

Growing in the Spirit



THE 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 27, 2022 Silva Linings

with Father John



For too many of us, Lent is a season of doom and gloom, a time to feel bad about all the ways we are not "measuring up" in our spiritual lives. But this view could not be further from the truth. Lent is a season of refreshment and love, of awakening and rebirth. In fact, the word "lent" comes from the Old English word, "lencten," which means spring. Lent is intended to be a springtime for us in our spiritual lives where all can become new again.

St. Paul tells us in the Second Reading today, "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ." The Gospel Reading, too, is filled with this theme of awakening and the extravagant, life-changing love that the Father has

for each one of us; it is the well-known parable of the Prodigal Son.

We are all familiar with this amazing story — the bratty younger son who has the audacity to ask his dad for his inheritance early, only to squander it sinfully away. It makes us bristle instinctively at his nerve when we read it. But isn't that exactly what we do when we selfishly turn away from God (in big or small ways) in our own lives? We squander away the inheritance of grace He has given us.

In desperation from the mess he had made of his life, the son finally "comes to his senses" — awakening to the truth that he is a beloved son of a loving and merciful father and decides to return home. His contrition is faltering and imperfect and seems motivated in large part by his growling stomach.

But it was enough for the loving father. "While still a long way off, the father caught sight of him." The son was still a long way off from a deep understanding of what he had lost and what he was about to gain. But that small and imperfect openness to the father's love was enough. In fact, the father is "filled with compassion for him" and immediately sets about preparing feast and fine clothes for this son. What an extravagance of love! What a beautiful picture Jesus gives us of our Father's love and mercy.

Oh, how this should fill us with gratitude for such a Father! Be refreshed in this love. We are new creations thanks to this reconciling love.

And what comfort this passage gives to those of us who watch with sorrowful hearts for a return to faith for own "prodigal" loved ones. Our Father is watching and waiting for their return to Him even more eagerly and patiently than we are.

We owe God everything! But let's start by giving him one little thing. Take even a faltering step closer to Him — go to confession, join in the Stations of the Cross, call a family member or friend you are at odds with and try to reconcile. With just the tiniest bit of spiritual "spring cleaning" we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father's loving embrace and find ourselves feasting in His presence. That is what lent is all about.

Communal Penance Services

Wednesday, March 30 at All Saints Church.

Three services will be held at the church:

1:00pm, 4:00pm, and 6:00pm.

Lent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. All are welcome to attend any of the services to receive this sacrament, and the opportunity to grow closer to our Lord.

Our students in school and religious education programs will be attending the service that coincides with their class time.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR OLOL / ALL SAINTS

	All Saints	Our Lady of the Lake	
SAT 3/26	4:30 pm Fr. Tony Roseann Zinke †	5:00 pm Fr. John OLOL Parish Family	
SUN 3/27	7:30 am Fr. Tony All Saints Family	9:00 am Fr. John William Marcin, Sr. †	
	10:00 am Fr. Tony Vickie Heiar †		
MON 3/28	No Mass	No Mass	
TUE 3/29	5:15 pm Dale Bink †	4:00 pm Sally Kolian †	
WED 3/30	8:00 am Richard Sage †	8:00 am Nolan Wallenfang †	
THUR 3/31	9:15 am Special Intention for Dr. Peter Gimenez	8:00 am Bill Keipe †	
FRI 4/1	8:00 am Alan Daus †	8:00 am Tom & Julie Gnewuch †	
SAT 4/2	4:30 pm Fr. John Judy Pick †	8:00 am David Meier †	
		5:00 pm Fr. Tony OLOL Parish Family	
SUN 4/3	7:30 am Fr. John Deceased Members of the Klassa Family	9:00 am Fr. Tony Elmo Sorenson †	
	10:00 am Fr. John All Saints Family		

Candidates Needed! - All Saints Parish will be holding an election for Parish Advisory Council Members on the weekend of May 14-15. Any parish member, 18 and older, who is interested in serving the parish in this capacity is encouraged to contact the parish office to fill out a candidate information form, no later than Tuesday, April 26.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY All Saints Our Lady of the Lake 4/2 4:30 pm 5:00 pm Louise Sedarski Lector Shirley Patin Dan & Tina Ciukaj Usher(s) Eucharistic Joni DeRuyter Amy Polcyn Ministers Beth Pierce SUNDAY All Saints Our Lady of the Lake 9:00 am 4/3 7:30 am Lector Kim Holliday Mark Kramer Hal & Sheila Usher(s) Pohlman Eucharistic Lawrence & Sharon **Bill Riebe** Ministers Nigbor All Saints

 10:00 am

 Lector
 Sara Sobralski

 Eucharistic
 Julie Ottman

 Ministers
 Joyce Petit

MEMORIAL LIGHTS

All Saints Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the special intention of Dick & Judy Trochinski

Our Lady of the Lake Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Jack Pettinger

CONFESSIONS & ADORATION

All Saints Confessions: Saturday: 4:00 pm Sunday: 9:30 am Tuesday: 5:45-6:15 pm Wednesday: 5:45-6:45pm Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday 5:45 - 6:45 pm Friday 4:00-5:00 pm

Our Lady of the Lake Confessions: Saturday: 4:30 pm Sunday: 8:30 am Friday: 8:30 - 9:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 8:30 - 9:30 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Soup & Scripture All Saints Social Hall Mon 3/28 5:00pm
- Choir Practice All Saints Mon. 3/28 6:30pm
- TMIY All Saints Social Hall Wed. 3/30 5:30 am
- Stations OLOL Wed. 3/30 8:30am
- Communal Penance All Saints Church Wed. 3/30 1:00, 4:00, & 6:00pm
- Religious Ed. Classes All Saints Wed. 3/30 3:30pm & 6:00pm
- Bible Study on Mary OLOL Thurs. 3/31 8:45am AND 6:00pm
- Adoration & Stations All Saints Fri. 4/1 Adoration at 4:00pm and Stations at 5:00pm
- Confirmation Practice with Sponsors All Saints Sun. 4/3 11:00am
- Bingo All Saints Social Hall Sun. 4/3 doors open at 5pm; Bingo starts at 6:30

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptisms: Grady James Seaman, son of Benjamin and Kristen (Hupf) Seaman, was baptized at All Saints Church on March 20th. We welcome this child and ask God to bless him and his family.

BINGO! Sunday evenings at All Saints Parish Hall. Doors open at 5:00pm and BINGO begins at 6:30.

Mar. 27 - CCW - Cakes: Julie Ottman, Anita Youngbauer

Kitchen: Bonnnie Lundt, Kathy Morris

Apr. 3 - KC's - Cakes: Leanne Hansen, Bonnie Lundt



Living Stations of the Cross during Holy Week: On Wednesday, Apr. 13, our students will present Living Stations at All Saints Church. Presentations will be at 1:30pm, 4:00pm and 7:00pm. Mark your calendars to be here for one of these moving depictions of our Savior's last walk to Calvary as presented by our students.

Please note that there will be <u>NO Adoration or Stations at All Saints on Good Friday, April 15</u>.

Sanctuary Lamps at Our Lady of the Lake. There are still several weeks available at OLOL. Please contact Our Lady of the Lake parish office at 920-294-6440 if you would like to reserve a week for the Sanctuary candle to burn in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$10 for a week.

Old Palms are blessed objects and should be disposed of properly. They can be burned or buried, but should not be thrown in the trash. There is also a basket in the gathering area to put your old palms and we can dispose of them for you.

All Saints Lectors' and Eucharistic Ministers' schedules were sent out by email last week. Please check the schedule for additional Holy Week assignments as well. If you did not get your schedule, there are paper copies available in the servers sacristy, or contact the parish office. Thank you.

Extended Confession Time at Our Lady of the Lake - Friday, April 8 - from 8:30 - 10:30am

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31 - Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® from 2021 have until March 31, 2022, to direct them. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice, or call 800-847-4836.

Easter Flower Donations - We are graciously accepting donations for flowers in memorial of a loved one, or just because. You may use the envelope included in the March offertory packets, or just put your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers". Thank you!

Mollie B Dance Tickets - The dance will held on May 15th at the Berlin High School. Tickets are \$15 each for adults - children 12 and under are free with a paid adult. Contact Tom Pionke for dance tickets: 920-290-0984. Raffle tickets are also available at Farmers & Merchants Bank or by contacting Nick Bartol.

Rummage Sale - Mark you calendars! The All Saints CCW will be holding their rummage sale at a new time and location! The sale will be at the <u>City Inn in Berlin, May 15-22</u>. More details to follow!

All Saints Parish Festival - It's time to start thinking ahead to summer fun! The All Saints Parish Festival will be held on <u>Sunday, June 26</u> at Riverside Park, and now is the time to start putting our "Big Ticket" raffle together. Please contact Julie at 920-290-2703 with any cash, gift cards, or item donations. Thank you!

Ukrainian Refugee Relief - OLOL and All Saints combined collection totaled \$5435.00. Thank you for your generous donations. Online donations can still be made by going to: *https://madisondiocese.org/ukraine*

Polish Meal - All Saints Catholic School 7th grade class will host a Polish Meal on Thurs., April 7th from 11:00-2:00 and then again from 4:00-7:00 pm. Proceeds will benefit both the Ukrainian citizens seeking refuge in Warsaw, Poland, and ASCS 7th graders' future class trip. Dine in and take-outs will both be available. More details will be found soon on our Facebook page and in next week's bulletin. Let us cook for you that day!

ALL SAINTS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

\$5,739,676 raised as of Thursday, Mar. 17, 2022! Thank you for your generosity! Let's keep the momentum of God's blessings going for our new building!

Capital Campaign Pledge Envelopes for monthly givers who pay with cash or check are available in the gathering space at All Saints Church. Checks can be made payable to: All Saints Capital Campaign. Thanks!



ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND FAITH FORMATION

Third Grade students celebrated the end of their novel unit for *Because of Winn-Dixie* by recreating the party setting from the book. Students chose characters to dress up as, made a party supply list based on the book to make sure they had the exact same food and decorations, and we said a blessing before we enjoyed the food just like in the book too! It was a great culminating activity to practice many skills we have learned!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Knights of Columbus, Berlin Council 1547, are offering two \$800 scholarships, and also one \$800 Special Needs scholarship to children or grand-children of a member of our local council, who proves enrollment in a 4-year college or accredited technical program. The "Special Needs Scholarship" is open to any student in the Berlin Area School District who has been previously identified by school district personnel with an educational disability, and has been determined to be in need of, or has received past educational services to address his or her needs. Applications must be submitted by **March 30**.

Please call Bob Markofski at 920-376-1296 with any questions you may have, or for an application.



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Actual YTD Total: \$520,	200.00 <u>210.15</u> 989.85) Would you prayerfully consider treating Al Saints / Our Lady of the Lake as one of your children in your will/estate planning? Call your Parish Office for details.	

Please note, our weekly goal is our operating offertory budget over 52 weeks. This will make our year to date numbers behind at the beginning of the fiscal year and at times depending on the week of the month. This is expected due to the Parish's increased income flow revolving around Christmas and Easter time.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE





Our Ladyof the LakeCatholic Church



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OUR LADY OF THELAKEMASS: Saturday 5:00 PM & Sunday 9:00 AM

OLOL OFFICES

Rectory/Parish Office Parish Secretary Parish Email Website

920-294-6440 Carolvn Zenter (Monday and Tuesday 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM) OLGLCatholic@gmail.com https://www.olol.center

Pastoral Council Chair **Finance Council Chair Financial Secretary Building & Grounds** Council of Catholic Women Nathan Polcyn Stephen Prissel **Betty Rowley** Hal Pohlman Pat Green

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ALL SAINTS MASS:Saturday 4:30 PM & Sunday7:30 AM, & 10:00 AM

ALL SAINTS OFFICES

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Jana Dahms

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ST. STANISLAUS CEMETERY Sexton: David LaBuda (cell)920-290-2581

ST. MICHAEL CEMETERY

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We welcome you to our parish family. Please stop by or call the

Parish office for information about registering as parish members.

JOINT STAFF& OFFICEINFORMATION

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Director of Religious Ed. Michelle Wolff 920-361-5252 mwolff@allsaintsberlin.org

SCHEDULING EVENTS

All parish activities or meetings need to be a scheduled on the parish calendar. Please call the parish office.

BULLETINDEADLINE

Tuesday - Noon

School Office

School Principal

SACRAMENTS

PENANCE/RECONCILIATION

Private Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays at 4:00 PM and on Sundays at 9:30 AM before Mass at All Saints. There is private reconciliation at 4:30PM and 8:30AM before Mass times at OLOL. Communal Celebrations are scheduled during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

MARRIAGE

To Schedule a wedding date, call the parish office. The common policy of the Diocese of Madison requires a 6-month minimum notice. We strongly recommend at least one year in advance.

BAPTISM

Baptism dates are arranged through the parish offices. First time parents are required to attend baptism preparation program before the baptism of their child. Pleasecall the parish office for more information.

ANOINTING OF THESICK

NEW PARISHIONERS

Individual celebrations can be arranged by calling the parish office.

COMMUNION FORTHESICK

We are happy to bring the Holy Communion to those confined to their homes.Please notify the parish office.