deceased members of the Gonsalves & D'Souza families, Leodegario Tories

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021

8:30 AM— Lydia Fernandez, Eleanor, Joseph, Samuel & Grace Holden, Leodagario Tories, John C Barrett

12:00 - 2:00 PM - Adoration with Benediction at 1:50

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

8:30 AM — Terrance, Edward & Mary Wilk, Stephanie Marder (1st anniversary), Leodegario Tories

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021

8:30 AM— (livestreamed) - for our school community

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021

8:30 AM- Carmen Rosario Castro

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021

8:30 AM- Pryst & Kepros families

3:30 - 4:30-CONFESSION

5:00 PM— Gilski & Ryjewski families, Kathy Ryjewski Cashman, Daniel Burke, Don Love, Jr.,

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

7:30 AM— Alice Kern

9:00 AM-(livestreamed) - Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Henry Mitchell, Lawrence, Kathleen & Patricia Martin, Gary Sowell, Mary Gillespie, Mary Marek 11:00 AM— Robert Coffman

1:00 PM (Spanish)-

Presider Schedule - March 6 & 7 5:00 pm — Fr. Grisolano 7:30 am — Fr. Grisolano 9:00 am — Fr. Ouda 11:00 am — Fr. Ouda (Spanish) 1:00 pm - Fr. Maina

DISPENSATION

Cardinal Cupich has continued the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday & Holy Day Mass until further notice.

REST IN PEACE

Phillip Larson Barbara Weingart **Eileen Croiwley** Leanne Sue Vondran



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin Thursday: St. Casimir Friday: Saturday: Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent ©LPi

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Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/ Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/ Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16- 17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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SERVICES

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday: 5:00 p.m. & Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (English) and 1:00 p.m. (Spanish) Daily Mass Schedule: Monday through Saturday : 8:30 a.m. Confession: Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesdays: 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Benediction at 1:50 p.m.) Rectory Hours - Monday through Friday: 9:00 - 5:00

Baptism:

Please contact Deacon Greg Bzdon to make arrangements: <u>gbzdon@archchicago.org</u>

Becoming a Catholic:

Would you like to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic? The Church calls this process *The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)*. It is a small group forum where interested people learn more about initiation and membership in the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office for more information.

Marriage:

Must be arranged six months prior to the ceremony. Please contact a priest to make arrangements.

Religious Education for Public Grade School Students: Contact Kathleen Driscoll for more information: kadriscoll@archchicago.org

Parish Registration: New parishioners are asked to register at the Rectory. Forms are also available on our website under the Our Parish tab.

Communion Visits: Ministers of Care bring communion to the homebound. Contact Deacon Steve Wagner through the rectory to make arrangements.

High School Youth Group: Mr. Mike Wuich <u>HEELSFINL4@AOL.COM</u>

Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Fridays (9 days prior to bulletin date)

"It seems to me that I have found my heaven on earth, because my heaven is You, my God, and You are in my soul. You in me, and I in You – may this be my motto." St. Elizabeth of the Trinity