



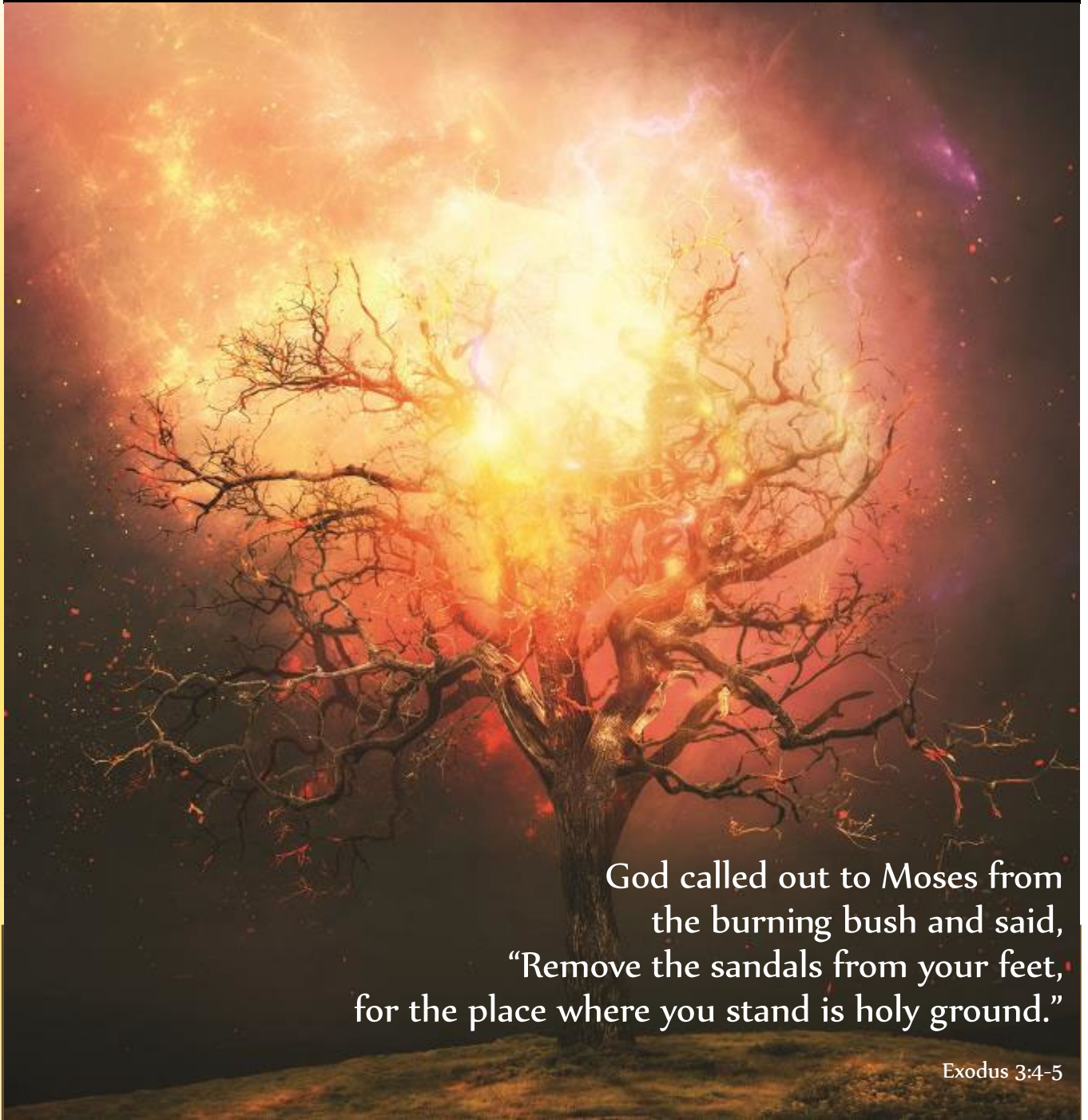
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MARCH 20, 2022 • Third Sunday of Lent

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God called out to Moses from the burning bush and said, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

Exodus 3:4-5

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 a.m.;
Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m.; Saturday at 8:00 a.m.
WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Fr. Carl's Corner



Renew My Church—Update *Working Today for a more Vibrant Church Tomorrow*

Dear Members of our Four Worshipping Communities,

On January 28, 2022, we learned the decisions regarding the future our parishes. As of July 1, 2022, St. Catherine/St. Lucy and St. Giles Parishes will unite. Ascension Parish and St. Edmund Parish will also unite.

Perhaps some of you attended the meeting held on March 8 at St. Giles Parish. It was an informative meeting insofar as it laid out, in general terms, some of the spiritual and practical dimensions to what lies ahead for us.

Now what?

In this brief update, we'd like to share with you some concrete plans that are already underway, and what some of the very next steps will be.

First, you may like to know that throughout this process, we, your priests, (Fr. Carl Morello, Fr. Rex Pillai and Fr. John McGivern) have been meeting regularly to discuss the ways that we can build the vibrant future we desire while honoring the legacies that our four parishes have afforded us.

One of the most recent topics being discussed is the future of Religious Education for our parish children. You may not be aware of the fact that over the past two years, the RE programs of all the parishes have been open to all our children regardless of parish affiliation. Sometimes, a certain day of the week is more convenient. Other times, a different style of education may be preferred. There are already many options. As July 1 now fast approaches, we want to be prepared for the coming year. Next week, we will be meeting with all the local RE leadership to determine ways to unify our programs further. Wherever a family chooses to worship locally, their children will have the same opportunities and benefits of a well-planned, comprehensive, multi-faceted RE program. Stay tuned for more details.

In the not-too-distant future, we will likely be discussing our Sunday and weekday Mass schedules. We have the time and the opportunity right now to consider what the actual needs are, given current Mass attendance trends. It is possible, if not likely, that some locations may need fewer Masses. Given the fact that we will have fewer priests beginning in July, this will be an important discussion.

Very soon, we will be establishing *Unification Teams*. These individuals from all four of the parishes will have the important task to support the priests and the pastoral staffs as we envision our new and more vibrant future, all the while ensuring that no one is ignored and no one is left behind.

The list of issues to address is very long and this has only begun to scratch the surface of all that needs to be considered. This is where we are today. We shall update you regularly as we move forward. You are always welcome to reach out to any of us to share your thoughts and ideas.

For all of this endeavor to come to fruition, we need your ongoing prayers. Let us always remember to pray for one another and together, let us pray for the Holy Spirit of God to guide us.

Sincerely,

Fr. Carl Morello

Fr. Rex Pillai

Fr. John McGivern

2021 Saint Giles Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

PPC HOME PAGE URL: <http://www.stgilesparish.org/pastoral-council/>

CHAIR: Maudette Carr • **VICE-CHAIR:** Ed Siderewicz

MEMBERS: Pat Carew, Marci Madary, Kathleen Mullaney,
Margaret Murphy, Alex Ryan, and Maria Samatas

Spiritual Life & Worship

We Pray For . . .

Those who are hospitalized or homebound, including: Patrick Ahearn, Patricia Austermuele, Phil Calabrese, Marlene Carey, Ray Cimms, Joseph Cirillo, Carole Conatser, Lucille Dalbis, Andrea Dickson, Mike Fenske, Jim Gallagher, Earl Gallermo, Grace Gryzlo Goodmanson, Alice Gruszka, Steve Hazard, Deacon John Henricks, Karl Humowiecki, Diana Baldwin Klima, Gabriela Machado, Jim Madden, Virginia Madden, Carlotta Madonia, Mary Mamolella, Patricia McDonald, Sr. Louise Noesen, Matt O'Connell, Phyllis Pappas; Amelia Patterson, Ron Posey, Bob Quane, Hannah Rice, Kelly Richard, Maureen Sansone, Mary and Paul Schleitwiler, Joe Sjostrom, Nina Stanley, Sarah Such, Sean Varner, Shirley Venerable, Terry Walters, Nancy Wesclitz.

(Some names have been removed from our listing in the *Arrow* but are continuing to be prayed for through the Prayer Circle. Others have received a Prayer Shawl representing the prayers for healing by the Parish community.)

And for those of our family members and parishioners who have died, especially Nella Thalji, mother of Suzanne Thalji, Fernando Hermoso, spouse of Celsa Hermoso, and Nancy Mcroy Buckingham, spouse of David Buckingham.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- Monday, March 21**
6:30 — The Deceased of the Parish
- Tuesday, March 22**
8:30 — Albert Joseph
The Lee and Virginia Stansbury Family
- Wednesday, March 23**
6:30 — Ray Hedges
- Thursday, March 24**
8:30 — Dr. Robert Hammer
The Virginia Stansbury Family
- Friday, March 25**
The Annunciation of the Lord
6:30 — The Elio and Eliana Ranciaro Family
- Saturday, March 27**
8:00 — Chris Woitel
*4:30 — Katherine and William Sargent
Helen Callahan
Audry Girard
- Sunday, March 28**
Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:00 — Chris and Anne Crispin
10:30 — All Saint Giles Parishioners and Benefactors

**This Mass will be live-streamed from our website, stgilesparish.org.*

WEDDING BANNES

II Rebecca Burns and Patrick Kent

Our Weekly Sunday Offertory For Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

	Thru 3/6	3/13 Wknd	YTD
At Mass	\$256,018	\$6,323	\$262,341
By Mail	217,064	11,299	228,363
GiveCentral	309,738	5,891	315,629
Total Giving	\$782,820	\$23,513	\$806,333
Budget	813,600	22,600	836,200
Variance +/-(-)	(\$30,780)	\$913	(\$29,867)

We are above budget this week. Everyone's faithfulness and generosity are appreciated and critical to maintain and operate all we do here at St. Giles Parish. If you have not signed up, we ask that you consider joining many of your fellow parishioners in using GiveCentral. The link and easy-to-follow instructions can be found on the parish website, www.stgilesparish.org. Contact Sharon in the Parish Center at 708-383-3430 Ext.420 with any questions or for assistance. We could not be here without you!

PRAYING FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

Lord, bless ALL the men and women of our military as they answer the call to serve our nation and defend our freedom. Keep them safe, especially those in harm's way.

Thank you for your service to our country:

- Col Jason Brown – U.S. Air Force
- Cadet CPL Jacob M. Bukowski - U.S. Military Academy
- PV2 Tyler M. Bukowski - U.S. Army
- CWO3 Michael Camacho - U.S. Marine Corps.
- Maj Alicia T. Delia – U.S. Air Force
- 2ndLt Dylan James Fischer—U.S. Marine Corps.
- IT1 Brian Greischar – U.S. Coast Guard
- Capt Jeremy Gruszka – U.S. Air Force
- 2d Lt Kyle Gruszka – U.S. Space Force
- A1C Jennifer Ann Healy - U.S. Air Force
- Cpl Andrew Lofgren - U.S. Marine Corps.
- TSgt Tabatha Lugo - U.S. Air Force
- TSgt Alfredo Lugo - U.S. Air Force
- Maj Michael Manning - U.S. Marine Corps.
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- SPC4 Matthew R. Piano - U.S. Army
- 2LT Gino Riccardo Pintore - U.S. Army
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- SPC4 Thomas Treslo - U.S. Army
- 1st Class Cadet George Valaika - U.S. Air Force Academy
- 3rd Class Cadet John Valaika - U.S. Air Force Academy
- LCDR Devon D. Zych – U.S. Coast Guard

If you have a relative or friend stationed in abroad or at one of our military bases in the United States, please send the name and rank of the military person, and branch of service, to the attention of the Parish Center.

This Week in Lent

This is why you cultivate contemplative practice.

The more you intentionally turn inward,
the more available the sacred becomes.

When you sit in silence and turn your gaze
toward the Holy Mystery you may call God,
the Mystery follows you back out into the world.

When you walk with a purposeful focus on breath and birdsong,
your breathing and the twitter of the chickadee reveal themselves as a
miracle. So, you sit down to meditate,
not only because it helps you to find rest in the arms of the formless Beloved,
but also because it increases your chances
of being stunned by beauty when you get back up.

Encounters with the sacred that radiate from the core of the ordinary
embolden you to cultivate stillness and simple awareness.

In the midst of a world that is begging you to distract yourself,
this is no easy practice.

Yet you keep showing up. You are indomitable. You are thirsty for wonder.

-Mirabai Starr

Opportunities for Prayer and Reflection



Monday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.

Night Prayer over Zoom: The perfect way to end your day, this 15-minute prayer opportunity is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, the prayer of the Universal Church. Go to zoom.us, click join meeting, and enter:

Meeting ID: 826 5744 2780 Passcode: 184570



Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Around the Cross at St. Giles: We begin briefly outside around the cross on Columbian Ave in prayer; afterward the church will remain open for 30 minutes of quiet, private prayer.



Thursday, March 24, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration in St. Giles Church



Friday, March 25, 7:00 p.m. at St. Giles Church

Stations of the Cross through the Eyes of Mary,

hosted by St. Giles Church Council of Catholic Women



Confirmed in the Spirit!

On Saturday, March 12, by Bishop Daniel Turley and Bishop Robert Casey.
The entire St. Giles community prays for you and congratulates you!

Sydney *Laura Vicuna* Ahler
Harper *Cecilia of Rome* Barry
Kathryn *Gemma Galgani* Bailitz
Sean *Francis of Assisi* Bell
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Elizabeth *Anne* Biemer
Michael *Jude* Brady
Jeanine *Mary Magdalene* Brennan
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Faye *Anne of Bethlehem Judea* Homrok
Giovani *Roch* Irizarry
Olivia *Anne* Jelaca
Anamia *Mary Mother of God* Jimenez
Neri *Matthew* Juan
Gretchen *Dymphna* Kantor
James *David of Wales* Kelly
Kate *Mary Mother of God* Kjarsgaard
Christopher *Patrick* Korrison
Dominic *Adjutor* Kramer
Leo *Jerome* Lisnic

Nic *Gregory the Great* Lissuzzo
Nathaniel *Luke* Lopez
Catherine *Genevieve* MacCarthy
Madeleine *Joan of Arc* Magnuson
Adrian *Michael* Martin
Luisa *Guadalupe* Martin
Angela *Cecilia* Martin
Sergio *Santa Cruz* Martin
Mae *Louis de Marillac* McCreary
Caroline *Therese of Lisieux* McGinnis
James *Patrick* McHugh
Santino *Jude* Messineo
Finian *John the Apostle* Milder
Robert *Christopher* Milder
Delilah *Seraphina* Molony
Myles *Mark the Evangelist* Montgomery
Clare *Elizabeth of Hungary* Moroney
Grace *Mary Mother of God* Moroney
Liam *Patrick* Moroney
Ana *Sofia Maria Goretti* Mrotzek
Emilio *Sebastian* Nery
Agatha *Faustyna Kowalska* Niznik
Daniel *Thomas* Pascual
Joshua *Dominic of Caleruega* Pomerenk
Luca *Rocco* Ponzio
Sabrina *Teresa of Avila* Povilaitis
Aidan *Francis of Assisi* Powers
Oliver *Joan of Arc* Puntillo
Arianna *Francis of Assisi* Puntoja
Ella *Agatha of Sicily* Quilty
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Margaret *Heloise* Utter
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Louis *Sebastian of France* Vittorio
Paul *John the Apostle* Wawczak
James *Francis of Assisi* Yount
Margaret *Gertrude of Nivelles* Zeigler

Parish Life

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children

Christina Finn and Jessica Josephs are a part of RCIA and preparing for all of their sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. They, along with others from the Archdiocese of Chicago asking for Baptism, celebrated the Rite of Election at Holy Name Cathedral on Sunday, March 13. Cardinal Cupich was the presider.

All those in RCIA/RCIC will be participating in three scrutinies. The scrutinies are a series of rites for those desiring to join the Catholic Church, celebrated on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent. They are rituals to promote self-reflection and help uncover and heal that which is wounded within; they are intended to bring out and strengthen what is whole and good in each person.



Because RCIA/RCIC participants are from three worshipping communities, the scrutinies will be celebrated in the following manner:

March 20 - St. Giles Main Church at the 10:30 a.m. Mass

March 27 - St. Giles Family Mass at the 10:00 a.m. Mass

April 3 - St. Catherine/St. Lucy at the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Please continue to pray for all those in RCIA/RCIC.



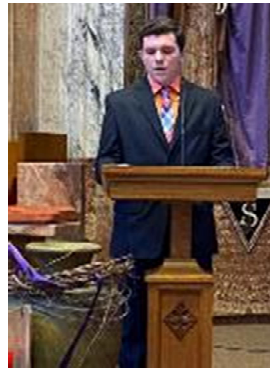
School News

Congratulations to our 8th Grade Confirmandi!

We celebrated with our 8th graders as they made their Confirmation with Bishop Turley and Vicar General Bishop Casey. Both Masses were beautiful on the chilly but sunny Saturday. Our Confirmandi worked hard this year, preparing with their catechists and families for this important third sacrament of initiation. Thank you to those in the school and parish who guided them to this day. We congratulate all those confirmed and their families on this special and important occasion. Thanks to alumni who helped us celebrate: Jeffrey Jesuit '21, Daniel Bell '18 and Lucas Richard '16.



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Lenten Mission House to Home Project

Dear Parents,

This Lent, St. Giles School & Religious Education and Ascension Religious Education are coming together to support a local nonprofit, Housing Forward (www.housingforward.org) in the creation of “House to Home Kits.” The concept is simple: donations from families will be used to purchase household items, from cleaning supplies to small appliances.

Housing Forward then identifies a client who is ready to transition from homelessness to housing stability. On move-in day, the client is presented with a “House to Home Kit” filled with the items purchased by our families along with housewarming cards written by our students.

Because storage of household items is an issue for Housing Forward, we will be collecting monetary donations that will be used to purchase what is needed for a family. Here are some sample items for a House to Home Kit.

Television = \$300

Microwave Oven = \$150

Vacuum = \$100

Bedding = \$75

Bathroom Towels = \$40

Can Opener = \$20

Shower Curtain = \$15

Broom/Dustpan = \$15

Paper Towels = \$15

Tissues = \$10

Bar Soap = \$10

Dish Soap = \$5

Sponges = \$5

Toothpaste = \$5

One House to Home Kit costs about \$1,200. **Our goal is to raise enough funds to purchase TEN Kits or \$12,000!** We will be sending a weekly update on the progress of this Lenten Project.

Because this is a joint effort for a single mission, one Give Central account has been created for all the donations. To donate, click on [Ascension/St. Giles Lenten Mission - House to Home Kits \(givecentral.org\)](http://givecentral.org) indicate the amount of your donation, add to basket and check-out.

If you would like to write a check, make the check payable to ‘Ascension Parish’ and write ‘house to home’ in the memo line. Envelopes are available in both churches, parish offices, and St. Giles School.

Additionally, to help the children understand the connection of social justice to their faith, families will receive information on Catholic Social Teaching principles. You may want to talk to your children about this.

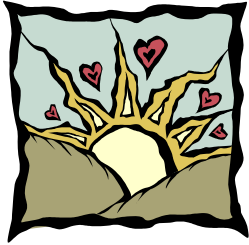
If you have questions, let us know. Thank you for your cooperation in this important way to live out our Catholic faith.

Rebecca Burns at rburns@stgilesschool.org

Marci Madary at mmadary@stgilesparish.org

Timothy Smyth at t.smyth@ascensionoakpark.com





Lenten Opportunity

Easter Sunrise Shoebboxes

Shoebboxes collected will be donated to various Outreach Organizations, including the Franciscan Outreach.

Collection will be throughout Lent, ending Palm Sunday – April 10, 2022

Fill a shoebox or a comparable-size container (you provide the container) with a variety of the following suggested items:

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|---|-------------------------------|
| Tube Socks | Hotel Size – Soap and Shampoo |
| Kleenex (small packages) | Brush and/or Comb |
| Plastic rain poncho | Deodorant |
| Wash/Face Cloth | Disposable razor |
| Toothbrush/Toothpaste | Shaving gel/cream |
| Baby Powder | Hand Lotion |
| Small towel | Other small items |
| Gift Card from McDonald's, Burger King, etc.
(not to exceed \$10.00) | |

Please be sure to include these two items:
Word Search or Crossword Puzzle Book with Pen or Pencil,
Plastic Easter Egg filled with Candy

When your shoebox is filled, you can decorate it (if you choose to do so), put a rubber band around it and mark the box either "Man" or "Woman." Place your filled container on the benches in the Gathering Space in Church or drop it off at the Parish Center. Then during Holy Week all the Easter Sunrise Shoebboxes will be delivered to the various locations so that they can be distributed on Easter.

Thank you for caring and participating!!
Know that your work of mercy
will make a difference in someone's life!!

For additional information or questions, please contact Barbara Schulz - 773-622-2121

Reading Books of Pope Francis

Lent is a time of contemplation and preparation. It's a time to grow in faith. The Lifelong Learning and Adult Faith Formation Committee at Ascension Catholic Church in Oak Park invites you to two Lenten discussions on recent books by Pope Francis as we seek meaning and sustenance during Lent.



On **March 22 at 7:30 p.m.**, over Zoom, we will discuss *The Name of God is Mercy*. Mercy is a central teaching for Pope Francis, whose heartfelt desire is to reach all people who are looking for meaning in life, a way to peace and reconciliation, and the healing of physical and spiritual wounds. *God does not want anyone to be lost*, Francis writes, *God's mercy is infinitely greater than our sins*.

On **April 12 at 7:30 p.m.**, over Zoom, we will discuss *Our Father: Reflections on the Lord's Prayer*. Pope Francis offers new ideas about the Lord's Prayer, exploring the importance of embracing social justice, benevolence, and forgiveness in our hearts and minds. Pope Francis says that praying the Our Father together is so beautiful *because we help one another to dare*.

Registration is required. To participate, just send an email to llaafc@ascensionoakpark.com with the name of the book in the subject line. You'll receive a return email before the discussion with a link for the Zoom meeting. For more information, links to obtain the books, and details for the upcoming monthly discussions on books by Pope Francis, go to www.ascensionoakpark.com/apps/pages/athome.

The books are short and easy to read. Even so, reading the book is not required in order to join the discussions – feel free to just come and learn about Pope Francis's concerns and reflections on the church and the world.

Utilities Fund

Utility costs have skyrocketed for all, St Giles included. **February's natural gas bill was close to \$14,000.** We have not received the gas bill for the parish offices for February so it may more than \$14,000. The parish budget for natural gas was \$20,063 for the entire fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 leaving us **over budget by \$29,861 for the first 8 months.** Electricity costs for the first 8 months are \$39,507 leaving us **\$27,094 over budget for electric.** Your generosity to the Utilities Fund via the green envelope in your monthly envelope packet or through GiveCentral (link can be found on the parish website) will help us defray these costs of keeping St. Giles warm this winter and cool this summer. Thank you for your consideration and thoughtfulness!



Parish Life

CCW Scholarship Fund News

Who can forget Fr. Carl as Sonny Bono or Laura and Vera as Freddie Mercury and David Bowie? We have shared so much laughter and joy at the Annette Henneberry Scholarship Fundraiser over the years. It is important to remember that all this fun leads to a \$4,000 Scholarship to a deserving 8th Grade St. Giles girl attending a Catholic High School.

We reached out to a past recipient to ask her how the Scholarship has impacted her and her high school experience. Here is her response:

As a recipient of the Annette Henneberry Scholarship in 2019, I would like to personally thank the Saint Giles CCW for supporting my academic endeavors.

It is because of this scholarship that I have been able to continue my Catholic education into my high school years. As a junior at Trinity High School in River Forest, I find myself surrounded, each day, by faculty and students alike who desire to help me grow both academically and spiritually. Three years ago, I never would have imagined myself to be flourishing as the student I am today and I am extremely grateful for the opportunities that this scholarship has given me.

As I gear up for my senior year at Trinity, I am very thankful for all of the doors this scholarship has opened for me, as well as the way it has contributed to my growth as a young woman and aspiring student.

***Thank you,
Julia***

While we cannot gather to raise funds for this important Scholarship this year, the need is greater than ever. We are asking you to consider donating the amount you have typically spent at this wonderful evening - event ticket, raffle, and drink tickets.


Please use this link to Give Central to make your donation: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/444/event/33247>
Or make out a check, payable to St. Giles CCW/Annette Henneberry Fundraiser. Please drop off at Parish Office or mail to Parish by **Friday, April 8, 2022.**

Looking forward to going live in 2023, see you then!

Elsa DePalma & Jeanne Gallo
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