

THE WORKER

LENT 2020

FROM THE PASTOR

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“Are we clear?” is a question that concludes many kinds of conversations. Whether it’s between parents and children, teammates at work, teachers with students, or any of a hundred different situations, clarity—no obstructions to shared understanding—is the goal.

We usually question that clarity because more than one voice proposed the next step for whatever was under discussion. That is the case not only for conversations between us. The conversations we have *within*—those that go on between head and heart, emotions and conscience—need clarity too! To whom or what will I listen? How do I know?

Lent is our Lord’s and the Church’s gift of time dedicated to that desired clarity. If God’s is the voice I want to hear, then coming to recognize the voice of our Savior in the midst of the noise is an ability I want to nurture! But the noise of one’s own desires, fears, and what others want can create a hard shell around one’s heart hard for God’s gentle voice to penetrate.

“Rend your hearts, not your garments...” are the first words God speaks to us in Lent on Ash Wednesday. God wants us to be clear about the mercy and peace Jesus came to guide us into. When His is the voice and values my life is open to and centered upon, the noise and clamor of the other voices can’t confuse me, or steal my joy in life.

So we engage the traditional practices of Lent to quiet down the voices of our appetites, our fears, and one’s work, opening our hearts.

Fasting disciplines our bodies to be less demanding. Works of Charity respond to Jesus’ call to follow, and so experience His joy in listening to our Father in Heaven. Prayer deepens that relationship of knowing and being known by God so it’s easier to say “yes” to God’s voice. Jesus never stops calling to us! God wants us to share in a deep conversation of life and love!

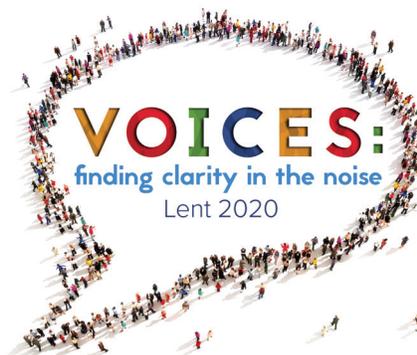


This Lent we are offering a weekly Sunday reflection at Mass on the voices in the Gospels—some to listen to, others from which to turn away. Though one’s heart responds to many voices, it yearns to hear that of Jesus. Only He calls us to eternal life, joy, and peace. I hope that is clear from what Jesus has done for us. Let’s let Him be heard again this Lent.

VOICES: FINDING CLARITY IN THE NOISE

*“Buy this!” “Vote for them!”
“Listen to me!”*

Every day it seems like we’re exposed to thousands of different voices trying to tell us how we should think and act. But which voices do we listen to? Among all this noise, God is calling out to us with His voice to help each of us live a more meaningful life. Are we listening? Join us this Lent as we learn to listen for God’s voice in our lives!



*For more info and resources about
Lent at SJTW, check out:
theworker.org/lent*

St. Joseph the Worker presents its theme for Lent 2020:

**Voices:
Finding Clarity in the Noise**

LENTEN BUFFETS

Lenten Buffets are a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners and to support Dubuque area charities! The two Lenten Buffets are:

Friday, Mar. 20 & Friday, Apr. 3
Serving from 5:00-7:00pm

Suggested Offering
Adults: \$10
Children Ages 5-12: \$5
Children under 5: Free



The menu includes fish (breaded & baked), cheese pizza, lasagna, salads, cheesy potatoes, desserts & beverages. Proceeds will benefit area charities.

SPRINGFEST

After 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, April 25, there will be turkey and dressing sandwiches and sloppy joes in the gym as well as **bake sale** and **craft corner** items for sale. We'll also have a **Euchre Tournament** at 6:30pm and bidding for **Silent Auction** items.

Sunday, April 26, will include a full day of fun and a delicious meal of smoked pork loin sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs and all the fixings!

We need volunteers for our event to be successful! We have many opportunities for all ages and time schedules. Stay tuned for more details

as we get closer!

For more information, contact the Parish Office (563-588-1433) or Jon Lucas (563-581-4475 or jjlucas00@yahoo.com).



VOICES ON THE JOURNEY

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As a way of encountering Christ, the staff of St. Joseph and St. Columbkille has joined efforts to create a different type of mission. Instead of being for a few intense days, our mission is going to be spread out across the entire season of Lent. Our goal is to help you encounter Jesus through the Stations of the Cross and to take note of some of the voices He encountered on that journey to Calvary.

As you will notice in our churches and almost every church, around the outside walls, the Church has developed a tradition of having "stations" document Jesus' walk from being condemned to death to being laid in the tomb. It is truly a walk of sorrow. Yet, each station lifted up some aspect of Jesus' journey and allowed us to walk with him. We are able to bring our sorrows to Jesus as well with the full and confident knowledge that the walk of sorrow is not the end. We know that Jesus defeated the tomb and this walk becomes a walk of victory. The Stations of the Cross are to be transformative.

Our mission this year is to assist you in experiencing that transformation. We will be offering you two different ways of experiencing it this year. Each week, the mission will be held at St. Joseph the Worker on Sunday afternoons of Lent starting March 1 from 4:00-5:30. The mission will be at St. Columbkille every Wednesday of Lent starting March 4 from 6:30-7:15pm.

While everyone is invited to participate in both, the format differs to address your needs. The mission at SJTW allows for more discussion, sharing of a meal and prayer. The mission at St. Columbkille is a more kid-friendly length of time. Each week will follow the same topics but the question and discussion time will only be included at SJTW. At St. Columbkille, they will send the discussion questions home with you.

The tradition of the Stations has stayed with us for many centuries, and people have found them as gifts to more deeply encountering Christ. We pray that our mission will assist you in your encounter and help you to hear Christ's voice on your own journey.



CHRIST BEARERS

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"...God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern. If one part suffers, all parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all parts share its joy. Now you are Christ's body and individually parts of it". 1 Cor 12:24-27

These words found in Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians provide us a fuller insight into the life of a Christian.

To be a Christ bearer is to go beyond our Church walls to share the actions and promises of Christ with those in our parish family who are unable to partake in our weekly celebration. It is that same insightful life of a Christian that St. Paul was metaphorically describing to the Corinthians. Together let us celebrate this same gift of Christ's love with those in our parish family who cannot attend Mass.

If you find a desire within yourself to share joy with those who are unable to attend Mass please consider being a Parish Christ Bearer. There are members of our parish family who are unable to attend Mass to receive the Holy Eucharist or to actively participate in our parish family events. In bringing Holy Communion to them, our homebound Communion ministers represent Christ manifesting our Christian faith and charity.

With this invitation of belonging, we extend the presence of Christ through our presence. Giving the gift of Holy Communion is not only a privilege, but also reflects being a Christian disciple as one who is bonding in support and concern for those beyond our church walls; proclaiming that no one needs to be alone and that no one is forgotten.

If you would like to learn more about this ministry please contact Alice.

COMING SOON!**Lois Leytem***l.leytem@dbqarch.org***NEW PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY**

We have exciting news! You're invited to be a part of our new photo directory. Our last directory was printed in 2013 and as you look around you today, you will see that we have new families, there have been weddings and babies, and kids who are young adults now. We're changing, and a new photo directory will help us capture these changes. The directory will be a very valuable tool to help you connect names and faces and get to know your parish community!

We have contracted with a pictorial publishing company, Lifetouch, who will put together a beautiful picture book and updated directory for our parish. Now all we will need is your family, your smile and a little bit of your time to bring parish faces and names into 2020.

SAVE THE DATES: A photographer will be scheduled on site here at SJTW for the following dates:

May 19-23 **June 9-13** **June 16-20**
Tuesday - Friday: 2:00-9:00
Saturday: 9:00-5:00

The days and times are open and varied to accommodate even the busiest schedule!

We are sending out these dates early so you can plan with your family a convenient time to schedule this professional photo shoot.

All pictures will be taken in Martin Hall by a professional photographer, which will ensure a matching backdrop and good photo quality. ALSO, there is **NO COST** to you and you will get a complimentary 8 X 10 copy of the photo AND your own copy of the directory. It's a Win! Win! Win! For our parishioners who maybe cannot

CELEBRATING LENT & EASTER**Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday, February 26
Mass Times: Noon & 6:30pm

Adoration & Reconciliation

Thursdays
 8:00-9:00pm in the church

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, February 28 - April 3
 7:00pm in the church

Lenten Scripture Study

Wednesday, March 4 - April 8
 12:45pm in the Parish Center

Voices on the Journey Mission

Sundays, March 1 - April 5
 4:00-5:30pm in the church
Sessions will include the Stations of the Cross followed by a meal, speaker and discussion in Martin Hall.

Lenten Buffets

Fridays, March 20 & April 3
 5:00-7:00pm in the school gym

Communal Reconciliation

Wednesday, April 1
 6:30pm in the church

Workshop: The Triduum

Wednesday, April 8
 6:30pm in Martin Hall

Holy Saturday Retreat for Kids

Saturday, April 11
 10:00am-1:00pm in the Parish Center

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 4
Mass Time: 5:00pm
 Sunday, April 5
Mass Times: 8:30am & 11:00am

Archdiocesan Chrism Mass

Tuesday, April 7
 2:00pm at St. Raphael Cathedral

Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 9
Morning Prayer: 8:00am
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00pm
Adoration in Martin Hall until 10:00pm
Father will also hear confessions upstairs during this time.

Good Friday

Friday, April 10
Passion Service: 12:00 noon
Stations of the Cross: 5:30pm

Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 11
Morning Prayer: 8:00am
Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 12
Mass Times: 8:30am & 11:00am

navigate travel for any reason, we will arrange for a picture to be taken in your home or special arrangements may be made for you to still be included in the published copy.

But here's even better news.....In this new age of technology we will have the ability to update the directory on a regular basis. New parishioner? No problem! A picture along with their information can readily be added to the directory to reflect the current census. New baby? That's great! He/she can be added to the directory, or even a whole new family picture can be added to reflect your joyful addition.

So mark your calendar with the dates...Discuss it with your family when you are together during the approaching holiday or planning summer get-togethers. And start practicing your smile!



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OTHER EVENTS OF NOTE

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, March 13
7:00pm in Martin Hall

Families are invited to Movie Night in March to watch *Casper, the Friendly Ghost*. It's a family-friendly scary movie for Friday the 13th! Popcorn, lemonade and other treats will be served.



WORKSHOP: THE TRIDUUM

Wednesday, April 8
5:30pm in Martin Hall

Please join us in April as we Get Ready for the Triduum! We'll gather for a potluck supper followed by presentations on each of the days of the Triduum. Beverages and table service will be provided. Families with last names that begin with the letters A-H are asked to bring dessert, I-P a side dish, and Q-Z are asked to bring a main dish. All parishioners are invited to attend whether or not you have a child in Wednesday Faith Formation...just come and continue to form your faith!



LOOKING AHEAD

- Now - Mar. 2:** Night Novena Mondays
- Now - Mar. 2:** Walk in the Word Mondays
- Feb. 26:** Ash Wednesday
- Mar. 1 - Apr. 5:** Voices on the Journey Mission Sundays
- Mar. 3:** Treasure Luncheon
- Mar. 4 - Apr. 8:** Scripture Study Wednesdays
- Mar. 9:** Moms Group
- Mar. 13:** Family Movie Night
- Mar. 20:** Lenten Buffet
- Mar. 21:** Bereavement Retreat
- Apr. 1:** Communal Reconciliation
- Apr. 3:** Lenten Buffet
- Apr. 7:** Treasure Luncheon
- Apr. 5-12:** Holy Week
- Apr. 13:** Moms Group
- Apr. 26:** SpringFest
- Apr. 29:** City-Wide Closing RE Mass
- May 2-3:** First Communion
- May 5:** Treasure Luncheon
- May 9-10:** First Communion
- May 16-17:** Pastoral Council Elections

