

# SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## MARCH 29, 2020



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### **Mass Schedule:**

There will be no Masses offered at this time. Mass will be available on WMFD TV on Sunday at 10:00 A.M. and on the St. Peter's YouTube channel, website and Facebook page.

### **Spanish Mass:**

*Resurrection Parish, Lexington*

All Masses are cancelled until further notice.

### **Parish Office Hours:**

All offices are closed until at least April 6, 2020.

### **Pastoral Care Contacts:**

Ms. Kristi Reindl 419.524.2572  
*Hospital & Follow-up  
Nursing Homes/Assisted Living &  
Prayer Pipeline*  
Deacon John Reef 419.529.3694  
*Shut-ins/Homebound*

### **Sacrament of Baptism:**

Please contact the Parish Center to begin plans for the baptism of your baby or child.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:30 P.M.  
Other times by appointment.

### **Sacrament of Marriage:**

Arrangements should always be made at the **Parish Center office at least eight months** in advance of the ceremony. A wedding date is confirmed after the initial meeting with a priest.

### **Bulletin Deadline:**

Friday, 12:00 noon. All requests must be submitted in writing or email and must receive prior approval.

### **Parish Administrative Assistant:**

Ms. Kristi Reindl 419.524.2572 ext.2122

### **Pastoral Staff:**

Fr. Gregory R. Hite, *Pastor*  
Fr. Austin Ammannitti, *Parochial Vicar*  
Mr. Bill Johnson,  
*Director of Music & Liturgy*  
Ms. Lynne Lukach, *Pastoral Associate*  
Mrs. Elizabeth Wurm, *Director of  
Religious Ed. & Youth Minister*

### **Deacon:**

Mr. John Reef

### **St. Peter's School:**

Mr. Jonathan Cuttitta  
*High School, Jr. High School*  
Mrs. Ashley Rastorfer  
*Elementary School and Montessori*

### **Parish Business Manager:**

Mr. Evan Mumea

### **Director of Development:**

Mr. Jason Crundwell

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Dear Faithful in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent. It's the first time I have celebrated this Sunday without a congregation in my 39 years of priesthood. It feels very empty. Our church and pews are empty. Our families are not around.

As a nation, state, and local community we have all tried to come together to defeat that which seems to have overwhelmed us. In time, we pray, God will deliver us from this pandemic.

The gospel account this weekend of Lazarus and his two sisters, beginning with his illness, followed by his death, and culminating with his being brought back to life, is filled with intense human emotions. Those emotions seem to be similar to what we can relate to: fear, doubt, faith, hope, disappointment, grief, and most of all, in the end – gratitude. If we walk with Christ, he will be the light that will prevent us from stumbling. Martha articulates her belief in the resurrection on the last day. Mary, her sister, once again falls at the feet of Jesus, cut short by her tears. Jesus, too, weeps. Lazarus is restored to life – in its fullness, with Christ – and is restored to his family. One fifth century writer said that Lazarus has taken a sip of the resurrection, while we await drinking the whole draft of universal resurrection.

These days are, for our parish, a test of faith. They are a time, during this Lenten season, for self-reflection and an opportunity for reconciliation with the church. The Lord will always be with us. This time of pandemic virus will pass. Many sacrifices have been made, and more, perhaps, will be required of us in various ways. This is an appointed time for us to pray, fast, and be generous to each other. Each day, Father Austin and I pray for you, as we offer Holy Mass.

At his news conference on March 24, 2020, our Governor ended with these words. Many of our veterans will recall this “D-Day” prayer:

*O Lord, give us Faith.*

*Give us Faith in Thee;*

*Faith in each other;*

*Faith in our united crusade.*

*Let not the keenness of our spirit ever be dulled.*

*Let not the impacts of temporary events, of temporal matters,*

*of but fleeting moment - let not these deter us in our unconquerable purpose.*

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*We shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy.*

*Help us to conquer the apostles of greed and racial arrogances.*

*Lead us to the saving of our country and, with our sister Nations, into a world unity*

*that will spell a sure peace – a peace invulnerable to the schemings of unworthy men, and a peace that will let all men live in freedom,*

*reaping the just rewards of their honest toil.*

*Thy will be done, Almighty God. Amen.*

Blessings and continued prayers to you and your families. Take time to be with your family, pray each day, and ... keep washing those hands!

*Father Gregory Hite,*

*Pastor*

# CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO

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March 16, 2020

For Immediate Release

For Information: Carolyn Jurkowitz, Executive Director  
614-224-7147

**RE: Catholic Bishops of Ohio Suspend All Publicly Celebrated Masses/Liturgies**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After serious consideration of the grave health risk involved in public gatherings and in order to curb the spread of the Coronavirus, the bishops of Ohio have decided, **effective immediately**, to suspend temporarily all publicly celebrated Masses/liturgies, at least through the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. The bishops of Ohio dispense the Catholic faithful who reside in their respective dioceses and all other Catholics currently in Ohio from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass through Easter Sunday.

This decision is not taken lightly and, as your bishops, causes us great sadness. However, after consultation with the governor and health officials we are convinced that this is the most prudent and necessary action.

Science has proven that participation in public gatherings significantly increases the risk of contagion. This poses a serious danger to those especially most vulnerable.

As Catholics, in every Sunday Mass we celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord. The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. In this moment, we are experiencing in a unique way the passion of our Lord as this pandemic prevents us from gathering for the Sunday Eucharist. In this very difficult time, we encourage the faithful to turn to the Church's treasury of prayer. Sunday remains a holy day, and we encourage the faithful to pray using the rich resources of our faith, including praying as a family or individually the rosary, divine mercy chaplet, the Liturgy of the Hours, stations of the cross, etc. We also urge you to participate in prayer by way of radio broadcast or televised or live-streamed Mass and make a spiritual communion.

Please join us in praying for all who are suffering from illness or disease of any kind, for all health care workers, and for an easing of the anxiety and tension caused by this situation. Relying on the Motherly care of Our Lady, we unite our sufferings to those of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our healing and our hope.

Most Rev. Dennis M. Schnurr  
Chairman  
Catholic Conference of Ohio  
Archbishop of Cincinnati

Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan  
Bishop of Columbus

Most Rev. Jeffrey M. Monforton  
Bishop of Steubenville

Most Rev. Joseph R. Binzer  
Auxiliary Bishop  
Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Most Rev. George V. Murry, S.J.  
Bishop of Youngstown

Rev. Donald P. Oleksiak  
Diocesan Administrator of Cleveland

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas  
Bishop of Toledo





**ST. PETER'S PARISH**  
MANSFIELD, OHIO



**ST. PETER'S SCHOOL**  
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March 17, 2020

Following the directives of the Governor of Ohio and the Catholic Diocese of Toledo in recent days, Very Rev. Gregory R. Hite, Pastor & Local Superintendent of St. Peter's, has directed the following effective immediately out of an abundance of caution for the well-being of our parishioners, students, parents, and staff.

#### **Masses**

Sunday and weekday Masses are all canceled immediately and until at least April 12<sup>th</sup> to include no Masses for Holy Week or Easter Sunday. The Catholic faithful have been given dispensation from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass and their Easter Duty by the Bishop of Toledo.

One Mass at St. Peter's will be live-streamed on our website ([mansfieldstpeters.org](http://mansfieldstpeters.org)) and our Facebook pages starting this weekend. Mass (pre-recorded) at St. Peter's will also be broadcast at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning on WMFD-TV.

#### **Easter Bake Sale Activities**

We are canceling all other Easter Bake Sale prep events, and the sale scheduled for April 6 & 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **St. Peter's School**

- All school-related extracurricular activities are canceled starting Friday, March 13 until at least April 3, 2020.
- Students will participate in remote learning during the extended break. Parents will receive additional information through their *Alma* notifications and *Spartan Alerts*.

Our school facilities will be closed to non-essential personnel starting at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, March 16.

#### **St. Peter's Parish**

- All parish ministries and meetings are canceled as long as the school closures are in effect.
- The Parish School of Religion Classes has been canceled for the rest of the year.

Funeral Masses will be permitted. Following the recommendations of the Catholic Conference of Bishops of Ohio attendance at funerals should be limited to family as much as possible.

During the extended closure of the school, the Parish Center Office will be open only from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

If additional changes are mandated or needed, we will update our parishioners and parents through our website, social media channels and the local media.

## **St. Peter's Parish Pastoral Services**

**Anointing of the Sick** – For the duration of this crisis, the priests of St. Peter's will continue to provide sacramental anointing for those in imminent danger of death or for those who are experiencing a genuine emergency (e.g., a heart attack or stroke, emergency surgery, a serious accident, etc.) For calls on behalf of someone in imminent danger of death or one of the cited examples, please call the Parish Center at 419-524-2572 and push "4." One of the priests will respond as soon as they possibly can in accordance with hospital visitation restrictions.

**Confession/Sacrament of Reconciliation** – St. Peter's will continue to offer sacramental reconciliation in confession on Saturday afternoons from 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. As a precaution, penitents are encouraged to make their confessions through the screen rather than face-to-face.

**Mass** – For as long as there is a danger of spreading the virus, all Masses at St. Peter's and everywhere else in the Province of Ohio are canceled.

- Our priests have been instructed by Bishop Thomas that they are to offer one Mass daily for the intention of all the souls in their care.
- Until further notice Sunday Mass will be pre-recorded and uploaded to our webpage ([www.mansfieldstpeters.org](http://www.mansfieldstpeters.org)) and to our pages on YouTube and Facebook.
- The pre-recorded Sunday Mass will also be broadcast on WMFD-TV at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

**Mass intentions.** In the wake of all Masses being cancelled, all of our Mass intentions must be rescheduled. If you have a Mass intention scheduled through Easter, please call Kristi Reindl at 419.524.2572 ext. 2122 to reschedule your intention.

# Annunciation Radio

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Join Annunciation Radio on any of our FM stations, our website or our app to stay up to date on everything happening in the Diocese of Toledo during this difficult time. Listen to Morning Offering with Ron Finn and Dave Vacheresse weekday mornings beginning at 8am. Coming to you live from our studio in Toledo we will be sharing all of the latest news, announcements and updates pertaining to our diocesan faith community. We are also your source for Daily Mass. Join us Monday-Friday at 3:15pm as we broadcast the pre-recorded Mass from our own Holy Rosary Cathedral. If you would like to listen earlier simply go to the program section of our website or app and listen any time after 10AM. At 3pm each day we pray our Annunciation Radio Family Prayer. Join us as we recite the Live & Interactive Divine Mercy Chaplet right from our studio in Toledo. We include your personal intentions and pray specifically for all of us in the Diocese of Toledo. Now is the perfect time to turn to Annunciation Radio....your Partner in Prayer during these uncertain times.

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Dear Friends,

As I indicated in the previous letter I sent out, the situation in Central Ohio and thus, in OhioHealth care sites continues to evolve. I wanted to let you know that effective **Friday, March 20**, OhioHealth will move to a no visitor policy. We will make limited exceptions for:

- End-of-life patients
- Patients with disabilities who need assistance
- Patients under 18
- Maternity patients can have one support person for the duration of their stay

We know that when your congregants are in the hospital, spiritual support is essential for their healing. Even if you cannot visit your congregants in person, we encourage you (and patient families and friends) to continue reaching out through phone calls and video chats. Also, know that our chaplain staff continues to work and support patients in ways that are safe for both our patients and our chaplains.

As always, if I can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Praying peace for you in the midst of the chaos,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristin S. Langford".

Kristin  
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<https://www.ohiohealth.com/about-us/health-ministry/>

# Communion in Quarantine: A Way to Pray

By Alexander Elfreich

The coronavirus pandemic has made a “Mass impact,” so to speak, on our life of faith. The bishops of Ohio have announced the suspension of all public Masses and public liturgies through Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Even though the measures taken for our health and safety have altered our normal spiritual pattern of life, we are not left without spiritual resources to nourish us in the days ahead. I want to especially highlight the practice of making a “*spiritual communion*.”

## A Prayer for Our Times

The exercise of making a “spiritual communion” is not only relevant to our situation but helps us live like the saints! This is not the first time in history when people were unable to go to Mass because of circumstances beyond their control. In the early days of Christianity, Saint Paul was imprisoned multiple times. We can bet that he wasn’t let out for Mass or allowed to receive Communion. And all the way up through the 20th century, war or disease or other factors prevented people from attending Mass. But they still wanted to do something to acknowledge the Lord’s Day. And thus developed the tradition of making a “spiritual communion.” When someone was unable to go to Mass and receive Communion sacramentally (in the consecrated host), they would offer up a special prayer to acknowledge their belief in the importance of Mass and Communion, and ask for the graces that come from being united to Jesus in the Eucharist.

In other words, making a spiritual communion is a way to be united to Jesus like we would if we were at Mass and received Communion in a state of grace.

## What the Saints Say

How is this possible? Saint Thomas Aquinas gave some thought to this. Here’s the way he explains it. When it comes to receiving Communion, there’s a distinction between “sacramental eating” and “spiritual eating.” *Sacramental eating* refers to the physical act of eating the consecrated host. *Spiritual eating* means receiving all the graces from the act of receiving Communion. Normally you have both together. But can you have spiritual eating without the sacramental eating? Aquinas says yes, it can happen! He says if you’re unable to receive Communion because of circumstances beyond your control, *the sincere desire to receive it like you normally would can bring graces to you.*

God is very good to us and understands our circumstances. He also knows the desires of your heart. If you sincerely express to Him your desire to be united with Him in Communion, He will not ignore that. The saints understood this. Saint John Paul II said that spiritual communion “has been a wonderful part of Catholic life for centuries and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life.”

One of those saints was Teresa of Avila. There was no television back in her day, but her advice to her religious sisters applies perfectly to watching a televised Sunday Mass!

She says: “When you do not receive Communion, daughters, but hear Mass, you can make a spiritual communion.... If we prepare ourselves [as if we were] to receive Him, He never fails to give in many ways which we do not understand. It is like approaching a fire... If the soul is disposed (I



mean, if it wants to get warm), and if it remains there for a while, it will stay warm for many hours.”

### **A Practical Guide**

At the bottom of this page, you will find a step-by-step process you can use for making a spiritual communion. Just remember to be attentive and focused when you pray it, like you would at Mass. If you are watching a taped Mass, you can say the Prayer for Spiritual Communion during Communion time.

You might also begin your spiritual communion by looking at the daily Mass readings. One way to find them is to Google “Daily Mass readings” and click on the link to

the USCCB website (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops). I sometimes use an app on my phone called “Laudate” to look up the Daily Readings for Mass. You can read through the readings, take a few moments to reflect on anything that stuck out to you from them, and then continue with an Act of Faith.

Even though we’re unable to gather together physically as a community of faith, we remain united in our prayers for each other and for the world. God will continue to give us what we need. We need only ask! And as Saint Teresa of Avila encouraged her sisters, may you find warmth and peace in drawing near to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus in prayer.

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### **Making a Spiritual Communion**

1. Make an Act of Faith (like the Apostle’s Creed) and express your belief in the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.
2. Tell Jesus your desire to receive Him in Communion, and to be united with Him in your heart.
3. Ask Jesus for the graces that come from receiving the Eucharist.
4. Pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. 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.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**



Bill Ruhl, Jeannie Burkhalter, Aaron Blank, Cindy Lassen, Dina Riley, Eliana Nelson, MaKaya Butler, Sharon Valdry, Maria Loschinkohl, Sherry Studer, John Ziegler, Marlene Ziegler, Kim Rucker, Dorothy Trinter, Marti Selby, JoAnn Marbaugh, Baby Greyden Jack, Gwen Yockey, Mary Ann and Mel Switzer, Louise Steggall, Tammy Dudley, Keith Combs, Mady Ziegler, Elaine Johnson, Cindy Jasnek Cartier, Jeannine Klotz, Marilyn B. Williamson, Tom Powell, Chief Master Sergeant Joseph Basting, Peggy Basting Taylor, Kathy Carcione, Carol Pittenger, Charlie Henrich, Jill McMillen, Gary Caldwell, Jeffrey Davis, Willie "Frank" Williams, Catherine R. Liston, Pius Schell, Krista Marshall, Maggie Caldwell, Michael Davis, Michael Krempel, Marilyn Miller, Annette Togliatti, Rose Saul, Charlene Arthur, Alan Gallaway, Cari Pennington, Dwayne Davis.  
 Names will only be listed for 4 weeks. If you wish to have additional time, contact the Parish Center at 419.524.2572.

**PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
 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.

**LENT & EASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

- ◆ St. Peter's—Confession times are on Saturdays from 3:00—4:30 P.M. We will offer extended confession times on Saturday March 28 and April 4, from 2:30 P.M.—4:30 P.M.
- ◆ Per the Catholic Diocese of Toledo, the Leave the Light time on April 1 has been cancelled.

**IN GOD'S ARMS...**

Anne Seiss



*ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.*

**FOR ALL OF THE CURRENT IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ST. PETERS PARISH OPERATIONS DURING THESE TROUBLED TIMES, PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT:**

[WWW.MANSFIELDSTPETERS.ORG](http://WWW.MANSFIELDSTPETERS.ORG)

**THERE YOU WILL ALSO FIND DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS FOR USE AT HOME FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.**

**ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT**

ALL ADULT FAITH CLASSES ARE ON HOLD UNTIL "NORMAL" PARISH CENTER HOURS AND OPERATIONS RESUME.

**PLEASE CHECK BACK FOR INFORMATION ON DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS AND "THE WORD AMONG US" ON THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 4TH AND 5TH.**

**RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: APRIL 10, 2020**

**FOOD COLLECTION: April 11 & 12**

**PRISON MINISTRY CORNER**



In accord with the directive from the Bishop, all Catholic services and programming at ManCI and RiCI are suspended for now. Please keep our brothers in prayer. Fortunately, many of them are able to watch Mass on WMFD, just as we are. They expressed their gratitude and greatly enjoyed being able to see the interior of our beautiful church.

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

Year to Date  
 February 29, 2020



**Sunday and Holy Day Collections**

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$568,042
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$569,034
<b>Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$992)</b>

**School Collection**

Total School Collection To Date:	\$94,380
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$96,000
<b>School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$1620)</b>



## SAVE THE DATE! VBS 2020!

We hope that you can join us for VBS this year with "God's Wild Adventure!" VBS will be taking place July 6- 9 at St. Peter's and 3-10 year olds are welcome to join us! It will be taking place from 9:00-11: 30 A.M. daily! We are also looking for adult volunteers to help with this week!

We do have a wish list again this year and appreciate any donations that are given. Our wish list helps us keep the cost down for all of our participants! Although we ask for a \$5 donation from those participating, it is our hope that all can participate regardless of their ability to pay.

If you could prayerfully consider donating one of the items below it would be much appreciated!

- 320 Juice boxes (any flavor)
- Three large boxes of goldfish crackers
- Four large bags of animal crackers
- 5 bags of apples
- Tubes from packages of aluminum foil (or any cardboard tube that is thicker)
- 2 large packages of pipe cleaners
- Four large boxes of minute rice
- Two large packages of clothes pins (with the springs)
- Black and Blue permanent markers (we would need ten of each)
- One package of coffee filters
- One package of brown lunch bags (50 count)
- One large bag of rubber bands
- 12 pool noodles (can be purchased at the dollar store)
- 1 package of Popsicle sticks (the thinner variety not the jumbo)

If you are able to provide any of these items, it would be appreciated if they could be dropped off to the parish office by April 1. Monetary donations are always accepted and welcome to sponsor children who are unable to pay to attend. We thank you for your help as we prepare to go on "God's Wild Adventures!" If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Wurm at the parish office or at [wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org). Thank you in advance for your kindness!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2020**

## ST. PETER'S POURFEST



An exciting new fundraising event (for 21 and older) at St. Peter's Franciscan Activity Center. St. Peter's PourFest will be a memorable evening of entertainment, food and tastings of some of the best beer, wine and seltzers.

Mar your calendar and stay tuned for more information!

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

The 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is underway with a campaign goal is \$3 million. We can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our Diocese each year; education of our seminary students, care of the sick and needy are among them. We ask you once again for your help; we have to work together. Please respond generously when you are asked to make your pledge. Thank you for your attention and thank you for being my parish family. For more information, visit the Diocesan website at [Toledodiocese.org/ACA](http://Toledodiocese.org/ACA).

Our parish goal is \$55,00, so far we are at \$27,470.60 with pledges from 174 households or 49.95%. Thank you for your support of our diocesan ministries and the help you provide to our seminarians and deacons who are in formation to serve our parish's future.

## A NOTE FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

I would like to thank all the students, staff, and families as we navigate through unprecedented times. It is heartwarming to see everyone coming together to keep learning moving forward for our students. We will continue with our remote learning plan through April 3, per government orders. Students are expected to follow instructions given by their teachers for remote learning assignments (both on paper and online). Families, please encourage your children to stay on top of weekly assignments. Assignments will count toward fourth quarter grades. Please reach out to your child's teacher and/or myself if you have any questions and/or concerns. We will continue to communicate through email, Spartan Alerts, and the school website. Thank you for your patience. We will get through this together!

The third quarter has come to a close. Report cards were sent to the parent's email address that we have on file. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions and/or concerns regarding your child's report card.

If you know of a new family that would be interested in enrolling their child(ren) for next school year in Preschool through Grade 6, please feel free to share my email address ([rastorfer.ashley@myspartans.org](mailto:rastorfer.ashley@myspartans.org)) with them and I would be happy to contact them to start the enrollment process! Don't forget about the "all day Preschool" option that will be available for the 2020-2021 school year!

You are all in my prayers for continued health and wellness.

Blessings,

*Mrs. Ashley Rastorfer*

*Elementary Principal/Montessori Director*



## GIVE GLORY TO GOD

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God's glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John's Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus' works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have "put on Christ" in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

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## D-DAY PRAYER

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Thy will be done, Almighty God. Amen.

-Excerpt from President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's D-Day prayer, as read by Governor Mike Dewine on March 24, 2020



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Thus says the Lord GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall know I am the LORD, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

**Psalm** — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

**Second Reading** — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

**Gospel** — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6;  
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession);

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;

Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]