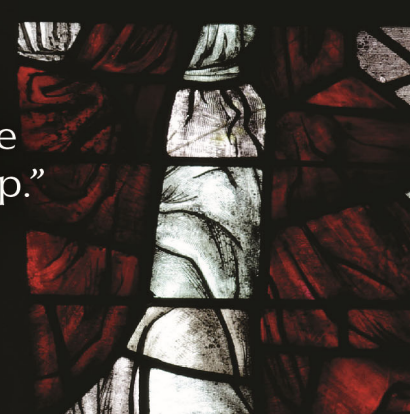
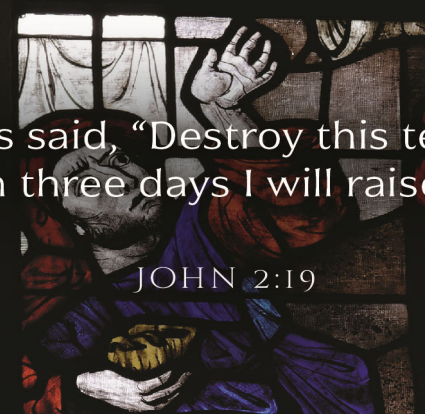


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Jesus said, "Destroy this temple  
and in three days I will raise it up."

JOHN 2:19



# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 7, 2021

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*"We are called to welcome and assist all to the compassionate love of  
Jesus through the Eucharist."*

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Beloved of St. Monica,

Here we are in the Third week of Lent. It is a beautiful place to be. We are in the desert with Jesus. We have completed 16 of the 40 days of Lent. We don't count Sundays. How are you doing?

Fasting, prayers and almsgiving are all acts of love. If we don't invest in our spiritual life, our relationship with God through Jesus, we will never find the joy here on earth. As we sink into the halfway mark of desert journey of Lent this Wednesday, how has your heart become more like Jesus?

How has your life overflowed with the mercy and compassion of Jesus who loves us more than we love ourselves?

Saint Paul (Romans 5:5-8) helps us to understand the authority Jesus has to overturn our tables, our broken commandments, and our failure to love the immigrant, prisoner, unborn, poor and lonely.

*And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.*

In every chapel that Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta established throughout the world, she has two words written in English beside the Crucifix just above the Blessed Sacrament. ***"I Thirst"***

Every fast, prayer or almsgiving we offer in Lent must quench the thirst of Jesus. Does it?

Jesus is sitting by the well today asking for a drink of water from the Samaritan woman (John 4:5-42). He is also asking each of us for a drink. We complain we don't have enough to share with the poor, our church, or beyond our county. We complain. *Five loaves and two fish are all we have. "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep." Jesus answers us all:*

***“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him/her a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”***

The woman said to Jesus, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” We say, “Sir, give me this water, so that we may be able to hold on to our way of life or not have to wrestle with our faith.” Interesting, Jesus says, **“Go call your husband and come back.”**

Who is Jesus asking you to bring to him? Who are the people you are estranged with? Who are the people you believe should not be in heaven with you and Jesus?

Last week, we buried Warner Strong at the National Cemetery in Jacksonville. Being with him, his beautiful wife Mary, and their children in the last hours of his life on earth was beyond awesome. We laughed, cried, prayed and danced with Jesus and each other. I left my pocket cross I always carry with me. Their daughter took this picture as he died. In the 55<sup>th</sup> year of marriage, they remained faithful. My cross came back even more powerful, because God will not be outdone in generosity nor love. God has a bigger shovel than me!

**Have a beautiful week in God’s Desert that is blooming.  
Let’s quench the thirst of Jesus through our fasting, prayers and charity.  
Love, joy, peace,  
Father Ron Moses +**



This is Warner and Mary Strong just before he passed. Their daughter Melissa took the picture.



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## Hearing God's Voice

Did you know that God is always speaking to us and that we can hear Him? Your prayers need not be a one-sided conversation. God would love for us to just be still sometimes and open our ears to him, not using the ears of our head, but the ears of our hearts.

The best way to hear God's voice is to become familiar with it. Meet with Him in prayer every day. The closer you get to Him, the more clearly you will be able to hear Him. One of the best ways to recognize His voice is to spend time in the Word. Get a book or an app of the daily readings and reflections that are used at Mass every day. Try reading them out loud. Listen to God speak through the prophets in the Old Testament and in Jesus's own words in the New Testament. Listen carefully as the readings are proclaimed at Mass and then listen again to them as Father Ron includes them in his homily. Before long, God's words will be like old friends to you.

God's voice comes to us in many ways. He may speak to you through other people when they say something to you that you need to hear at that particular moment. Sometimes you can hear His voice through a song on a Christian music station on your radio. Taking a quiet walk through the beauty of His creation may also help open your ears to Him. However you hear Him, it will always be in a way that He knows you can understand. He will speak to you in the language of your heart. And it will be your heart that recognizes that He is speaking. You will hear God best when you are in a state of grace. If there is something that is standing between you and God, go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Not only will you be forgiven, but you will receive God's grace. Go to Mass as often as you can and receive the Eucharist. Not only will you receive grace, but you will receive the real presence of Jesus within you. That is the perfect moment to listen. Know that whatever He says will bring you love, joy, and peace.

***"My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me." John 10:27***

# faith Formation



## RCIA

**BECOMING CATHOLIC** is a lifelong journey. Long after receiving your Sacraments of Initiation, there is always more to experience as we walk with Christ. There is always immense joy when an individual chooses to approach the table of the Lord for the first time. We all welcome those that wish to join our church, and together we show what it means to be Christian, to be Catholic. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the journey of **BECOMING CATHOLIC** looks a little different this year. We are going to begin virtually and progress to in person as we can.

**If you are reading this and are not already Catholic, Please Come On In!** We would love to welcome you! Reach out to me at [rcia@stmonicacatholicchurch.com](mailto:rcia@stmonicacatholicchurch.com) or call the parish office.

**If you are Catholic and would like to help** welcome the seekers, reach out! Each new person needs a sponsor (*think Godparents for Adults*) to walk with them. It is difficult to pair up like-minded folks that would 'click' when we cannot hang out together, so the more volunteers the better!

Since this will include virtual elements, we will be utilizing on-line resources such as Formed.org (Parish Subscription!!) and other such sites. From time to time, I will be sharing the links that **BECOMING CATHOLIC** is viewing that week. We are starting with a conversation about Scripture and watching <https://watch.formed.org/symbolon-the-catholic-faith-explained/season:1/videos/the-bible-god-s-love-letter-to-humanity>. I encourage each of you to explore these materials as 'refreshers' on you own life long Catholic journey.

Prayerfully,  
Cheryl M

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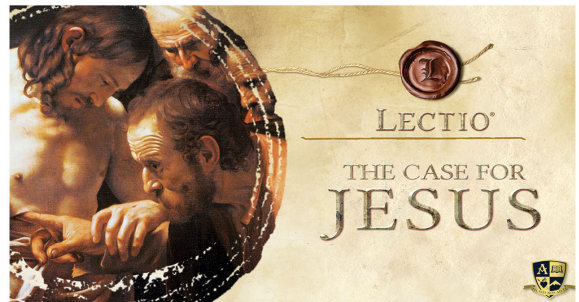
PICK OF THE WEEK

March 7, 2021

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# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Angie Spena Funeral Mass

Saturday  
March 13, 2021  
at 11:00 AM



## Happy 95th Birthday Katherine Phillips



*Rest  
in  
Peace*

*Warner Strong*



# worship & prayer

## Prayer Requests

Louise Egan, Sue Wilson,  
Fred Lininger, Shirley Delaney  
Edna Blandford, Andy Hall, Gary Rummel,  
Adrienne Fennell, The Carr Family,  
Frank Comer, Pam Mathes, Val Thayer  
Larry Beaton, Quinn Soucey, Jourdan Craig,  
Hoyt Muir, Joe Iovino

Please call the office at 386-325-9777 if you know someone that needs prayers.



## The Pope's Monthly Intentions for March:

### *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Let us pray that we experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God

## Prayer for the Year of Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted  
his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace,  
mercy and courage,  
and defend us from  
every evil.  
Amen.  
-Pope Francis



## This Week's Daily Readings

- Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;  
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

## MASS *Intentions*

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**Saturday, March 6**  
+Susan Walwik

**Sunday, March 7**  
Parishioners  
Lauren Reid (Spiritual Healing)

**Tuesday March 9**  
Bridgett Hamilton & Family

**Wednesday, March 10**  
Hugh & Julia Costello

**Thursday, March 11**  
+Frank Spena

**Friday, March 12**  
Agnes David



# EVENTS

## St Monica 2nd Saturday Music Fest

March 13, 2021 at 2:00 PM

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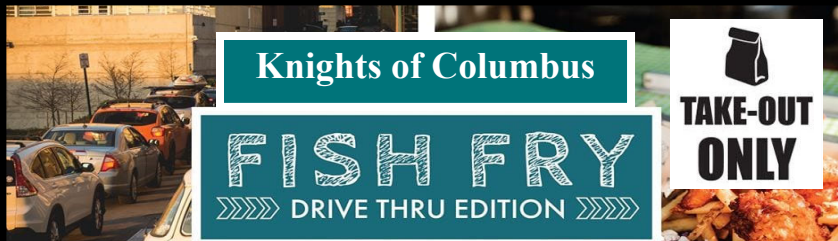
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## Lenten Penance Service



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Vigil Mass  
Saturday 4:30 PM

Mass Sunday  
9:00 AM

Father Ron's Bible Study  
Tuesday 6:15 PM

Rosary with Father Ron and  
Guests  
Friday 7:45 AM

Friday Morning Mass &  
Adoration  
9:00 AM

## Mass Schedule

### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

**Drive Thru Blessings**  
Sunday 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM

### Daily Masses

Tuesday 5:30 PM  
Wednesday-Friday 8:30 AM

### Confessions

Saturday 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM  
Or by appointment

### Healing Mass

First Saturday of the Month 10:00 AM

## Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 13, 2021 4:30 PM

**Ushers: Steve Woods, George Schiffbauer**  
**Eucharistic Minister: Sandy Woods**  
**Lectors: Ken Freligh, Mary Crawford**  
**Altar Server: Bill Maus**

Sunday, March 14, 2021 9:00 AM

**Ushers: Eddie Dubeck, Tom Hiss**  
**Eucharistic Minister: Mary Mundy**  
**Lectors: Cheryl Meis, Pam Mathes**  
**Altar Server: Frank Fraize**

Sunday, March 14, 2021 11:00 AM

**Ushers: Joe Iovino**  
**Eucharistic Minister: Mary Iovino**  
**Lectors: Arthur Costa, Elizabeth Costa**  
**Altar Server: Andrew Walwik**

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