Fifth Saturday in Lent



March 16, 2024 5:00 pm St. Paul's Amherst Lutheran Campus

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Amherst Lutheran Campus Fifth Saturday in Lent March 16, 2024



Musician: Adam Schmidt

Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.
- C Amen.
- P Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
 - Holy God,
- C we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.
- P Friends, hear about God's grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through Jesus Christ. So your sins are forgiven in the name of Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

My Song Is Love Unknown



Apostolic Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

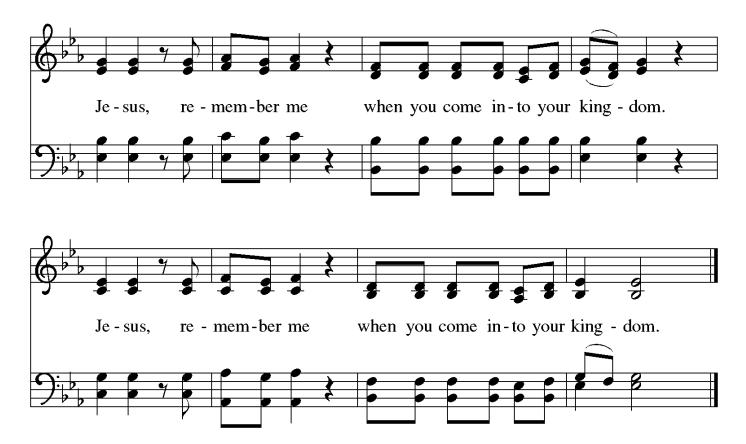
Prayer of the Day

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

\mathbf{C} Amen

Praise Hymn: WOV 740

Jesus, Remember Me



Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more

- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

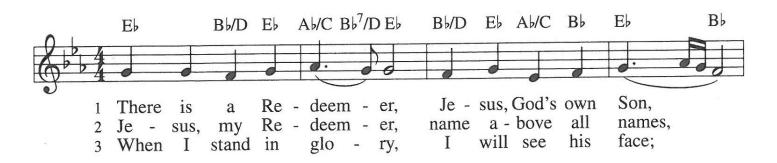
Psalm 51:1-12 (read responsively)

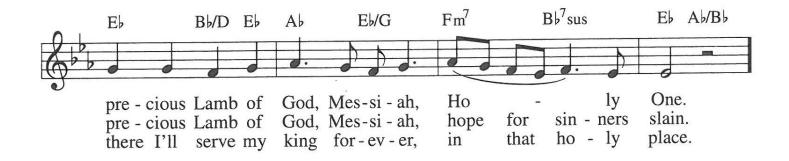
- A Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- C Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.
- A For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.
- C Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.
- A Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.
- C Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.
- A Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
- C Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- A Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.
- C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- A Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

- C Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

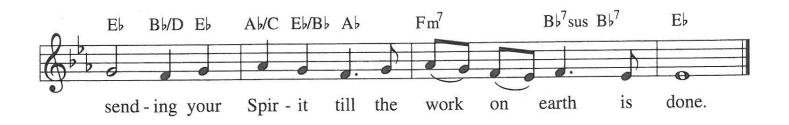
Gospel Hymn: W&P 140, Verse 1

There is a Redeemer









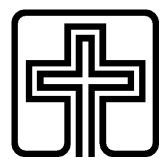
- P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 18th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15–22

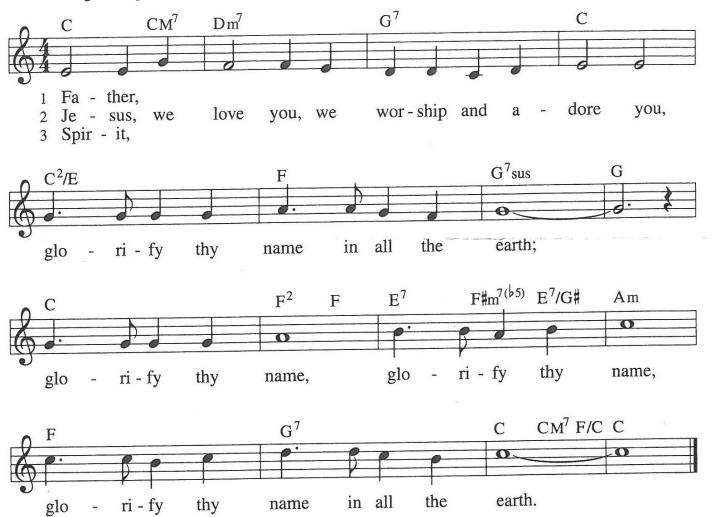
If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



Glorify thy name



Apostle's Creed

- P Let's join to proclaim our faith together using the words of the Apostles' Creed:
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the Church

P Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need. (Please be seated.)

God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. We pray especially for the people named on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation. Move us to reach out to any who are home bound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

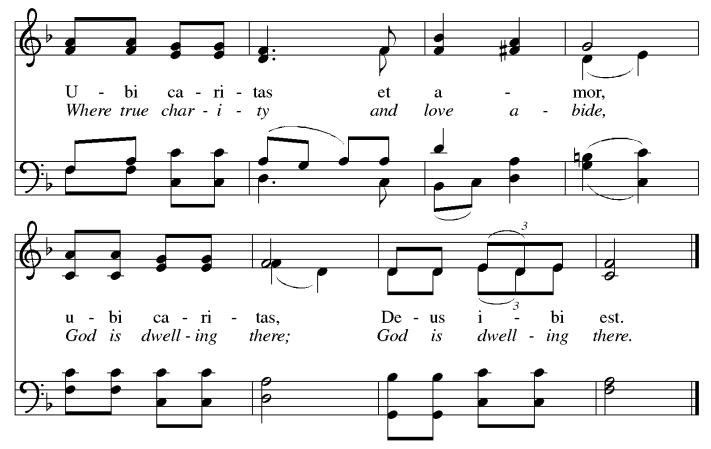
P God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us, especially Patrick, missionary to Ireland, whom we commemorate today. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

Ubi caritas et amor Where True Charity and Love Abide



Text: Latin antiphon, 9th cent.; Taizé Community; tr. With One Voice

Music: TAIZÉ UBI CARITAS, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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Offering Prayer

- P Let us pray.
- \mathbf{C} God of grace, we give you thanks for all the blessings you have poured into our lives. Thank you for the opportunities to share those blessings through and beyond St. Paul's. Use the gifts we offer here today and in our planned giving to bless the world with your hope, your presence, and your love. Amen

Ways to Give to St. Paul's

Here are a couple of options you can use to continue tithing to St. Paul's:

- **In-Person Worship:** Continue to put your envelopes and cash in the plate
- Giving by Mail: If you are not able to attend worship in person, please mail your donations payable to St. Paul's 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY 14226
- Online: On the St. Paul's website is a link to Online Giving which will allow you to donate either via PayPal or credit card. Click the Online Giving button and you will be taken to the site to set up an account, where to direct your donation, and the amount you want to donate. The website is: https://stpaulseggertsville.com/online-giving/

Dialogue and Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give God thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right and proper that we should at all times and in all places, offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and speak their unending hymn:

Sanctus (spoken)

C Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

- P In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
 - Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Communion Hymn: W&P 76





Text: Dennis Jernigan, refrain of "You are my all in all"

Music: ALL IN ALL, Dennis Jernigan

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Holy Communion at St. Paul's: celebrated every time we gather, and is open to all. Please approach by the center aisle, receive the bread and the wine, and return to your seat via the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request it from the Assisting Minister holding the wine. Children are welcome! Those who receive elsewhere may receive here. Children who do not yet receive may come for a blessing. If you have difficulty walking, communion will be brought to you at your seat.

O Living Bread from Heaven



- 1 O liv ing Bread from heav en, how well you feed your guest!
- 2 My Lord, you here have led me with in your ho liest place,
- 3 You gave me all I want ed; this food can death de stroy.
- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength-ened with heav'n-ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have and here your-self have fed me with And you have free - ly grant - ed the my course on earth is length - ened, to

filled my heart with rest. trea - sures of your grace; cup of end - less joy. serve with ho - ly fear.



Oh, won-drous food of bless - ing, oh, that heals our woes! cup for you have free - ly giv en what earth could nev - er buy, My Lord, I do mer it the fa - vor you have shown, not leave this world be - low, And when you call spir it to my



My pos - sess - ing, with prais - es o - ver - flows! heart, this gift the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die. and soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne. my I en - ter, through your mer - it, where joys un - min-gled

Text: Johann Rist, 1606–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt. Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876



Communion Blessing

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

Prayer After Communion

- P Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.
- C Amen.

Benediction

- P And now as you go on your way, may our Lord Jesus go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, behind you to encourage you, beside you to be your friend, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace. Go today celebrating in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, and all God's children said...
- C Amen

Sending Hymn: LBW 97 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

- P Go in peace to serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God.

Christ, the Life of All the Living



ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: March 17-24, 2024

Unless otherwise noted, all activities take place at the Eggertsville Campus

Sunday: 8:50-9:30 am: No Adult Forum—Will restart April 7

9:30 am-1:30 pm: Western New York Church at ALC

10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV

10:00 am: Worship, Communion, and Sunday School

10:00 am: First Communion

1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

11:00 am-1:00 pm: Family Fun Day at Eggertsville Campus

Monday: 4:30-5:30 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share

Tuesday: 10:00 am: Bible Study

1:30-3:30 pm: GriefShare Meeting

5:00-6:30 pm: Recovery on Main Meeting (NA) 7:00-9:00 pm: Lutheran Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday: 10:00 am-3:00 pm: Prayer Group Retreat at ALC (Karin Johnson)

12:00 pm: Lenten Soup & Psalms

6:30-8:00 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group

8:00 pm: AA Meeting

Thursday: 6:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety II

Saturday: Palm Weekend

9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at ALC 9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open

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1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Prayer List: Shut-Ins (* indicates new names or changes added this week)

Ruth Blank: 2330 Maple Road, Apt. 374, Williamsville, NY 14221

Neal DeLeo: Bristol Village, 8455 Clarence Center Road, #105, Clarence Center, NY 14032

Marilyn Emerson: 33 Northfield Drive, Snyder, NY 14226 Douglas Endres: 26 Sovereign Court,

Getzville, NY 14068

John Hornung: Brothers of Mercy, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031

Jan Isaacs: 6 Bush Gardens, Three Rod Road, Alden, NY 14004

Omar Jenson: The Maplewood, 100 Daniel Drive, Webster, NY 14580

Dave Lampe: Elmwood, IL (no additional details)

Elaine Masman: Doseberg Campus, Room 120, 2700 North Forest Rd., Getzville, NY 14068

Ralph Mast: 150 Bissel Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14211

Dorothy Menth: Elderwood at Basset Park, 245 Bassett Rd., #54, Williamsville, NY 14221

Marion Niblock: Beechwood Rehab, 2235 Millersport Highway, #714, Getzville, NY 14068

Wilma Nantka: Fredonia Place, 201 Reist Street, #238, Williamsville, NY 14221

David Wolf: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #244, East Amherst, NY 14051 Ron Wolfe: 324 Village Park Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221

Jane Woodward: Brothers of Mercy, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031

We share our sympathy and prayers with the family of Ted Bland (Andrew Bland's father)

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Sandy Simet; Thomas Maier; Chad Israel; Sarah and Brian Maloney

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In-Person Worship: St. Paul's has two in-person worship services: Saturday evening at 5:00 pm at the Amherst Lutheran Campus, and Sunday morning at 10:00 am at the Eggertsville Campus. Please be respectful of people around you regarding distancing and their comfort levels. The Sunday 10:00 am worship service is also livestreamed on St. Paul's YouTube page.

Church Unleashed: If you cannot join us for in-person worship, please continue to worship with us as Church Unleashed on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on WBBZ, YouTube, or Facebook.

ALC Book Club: Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 11, beginning at 7:15 pm in the Gathering Room at Amherst Lutheran Campus. All are welcome! The book for April will be announced next week. Contact me if you have any questions. Karin Johnson (716-689-6365 or karinej@roadrunner.com.)

Prayer Team Ministry: Once a week you will receive an email with a list of people to pray for and specific requests for that person. We ask that you commit to praying for the names on the email. If you'd like to join us, please contact Heidi at: Heidi@stpaulseggertsville.com

Daily Bread Food Truck: The 2024 Monday Meal Share is underway. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, contact the office at 716-835-0407 or dailybread4007@gmail.com

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The pantry hours for March have been adjusted to conform to FeedMore WNY requirements. March hours are Saturday 3/23 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm; and Thursday 3/28 from 3:00-6:30 pm. Donations for March: flour, sugar, and cooking oil.

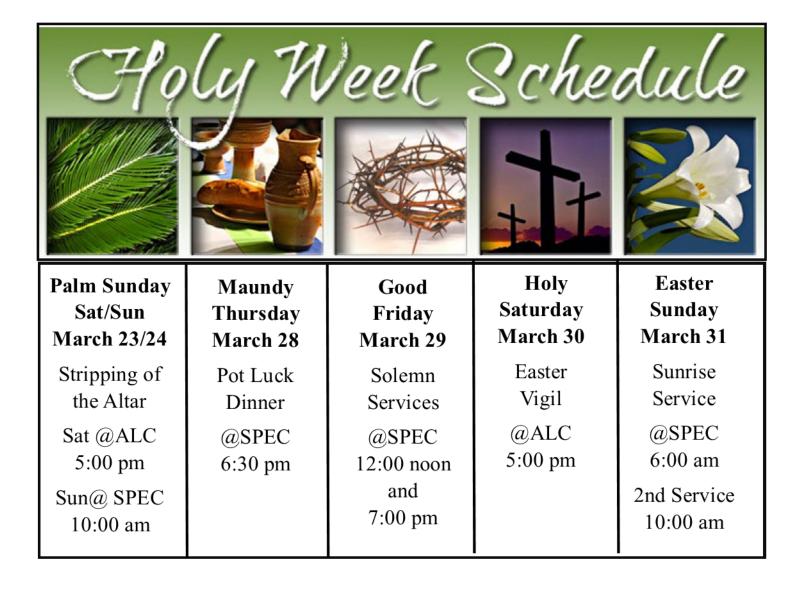
Lenten Lunches and Devotions: Wednesdays from 12:00-12:45 pm. Psalms of Prayer: March 20: Psalm 31- "Into your hands O Lord I commend my spirit" Pastor Steve and Pastor Kristen, Prayer Focus: all who grieve. Please consider bringing a pot of soup for one of the weeks. The Sign Up sheet is in the Gathering Area.

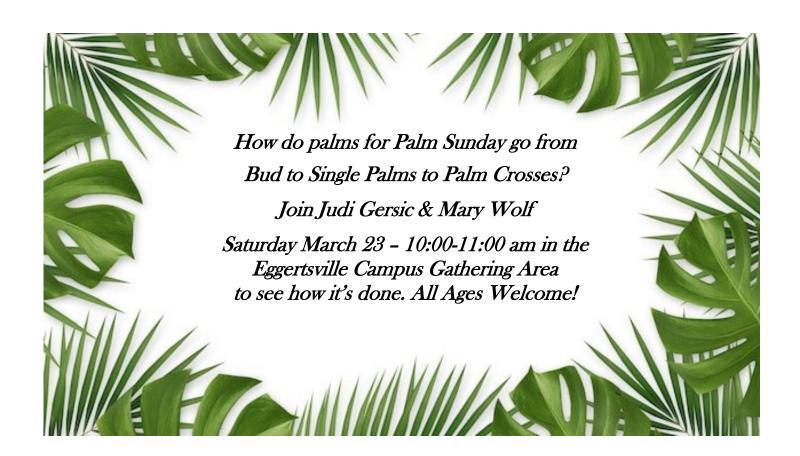
Walk in Their Socks: St. Paul's will be collecting new pairs of socks for the homeless throughout Lent. There will be a donation box in each church.



First Communion Students: On Sunday, March 10 the following students completed their First Communion Training, and will make their First Communion within the next few weeks:

Lilah Grace Spinuzza
Andrew Thomas Wieczorek
Luke W. Bartholomew
Jordan G. Dwyer
Levi M. Davis
Weston D. Dowse
Colton S. Aprile









+ St. Paul's Mission + To empower others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We do that by: Seeking Connections, Enriching Faith, Nourishing Lives, and Demonstrating Love in God's Name.

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