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MARCH 2025

*Feed your Faith - and your
fears will starve to death.*

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Mar 2 – Faith Formation Class at 9am
Mar 5 – Ash Wednesday Mass at 7pm
Mar 6 – Adoration & Confession after 9am Mass
Mar 6 – Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm
Mar 8 – St Anne's Meeting at 3:15pm
Mar 9 – Daylight Savings Time Starts
Mar 9 – KC's Meeting at 9:00am
Mar 9 – NO Faith Formation Class
Mar 9 – Spanish Mass at 2:00pm
Mar 12 – Encounter Youth Group - 6:30-8pm
Mar 13 – Finance Council Meeting at 6:00pm
Mar 13 – Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm
Mar 15 – Sacred Heart's Day of Prayer at 9am
Mar 16 – Faith Formation Class at 9am
Mar 16 – Adoration Before Mass 9:30-10:20am
Mar 17-21 – Parish Office Closed–Katrina OFF
Mar 20 – Diocesan Holy Hour at 9:30am
Mar 20 – Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm
Mar 23 – Faith Formation Class at 9am
Mar 23 – Confessions available after Mass
Mar 23 – KC's Free Meal after Mass, with a
Ventriloquist for entertainment
Mar 27 – Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm
Mar 30 – Faith Formation Class at 9am
Mar 30 – Lenten Mission Speaker: Deacon Dave
Apr 4 – NET Retreat 4:00-9:00pm
Apr 17 – Holy Thursday Mass at 6:30pm
(Adoration in hall after mass until 10:30pm)
Apr 18 – Good Friday Service at 1:00pm
Apr 19 – Easter Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart at
8:15pm
Apr 20 – Easter Mass at 10:30am
Apr 27 – First Communion

If you know of someone in
need of prayers, or you
would like to be a Prayer
Warrior (on the prayer chain)
Call the church office at 920.867.2179



To have someone (or yourself)
remembered in prayer during
General Mass Petitions, sign the book
on the narthex stand.

Dear people of God!

Lent holds deep significance in the Catholic Church as a season of spiritual reflection and renewal, leading up to the joyous celebration of Easter. It marks the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, fasting and resisting temptation. During this time, Catholics engage in prayer, fasting, and acts of charity to grow closer to God and prepare for the Resurrection of Christ. –Fr. Kris



For Lent 2025, Pope Francis invites us to embrace not only fasting and abstinence but also 15 simple acts of love to make this season more meaningful:

1. Greet everyone with a warm hello, wherever you are.
2. Express gratitude by saying thank you, even when it's unexpected.
3. Remind others of your love for them.
4. Greet people with joy, especially those you encounter daily.
5. Listen to others with love, without judgment.
6. Be there to help those in need, offering your time and support.
7. Uplift someone's spirits when they're feeling down.
8. Celebrate the achievements and good moments of others.
9. Donate things you no longer need to those who do.
10. Help others even when you feel like resting.
11. Speak out with love, and don't stay silent out of fear.
12. Deepen your emotional connections with those close to you.
13. Clean up after yourself at home with care.
14. Assist others in overcoming challenges.
15. Call your parents, if you're blessed to have them.

Additionally, Pope Francis encourages us to fast from negative thoughts and actions, replacing them with positive attitudes:

- Speak kindly and refrain from insults.
- Replace discontent with gratitude.
- Let go of anger and practice patience and gentleness.
- Replace pessimism with hope.
- Stop worrying and place your trust in God.
- Avoid complaining and find joy in the simple things.
- Let go of stress and embrace prayer.
- Replace sadness and bitterness with joy.
- Let go of selfishness and show compassion.
- Release grudges and seek reconciliation.
- Spend more time in silence, listening to others with understanding.



A Glimpse of
HEAVEN
on **EARTH**
by Deacon Dave Scheuer

Join us Sunday, March 30th

Deacon Dave will be joining us for Mass and will give the homily! After Mass a lunch will be provided and we'll have an opportunity to hear more of his testimony!

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STATIONS of the CROSS

Thursdays at 6:00pm
March 6, 13, 20, & 27

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE



Wednesday, April 7
6:30-7:30pm

An evening of adoration
and confession.

St. Vincent de Paul News THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Our SS. Peter an Paul/Sacred Heart Conference would like to sincerely thank you for the out-standing Thanksgiving Collection we had last Fall. We collected an amazing \$1,235 which will help so much in our work.



The money will go to the bank that St. Vincent's uses in Appleton BUT, we will get it back when we have someone in need. That neighbor in need will call the Appleton office, they will determine the need and where the neighbor lives. They will also make sure the neighbor is not asking for help more than every 6 months. Then we received the request here in Weyauwega or Manawa. The neighbor has to reside in our school district. Then one of our home visitors contacts the neighbor in need and sets up a home visit to meet them and see how we can help.

Our conference receives \$1,000 every month to help those in need. If we have many requests we use that \$1,000. If we don't have many requests, the \$ stays in the bank. So you see we usually give out more money than we, our parish, donates at Thanksgiving.

I hope this explanation helps you understand how your generous donation is put to work And that it helps those in need right here in our school district.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: Which Saint, who was a Carmelite nun, is known as the "Little Flower"?

Answer: St. Therese of Lisieux

Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church Financial Statement

January 2024

Jan-25

Statement of Activity

Revenue

Church Support
Liturgy and Worship
Other Revenue
Faith Formation & Youth
Fundraising
PPP Loan Forgiveness
Total Revenue

Operating Expenses

Salaries and Wages
Payroll Taxes, Insurance Benefits
Liturgy and Worship
Pastoral Care and Outreach
Faith Formation & Youth
Buildings and Grounds
General Office
Diocesan Assessment
Other Payments+CapEx
Total Payments

Restricted Donation Revenue
Restricted Donation Expense

Net Excess(Deficit)

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday.

In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrated their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may only eat one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

These minimal penitential practices should not be lightly excused.



FIRST
Communion



SAVE THE DATE:

The date for First Communion
is officially set for
Sunday, April 27
at the 10:30am Mass.

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2025

Bringing HOPE
to the world

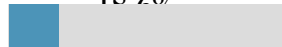
Our parish goal is \$18,759

As of February 25th,

SS. Peter & Paul has

contributed **\$3,370.00.**

Please help us reach our goal.



Daylight Saving Time Begins—March 9

Don't forget to



Encounter Youth Group

We will be meeting **Wednesday, March 12** at 6:30pm.
All 6th -12th grade students are invited for a fun and
inspirational evening of games, snacks, connecting
with others, a talk, discussion and prayers.

Invite your friends of all faiths. All are welcome!

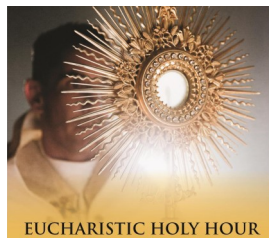


Parish Office Closed
The parish office will be
closed March 17th–21st

There WILL be Mass on
Tuesday & Thursday

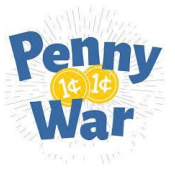
Diocesan Holy Hour

Thursday, March 20th
after the 9:00am Mass.
A great opportunity for
adoration & confession!



PENNY WAR

The Squires will be sponsoring a
Penny War to benefit the Knights of
Columbus & Weymont Food Pantry.
It will run from Mar 2nd until Mar 30th. All mon-
ey collected will be matched by the Squires and
the winning classes will get an ice cream buffet or
donuts. There will be two groups competing,
grades 1-5 and grades 6-10.



Registration for the
12th Annual
Walk To Mary
is NOW OPEN!



Saturday, May 3rd

A 21-mile walking pilgrimage (shorter routes available)
starting from the National Shrine of St. Joseph at Old
St. Joseph Church on the St. Norbert College campus
in De Pere, WI to the National Shrine of Our Lady of
Good Help in Champion, WI.

Get More Info or Sign Up at: www.WalkToMary.com

Almighty and ever living God, you invite us deeper into your
world, your people, your Lent. May this time be one of out-
ward focus; seeking you in those we often ignore. Help us
live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter.
Give us hearts hungry to serve you and those who need what
we have to give. — Author Unknown



NET Retreat - Friday, April 4, 4:00pm-9:00pm
Grades 7-12

During the retreat young people will experience large
group activities, talks, dramas, skits, small group discus-
sions, prayer & music, giving youth a dynamic yet prayer-
ful encounter with Christ.

Includes a taco dinner from La Margarita!

*Feel free to come early—right after school, or late after
sports if needed, but please try to get out of practice early
if possible!*



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9 de marzo de 2025

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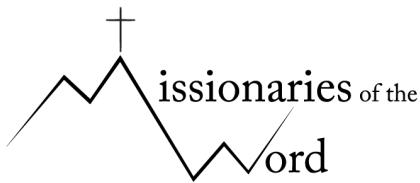
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Sacred Heart's Lenten Mission

March 15th
8am-1:30pm

"Day of Prayer & Reflection"

At Sacred Heart in Manawa

Day Includes: Morning Mass, light breakfast, talk on prayer, Break & Personal Prayer Time, talk on Lectio Divina, Lunch & more!

RSVP: shmanawa@wolfnet.net

Knights of Columbus Council 13702

Next Meeting:

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their regular monthly meeting on Sunday, March 9th at 9:00 am in the church hall. Their agenda will be as follows:

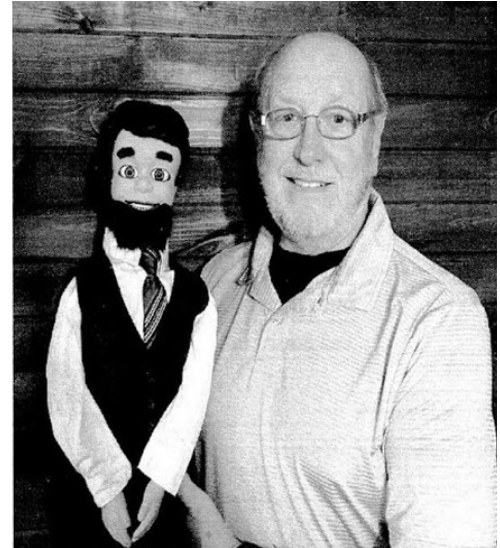
9:00 to 9:30 - Discussion on how we can strengthen and grow our faith in God

9:30 to 10:15 - Regular business meeting

All men are welcome to join us!

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, MARCH 23rd

Join the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, March 23rd after the 10:30am mass. Come for food, fellowship and entertainment from Terry & Danny.



Terry & Danny

singing ventriloquist & free meal!

Put on by St. Peter & Paul Knights of Columbus.
Free will offerings accepted.

Why Give to the Bishop's Appeal?

And the king will say to them in reply, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." -Mt 25:40

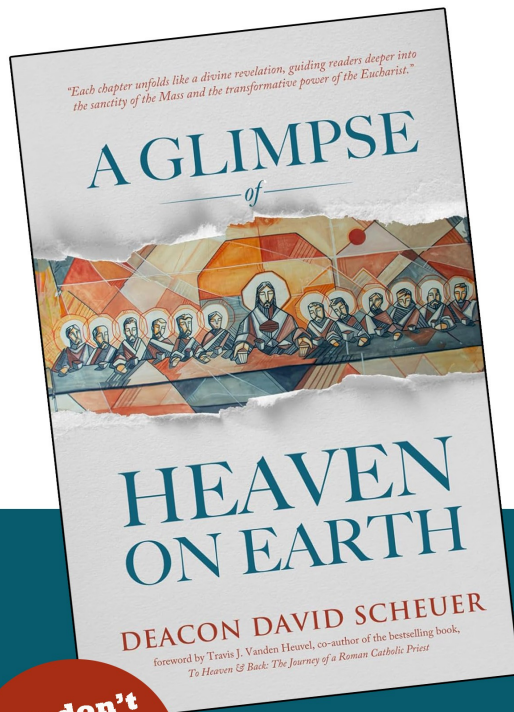
Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal will help in countless ways. Children and families are able to attend lively, interactive education programs learning the Word of God. A young woman in an abusive relationship is able, through counseling with Catholic Charities, to stand on her own feet. Married couples struggling with infertility are able to become parents through Adoption Services. Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal makes happy endings possible.

93% of every dollar raised goes to Diocesan ministries and services here in northeast Wisconsin.

Make a tremendous difference, and give to the Bishop's Appeal. How much you give is less important than the spirit in which you give. Even small donations add up to large donations. To make a gift today, contact your parish, visit the Bishop's Appeal website at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give, or call Tammy at 920-272-8123.



Deacon David Scheuer will share his whole, moving testimony with us of his profound experiences with the eucharist and glimpses of intimate encounters with the divine.



you don't
want to
miss
this!



A Glimpse of HEAVEN on EARTH

by Deacon Dave Scheuer

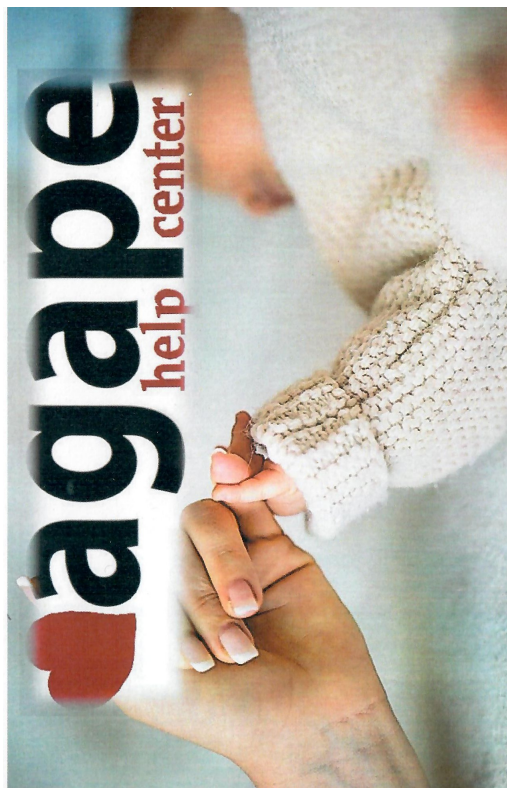
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Mass + lunch to follow

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Lunch following mass

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CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL

Annual Fundraising Banquet

Thursday, April 3rd

From 5:30 – 8:30pm

At St. Mary Magdalene's

N2845 SHADOW ROAD, WAUPACA, WI 54981

TICKETS: \$30 EACH - TABLE OF 6: \$180

Contact Agape at 715-942-8288 to purchase tickets.

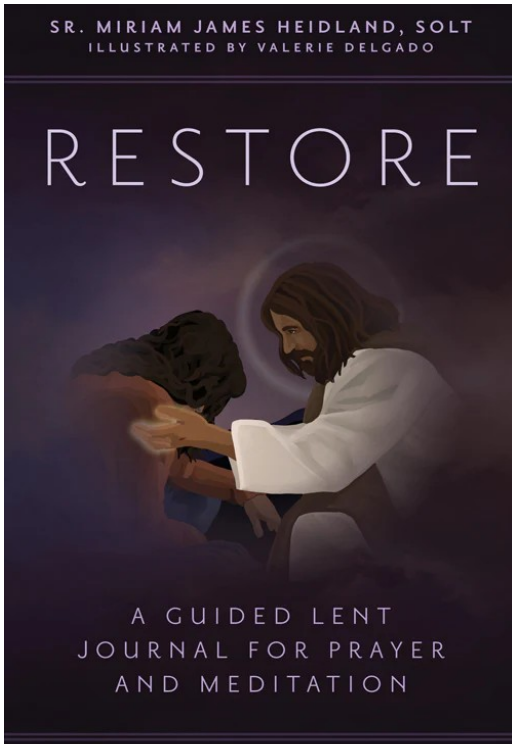
JOIN US FOR FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, SPEAKERS,
AND A GREAT GOD!

SOCIAL HOUR 5:30 - DINNER AT 6:30PM

SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLES
CLOSE AT 8:00PM

Lenten Faith Sharing Groups

*Follow the Lord into the depths of your heart this Lent
and you will never be the same.*



Take a healing journey with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, as she helps you turn away from what wounds you and toward God who heals you and makes you whole.

In this beautiful guided journal for prayer and meditation, Sr. Miriam invites you to meet the tenderness of God's mercy, the power of his love, and the restoration of your heart and life as you practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Restore features stunning original art by Valerie Delgado along with daily meditations on a passage from scripture, reflection questions, guided prayer, and space for journaling and notetaking.

Throughout Lent, you'll move through four different phases of healing, focusing on traditional Lenten practices:

1. **Prayer** is the means of healing our relationship with God.
2. **Fasting** disciplines us in healing our relationship with ourselves.
3. **Almsgiving** leads us to healing our relationships with others.
4. **Sacrifice** shows us the path to heaven and union with God.

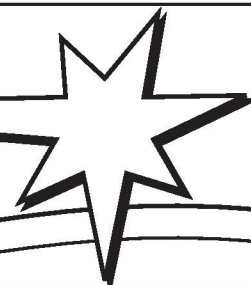
What: Optional daily reading/prayer on your own and weekly gatherings (snack/social time, short video, personal prayer, and discussion)

When: Wednesdays at 6:30pm or
Tuesdays at 9:45 (after 9am Mass)

Sign Up: Contact Steph Hansen
920-277-8844 or
hansensteph@yahoo.com



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March 2025

S.S. Peter & Paul and Sacred Heart Parishes



Thoughtful Moments

St. Agnes of Bohemia

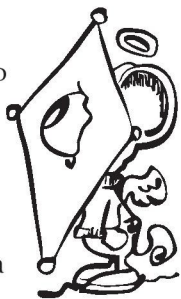
St. Agnes was born a princess of Bohemia, expected to marry another royal. She was offered in marriage to kings and an emperor, but her heart belonged to the King of Heaven. With the help of Pope Gregory IX, she was freed to enter religious life. In 1236, Agnes joined seven noblewomen in entering a Poor Clare monastery in Prague. She became known for her dedication to prayer, obedience, and humility. Her religious sisters valued her kindness.



St. Joseph, pray for us!

Although Scripture preserves his silence, St. Joseph's actions speak volumes about faith, courage, and devotion. Chosen by God to safeguard His Son and the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph's quiet strength and humble obedience inspire us to follow his example of faith, devotion and integrity.

"I have never known anyone who ... honored [St. Joseph] by particular services who did not advance greatly in virtue." —St. Teresa of Avila



Guide children to "the way, the truth, and the life"

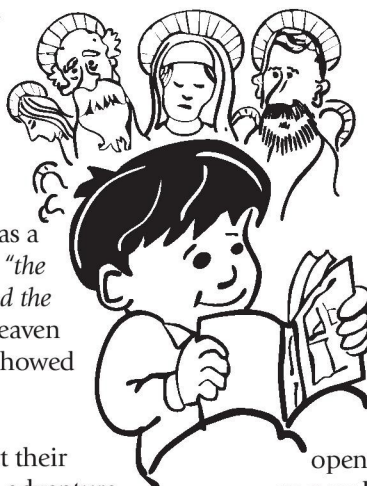
For children, penance can feel like punishment—a chore they'd rather skip. But Lent isn't about punishment; it's about beginning a journey that leads to the joy of Easter. To help children rethink the gift of Lent, try framing it as a path to discovering "the way and the truth and the life" that leads to Heaven (John 14:6). Jesus showed us how.

The Way – Invite children to map out their own 40-day Lenten adventure. Instead of one long sacrifice, let them choose several short-term challenges. Plan days of "fasting" from a favorite snack or screen time, days of "abstaining" from habits like arguing or complaining, and days focused on

prayer and good deeds. This keeps the journey dynamic and meaningful.

The Truth – Explore the true meaning of discipleship by discovering stories of those who followed Jesus wholeheartedly. Read about saints or biblical heroes who allowed God to work through them, transforming ordinary lives into extraordinary legacies. These stories can inspire children to see God's potential in themselves.

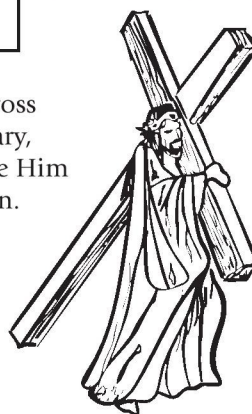
The Life – On Easter, Jesus opened the doors to Heaven, offering us new life. Every Mass is a chance to receive that life in Holy Communion. Encourage children to carry their Lenten lessons forward—speaking kindly, helping others, and deepening their prayer life—to preserve and celebrate their "new life" in Christ.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics pray the Stations of the Cross?

The Stations of the Cross trace Jesus' steps to Calvary, inviting us to walk beside Him and reflect on His Passion. This "mini pilgrimage," especially meaningful during Lent, reveals the cost of our sins and the depth of God's love

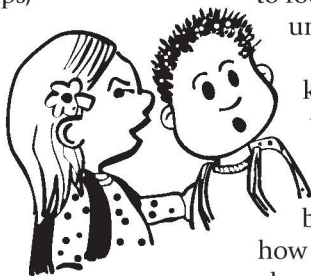


(John 3:16). As we meditate on Christ's suffering, we are called to unite our own struggles with His redemptive sacrifice. In this shared journey, pain finds purpose, and death is transformed by the promise of Resurrection and eternal life.

Avoiding the slippery slope of gossip

Gossip is a common problem — even among children. It destroys reputations and relationships, sometimes beyond repair. As Christ's followers, we are called to speak charitably, whether the other person is around or not. Teach children to fight the destructive sin of gossip:

Avoid complaining about others: It's fine to "let off steam" — for example, "I'm tired of having to remind Katie about our group project" — but it's a slippery slope to detraction and gossip: "Katie is such a ditz."



You'll want to avoid working with her." Encourage children to focus on problem solving rather than blaming. It's unproductive and never ends well.

Keep confidences: When youngsters are asked to keep something a secret "between you and me," nine times out of ten, it needs to stay that way (unless it's an emergency). Good friends keep confidences.

Stand up for others: No one deserves to be bad-mouthed behind their backs. Coach children on how to respond when conversations turn to gossip: they can change subjects, politely ask to stop, or leave.

Scripture LESSON

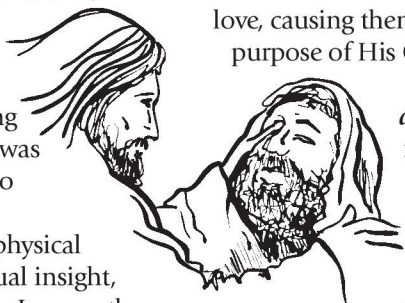
John 9:1-41, Faith is spiritual vision

When Jesus met a blind beggar, His disciples asked if the man's suffering was due to his sins or his parents' sins, believing suffering was always a punishment. Jesus corrected them, explaining that the man's blindness was not for punishment but to reveal God's power.

Jesus restored the man's physical sight and gave him spiritual insight, allowing him to recognize Jesus as the Son of God. His faith inspired others to believe in Jesus.

However, the Pharisees were divided. Some were impressed because they saw God at work in Jesus, while others

condemned Him for healing on the Sabbath. Their strict focus on the Law blinded them to God's mercy and love, causing them to miss the true purpose of His Commandments.



What can a parent do? In Baptism, we receive the gift of faith—the ability to trust God's love and plan, even in suffering. The more we follow Jesus, the more we see as He does. Regular Mass, Confession, and daily prayer help us strengthen this spiritual vision and better understand God's purpose in our lives.

Feasts & Celebrations

March 3 – St. Katharine Drexel (1955). A Philadelphia heiress, Katharine Drexel became a nun and used her inheritance to establish the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament to minister to African and Native American peoples.

March 5 – Ash Wednesday: The first day of Lent. Ashes of old palms are placed on the forehead, as a sign of penance. It's also a day of abstinence from meat and fasting – one regular meal and two small meals that together don't equal a full meal.

March 7 – Saints Perpetua and Felicity (203). Perpetua was a young mother and Carthaginian noblewoman who refused to renounce her faith. Felicity was a slave and expectant mother who also refused to deny her faith in Christ. Both were martyred.

March 17 – St. Patrick of Ireland (c.461). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped by pirates and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the first bishop of Ireland. He is credited for having established the Church there.



Parent TALK

Lent had become routine for our family. We'd given up chocolate, TV, and video games so many times that it felt more like a chore than a spiritual journey. We needed a fresh approach.



Then, inspiration struck: a good deeds competition. I bought a giant roll of tickets and set up four jars—one for each of us. The rules were simple: do a good deed, earn a ticket. Make it anonymous, earn two.

Halfway through Lent, we counted the tickets. The person who had the most chose where we went for Sunday brunch. We repeated this on Easter Sunday.

It was a game-changer. Lent became a season of sacrifice, kindness, and generosity. The kids were excited to find ways to help each other secretly, and our home was filled with unexpected acts of love. It turned out to be one of our most meaningful and fruitful Lenten seasons.

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