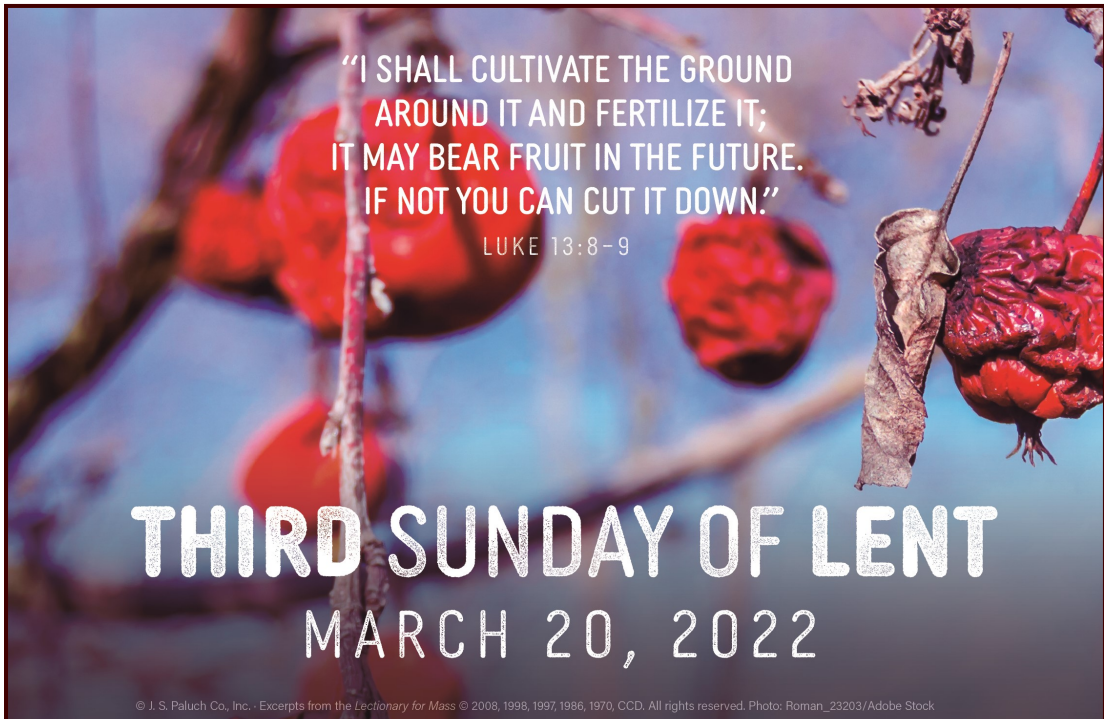


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“I SHALL CULTIVATE THE GROUND  
 AROUND IT AND FERTILIZE IT;  
 IT MAY BEAR FRUIT IN THE FUTURE.  
 IF NOT YOU CAN CUT IT DOWN.”

LUKE 13:8-9

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 20, 2022**

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 Sunday 8 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. & Children’s Liturgy of the Word/Little Disciples  
**Perpetual Help Devotions:** Tuesdays after 7 a.m. Mass  
**Rosary Devotion:** First Sunday of the Month at 7:30 a.m.  
**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:** Last Sunday of the Month from 11:30am.-3 pm.

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**PASTOR’S PAGE**

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the Third Sunday of Lent. As we move close to the middle of Lent we are encouraged to turn back to the Lord. Since we are in the middle of “March Madness” I thought what I read the other day about John Wooden, the legendary basketball head coach at UCLA for 27 years, would be appropriate. His record was an amazing 316-68. His teams posted record after record, including seven straight NCAA Division 1 Basketball championships between 1966 and 1973, and ten out of twelve seasons. One of his best quotes, the one I came across the other day, was: “If you’re finished learning. . . you’re finished!” Isn’t that interesting?

I’d like to apply that to the First Reading about Moses and the Burning Bush. Moses was in exile. He had escaped Egypt after killing an Egyptian who was being harsh to some of his fellow Israelites. He ended up in Midian, in the northwest Arabian Peninsula, on the east shore of the Gulf of Aqaba, on the Red Sea, nowhere near Egypt and his former life of luxury. He ended up being a shepherd for Jethro, his father-in-law. He had a lot of time to think. He started to think about his life. He started to ask questions.

At that time God spoke to him. The Lord knew that Moses was seeking Him, and He appeared to Moses in a burning bush, about which you hear in the First Reading at Mass this weekend. The bush intrigued Moses, because it was burning but not consumed. But this was more than idle curiosity. Moses said to himself, as the Book of Exodus records: “I must go over to look at this remarkable sight.” And that choice made all the difference. Moses may well have said, along with John Wooden, “If you’re finished learning . . . you’re finished!” He wanted to know more. He drew near the burning bush and God called him by name.

There’s definitely a lesson for us here today. We are halfway through Lent, a time God gives us as a journey into the desert, and, as we hear in the Gospel, just like the little fig tree, God gives us a second chance. During the rest of this season of Lent, let’s all admit that we, too, need a little more silence and a little more reflection to see the burning bush of God’s presence and draw near it.

God is hoping that we have the same response as Moses. I know Deacon O’Hara likes to ask, “how is your Lent going?” So let’s look at Moses and these possible responses: “I want to know this God who is not distant but who, in Jesus, has come into my life.” “I want to draw near him; I want his light that helps me find my purpose in life. I want to hear God call my name.” We still have time. Let’s continue to learn and never be “finished.”

**Fish Fry:** Our first two Fish Fries this Lent were successes. I hope that this past Friday’s was, too. Thanks to ALL who worked so hard to make it a success . . . and to those who attended! Again, please remember that we have our Fish Fry every Friday until April 8. Thank you! (I do need to tell you, however, that this Friday is a “free day” from Lent, since it is a Solemnity: The Annunciation of the Lord, but many people still observe their Lenten practices. I hope you do. The fish and shrimp, and side dishes, not to mention the desserts, are all great!)

**Covenant Network Catholic Radio:** This radio ministry, with several radio stations including AM 1460, AM 1080, FM 102.9, and FM 96.7 is a real blessing to many people in the St Louis area, especially the homebound and all those affected during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each year they have two “radiothons” when they hope to raise money to keep their stations going. **I will be the guest from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. this coming Friday, March 25.** I invite you to tune in, and if you are so inclined, to make a pledge to help support this Catholic Radio presence in St. Louis and beyond. The phone numbers are (314) 752-7000 or (877) 305-1234. The website is [www.ourcatholicradio.org](http://www.ourcatholicradio.org). You can listen to it on your computer! Thank you in advance.

I hope we ALL continue to have a fruitful Lenten season.

Faithfully yours,  
Fr. Joe Weber

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun., 3/20**      **Third Sunday of Lent**  
8 a.m.            Rosita Castillo  
10:30 a.m.      Celebrant’s Intention  
**Mon., 3/21**      **Lenten Weekday**  
7 a.m.            Edgar Urbana  
**Tues., 3/22**     **Lenten Weekday**  
7 a.m.            Steven Barone  
**Wed., 3/23**     **Lenten Weekday**  
7 a.m.            Robert Baine

**Thurs., 3/24**     **Lenten Weekday**  
7 a.m.            Robert Schellhase  
**Fri., 3/25**       **The Annunciation of the Lord**  
7 a.m.            Mary Ann Mueller  
**Sat., 3/26**       **Lenten Weekday**  
5 p.m. (Vigil)   Joe Dierker  
**Sun., 3/27**       **Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
8 a.m.            People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m.       Agnes Svehla

### St. Vincent de Paul News

**Lenten Project:** The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting personal care items to replenish help those in need. Items should be dropped off in the church lobby on April 4. Items needed: shampoo, hand soap, lotion, toothpaste, and deodorant. Your support is appreciated!

**Food Collection:** Thank you for your generous response to this month's food drive. We collected 51 bags for the food pantry at St. Elizabeth.

### Paver Stones

Our beautiful Prayer Garden features personalized paver stones that commemorate your special prayers. If you would like to add a stone to the garden, please fill out the Personalized Paver Program application that is in the church lobby. Please note that we need a minimum of ten stone orders before placing the request. For more information or questions, call the Rectory at (314) 434-1312.



### Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Saturday, March 26** from 10 a.m. until 12 Noon in the Bosco Room. All those interested in this ministry are invited to attend. Ministry members pray while crocheting lap coverings and blankets for those who are ill or have special concerns. These "Hugs from God" serve as a reminder of God's love. Contact Diana Buechter at (314) 610-0806 to learn more.

### 10th Annual Trivia Night

Gather some friends and enjoy an evening of trivia on **Friday, May 6** beginning at 7 p.m. This fun evening will include silent auction, raffles, 50/50 drawing and attendance prizes. Tables of 8/\$160. Individual players welcome at \$20/person. We also welcome your donations for the silent auction and raffles. To reserve a table and/or to donate items, contact Cindy Meirink at (314) 878-6492 or [cindy.meirink@stjohnboscostl.com](mailto:cindy.meirink@stjohnboscostl.com)

### Rest in Peace

**Chano Hernandez**, brother-in-law of Sister Maria

*May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

### THIS WEEK AT SJB

- Tuesday - **Perpetual Help Devotions** - after 7 a.m. Mass  
**PSR** - 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.
- Wednesday - **Quilters** - 10 a.m. Parish Center  
**Lenten Spirituality Study** - 10 a.m. Bosco Room
- Friday - **Tai Chi** - 10 a.m. Parish Center  
**Stations of the Cross** - 3:30 p.m. Church  
**Men's Club Fish Fry** - 4 - 7 p.m. Gym
- Saturday - **Prayer Group** - 7:30 a.m. Church  
**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - 10 a.m. Bosco Room

### ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Next Sunday - March 27**  
after 10:30 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 3 p.m.

### SAVE THE DATE

**Blood Drive** - Sunday, April 24  
**10th Annual Trivia Night** - Friday, May 6

### AROUND TOWN

**Dinner at SLU with Students For Life**  
Saturday, April 2 from 5 - 7 p.m. at DuBourg Hall  
Supports the WISH Center at St. Mary's, that gives free medical help to women with high risk pregnancies. Speaker, food, music, raffle. RSVP to [isabelle.hotard@slu.edu](mailto:isabelle.hotard@slu.edu)

### St. Cletus Parish Mission

Led by Archbishop Emeritus Robert Carlson  
Monday, April 4 - Thursday, April 7 at 7 p.m.

### What's So Good About Good Friday

Day of Recollection - Marianist Retreat Center in Eureka  
Friday, April 15 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Presenter is Msgr. Michael Witt. \$30 per person. Register at <https://marianistretreat.com/events/good-Friday-2022/> or call (314) 608-5447

### WEEKLY OFFERING

**3/13 - General Fund:** \$2,803; **Loose:** \$900  
**Online:** \$710; **TOTAL:** \$4,413

### ONLINE GIVING

<https://osvhub.com/stjohnboscostl/funds>

**Pray For Our Loved Ones Serving in the Military:** *Sgt. Thomas L. Saey III, Army Rangers Sp. Ops.; Petty Officer 3rd Class Steven Eddy, USN; Sgt. James K. Combs, USMC; Spc. Jared Skiles, USA; Cadet Dreyton Pohl, USAF Academy; Seaman James Kedley, USN*

**Prayer Requests for Our Sick:** *Lori April, Maureen Baine, Gloria Bainter, Carolyn Baker, Carol Bauer, Billie Belluso, Barb Brown, Tom Burkhart, Joe Carey, Karen Cattoor, Judy Coleman, Amy Cutrell, Chris Davidzúk, Nancy Davies, Debbie Denton, Bob Figue, Audrey Fitzpatrick, Tom Flaspoler, Tim Gentilcore, Howard Gransbach, Richard Haberstroh, Jr., Norma Hankins, Kay Henry, Dolores Hill, Don Landwehr, Andrew L., Tony Margherio, Michael Massoni, Barry Mertz, Ray Meyer, Marge Meyer, Candy Brown-Migneco, Cynthia Miskell, Barbara Ann Mueller, Bill Mueller, Bill Mueller, Jr., Msgr. Pat O'Laughlin, Dolores O'Leary, Ginny Ottes, Rich Ottes, Fran Phillips, Gerald Pope, Mary Saey, Frank & Barb Schlueter, Elaine Schniedermeyer, Mary Jo Shaughnessy, Mary Ann Sitarski, Christine Woracheck, Emily Winders, Estelle Withum, Benjamin Yeargain, and Ron Young.*

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