



The Churchman

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We are called together by the Holy Spirit around Word and sacraments to glorify God the Father, creator of all things, through our Lord Jesus Christ. We trust God to nurture lives of faith and hope, as we serve and give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world.



Lent is much like...

...the act of sitting down while riding a bus. Though you are moving forward and going toward a destination; ultimately, you are stationary. Sitting down is what allows you to reflect, remember, and be, even though you are still going somewhere.

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is our permission to sit back and go with the ebbs and flows of the bus ride. There is an element of mystery because it is ...most likely a new route of prayer, repentance, fasting, and reflection. Receiving the ashes, made with palms from the previous year's Easter celebration, reminds us where we have been and where we are to go.

The spiritual acts of denying ourselves simple luxuries allow us to find renewed focus. Lent, these intense forty days of focus, prepare us for the emotional events of Christ's death and resurrection. Ash Wednesday is when we find any seat (because they are equally challenging) on the bus, sit down, and prepare for the long ride toward Easter's hallelujah.

—Blair Tolbert

Thursday Evenings in Lent...



6:00 p.m. – Soup Supper

7:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer / Vespers
(Holden Setting)

Sanctuary opens one half hour before Evening Prayer for quiet meditation and personal prayer and reflection.

"The Wind Moves the Trees"

The great G. K. Chesterton said that, "The great human dogma is that the wind moves the trees. The great human heresy is that the trees move the wind."

Chesterton here speaks of the modern world as a kind of heresy. We attempt to think about and to live in a world in which there is no fundamental cause of anything. We are the animators of the reality. It is up to us to do something in the world or nothing will be done. We are the sole actors in history. We move the world.

It is strange that after history's bloodiest century we should still think so highly of ourselves. This is part of human hubris.

We so want to be gods unto ourselves and the modern world promised to give us the capacity to do just that. To paraphrase Voltaire, one of the fathers of modernity, we have removed the possibility that the "God hypothesis" might be true. This left us free to attempt to run the world as we pleased.

The sad results of such unbridled hubris are all around us. (Quote from G. K. Chesterton is found in his collection, *Tremendous Trifles*, Darwen Finlayson, 1968, p. 92).

Passages

Scott Meyers, 57 year old husband of MaryJo, and father of Amanda and Jonathon, passed from this life on January 28th. Services for Scott were held at Modell Funeral Home in Darien on February 4th. Interment was private.



MARCH

Mar. 3: Kathryn Murray Jennifer Painter Sara Watkiss	Mar. 13: Pat Gavac Cynthia Papadatos
Mar. 4: Karin Kubo	Mar. 15: John Kozik Carol Ruiz
Mar. 5: Alison Jones	Mar. 18: Charlotte Bennett Anita Henley Dolores Krc
Mar. 6: Heather Greer Rachel Michaels Beverly Tarbox	Mar. 19: Carrie Watkiss
Mar. 7: Ruth Hurbanis Jeffrey Triska	Mar. 22: Isaac Lauritsen
Mar. 10: Jocelyn Drahos Nancy Mathis	Mar. 23: Vicki Michaels
Mar. 11: Christopher Painter	Mar. 24: Anita Horak
Mar. 12: Ronald Krueger	Mar. 29: Hailey Greer
	Mar. 30: Alicia Waldman

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 8th, 2003 - Andrew and Sarah Wilson

News from Riverside Preschool at Sts. Peter and Paul

Spring is ready to spring and we are “snow” ready. We will be learning, singing, and making projects about Dr. Seuss, St. Pat’s Day, and Spring!

We will also be celebrating our preschool dads with projects, journaling, and gifts just for Dad.

—Lisa Manganiello, Preschool Director

Memorial Flowers

Feb. 12th: In loving memory of +Marie Elizabeth Lauritsen+ on the 101st anniversary of her birth on February 12th by her children and their families.

In memory of dear husband, father and grandfather +Robert Skudrna+ on the anniversary of his birth on February 9th and on the second anniversary of his passing on March 15th by remembering wife Sue and children Kristi Skudrna and Jason Skudrna and his family Brooke, Lyla and granddaughter Skylar.

Feb. 19th: In loving memory of beloved father +Eugene Gana+ on the anniversary of his death by loving daughter Adrienne Gana.

Feb. 26th: In memory of dear father and grandfather +John Kostelancik+ on the 90th anniversary of his birth from his loving family.

Memorials and Honorariums

❖ For the Church ❖

Emil and Helena Galdun, in memory of +Darina Durkovic+.

Ann Kmet, in memory of +Celia Martinez+.

John and Janet Broussard, in memory of +Nick Sasuta+ on the 4th anniversary of his passing.

❖ In Memory of Audrey Ducay ❖

Ann Ducay and Kevin Rosenberg, Sharon and Kurt Werner, and Jen and Cody Mann, in memory of Mom and Grandma.

Gary Patrik and Family, in memory of dear cousin.

Kevin, Julie and Adri Mann

Lore Werner

Tom and Jill Powers and Family

John and Janet Broussard

William Boor

Mildred Riban

Charles and Donna Baur

John and Shirley Kostelny

John and Joanne Slahor

Ken and Doreen O’Neill

Adolf and Ellen Heimann

Suzanna Skudrna

Mary Anne Waychunas

Marty and Donna Ducay

Karyn Minarcin Bute

Sue Gillund

Joan Fron

Ann Vana

Ed, Mark and Lisa Stevak

Gary, Annette and Grace Tapak

Tom and Alex Miller

Wayne and Ann Boor

Jose and Beatrice Palacios

Trudy Malleck

Dan and Pam Linick

Janice Flanagan

Wayne Rauschenberg

❖ In Memory of Scott Meyers ❖

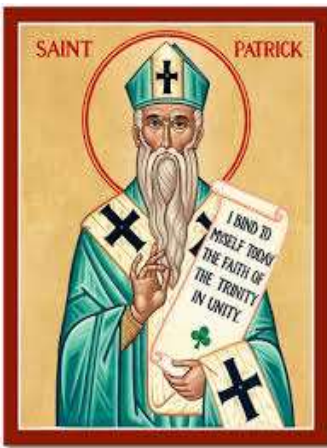
Wayne and Ann Boor

John and Janet Broussard

Easter Lilies

Easter lilies will be available for \$16.00 for those who wish to place a lily or lilies in the chancel for the upcoming Easter celebrations. To order, please call or email the church office or use the sign-up sheet posted in the usual place in the dining hall (lower west entrance). The final day for ordering is Thursday, March 30th. You are also welcome to bring your own potted spring plants, including lilies, hyacinths, tulips, daffodils, etc. to decorate the chancel and sanctuary.

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



St. Patrick, missionary and bishop, March 17th
from Catholic Online

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In it he wrote: "The love of God and his

fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was aroused, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain." Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.



St. Joseph, guardian of our Lord, March 19th
from Catholic Online

Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from the Scriptures, which has seemed too little for those who made up legends about him. We know he was a carpenter, a working man, for the skeptical ask about Jesus, "Is this not the carpenter's son?"

(Matthew 13:55). He wasn't rich for when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified he offered the sacrifice of two turtle doves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb (Luke 2:24). Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Luke and Matthew disagree some about the details of Joseph's genealogy but they both mark his descent from David, the greatest king of Israel (Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:23-38). Indeed the angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as "son of David," a royal title used also for Jesus. We know Joseph was a compassionate, caring man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but was as yet unaware that she was carrying the Son of God. He knew women accused of adultery could be stoned to death, so he resolved to send her away quietly to not expose her to shame or cruelty. However, when an angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins," he did as the angel told him and took Mary as his wife (Matthew 1:19-25).

Song of the Wanderer

By Dan Forrest, quoting Old Hundredth; text by Johanna Anderson; Thomas Ken Music from Beckenhorst Press.

The barren land around me lies,
My flame is burning low;
Cold and pale the winter skies,
And I am far from home.

With my light that burns so dim,
Am I visible to Him?
Does He hear the fragile song
Of creatures here below?

He wakes the lark and bids her fly
To greet the coming spring,
Wakes our hearts and bids us rise,
Then gives our spirits wing.

He speaks and winter melts away,
Hears us when we come to pray,
Turns our nighttime into day –
Our Light, our Life, our King.

Glorious joy of summer sun,
The gentle healing rain,
Banishing our tears and sighs,
With beauty for our pain.

Earth and sky, lay glory by—
Christ, the Lord, is drawing nigh!
All creation bow to Him
From whom all blessings flow!

Blows the wind, and soon will come
The autumn of the year,
With its golden light of love
Still shining ever clear.

From the rising of the sun,
To the place where day is done,
Peace on earth has now begun
To cast away our fear;
To cast away our fear.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Don't forget to turn your
clocks ahead on Saturday,
March 11th. Daylight savings
time begins on Sunday,
March 12th.



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DATED MATERIAL

Spring Rummage and Bake Sale

Saturday, April 22nd, 2023
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Home Baked Goods and Homemade Salsa,
Rummage Tables, Used Toys and Books,
Jewelry, Raffle, and Holiday Decorations

Donations are being accepted for the Spring Rummage Sale. Donations may be brought to the church Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. til noon. Please let Karen in the office know when you are delivering by calling 1.708.442.5250. All items need to be clean and in working order. No electronics, including computers and TV's, and clothing. Thank you!

MARCH WORSHIP SERVERS

March 5th:

Greeter: Sandy Garvey
 Assisting Minister: Tom Myers
 Lector: Emily Bittner
 Live Stream: Paul Watkiss
 Usher: Rafael Martinez

March 12th:

Greeters: Larry Crachy and Karen Kubik
 Assisting Minister: Carrie Watkiss
 Lector: Tom Michaels
 Live Stream: Charles Matthies
 Usher: Walter Cudecki

March 19th:

Greeter: Carrie Watkiss
 Assisting Minister: Brandon Michaels
 Lector: J. T. Tarbox
 Live Stream: Fred Kuzel
 Usher: George Valek

March 26th:

Greeters: John and Shirley Kostelny
 Assisting Minister: Vicki Michaels
 Lector: Jane Lauritsen
 Live Stream: John Broussard
 Usher: Janet Broussard

Sacristan and Altar Care:
 Beverly Tarbox

APRIL WORSHIP SERVERS

Palm Sunday, April 2nd:

Greeters: Walter and Judith Cudecki
 Assisting Minister: Charles Matthies
 Lector and Crucifer: George Valek
 Live Stream: Paul Watkiss
 Usher: Walter Cudecki

Maundy Thursday, April 6th:

Greeter: Karyn Bute
 Assisting Minister: John Broussard
 Lector: John Kostelny
 Live Stream: Charles Matthies
 Usher: Janet Broussard

Good Friday, April 7th:

Assisting Minister: Tom Myers
 Lectors: Charles Matthies, John Broussard, Carrie Watkiss, J. T. and Beverly Tarbox, Tom Michaels, Jane Lauritsen, and Kristine Boike.
 Live Stream: Fred Kuzel
 Usher: John Kostelny

Easter Sunday, April 9th:

Greeters: Edward and Joanne Sefara
 Assisting Minister: Carrie Watkiss
 Lector: Fred Kuzel
 Live Stream: John Broussard
 Ushers: Rafael Martinez & John Kostelny

April 16th:

Greeter: Carole Pollitz
 Assisting Minister: Beverly Tarbox
 Lector: Emily Bittner
 Live Stream: Paul Watkiss
 Usher: John Kostelny

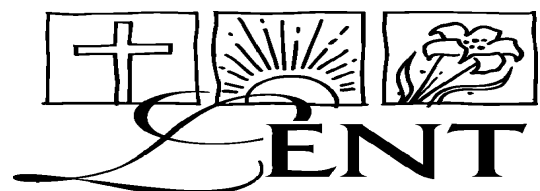
April 23rd:

Greeters: Larry Crachy and Karen Kubik
 Assisting Minister: Brandon Michaels
 Lector: Tom Myers
 Live Stream: Charles Matthies
 Usher: Fred Kuzel

April 30th:

Greeter: Sandy Garvey
 Assisting Minister: Vicki Michaels
 Lector: George Valek
 Live Stream: Fred Kuzel
 Usher: George Valek

Sacristan and Altar Care:
 Edward and Joanne Sefara



For more information, news, photos, worship videos and sermons, visit us at:
www.stspeterandpaulriver.org
 side.org.

January 2023	
Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering	
Budgeted Offering: \$2,527.00	
Date	Offering
1/1	\$ 530.00
1/8	\$1,531.00
1/15	\$1,031.00
1/22	\$1,196.00
1/29	\$1,637.00

Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.
 —Soren Kierkegaard

St. Joseph Day

Homemade Lasagna Luncheon

(even the noodles!)

including salad, desserts, beverages and coffee



Sunday, March 19th, 2023 at Noon
Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church
250 Woodside Road (corner of 31st and Desplaines)
in Riverside

Proceeds of the luncheon will benefit the
Prokopchenko Family, our guests and neighbors from
Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine residing at Sts. Peter and Paul.

Hosted by Scott and Lenore Enloe
Willowbrook - Burr Ridge Kiwanis International
and the Congregation at Sts. Peter and Paul.

*Please RSVP to one of these organizations
with your number of guests by Monday, March 13th.*

Donations payable to Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church
(Memo: Ukraine Benefit).

More information at www.stspeterandpaulriverside.org
or by calling 1.708.442.5250