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Masses

Saturday, 4:30 PM & Sunday, 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM (Church)
Monday - Friday 8:00 AM (Chapel)

Confessions:

Saturday, 3:45-4:15 pm
Sundays of Lent after the 8:00 & 10:00 am Masses

Dear parishioners,

On the Second Sunday of Lent each year, the Gospel tells of our Lord's Transfiguration. For a few moments, the hidden glory of Jesus' divinity "broke through the veil" of his humanity. Jesus "emptied himself," claiming no equality with God, no special privileges, and instead lived among us as an ordinary workingman-turned-rabbi. Yet once again his true identity is proclaimed: God's beloved Son.

The Fathers of the Church often preached that today's event prepared the apostles for "the scandal of the Cross." A recent article by one of my former professors, Fr. Richard Fragomeni, describes the Transfiguration as "a glimpse of Easter on the Second Sunday of Lent."

He compares two words: *awesome* and *awful*. The word *awesome* (far too often used, and thereby robbed of its meaning) has come to mean "an experience wonder, thrill, luminosity" but the older word *awful* has come to mean terrible, bad, unpleasant. "The word Awful used to mean what the word Awesome now means."

Fr. Fragomeni muses "how is it that we are thrilled by some awe and disgusted, now, by the fullness of awe. ... Perhaps, for us Christians, we have forgotten that we have 'our citizenship in heaven, and from it we await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.'" ... We find awe in a leather ball thrown around a stadium, and disgust in the leathery face of a homeless person, the homeless Christ."

Lent teaches us that we will never find what we are really looking for, never find fulfillment or joy, in the world of sensation (traditionally called "the flesh.") We must learn to look beyond, to look deeper, to gaze farther, even past the stars, to the promise—and the reality—of the humanity God intended for us, the very image and likeness of God, reflected in the face of Christ.

Have a Lenten Sunday *full of awe*, and peace be with you,

Fr Paul



In your charity, please pray for
the repose of the souls of

Arline Schmiedeke

&

Rosemary Christie

May they be with our Lord in glory and may
their families be consoled. We also pray for all
of our parishioners mourning the loss
of their loved ones.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR APRIL

Bulletin Date:	Due by:
Sunday	Wednesday
April 10	March 30
April 17	April 6

Monday is the normal deadline
to submit items for the upcoming
weekend's bulletin

MASS OFFERINGS

This week, offerings were given for the following intentions:

Sat	Mar	12	4:30 pm	Douglas Allee †
Sun	Mar	13	8 am	For the Parish
			10 am	Marie McCrudden †
Mon	Mar	14	8 am	Kris Stoneman
Tue	Mar	15	8 am	Sadasivam Family
Wed	Mar	16	8 am	Harold Mack Redohl
Thu	Mar	17	8 am	Carol King †
Fri	Mar	18	8 am	Karen Perken
Sat	Mar	19	4:30 pm	Helen Simokaitis †
Sun	Mar	20	8 am	For the Parish
			10 am	



Lector/Eucharistic Minister Schedule

Mar 12	4:30 pm	Peggy Stein
Mar 13	8 am	John Sanderson
	10 am	Tom Brinkman
		Sr. Gen Cassani
Mar 19	4:30 pm	Paul Lynch
Mar 20	8 am	Margaret Judge
	10 am	Deb Torres
		Eduardo Sequeira



MARCH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and GOD'S BLESSINGS:

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| 3rd Julie Mudd | 19th Betty Mues |
| 7th Jennifer Clennon | 20th Tom Sanger |
| 8th Harold Duke | 24th Rita Martinez |
| Kathy Stone | Michael Sadasivam |
| 12th Fr. Paul Niemann | 26th Tom Huelman |
| 14th Sally Eckhard | Carrie Redd |
| 15th David Sadasivam | 31st Jonathon Sadasivam |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY and GOD'S BLESSINGS:
Thank you for your example of faithfulness!

March 31 Jef & Mary Faszholz (44)

If you would like to see your birthday and/or anniversary in the bulletin, please call the Rectory at 772-1525 or email pivsvrectory@sbcglobal.net.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE HOSPITALIZED AND FOR ALL THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:

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| Valerie Cissell | Christopher McKeown |
| Ava Ruby Crawford | Ruthann Marshall |
| Joe Fontana | Mary Kathleen Moriarty |
| Michael Gibler | Tom Roche |
| Lili Huelman | Shirley Tabaka |

If you are in need of a special prayer and would like your name on our Prayer list, you may contact the parish office. Please remember that in order to honor individual privacy, only the person or an immediate family member can make a request.

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Wed 12:00-4:pm
Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon

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Baptism of Children

Please call the parish office for more information.

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available upon request, especially before surgery or hospitalization.

Marriage

St. Pius V Church is available for weddings of parishioners only. Engaged couples should contact the Pastor as soon as possible after engagement and at least six months prior to the wedding.



The Disciple Maker Index survey is open!

*The survey will be available until **April 4**.*

- Access the survey link on our website www.stpiusv.org and click the **All Things New** logo.
 - ⇒ Available in 18 languages
- *All members of the household 18 years and older are asked to complete the survey.*
- *Paper copies are available in the back of church and in the chapel.*
 - ⇒ A link to access a printable version is also available on our website: www.stpiusv.org. Click the **All Things New** icon.
 - ⇒ To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off **in the collection basket or at the parish office.**

Thank you for participating in this first phase of **All Things New!**

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
 we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
 We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
 We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
 that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
 We pray for those with power over war or peace,
 for wisdom, discernment and compassion
 to guide their decisions.
 Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
 that you would hold and protect them.
 We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
 Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
 Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



BECOME A VOLUNTEER - MAKE A DIFFERENCE



The Frassati Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, based out of our St. Pius V parish, is inviting all interested parishioners to join us for a service opportunity this Lent.

This is a chance for anyone looking to directly serve our neighbors. We will guide you through the process of reaching out to a neighbor in need from our neighborhood to help with financial assistance (typically helping with rent or utilities), and we provide the resources. All you need to provide is some of your time (perhaps the time you would volunteer at the fish fry in years past). This can be a one time opportunity or could be something you do once a month or more into the future. You decide what fits your schedule.

Please feel free to email cabbottbockman@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions. We plan to hold a brief training/information session after 10:00 Mass on March 20. No need to sign up in advance, but if you cannot attend we can coordinate another time with you. Just reach out!

Family Faith Corner- Lent

Lent is a time to prepare for the great feast of Easter. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (March 2nd) and includes 40 days to pray, fast, and give to others.

Read Together: Joel 2: 12 *Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning;*

Discussion: How do you want to prepare for Easter during this season of Lent? How can your family *return to the Lord* with your whole hearts?

Activity: Consider doing one (or more) of the following:

1. *Prayer Chain*- make 40 paper strips and write someone or something you want to pray for on each one. Put the strips together to form a chain and remove one daily during the Lenten season and pray for the intention written on the paper link during meal time.
2. *Family Fasting*- Give up something as a family such as candy, chocolate, desserts, going out to eat, or drinking beverages other than water. Consider preparing a meal together as a family giving a task or dish to each member of the family.
3. *Acts of Service*- Create a jar with random acts of kindness and pull out a slip daily or weekly. Acts might include: give a compliment, reach out to an old friend, write a thank you note, and donate items or money to a favorite charity.



The next meeting of the
**Anti-racism & Equity
working group is
SUNDAY MARCH 20.**
All are welcome to attend.



Online Giving
from Our Sunday Visitor

Online Giving is available through our parish website at stpiusv.org or by visiting <https://osvhub.com/stpiusv/funds>

Click on "Ways to Give" at the top of the screen and then click "Online" in the orange box.

If you have questions regarding Online Giving for your parish contributions, please contact the parish office.

We will be restarting our
Monthly Food Collection
that will take place during Mass on the first full weekend of each month.

The Food Pantry is especially in need of: *corn, cereal, peanut butter, pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned pasta meals, pork & beans, laundry detergent, dish soap, shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, and plastic bags.*

Please bring the items you wish to donate to Mass and place them in the bins near the communion rail at the Offertory.

We are grateful for your continued support of our SVDP Food Pantry!

Hearing Assistance Receivers for Mass

Devices may be used during Mass and returned before leaving church. They will be sanitized after each use.

Ear buds (headsets) are available. If you take a set of ear buds, please keep them for your personal use and bring them back each week.

*Parish Nurse Notes*

Free Health Screening, including blood pressure, bone density, dental, diabetes, vision, cholesterol and other tests is being offered by Health Protection and Education Services. This screening event is open to all, regardless of income and health insurance.

It is scheduled for **Saturday, March 19**, from 9 am till noon at 6901 Washington Ave.

Appointments are required by Wednesday, March 16 and can be made by calling 314-448-7873.

COVID-19 TESTING: Free Covid-19 testing is available at Nomi Health, 2804 Chippewa, 9:00 am till 9:00 pm, 7 days a week. Walk-ins welcome, or call 314-673-8309 to make an appointment.



St. Pius will have our Spring Blood Drive on Sunday, April 3rd from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 pm.

The impact Life Blood Center will be in Singler Hall downstairs from church.
Due to COVID-19, please schedule your blood donation using the following link

https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/113913

They will be following all the health regulations on COVID-19.

I hope that all of our regulars will be able to donate and that those who have never donated will consider it, at this time. There is a desperate need for blood donations.

If you any have questions or would like to sign up you can call Mary Heidbreder at 314-369-6939

Thanks so much, I hope you will consider donating.

Great things are happening at Cabrini Academy:

5th grade is participating in Dancing Classrooms, 8th grade is working with Opera St. Louis to write and perform a musical, and 2nd grade is busy preparing for 1st Communion. Please call the office (314.776.0883) to schedule a tour or discuss enrollment!

We ask for your continued prayers as we continue to pray for all of our parish communities during this season of Lent.

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention for March

For a Christian response to bioethical challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

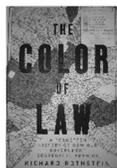
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<https://thepopevideo.org/>

*Through her social doctrine, the Church teaches
HOW TO CREATE A SOCIETY OF LOVE.*

You are invited!

Join members of our parish community to discuss the history of segregation in America

St. Louis has been often cited as one of the most segregated cities in America. Would you like to explore how this happened? The Anti-Racism and Racial Equity Working Group invites you to a six session Book Club discussion of *The Color of Law* by Richard Rothstein. Rothstein is an American historian and author affiliated with the Economic Policy Institute, and a senior fellow (emeritus) at the Thurgood Marshall Institute of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. His current research focuses on the history of segregation in the United States with regards to education and housing. Spoiler alert: It did not happen by chance! This acclaimed book takes an historical look at how federal and local policy decisions and real estate practices assured segregation not only in St. Louis, but across the nation.



Choice of groups: Thursday mornings at 11 AM and Tuesday evening at 7 PM. Both sessions are tentatively in Singler Hall and will last about 90 minutes. Peggy Stein, Justin Stein and Sandy Anderson will facilitate the Tuesday group. Gen Cassani and Ruth Ehresman will facilitate the Thursday group.

Please sign up in back of church or email Ruth Ehresman ruthrehresman@yahoo.com. if you would like to participate. We have purchased books, and the cost is \$13, if you are able to contribute toward the purchase of books. We do not want the cost of the book to be a barrier to anyone's participation. Books will be available in Church after Masses. We will make arrangements to get the books to you, if necessary. Discussions will begin Tuesday, March 15 and Thursday, March 17.

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4:30 PM - Entrance Antiphon:

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. *Ps. 25*

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the Lord, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. He then said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." "O Lord God," he asked, "how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He answered him, "Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him. When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."

Responsorial Psalm

4:30 PM & 8 AM: **The Lord is my light and my salvation.** *Ps 27*

10 AM: **The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom should I be afraid, of whom should I be afraid?** *Ps 27*

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction. Their

Gathering Song:

8 AM: Save Your People - *Today's Missal # 108*

10 AM: Save Your People - *Today's Missal # 108*

God is their stomach; their glory is in their "shame." Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to him. *Mt 17:5*

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

4:30 PM - Communion Antiphon:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. *Mt 17:5*

Presentation of gifts:

10 AM: Transfigure Us, O Lord
- *Music Issue # 497*

Communion Song:

8 AM: Ashes to Ashes - *Today's Missal # 96*
10 AM: This Alone - *Music Issue # 403*

Communion Meditation: West African Choir

Closing Hymn:

8 AM: Gracious God! - *Today's Missal # 112*

10 AM: Beyond the Days
- *Today's Missal # 104*