

5th Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

Psalm 130



Out of the depths I called to You, Lord; Lord, hear my cry! May Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If You, Lord, keep account of sins, Lord, who can stand? But with You is forgiveness and so You are revered. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits and I hope for His word. My soul looks for the Lord more than sentinels for daybreak. More than sentinels for daybreak, let Israel hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is mercy, with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will redeem Israel from all its sins.

Living Mass Intentions for the Week

OLPH: Ben & Maria Pura, Neal Vaessen, Nancy Cicchetti, Mike & Sheila Brady,
SMA: Val Fischbach, Mike & Susan Schultz, William & Paula Barkei, Mary Stephens
St. Patrick: Anthony & Laura Morgan, Jason & Terri Leffelman

Prayer of Thanksgiving After Confession

Merciful Lord, with a pure heart I thank You for taking away my sins. Let Your Holy Spirit guide my life, so that my soul may bear the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Renew my desire to be Your faithful friend and servant, increase my loving dependence on You, and grant me that joy and peace of heart which comes from doing Your holy will. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BE RECONCILED DAY

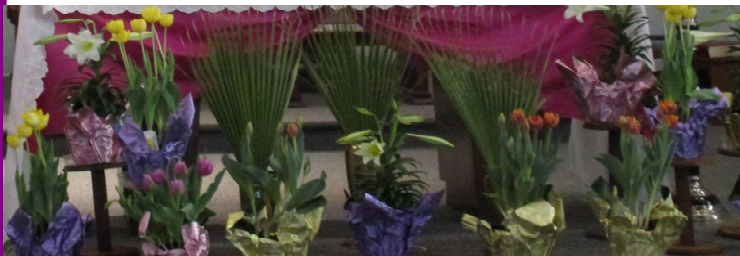
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST

OLPH 9:00-10:30AM, 7:00-8:00PM

SMA NOON-1:30PM ST. PATRICK 4:00-5:30PM

Bishop Malloy's wish is that a person could go to any Church in the Diocese of Rockford on Be Reconciled Day and have his confession heard. If you missed our Communal Penance Service last week this coming Wednesday would be a good time to make your Easter duty!

One of the Easter Bulletins will list all the names of those whom you purchased an Easter flower to memorialize. Simply, write on the outside of an envelope the name of the person you are purchasing the Easter flower for and place the envelope in the regular Sunday collection basket.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our final communal Stations of the Cross for this Lenten season will be held in West Brooklyn, on Friday, March 22nd at 5:00pm. Come work a Plenary Indulgence for a loved



one in Purgatory by going to Confession at 4:30pm and so receive the Eucharist in a state of grace at the Mass prayed at 5:30pm.

Collection Amounts for the Month of February

	OLPH	SMA	St. Patrick
Loose Collection	\$191	\$50	\$67
Envelopes	\$5,232	\$1,135	\$1,150
Total	\$5,423	\$1,185	\$1,217
Monthly Expenses	\$10,921	\$4,184	\$3,695
National Appeal	\$450	\$25	\$0
Diocesan Appeal	\$12,984/\$9,658	\$5,564/\$4,298	\$14,949/\$2,658



The Art and Architecture of our Catholic Churches

How is it that the Catholic Church where one worships God—can be so influential on one's Faith!

“... through Him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” John 1:4-5

The light of a simple candle, is present throughout the life of the Catholic from birth to death. A baby enters the Church through Baptism, and he is given a candle as soon as he comes up out of the font. His Godfather lights the candle from the Easter Candle. Many years later, at his Funeral Mass, the Easter Candle is lit and present for all to see. In older liturgies, a young person would present a candle to his Bishop at his Confirmation Mass, and the a young man would also offer to his Bishop a candle at his ordination Mass. See, from beginning to end, and at moments in between, a candle represents our spiritual life in Christ. The Catholic has his life illuminated, protected, and enlightened by Christ. Candles are such good symbols of the light of Christ, because they are pure and the light they shed cannot be over come by the darkness, and a candle

gives of itself. In order to shed light, the candle must give up its very self as it burns down—Jesus had to give up His life that we might have life. Our Lord also expects each of us to give up our life in our vocation that others might be given life. I hope, at one time in your life, that all of you get to experience coming into one of our Churches, when only our Lord is present—no one else around—save you and God. The red glow of the Sanctuary candle tells you that our Lord is present in the Tabernacle—body and blood, soul and divinity—in the consecrated Host. You fall on your knees before Jesus, and then you just spend time talking to our Lord through the closed doors of the Tabernacle. Allow our

Lord to remind you; that because, you received Holy Communion last Sunday—that Jesus has put His light inside of you. Remember, Jesus calls you to be a light to the world. That there are many souls you will encounter in the coming week, who sit in darkness, and Jesus doesn't want you to hide your light under a bushel basket; but rather, to stand tall and give the light He has given to you to all in your house. God the Father has set it up in advance that you will do many good works, and when others see you doing these good works—they will give glory to God. Thank Jesus for giving you the graces of the Blessed Sacrament, and ask Him for help to shine brightly on others.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16th

Deceased members of the Payne Family/ Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Pry

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Betty Henkel & (+) Pat Syskowski/ Mr. & Mrs. Bob Jones

5:30 pm, **SMA** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

Sunday, March 17th Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Doug Blaine/ Diane Blaine

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Deceased Foresters/ St. Mary's Court #1382

Monday, March 18th

(+) Diane Jacoby/ Carlos Concepcion & (+) Cynthia Jones/ Fr. Randy

Tuesday, March 19th Solemnity of St. Joseph

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Sister Felicia Ezeofor/ DDL

Wednesday, March 20th

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Charles Kuebel/ Family

Thursday, March 21st

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Rita Haefner/ Betty Bohn

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Lynda Auchstetter/ Carlene Schuhler

Friday, March 22nd

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Mary Helen Leffelman/ Mr. & Mrs. Chris Leffelman

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Justin Corcoran/ Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Wilson

Saturday, March 23rd

(+) Gerald & (+) Janet Hornung/ Fr. Randy & (+) Fidelis & (+) Recheal Ezenagu/ DDL

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Arthur Prendergast/ Family &

(+) Carol Bonnell/ Mr. & Mrs. Greg Henkel

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Quin & Josephine Torri/ Torri Family

Sunday, March 24th Palm Sunday

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Thomas Sharkey/ Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Blaine

10:30 am, **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

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