



## ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024**

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

## The Fifth Sunday of Lent-March 17th

### DIRECTORY

**Bishop** Most Rev. Ronald Hicks  
**Pastor** Rev. Mark J. Rosenbaum

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#### R.E. Office Hours/Horario de Oficina:

Monday/Lunes 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Saturday/Sábado 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

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### RECTORY / PARISH OFFICE

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#### OFFICE HOURS / HORARIO DE OFICINA

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Friday: 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Saturday 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

#### MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

**Saturday:** 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM

**Sunday:** 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM en Español

**Weekdays:** 7:45 AM except Thursday at 7:00 PM

#### Baptisms / Bautizos

Baptism Preparation / Preparación para el bautismo

*Contact the parish office to register.*

*Contacte la oficina parroquial para registrarse.*

#### Confessions / Confesiones

Mondays 5 - 6:00 PM—or by appointment / o con cita.

#### Weddings / Bodas / Quinceañeras

*Contact the parish office to schedule.*

*Contacte la oficina parroquial para programar.*

### MISSION STATEMENT

**The Catholic Community of St. John the Apostle Parish** commits to live out the teachings of Jesus Christ, nourished by the Eucharist, guided by the Holy Spirit and rooted in prayer. Together we continue the mission of Christ through Evangelization, Discipleship and Charity.

**La Comunidad Católica de la Parroquia San Juan Apóstol** se compromete a vivir las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, alimentada por la Eucaristía, guiados por el Espíritu Santo y con raíces en la oración. Juntos continuamos la misión de Cristo a través de la evangelización, discipulado y Caridad.

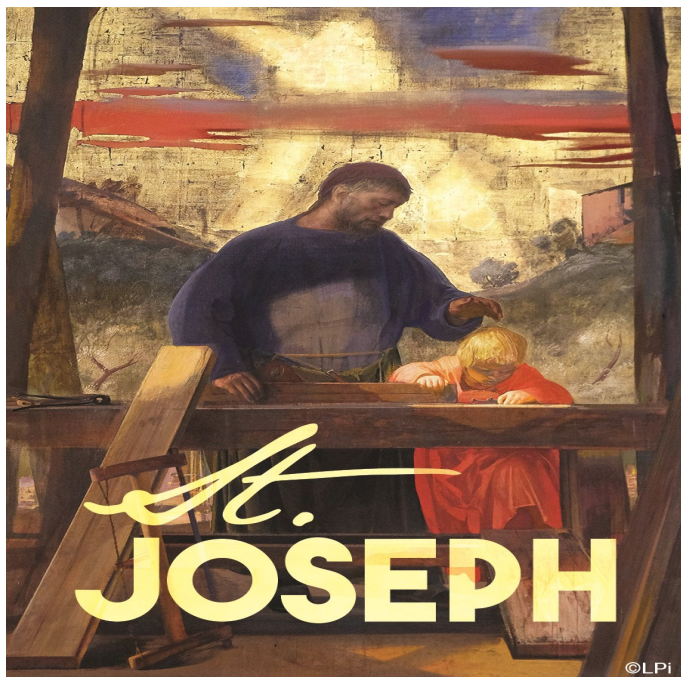
**MILITARY PRAYER LIST.** As a parish family, we at St. John the Apostle pray for all the members of our parish. We especially pray for our parishioners and their relatives who are currently on active duty in the military:

- Staff Sgt. DeWitt
- Staff Sgt. Adam Griswold
- Pvt. Aren Menor
- Pvt. Joseph Aguayo-Ludvik
- USMC Joseph Ciesla
- 2nd Lt. Colleen Corcoran
- Spc. Thomas
- AIC Darren Menor
- A1C Ryan Pemberton
- Sgt. Andrew J. Peterson
- Sgt. Donald J. Peterson
- A1C Anthony Pieroni—USAF
- Pvt. Jeremy Schumacher
- Spc. MP Catherin R. Stover/Peterson
- Corp. Robert Stover
- Pfc. Stephen Winter.
- E3-Yesenia Vivero

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK:

*If you would like your name added to or removed from this list for prayers, please call the parish office.*





## Collections

Sunday, March 3rd-\$4,570.00  
By Mail-\$4,135.00  
WeShare-\$1,840.00

**TOTAL: \$10,545.00**

Thank you for supporting the good work  
of St. John the Apostle Parish!

## Events For The Week

**Monday, March 18th**  
Confessions-5:00-7:00 PM/Church

**Tuesday, March 19th**  
Nothing on Schedule

**Wednesday, March 20th**  
Legion of Mary (Span)-6:00-8:00 PM/Library

**Thursday, March 21st**  
Spanish Bible Study-5:00-7:00 PM/Library

**Friday, March 22nd**  
Seton Stations of the Cross-2:00-2:30 PM/Church  
Spanish Stations of the Cross- 6:00-7:00 PM/CH  
Confessions 7:30-9:00 PM/Church

**Saturday, March 23rd**  
Nothing on Schedule

**Sunday, March 24th**  
Nothing on Schedule

## CCW BOOK CLUB

CCW's book club is resuming on

**WEDNESDAY, 3/27** at 7:00 in the library.  
We will be reading  
"The Alice Network" by Kate Quinn.



**\$120/  
PERSON**  
(18+ YEARS OLD)

### Includes:

- Bus transportation
- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner at Olive Garden

Scan the QR code to register  
online

**DEADLINE**  
April 1st



### JOIN US!!

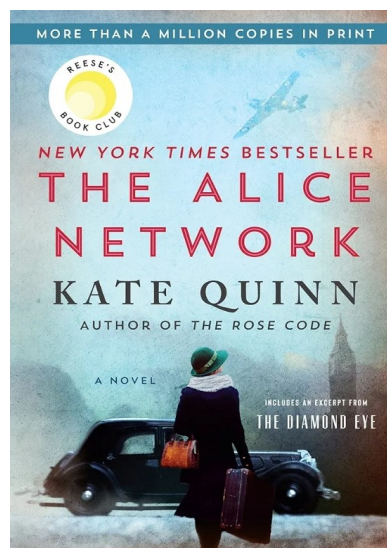
Join St. Petronille in Marching for Life at  
the state capital on April 17, 2024.

St. Petronille Parish will have a 7 am Mass  
and depart at 8 am with a return  
approximately  
7:30 pm.

Registration, waiver forms, and payment may be  
completed in-person at St. Petronille Parish.

For more information contact:  
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## ON A SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY,

I gathered with my family and friends to watch the Super Bowl. It was entertaining hearing everyone's reasons for gathering around the game that day. Some were cheering on a particular team or player. Others couldn't wait to view the halftime show or catch a glimpse of Taylor Swift. A few just relished being in the company of friends and family and indulging in the abundance of food and drink. Regardless of each person's motivation, the Super Bowl provided us with an opportunity to come together in the spirit of fun and camaraderie.



Then, to my surprise, a 30-second commercial popped up featuring the actors Mark Wahlberg and Jonathan Roumie. I did a double-take and blurted out in surprise, "Wait a minute! Did they just actually run a positive, CATHOLIC commercial?!" I convinced my family and friends to rewind it and rewatch it with me three times. Amazingly, the commercial urged viewers to take a break from the game, thank God, and enjoy a moment of prayer on this Sunday. The ad highlighted a 40-day Lenten prayer challenge to be found on the Hallow app. The last three words in the commercial nudged us to "Stay prayed up." If you have not yet seen this commercial, you can find it on Hallow's YouTube channel ([hallow.com/youtube](https://www.youtube.com/hallow)).

I'm already a subscriber to the Hallow app. But I immediately clicked to join the 40-day prayer challenge which began on Ash Wednesday. It seems I was not alone in heeding that call! The day after Ash Wednesday, the Hallow app reached the number-one spot in Apple's App Store. I'm liking this structured and intentional Lenten challenge; it has enhanced my further spiritual growth during this season of Lent.

Here's what's stirred me: the Pray40 Community Prayer Challenge offers a different, well-prepared meditation or reflection from a variety of presenters, including Mark Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie, Sister Mary Bernice, M.C.; Sister Miriam James, S.O.L.T.; and Father Mike Schmitz. Many of the days guide us through the astonishing, spiritual classic, *He Leadeth Me*, written by Fr. Walter J. Ciszek, S.J. Fr. Walter was a Jesuit priest and missionary, imprisoned for more than 20 years in the Soviet Union. Amidst horrific and brutal conditions, Fr. Walter underwent a profound spiritual journey. He surrendered his life to God and gifted us with an extraordinary example of faith, humility, and hope in Christ.

This Lent, I've been trying to spend less time on social media and more time in quiet and meditative prayer. So it seems like a paradox to me that Hallow's Lent Pray40 challenge is leading me back to my phone. Yet, using this particular app doesn't make me feel like I just wasted a large chunk of time—instead, it's guided me to feeling nourished, inspired, and blessed during my Lenten journey.

This Lent, I've noticed how many people are seeking to go deeper spiritually. So many yearn to return to God and the Church. The Church gives us so many beautiful paths to do so. Astoundingly, this year's Super Bowl commercial, which was broadcast to millions throughout the world, just might have been the voice of the Holy Spirit whispering with a megaphone to each one of us! We have been invited to draw closer to the Lord this Lent and become more fully the person God created us to be. So, here's my commercial: if you have not already done

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33  
*Scrutiny:* 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

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** 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

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

**Next Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

## MARIAN REFLECTION

Receive my instruction and not silver,  
and choose knowledge before gold. For  
wisdom is better than precious stones,  
and no object of desire can compare with  
her.



-Prov 8:10-11

Read attentively the book of purity that is Mary, written by  
the finger of God.

Read the holiness, the love, the kindness, the humility-in  
short, read the vast fullness of all the virtues.

-St. Thomas of Villanova

**DON'T  
FORGET TO  
WEAR GREEN!**





***Easter eggs are so much fun.  
They represent new life begun.  
On Easter we have a giant celebration.  
Because of Jesus we have salvation.***

**All children ages 10 and under  
are invited to the  
CCW Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
Holy Saturday, March 30th  
Parish grounds**

**The Easter Egg Hunt begins promptly  
at 10:45 AM.**

**Bring your basket to collect your eggs.**



### **CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

**Question:** Which play, made into a television show, was written by Pope John Paul II in 1960?

**Answer:** *The Jeweler's Shop*

### **TRIVIA CATÓLICA – SÓLO POR DIVERSIÓN**

**Pregunta:** ¿Qué obra, convertida en programa de televisión, fue escrita por el Papa Juan Pablo II en 1960?

**Respuesta:** *La joyería*



### **Blessing of the Easter Food**

Our parish tradition of blessing foods on Holy Saturday will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, March 30, 2024.

Families are invited to bring a basket of foods to be blessed that will be shared and eaten among your family and friends on Easter.

The types of food found in the baskets vary according to the custom of what is served at the family Easter Meal. No matter what culture, everyone is invited to bring a basket with one serving or more of food to be blessed.

**Children's Easter baskets will also be blessed.**

# **FIFTH WEEK OF LENT**

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

MONDAY, March 18th.....5:00-7:00 PM  
FRIDAY, March 22nd.....7:30-9:00 PM  
MONDAY, March 25th.....5:00-7:00 PM

### HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH ST. ALEXANDER

Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 PM at St Alexander

### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH AT ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

English Stations of the Cross.....3:00 PM  
Spanish Stations of the Cross.....4:00 PM  
Bilingual Celebration of the Lord's Passion.....7:00 PM

### HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH AT ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

Blessing of Food.....11:00 AM  
Bilingual Easter Vigil Service & Mass .....8:00 PM  
No Saturday 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

### EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST AT ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

English Mass.....9:00 & 11:00 AM  
Spanish Mass.....12:30 PM

## Ginger Herring named 2024 CCW Woman of the Year

Ginger was born at home in Newport, RI on July 24, 1935. We are not saying she is old, but the house in which she was born is included in the Newport Historic District's historic buildings. She was the fourth of nine children (6 girls and 3 boys). She attended St Joseph's Hazard Memorial School and Rogers High School. After school she worked at The Naval Base for a few years and then The Opera House for 7 years.

She met her husband, Wes, when she went with friends to the Moose Club. He was in the Navy stationed in Newport and regularly attended the Moose Club. They began dating, got engaged and married after he had completed his naval service. They were wed on October 27, 1962 in Newport and initially settled in Oak Park, IL. They moved to Villa Park in 1970 at which time she joined St. John the Apostle parish.

They have two daughters and two sons: Nancy, Wes, Paul (Yvonne) and Liz (Tyson Johnson); and four grandchildren: Sarah Herring, Hope Johnson, Danielle Herring, and Andrew Herring.

Ginger volunteered with PTA and at the Training Center at Iowa School for 6 years until they closed Iowa School. She then was active at North School for 3 years.

She joined St. John CCW in 1979 and has been active in it ever since including teaching kindergarten CCD for 3 years and many years volunteering with Bingo. She has been a Bereavement Minister for over 15 years and a Eucharistic Minister for close to 20 years. She loves helping out at church and with CCW as she says it keeps her young! You can find her at Mass everyday and at every St. John funeral service.

***Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate Ginger on Sat, April 6th at noon at High-View on St. Charles. Tickets are \$30 each. To register, please sign-up and pay at the CCW meeting or contact Terry at tlb1004@att.net or call or text 630-235-2966 by 4/1.***

***Congratulations Ginger and thanks for all you do for our parish family!***



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK – -March 17th-March 24th

Date	Intention	Requested by
Sunday, March 17th 9:00 AM	1. Rob Young (+) 1. Jerry Konrardy (+)	Jeannie Young & Family The Family
11:00 AM	1. Coleman Foley, Ann Foley, Fr. James Duffy, Patrick Dunlea (+) 2. Mary Jo Bode	The Foley Family Terry Bode
12:30 PM	1. Josefina Bermejo-Birthday Blessings 2. Thanksgiving of 7 Sundays for St. Joseph	Josefina Josefina Bermejo
Monday, March 18th 7:45 AM	1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Tuesday, March 19th 7:45 AM	1. Elisa Reyes (+)	The Tan Family
Wednesday, March 20th 7:45 AM	1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Thursday, March 21st 7:00 PM	1. Tony DelSanto (+)	Jeannie Young & Family
Friday, March 22nd 7:45 AM	1. Eliana Tan-Thanksgiving	The Tan Family
Saturday, March 23rd 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	1. Madeleine Tho Nguyen (+) 1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	The Yunker Family
Sunday, March 24th 9:00 AM	1. Rose & Conrad Cilella (+)	The Cilella Family
11:00 AM	1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
12:30 PM	1. Por las animas del Purgatorio	Legion de Maria

**17 de marzo de 2024**

**5º Domingo de la Cuaresma**

Todos, sin duda, durante nuestra vida, llevamos sobre nuestras espaldas diferentes clases de cruces. Enfermedades, problemas económicos, falta de vivienda, status migratorio, por mencionar algunas situaciones. Hoy, la Liturgia nos lleva a ver que Dios no está solamente para resolver problemas inmediatos o de emergencia. Él está presente siempre en cada circunstancia que estemos viviendo. Nuestro deber es buscarlo todos los días. “*Ven, Señor, en nuestra ayuda, para que podamos vivir y actuar siempre con aquel amor que impulsó a tu Hijo a entregarse por nosotros*” (*Oración colecta*). Algunas veces tenemos miedo en lo que vivimos, nos sentimos solos y hasta desesperados, no sabemos a quién acudir. ¿Qué hacer?

Jesús nos da prueba de ello en este V Domingo de Cuaresma. «*Ahora mi alma está turbada. ¿Y qué diré? “¿Padre, librame de esta hora”? ¿Si precisamente he llegado a esta hora para enfrentarme con todo esto! Padre, ¡da gloria a tu Nombre! Entonces se oyó una voz que venía del cielo: “Lo he glorificado y lo volveré a glorificar”*» (*Juan 12, 27-28*). ¿De qué forma damos gloria a Dios? ¿Cómo nos libramos de los momentos de soledad e incertidumbre? Es bueno tener un plan para afrontar con valentía como Jesús lo hizo en su tiempo. ¡Acudió a su Padre del cielo! Con su Muerte y Resurrección, Jesús afirma el Reino del amor. Llevando nuestra cruz diaria con dignidad, también afirmamos ese reino de unidad y paz que tanto necesitamos. ¡Que nadie Señor haga callar la victoria de tu Cruz, que es mi victoria!