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**WEEKEND and SUNDAY
MASS SCHEDULE**

SATURDAY
4:30PM (English)

SUNDAY
7:30AM (Polish)
9:00AM and 12:00 Noon (English)
10:30AM (Spanish)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday 8:30AM—11:30AM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
8:00AM (English)
Monday-Friday
Thursday 11:30AM (Polish)
First Friday 6:00PM (Polish)
Saturday 8:00AM (English)

CONFESSIONS
Confessions After Saturday
Morning Mass
8:30am - 9:00am

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Parroquia de San Ricardo

MARCH 21, 2021 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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.

~ John 12:24

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5th Sunday of Lent

“I will be their God and they shall be my people.” - JEREMIAH 31:33

What does it mean to be God’s people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don’t know, just as God cares for each of us.

Mass Intentions for the Week Of March 21st - 27th

- Sunday, 7:30AM** **March 21st - 5th Sunday of Lent**
 - O Zdrowie i Boze Bł. Dla Czesława Cieśla
 - O Szczęśliwe Rozwiązanie Dla Córki Klaudi
 † Waclaw i Cecylia Borys
 † Jozef Ciesla
 † Jozef Kuchta
 † Za Św Pamięci Stanisława Budz
- 9:00AM** † Robert Janik & Walter Bafia
- 10:30AM** † Juan Beltran (Beltran Family)
 † David Garcia (S.R. Golden Agers)
- 12:00PM** † Nanelle McClowry
- Monday 8:00AM** **March 22nd**
 † Frank Dzielak—6th Anniversary (Love, Diana)
 † Za Św Pamięci Stanisława Budz
- Tuesday, 8:00AM** **March 23rd - St. Turibius**
 † Za Św Pamięci Stanisława Budz
- Wednesday, 8:00AM** **March 24th**
 † San Pio & Virgin de Guadalupe (Angie Fuentes)
 † Za Św Pamięci Stanisława Budz
- Thursday, 8:00AM** **March 25th - Annunciation of the Lord**
 - Krystyna M. - Divine Health & God's Abundant Blessings on Birthday
- 11:30AM** **Polish**
 † Za Św Pamięci Stanisława Budz
- Friday, 8:00AM** **March 26th**
 - Juliana Czyz - Birthday Blessings
 - Mila Escobar - God's Light, Love, Power & Presence - Successful Treatment
 † Za Św Pamięci Stanisława Budz
- 6:00PM** **Parish Reconciliation**
- Saturday, 4:30PM** **March 27th 8:00AM**
 † Za Św. Pamięci Stanisława Budz
- 4:30PM** † Jeanne M. Smith (Sharon Skala)

Mass Intentions for Sunday, March 28, 2021



- 7:30AM** - O Zdrowie I Boze Bł. Dla Syna Piotra Z Rodzina
 - Z Prośba O Modlitwe I Potrzebne Laski Dla Nikoli
 † Waclaw i Cecylia Borys
 † Jozef Ciesla
 † Stefan Henzel - 32 Rocz Smierci O łaske Nieba
- 9:00AM** † Robert Janik & Walter Bafia
- 10:30AM** † Teresa Aillon y Tatiana Cordero (Familia Calvache)
- 12:00PM** † Sandra Haddad (Robert & Diane Sebek)

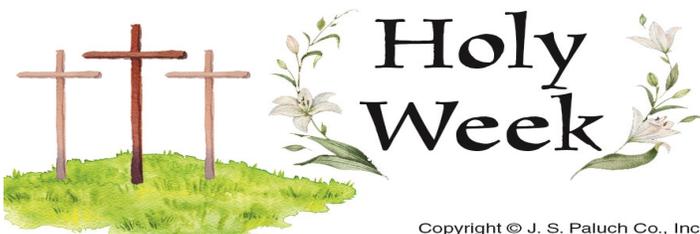


The Story of the Annunciation of the Lord

The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth of fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).
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TABERNACLE CANDLES

- In Loving Memory of William Maciejewski (Sister)*
- In Loving Memory of Nanelle McClowry*
- In Loving Memory of Mark Minonne (Minonne Family)*
- In Loving Memory of Joseph Turrise (Wife)*
- Love and Miss You Frank (Diana)*
- In Loving Memory of Bernice Vescovi (George)*
- In Loving Memory of Frank Matusewick (Rose)*





YOUR DEACON DAYDREAMS



Join me for a short walk down last week's memory lane. Bridget, our music director, played a hymn during mass based on the Prayer of St. Patrick. Despite the 2nd year of no parades, Chicago still dyed the river green. Hopefully, you were still able to celebrate St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's day with some kind of feast. I know the corned beef and cabbage served at our house still had all the calories and cholesterol even though it was only shared by my wife and me. All the large family gatherings, church fundraisers and St. Joseph's tables that we celebrated in the past, hopefully will be revived by this time next year. We still have to be prudent, the pandemic is not over. Wear your masks and get your vaccines. My bride and I have had ours. It was only a pinch on my arm with some mild tenderness at the site two weeks ago after my 2nd dose. Don't delay. The life you save is not only your own but may be someone you love. A wise man told me, think positive and test negative!

Fast forward 100 years from now. Where are you going to be? I think we all know the answer to that one. We won't be here, but we WILL be somewhere. So pay attention to the story we hear this weekend in the Gospel of St. John. It's the story of Lazarus dying and how Jesus raised him from the tomb. Death had no power greater than Jesus'. Also, in the 1st reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel, he had a vision of God opening all the graves, restoring hope of a future life with God. There is no place I would rather be. After all, in vs 14, "I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord." St. Paul also teaches us that the Spirit of God will dwell in us as long as we turn away from sin and towards our loving God.

I heard something on Relevant Radio this week, as I was preparing my bulletin article. Our culture has definitely turned towards more immorality rather than morality. Under the guise of acceptance and diversity, we are told that sin should be accepted. Boy, the devil is sure at work with his deceptive practices. Our faithful Pope even addressed in a letter, that the church cannot bless sin and will never bless it. It can bless individual sinners and forgive them when they turn and repent, but it cannot bless sin. Depravity is a mortal sin. Jesus forgave sinners but He still called a sin what it is, a sin. God loved us so much, He carved out of stone and gave Moses the Ten Commandments so we clearly would know what He meant by it. I look forward to the day, my own grave will be opened and I get a new body, the one that Jesus had on that first Easter Sunday. However, what will be even better is meeting Jesus face to face.

Lent is nearly over. Next week is already Palm Sunday. I hope you are planning on joining us or at least via the internet or TV broadcast. Please share you time, talents and treasures with the Operation Rice Bowl project or the parish. We ordered 300 Holy water bottles for distribution on Easter Sunday as well. Let us pray together that this coming Holy Week will be better than last years too. See you in church?

Deacon Larry

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held weekly, every Thursday. The schedule is as follows:

8:00am - Mass

8:30am - 11:30am

Adoration

11:30am - Polish Mass



Lenten Events

Anointing/Healing Mass

Saturday, March 20th at
4:30pm

Parish Reconciliation Service

Friday, March 26, 6:00-8:00pm
Confessions in English/Polish/
Spanish

Stations of the Cross Every Friday During Lent

5:30pm — Polish
6:30pm — Bilingual (English/
Spanish)

SUNDAY REFLECTIONS



Jezus był prawdziwym Bogiem, ale i prawdziwym człowiekiem. We wszystkim podobny nam – z wyjątkiem grzechu. Ale choć był bez grzechu, to przecież doświadczał na sobie skutków grzechu innych. Jego pełne człowieczeństwo potwierdza dzisiejsze drugie czytanie, które wskazuje na lęk i cierpienie Mistrza z Nazaretu w obliczu śmierci. Nawet jeśli z zaufaniem oddajemy się Bogu i wierzymy w życie wieczne, to umieranie napawa nas drżeniem. I to jest normalne, bo zostaliśmy stworzeni ku życiu, a nie ku śmierci. Tyle że życie doczesne nie jest czymś absolutnym. Ważniejsza, bo ostateczna, jest perspektywa życia wiecznego, które oferuje nam Bóg. Św.

Ignacy Loyola podkreślał, **że najważniejsze w życiu człowieka jest szukanie i pełnienie woli Bożej, by w ten sposób zbawić swoją duszę.**

Chrystus mówił, że jego pokarmem jest pełnienie woli Ojca. Nawet jeśli ta wola wiązała się z przyjęciem śmierci krzyżowej. Nie szukamy cierpienia, na różne sposoby próbujemy je oddalić, ale są sytuacje, w których – jeśli chcemy pełnić wolę Ojca – pozostaje skonfrontowanie się z cierpieniem, wzięcie na swe ramiona określonego krzyża. Uciekanie za wszelką cenę od krzyża prowadzi nas często do grzechu, do popełniania łajdactw. Z tchórzostwa, z lęku o swe życie krzywdzimy innych, wchodzimy w zaprzaństwo, zdradzamy. Dlatego Jezus nam przypomina: **„Ten, kto kocha swoje życie, traci je, a kto nienawidzi swego życia na tym świecie, zachowa je na życie wieczne”.**

Nie możemy kochać swojego życia, bo inaczej nie będziemy mogli mieć życia Chrystusa. Mamy kochać jedynie to życie, które przyniósł nam Chrystus, a nienawidzić swoje życie na tym świecie, tylko tak bowiem zachowamy je na życie wieczne. Wszyscy, którzy nie chcą służyć Chrystusowi, idą na zatracenie. Kto służy Chrystusowi, idzie za Nim i jest tam, gdzie On jest. Ojciec przyjmuje tylko tych, którzy służą Jego Synowi. Chrystus został wywyższony na krzyżu, aby przyciągnąć wszystkich do siebie. Kto nie chce przyjść do Niego, jest jak ziarno, które nie obumiera i zostaje samo jedno.

Dlatego przyłgnijmy do słów dzisiejszego psalmu: **„Zmiłuj się nade mną, Boże (...). Stwórz, o mój Boże, we mnie serce czyste”.** Bo tylko człowiek o czystym sercu ma światło i siłę, by zachować się tak, jak należy. Owa czystość spojrzenia i życiowych decyzji to dar Boga, który – jak czytamy u proroka Jeremiasza – obiecał nam: „Umieszczę swe prawo w głębi ich jestestwa i wypiszę na ich sercach”.

Z rozważań na Wielki Post o Dariusza Kowalczyka zebrał i opracował.

Ks. Prałat Piotr Galek



Hoy, algunos peregrinos griegos llegados a Jerusalén piden "ver" a Jesús. Él responde de una manera misteriosa (algo habitual en el Evangelio de Juan): con una profecía de la Pasión, en la cual interpreta su muerte inminente como "glorificación", una glorificación que se demostrará en la gran fecundidad obtenida.

Lo que cuenta no es un encuentro inmediato y externo entre Jesucristo y los griegos. Habrá otro encuentro que irá mucho más al fondo. Sí, los griegos lo "verán": irá a ellos a través de la cruz. Irá como grano de trigo muerto y dará fruto para ellos. Ellos verán su "gloria": encontrarán en el Jesús crucificado al verdadero Dios que estaban buscando en sus mitos y en su filosofía.

—La universalidad profetizada por Isaías (cf. 56,7) se manifiesta a la luz de la Cruz: a partir de la Cruz, el único Dios se hace reconocible para los pueblos; en el Hijo conocerán al Padre y, de este modo, al único Dios que se ha revelado en la zarza ardiente.

Fr. Peter

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL FOR THE SICK AND/OR HOMEBOUND.
God of love, ever caring, ever strong, stand by us in our time of need. Watch over (name) who is sick and grant him/her your

Joseph Adamek	Helen Kacprowski
Cindy Beltran	Diane Kotula
Shanen Beltran	Shirl Kucik
Joan Cada	Anita LaFrancis
Mickey Chavez	Marcy Leno
Angelita Cervantes	Romeo Macugay
Hannah Carrol	Carl Martello
Katie Frederick	Tony Michalak
Josephine Gapultos	Rose Mrozek
Ronald Getches	Dorothy Pach
Fran Gorz	Cathy Pilny
Geri Griggs	Nida Quevedo
Maria Guzman	Mario Reyes
Jerry Jarosik	Laverne Rinella
Stella Jeziorny	Jerry Suski

Please contact the Parish Office to add or delete a name from this list. Also, contact us if you would like a priest/deacon or minister of care to visit you in the hospital or at your home.

Weekly Offering

For the Weekend of 3/13 - 3/14

Sunday Regular Collection

Envelopes	\$	1, 851.00
Loose	\$	766.00
Miscellaneous	\$	498.16
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Total	\$	3, 115.16

Thank you for your continued generosity and when you are away for the weekend, we hope you will remember your offering to our Parish.

Gracias por su generosidad continua y cuando este lejos por un fin de semana, esperamos que recordara su ofrenda a nuestra parroquia.

Dziękujemy wam za nieustanną hojność zarówno, kiedy jesteście w Kościele oraz gdy jesteście poza parafią. Bóg zapłać.

Thank You

Infant Baptisms

All arrangements should be made at least one month in advance by calling the Parish Office. Baptisms take place normally on the 1st (English) 2nd (Polish) and 3rd (Spanish) Sundays of the month. In preparation of the child's baptism, parents must attend a mandatory Parent Preparation Session which both parents must attend. These preparation sessions are held once a month.

Communion for the Sick and Homebound

We ask that you please help us remain informed about parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound or in a nursing home. Our Ministers of Care will gladly bring Communion to anyone who is sick or homebound at a time that is convenient for you. If you would like to receive Communion at home, please call the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements.

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 8:30AM to 9:00AM or by appointment whenever desired. Contact the Parish Office.

New Parishioners

Welcome to St. Richard's Parish. Moving into a new parish, like anything new, is always a little uncertain. If you have been seeking a parish community in which to learn, to pray, to join in social activity and to be of service to others, our doors and hearts are open. We are thankful that God has sent you to us, and we welcome you to our parish family of faith. To become a registered member of our parish family we ask that you please come to the Parish Office to register. Registration can also be taken over the phone if that would be more convenient. Please call the Parish Office at 773-585-1221.

Wedding Reminders

Weddings are celebrated at 1:00PM and 2:30PM on Saturday afternoons. No arrangements should be made before first meeting with the parish priest. An appointment may be made by calling the Parish Office at 773-585-1221. According to Archdiocesan policy, arrangements begin at least six months in advance.



This Lent CRS Rice Bowl takes us to three countries—Madagascar, El Salvador and Timor-Leste. Hunger and malnutrition, which happens when we don't get the right amount of nutrients, are challenges that too many families face each day.

Aimée's family has farmed their land for generations. They share a large plot of land and help each other plant and sow. Aimée recently learned new ways to plant her vegetables, which has led to bigger harvests—meaning more food and income for her and her family. She is also learning new ways to use her fresh produce to cook more nutritious meals for her children. Her two-year-old son Marela loves the cassava and onion dish that Aimée prepares, and he eats all his food because it tastes so good.

We have the power to make the world a better place for all. Did you pick up your rice bowl yet?

New Bilingual Preschool Curriculum

St. Richard Catholic School LANGUAGE INTENSIVE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

St. Richard is proud to offer a preschool curriculum in 2021-2022 that will be taught in both **ENGLISH and SPANISH** by certified early childhood teachers and staff.

Learning two languages prepares students for future success by:

- Strengthening literacy skills in both languages;
- Improving mental health, academic performance and career readiness; and
- Building bridges between knowledge, culture, language and faith.

St. Richard also provides full-day preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds and before & after school care.

SCHEDULE A PRIVATE TOUR TODAY TO LEARN MORE

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We are introducing a new and exciting program at St. Richard School in our Preschool classroom for the 2021-22 school year. Next school year, we are consulting with the Alliance for Catholic Education at the University of Notre Dame and the Office of Catholic Schools to offer an Early Childhood Language Intensive Program. This program will provide Spanish language instruction every day to connect students with the language and culture to support their learning.

At this age, children's brains absorb languages most naturally, according to research by the Institute for Learning and Brain Sciences from the University of Washington. Learning in two languages helps student's mental health, academic performance, and career readiness. At St. Richard School we want to offer students every advantage.

Our early childhood program will use a cross-linguistic instruction model in the classroom that will strengthen children's literacy skills in both languages. Another goal of this program is to help build bridges between knowledge, faith, culture, and language. Through celebrating the linguistic and cultural diversity of the Catholic Church, children will grow in their faith. By starting language instruction and providing it every day in preschool, we will further support students language learning as they go through our school and prepare them for the future.

If you have a child that will start in preschool next year, we welcome you to be a part of this new language journey. However, if you know a family interested in learning more about our wonderful school community and this new exciting Early Childhood Language Intensive Program, please send me their contact information, or you may email me at Mnapier@strichard.net Should the family you refer enroll in our school, you are eligible for a \$350 tuition discount next October.

Thanks for supporting St. Richard School.

Sincerely,

Michelle Napier

Principal

QUEEN OF HEARTS

This Week's Jackpot:
\$ 33,490

Numbers Pulled: 1, 27, 46, 53



LET'S HELP THOSE IN NEED!

ST. RICHARD LENT SERVICE PROJECT: BLESSING BAGS

GOAL: TO HELP THE HOMELESS MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR COMMUNITY.

ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE SCHOOL OR PARISH OFFICE
BETWEEN MARCH 2ND- MARCH 25TH
SRS STAFF WILL ASSEMBLE THE "BLESSING BAGS" ON FRIDAY,
MARCH 26TH.

In partnership with Franciscan Outreach and
Southwest Collective

This Lenten Season the students and staff of St. Richard School are completing a service project to help those in need.

We would like to create 1 blessing bag to represent each student at SRS- so that's 183 bags total!

WHAT OUR BAGS CONTAIN: (DOLLAR TREE HAS ALL THESE ITEMS!)

1. Boxes of Band-aids
2. Individual peanut packs
3. Granola Bars
4. Tissue packs
5. Deodorant
6. Winter gloves
7. Mens socks
8. Hand warmers
9. Wet ones wipes
10. Cases of water

+ boxes of Gallon Ziploc's



A Weekly Update On Our Renew My Church Process

At the heart of our Renew My Church efforts is the renewal of vital, sustainable parishes that have the leadership, resources, and vision necessary to create an effective culture of evangelization that makes disciples, builds communities and inspires witness. This requires prayerful discernment and challenging conversations on our part. It also necessitates great trust that Jesus, our Good Shepherd, will lead us to where He wants us to go. As I've shared, our parish is working with St. Bruno as one group to discern and provide input into how we can best structure our parishes and ministries to make disciples, build community, and inspire witness. Together, we are working through multiple stages on a shared journey of renewal:

- 1. Discernment & Decisions:** This is the phase we are starting now. The Grouping and schools may be organized differently in the future and develop potential ideas to achieve the mission imperatives. This stage concludes when Cardinal Cupich makes his final decisions regarding any structural changes affecting the grouping.
- 2. Operations Transition:** Once decisions are made that result in structural/organizational changes to the grouping, a dedicated support team from the Archdiocese works on-site to help pastors manage the transition—both the pastoral accompaniment to walk with people through this time of change and operational transition to ensure new parishes have strong, sustainable operational foundations, upon which the great work of ministry can be built to achieve our mission imperatives
- 3. Building the New Reality:** At this point in the process, with structural, operational, financial, and personnel foundations in place, the grouping will focus its efforts on vibrantly living out the three imperatives. At the core will be a culture of evangelization that supports the work of making disciples, building community, and inspiring witness.

This will be a journey over the next several years in our parish. Along this journey, our Good Shepherd guides our steps. He is with us always and assures us in the Gospel, “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” (John 10:27-30). It's up to us to keep our ears open and to listen with our hearts throughout this process. As always, for more information, visit RenewMyChurch.org, or ask the St. Richard RMC members: Msgr. Peter Galek, Tom Baliga, Kathy Garcia, Reneta Kogut, Michelle Napier, John Poineau, Gail Rybakowski and Sharon Skala.

St. Richard Renew My Church Meeting

Join the St. Richard RMC team on Tuesday, March 23rd at 6:30pm in the church.

Together we will:

- ◆ Pray and discuss the Renew My Church process
- ◆ Review important information about our community, such as the strengths and challenges that exist between St. Richard and St. Bruno
 - ◆ Answer any questions you may have



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