



# Church of NOTRE DAME



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SUNDAY  
MARCH 19  
2023

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

M—TH: 9 am–12 pm & 1–3 pm

Friday—Closed

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4 pm

Sunday: 8 am and 11 am

### Weekday Masses

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: NO MASS

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday 3:00 pm -  
Confession

## PARISH STAFF

### Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

### Deacon

Dn. Frank Hannah

### Director of Religious Education

Mr. Joseph Ranelli

### Director of Adult Education

Mrs. Kathy Higgins

### Liturgy/Music Coordinator

Mrs. Gretchen Wagner

### Secretary

Mrs. Carrie Hannah

### Religious Education

### Secretary

Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

### Business Manager

Mrs. Ann Miller

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in

Lent

"He fasted for forty days  
and forty nights..."

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2023

- Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/  
Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
- Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-  
51a
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-  
10/Lk 1:26-38
- Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom  
8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

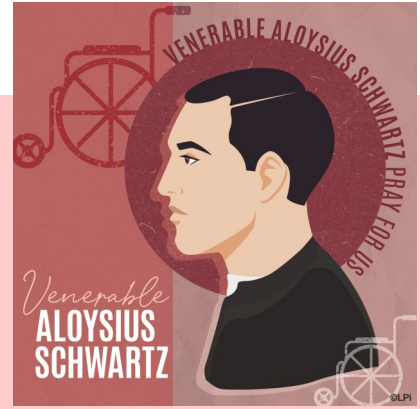
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2023

- Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins
- Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Thursday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord
- Next Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

The blind man showed great bravery by speaking of Christ's miracle in the face of the Pharisees' disdain. But then, how could he ignore the truth once he had seen it? It would be a form of blindness worse than the absence of physical sight. To deny Christ would be a blindness he chose for himself.



## Saint of the week

*Venerable Aloysius Schwartz (Father Al) spent his life embracing poverty, building hospitals, and supporting orphans in war-torn Korea, the Philippines, and the Americas. His legacy lives on through the religious orders he founded – the Sisters of Mary and the Brothers of Christ.*

## Prayer

*Prayer for Venerable Aloysius Schwartz's intercession*

Almighty, ever-living God, giver of good gifts, You have filled Msgr. Al with an ardent love for You and for souls. You have inspired him to dedicate his life to relieve the suffering of the orphans, abandoned, the sick and poor, especially the youth, which he did with all humility and courage until the end of his life. May his holy life of love and service to the poor be recognized by the Church through his beatification and canonization.

For Your honor and glory, we pray that the life of Msgr. Al. be an inspiration for us in striving for perfection in the love of God and service to others. I ask You to bestow upon me, through the intercession of Fr. Al (your intention).

I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, and the maternal aid of Mary, the Virgin of the Poor. Amen.

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David. (1 Sm 16:13)

### Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

### Second Reading:

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." (Eph 5:14)

### Gospel:

He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent — . So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-7)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 19, 2023 / 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: "How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?" Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It's painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won't let us wallow our pity-party forever. "I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem," announces the Lord, "for I have chosen my king from among his sons." Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it's the golden age of Israel's earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won't fail us. He'll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

— Father John Muir

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Not As Man Sees

I don't know Fr. Stu personally, but I've heard a fair number of his homilies. I think it is safe to assume that if he and I were to get into a discussion on any number of things, from church history to liturgical music to stand-up comedy, each of us would cringe at the opinions of the other.

But Fr. Stu happens to offer just about the only confession time within 20 miles of me that consistently works with my schedule. That means that, quite by accident, Fr. Stu is my regular confessor. For years now, he's sat patiently on the other side of the grille, listening to me pour out the details of my transgressions, from the pathetic to the embarrassing, and he absolves me of my sins.

In the Gospel, Christ links vision with humility and pride with blindness. We see again and again in Scripture how God delights in surprising us, in revealing himself through people, places, and experiences we not only didn't expect but perhaps had totally written off.

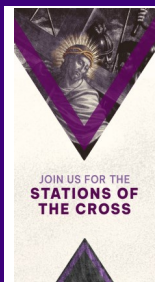
We are right to be proud of the truth, but we are wrong if the truth causes us to be proud of ourselves. The truth no more belongs to the one who believes it than sight belongs to the blind man in the Gospel. A gift does not reflect on the recipient. It reflects on the giver.

After a great deal of thought, I've decided to be grateful that God contrived to give me a confessor whom I strongly disagree with on so many things. It's a powerful reminder of how much I must receive from other people, even those I may think are wrong. In that confessional, Fr. Stu is only a priest, and I am only a sinner.

*"Not as man sees does God see." — 1 Samuel 16:7*



VIDEO MASS 3/19	+
MON 3/20	NO MASS
TUES 3/21 9AM	+Dennis Sheehan [Peggy & Kelly]
WED 3/22	NO MASS
THU 3/23 9AM	+Patrick Beard [Ellie & Dick Steines]
FRI 3/24 9AM	+Jon Mirizio [Sheasley Family]
SAT 3/25 9AM	+Janna Frankovich [Floyd Agostino & Family]
SAT 3/25 * 3-3:30PM	* Confessions
SAT 3/25 4PM	+Pius Oleskey Jr. [John & Geri Jurko]
SUN 3/26 8AM	*Mass for the People
SUN 3/26 11AM	+Richard Stigliano [Stigliano Family]



#### March

23	7:00 PM
30	7:00 PM

#### April

7 - Good Friday 8:30 PM - Living Stations of the Cross Drama

## LENT PENANCE SERVICES



*Be Merciful Lord,  
For We Have Sinned.*

*Psalm 51*

SUN 3/19	1:00PM	Our Lady of Fatima, Farrell
MON 3/20	6:30PM	St. Bartholomew, Sharpsville
WED 3/22	6:30PM	Good Shepherd, West Middlesex
THU 3/23	6:30PM	St. Joseph, Sharon
SUN 3/26	2:00PM	Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mercer
	5:00PM	Beloved Disciple, Grove City

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>SAT 3/25 4PM</b> LECTOR J. Spatara	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b> D. Palisin / P. Polesnak P. Polesnak / T. Spatara	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b> M. Wible R. Wible
<b>SUN 3/26 8AM</b> LECTOR B. Lackey	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b> P. Clark / P. Slezak J. Trenga / R. Vetica	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>SUN 3/26 11AM</b> LECTOR K. O'Brien	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b> K. Davenport / R. Fleis B. Moder / C. Nawrocki	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b> M. Tarbay

**\*ATTN VOLUNTEERS! Please sign-in prior to Mass**

### ST. BARTHOLOMEW MASS SCHEDULE:

#### DAILY :

MON, WED, FRI  
7:30 AM

TUES

6:00 pm / \*6:30 PM Confessions

#### WEEKEND:

SAT  
5:30 PM

SUN

9:30 AM

## CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

- Due to changing banks, CSA checks must be made payable to Notre Dame Church only.
- When submitting a CSA payment without a notice, please indicate in the memo section of your check "CSA" to ensure credit is posted properly.



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" Item is **BROTH, STOCK, AND CREAMED SOUPS [CREAM OF MUSHROOM, ETC.]**. The upcoming item will be large garbage bags.

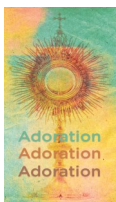
Thank you for your care and concern for God's needy.

## BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE



Please keep the family of  
**Edward Emery, Sr.**  
**Elizabeth Dangrow**  
in your prayers.

"Into your hands Oh Lord we commend our brothers and sisters"



Tuesday / 9:30 AM-11:00 PM  
Wednesday / 9:00 AM-11:00 PM

For more information call:  
Jo Feeney 724-699-3340 / Monica 724-977-7665



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades: Pre-K - 11<sup>th</sup> /  
Sunday Mornings: 9:15AM - 10:45AM  
Use Grotto entrance of SJPII School

### **\*\*March 2023\*\***

- 19 Class  
26 Class - *Junior High Retreat - CANCELED. There will be class for ALL GRADES (Pre-K - 11)*

### **\*\*April 2023\*\***

- 2 Class - Palm/Passion Sunday  
3 Confirmation Living Stations Rehearsal #1  
6pm / Church  
5 Confirmation Living Stations Rehearsal #2 6pm / Church  
7 Good Friday - Confirmation Living Stations of the Cross  
Drama / 8:30pm / Church  
9 NO CLASS - Easter  
16 Class  
23 Class - First Eucharist Retreat / 11am Mass-3pm  
No morning RE class for Grade 3  
30 Last Class



Men, mark your calendars! We will be hosting a  
**Men's Breakfast**  
**Notre Dame**  
**Saturday, June 3**  
with speaker Fr. Larry Richards  
More information to come!



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HAPPENING  
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## THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES A TRAVEL STORY

Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Come join us for a Bible Study of  
the Acts of the Apostles presented  
by Pat Polesnak.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays  
at 6:30pm in the Multipurpose  
Room on the following  
dates: March 21 and 28 and  
April 4, 11, and 18

## RAFFLE TICKETS

will be sold this weekend,  
after all Masses, for  
St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary Card Party!  
Tickets are \$1 or 6/\$5 for a chance to win  
up to \$1000

### CARD PARTY

Thursday, April 20th, 6pm  
St. Mark's Gym  
429 East Grandview Blvd, Erie  
For Card Party admission tickets,  
contact Betsy at 814.504.2720

## EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

Presented by: Jaci Phillips  
Sunday, March 19, Church of Notre Dame  
**St. John Paul School GYM**

*Religious Education Student Session*  
**9:30-10:30 AM [Grades 3-11]**

**Adult Session 12:00 PM**

Jaci will present a talk about Blessed Carlo  
Acutis' Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit traveling  
the globe. She will offer some powerful reali-  
ties that have occurred over the years. She  
will also share a little bio on Blessed Carlo,  
who had a great devotion to the Eucharist.