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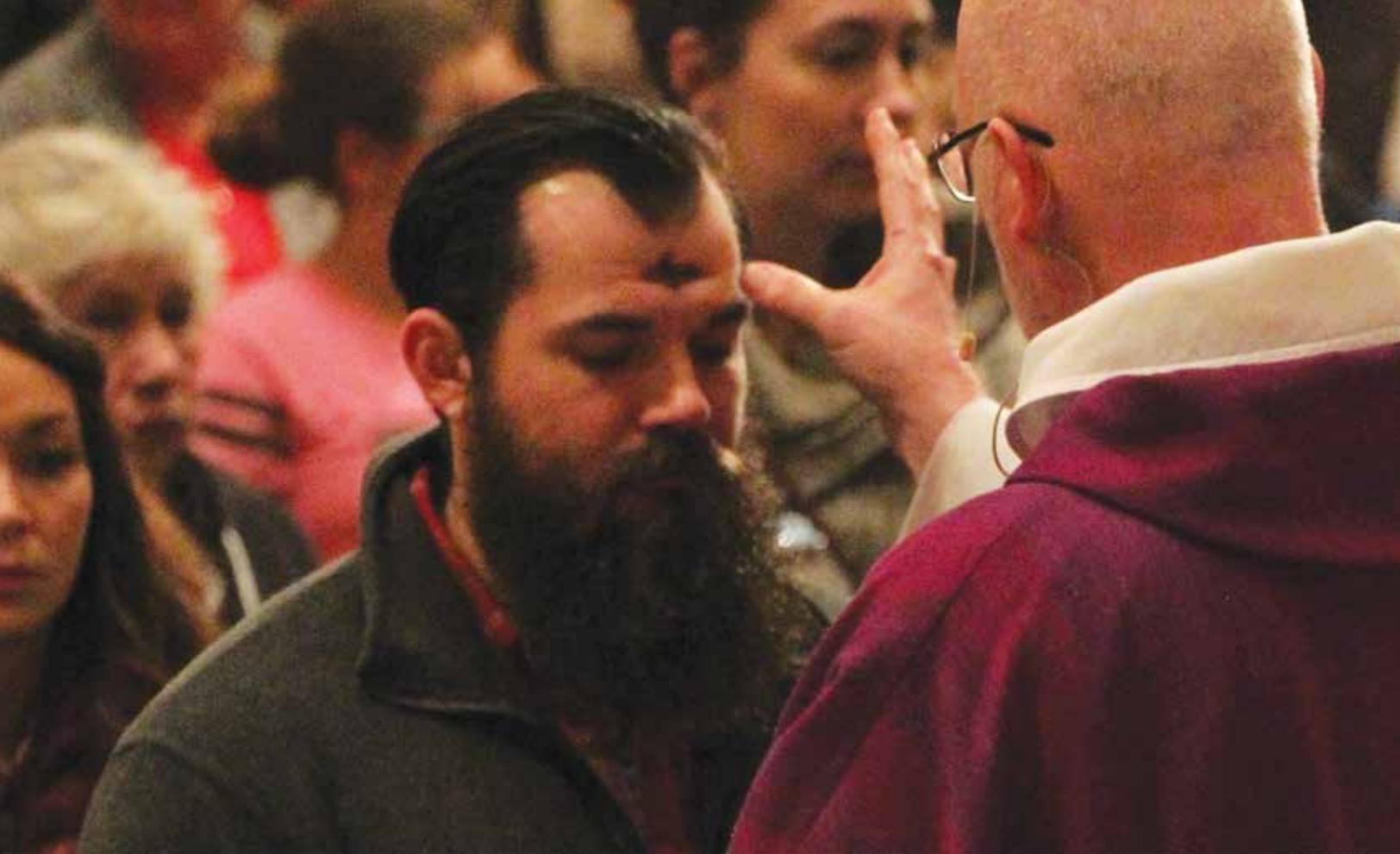
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PENANCE & HOPE

Dear Parishioners,

I worked with a Sister once who told me that she never planned her Lenten Penance ahead of time. I thought that she was not very zealous in her spiritual life. But she explained that every Lent a Penance would come her way. She did not have to choose one. As I have grown older, I have found out that she shared a deep truth. Each year during Lent, something challenging seems to happen. Everything from going through the dying process with a loved one to struggling with some nagging illness.

We have a Lenten Penance that is already in place for us this year. We are still struggling with the COVID-19 Pandemic. We also can look at the current political scene as something that we will be struggling with. The worry we feel is palpable. I know my stomach was churning as I saw the Capitol Building in Washington being desecrated. We could fast and pray for our nation during the six weeks of Lent.

The last year has been a big struggle for all of us. There has been more than one person who has said, "Thank you Father, for keeping our parish together." I pray that we all do stick together. Certainly, it is not me that has kept us together. People have made the deliberate choice to stay connected to Sacred Heart. Ultimately, it is the Holy Spirit that keeps us together.

As we move into the spring, we have signs of hope. Our children have returned to the classroom. We will be preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation which is always a joyful





LENT SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday Masses *February 17, 2021*

- 6:30am Mass / Registration required
- 8:00am Mass / Registration required
- 5:30pm Mass with Music / Registration required
- 7:00pm Mass with Music / Registration required

Daily Masses/Wednesdays *(During Lent only)*

- February 24 - 6:30am and 8:00am
- March 3 - 6:30am and 8:00am
- March 10 - 6:30am and 8:00am
- March 17 - 6:30am and 8:00am
- March 24 - 6:30am and 8:00am
- March 31 - 6:30am and 8:00am

Eucharistic Adoration/Wednesday

8:30am to 11:30am / Church

Reconciliation *Wednesdays during Lent*

- February 24 - 5:00pm
- March 3 - 5:00pm
- March 10 - 5:00pm
- March 17 - 5:00pm
- March 24 - 5:00pm
- March 31 - 5:00pm

Stations of the Cross *Wednesdays during Lent*

In the church and live streamed

- February 24 - 5:30pm
- March 3 - 5:30pm
- March 10 - 5:30pm
- March 17 - 5:30pm
- March 24 - 5:30pm
- March 31 - 5:30pm

time. The life of the Church will go on. How vibrant we will be, depends on us.

Hopefully, the last year has taught us how much we need the Christian Community in our lives. Hopefully, we do not have to fast from that much longer.

Blessings,

Fr. Mark



VIRTUAL LENTEN SERIES

We are excited to offer a virtual Lenten Series via our Facebook page. We will be using the book "Jesus Wears Socks with Sandals" by S. James Meyer. There are 41 short stories and a discussion guide to help us through the Lenten season. The Parish has purchased the books for \$12.50 each. Books will be available soon at the church and the Lee Parish Center for a freewill donation.

Please join Fr. Mark on our Facebook page at 7:00pm each Thursday of Lent as we recap the stories and the theme of the chapter. We hope to be joined by the author at some point during this series. You can watch the series live on Facebook, even if you don't have an account.

S. James Meyer is a permanent deacon of the Diocese of Green Bay and is also the author of "God Plays a Purple Banjo".

All sessions will be held at 7:00pm on the parish Facebook page: February 18 and 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We all know that COVID-19 has changed everyone's lives in ways we didn't imagine in March 2020. When the country, the State of Illinois, and the Diocese of Peoria shut down last year no one knew how long we would be 'out of business'. And because of the age and the risk factors of the St. Vincent DePaul Society (SVdP) members and their families, it was decided we would step back and wait until it was safe again to meet to determine how best we could help those in need.

But the truth of the matter is we still do not know when it will be safe to meet people in public again. So as of February 2021, SVdP Sacred Heart chapter is open for business for Sacred Heart parishioners. We have discussed ways to help our parishioners and do our best to keep everyone as safe as possible. If you have a need, or if you know of another parishioner that has a need, please give the office a call at (309) 762-2362. The staff will pass your information on to our members, and we will begin working with you to determine how we can help.

To best provide help to our parishioners SVdP will need funds available to use in service of others. We thank those who have generously continued to donate to our group, so we have some resources available. But we do anticipate that, because of the pandemic and the number of people out of work, the need for our services will be greater than ever. If you have the means, we ask that you consider helping our society by donating to our ministry. You can do so by either dropping an envelope marked SVdP in the collection basket, or mailing a donation to the church with the same notation. If you are already giving online, you can use that application to make this donation too. If you have questions, you may call Bobbie in the office and she can guide you through the steps.

Are you curious as to what we are doing in SVdP? Our chapter is dedicated to helping those that have a one-time need or possible budgetary concerns. We are actively seeking members to help reach out to those in need in different ways. We ask that you prayerfully discern if you may have a place in our society. Please call our president, Kory Schultz, (309) 558-8532, and he will be happy to give you more details about our ministry and answer any of your questions.

TROOP 109 CELEBRATES NEW EAGLE SCOUTS

Like all things in our world today, COVID-19 has disrupted Scouting activities for Sacred Heart's Boy Scout Troop 109. While our meetings now must be on Zoom and crowd size restrictions have hampered our gatherings and events, our troop has remained active. In fact, we now are celebrating five new Eagle Scouts as of 2020.

The latest Troop 109 scouts to earn Scouting's highest honor are: Brenden Gusse, Samuel Maynard, Ian Snider, Cameron Wallace, and Nathan Wang. Troop 109's leadership invites its Sacred Heart family to join us in congratulating our new Eagles.



Ian Snider earned his Eagle Scout on November 17, 2020. He is a senior at Alleman High School. For his Eagle project, Ian led the construction of a floating kayak dock for the QCCA Wetlands in rural East Moline. Ian, the son of Joannette Snider and the late Richard Snider, Moline, earned all four Catholic religious awards in Scouting and is a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society.



Brenden Gusse earned his Eagle Scout rank on September 15, 2020. He is a senior at Alleman High School. For his Eagle project, Brenden led a landscaping project at the Sherrard Public Library, including the installation of a new flagpole. Brenden, the son of Joseph and Kathy

Gusse, Rock Island, also earned three Catholic religious awards for Scouting and is an Ordeal member in the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society.



Cameron Wallace earned his Eagle Scout rank on October 20, 2020. He is a senior at Alleman High School. For his Eagle project, Cameron led a painting project to create a sensory path of fit and fun playscapes on the playground at Wells Elementary School in East

Moline. The son of Todd and Shelly Wallace, East Moline, he also earned two Catholic religious awards and is an Ordeal member in the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society.



Samuel Maynard earned his Eagle Scout rank on September 15, 2020. He is a senior at Alleman High School and active at Sacred Hearts parish. For his Eagle project, Sam led the construction of a permanent stage extension at Alleman's Tracy Spaeth

Performing Arts Center as well as the installation of new theatre lights. Sam, the son of Mike and Denise Maynard, Moline, has earned all four Catholic religious awards for Scouting and is a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society.



Nathan Wang earned his Eagle Scout rank on October 20, 2020. He is a senior at Moline High School. For his Eagle project, Nathan led the construction and painting of a life-sized wooden nativity scene. The set was installed in December at Grace

Evangelical Free Church in Davenport, which also graciously hosts a small Chinese congregation known as Quad-City Christian Church. The son of Dr. Paul and Vania Wang, Moline, Nathan is an Ordeal candidate for the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society.



POPE TO PRESIDENT: RECONCILIATION, PEACE, CARE FOR MOST VULNERABLE

On the occasion of your inauguration as the forty-sixth President of the United States of America, I extend cordial good wishes and the assurance of my prayers that Almighty God will grant you wisdom and strength in the exercise of your high office.

Under your leadership, may the American people continue to draw strength from the lofty political, ethical and religious values that have inspired the nation since its founding.

At a time when the grave crises facing our human family call for farsighted and united responses, I pray that your decisions will be guided by a concern for building a society marked by authentic justice and freedom, together with unfailing respect for the rights and dignity of every person, especially the poor, the vulnerable and those who have no voice.

I likewise ask God, the source of all wisdom and truth, to guide your efforts to foster understanding, reconciliation and peace within the United States and among the nations of the world in order to advance the universal common good.



MARRIAGE DAY MASS

This year's annual liturgical event honors parish couples who had a significant wedding anniversary in 2020, and those who continue celebrating after their 50th anniversary.

These couples are receiving a mailed invitation to attend the Mass in person or to experience it virtually. RSVPs are necessary for the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday, February 13th, to allow us to arrange seating and provide flowers. The names of all anniversary couples will be announced this year.

The continuing pandemic requires those attending the special Mass to wear a mask properly and be socially distanced from anyone outside their family group. Unfortunately, there can be no reception or dinner after Mass. While we would love to celebrate with our parish couples together, these precautions are necessary for everyone's safety.

To view the Marriage Day Mass please go to our webpage at: sacredheartmoline.org.

PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

*Almighty and eternal God,
You blessed the union of married couples
so that they might reflect the union of Christ
with his Church:
look with kindness on them.
Renew their marriage covenant,
increase your love in them,
and strengthen their bond of peace
so that, with their children,
they may always rejoice in the gift of
your blessing.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*With these sentiments, I willingly invoke upon you
and your family and the beloved American people an
abundance of blessings.*

Pope Francis

*Vatican City
January 20, 2021*

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Due to COVID-19, daily Masses and Eucharistic Adoration times may vary. Please check the bulletin for any updates.

Confessions During Lent:

Wednesday at 5 p.m. and Saturdays
2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. in the church.
Please enter from the east door off the
back parking lot. Please wear a mask.
6-foot distancing must be observed.

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