

Saints Cosmas and Damian

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Parish Liturgy Schedule:

Weekdays: Daily at 8:30 am
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Confession: Saturdays 3:00-3:30 pm

Parish Center Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Perpetual Adoration –

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open 24/7 for private prayer and adoration. Listings and contacts are available in the Parish Center.

Twinhaven Reception Center 330-425-1616
Emergency Assistance 330-888-0134

For information regarding Baptisms, Marriages, Visitation of the Sick, Funerals or Registering as a Parishioner please call the Parish Center 330-425-8141

Mission Statement:

*To be disciples of Christ,
Teach the Catholic Faith,
And serve those in need.*

Mass Schedule & Intentions For The Week
All Masses will be livestreamed on the
parish's Facebook page.

Monday, March 15 – Weekday Mass
8:30am Eileen Kopp
Tuesday, March 16 – Weekday Mass
8:30am The Souls of All Parishioners
Wednesday, March 17 – Weekday Mass
8:30am Rudolph Fajardo
Thursday, March 18 – Weekday Mass
8:30am Earl & Ardell Teeters
Friday, March 19 – Weekday Mass
8:30am Darlene Prosen
Saturday, March 20 – Fifth Sunday of Lent (Vigil)
4:00pm Donna Boehnlein
Sunday, March 21 – Fifth Sunday of Lent
9:00am Patrick Kilbane
11:00am Clarence & Dorothy Kletchie

Scripture Readings March 15 – March 21

Monday **Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent**
Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b, R. v.2a; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday **Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent**
Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, R. v.8; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday **Saint Patrick, bishop**
Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18, R. v.8a; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday **Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and doctor of the Church**
Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23, R. v.4a; Jn 5:31-47
Friday **Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29, R. v.37;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Saturday **Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent**
Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12, R. v.2a; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15, R. v.12a; Heb 5:7-9;
Jn 12:20-33

Dear Parishioners,

Why did Jesus give us the Sacrament of Reconciliation, aka Confession? It seems to me that it would have been far easier to simply forgive all the sins of humanity and be done with it. Or just allow people to be sincerely sorry in their hearts. Yet, that is not the instructions Jesus gave us. “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven. Whose sins you retain are retained.” Why do we need to confess to a priest?



Perhaps I can offer three answers to this question. First of all, our sins offend God and our own dignity, but also the community. Even the most personal, private sin changes the way we treat or think about others. At very least, it puts us in the wrong mindset in such a way that we cannot attend to the needs of others. The priest represents Christ and the community of Christ. Assuming you are sincerely repentant, your sins are truly forgiven, on all levels, through the Sacrament.

Second, we all want to be sincerely sorry for our sins, but the effort and discomfort of having to admit our sins to another person is the real litmus test. It is always easier to sin the next time. This Sacrament holds us accountable to work toward true repentance.

Finally, there is something about being able to name and renounce the sin, especially in a ritualized way. We are still held captive by it on some level. Even non-Catholics enjoy the therapeutic aspect of confessing our sins so as to move past the guilty feelings. Many people tease about “Catholic Guilt.” What about the power of Catholic forgiveness? As heavy as we feel going into the confession, we feel so light and free coming out.

Ultimately, we go because Jesus told us to do so. We, your priests, promise to show the mercy we, ourselves, hope to receive. Please join us for the Parish Communal Penance Service on Sunday, March 14th at 5:00 PM in the church.

In Christ,

Father Michael J. Stalla

“Your accumulated offenses surpass not the multitude of God’s mercies: your wounds surpass not the great Physician’s skill.

Only give yourself up in faith: tell the Physician your ailment: say thou also, like David: I said, I will confess my sin unto the Lord: and the same shall be done in your case, which he says immediately: And you forgave the wickedness of my heart.”

-St. Cyril of Jerusalem (3/18)

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Offertory (includes EFT):

March 6 & 7 \$ 15,257.00

Capital Campaign:

Capital Campaign Pledges: \$ 1,502,310.00

Capital Campaign Money Received: \$ 1,170,135.00

Capital Projects:

Mortgage Balance \$ 452,897.00

The Loaves and Fishes Prayer Teams will not be praying with people after Mass at this time. If you would like to pray over the phone with someone please call Michele Poletti at (330)524-3931. You can also call or text a prayer request to her.

SS. COSMAS & DAMIAN

LENTEN FISH FRY

FISH DINNERS

2 Cod Fillets with Fries \$6.00
and Cole Slaw

6 Shrimp with Fries and \$6.00
Cole Slaw

SIDES

French Fries \$2.00

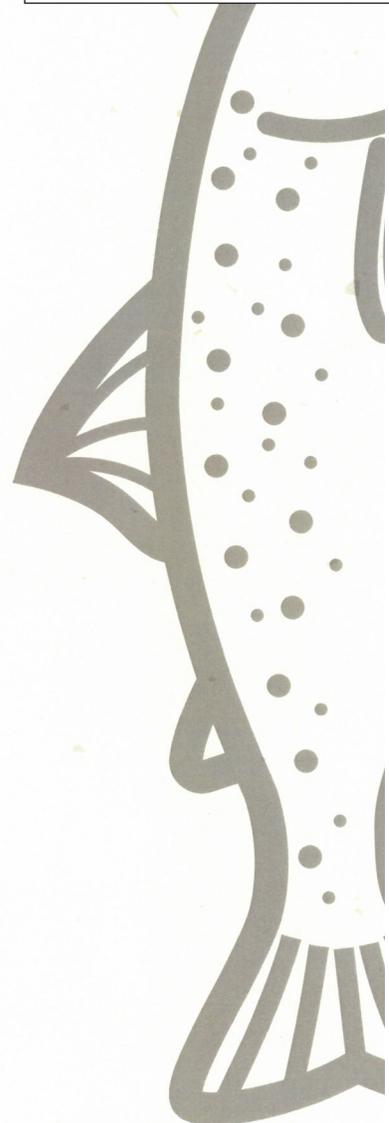
Mac n Cheese \$4.00

Fridays in Lent 5-7pm

All Meals will be prepared by certified cooks and placed in to go containers. You can place your order by walking in or by calling (330)425-8141. You are welcome to stay and enjoy your meal at a table with people from your household.

*There won't be any beverages provided this year. You are welcome to bring your own if you plan to stay and eat.

Thank you so much for your support of our fish fries this year! We are so happy to see everyone enjoying them. **In the first three weeks we have sold a whopping 411 meals!** Thank you again for your generous support. We can't wait to see you at the next one!





A GROUP FOR WOMEN

We hope that you will join us for some faith and fellowship as we chat and pray about what we can offer to the women of our parish, from social gathering to book studies, come and share your thoughts!

March 15 | 7pm | Twinhaven

Bring wine and a glass, or another beverage. We'll have snacks available, and will be socially distanced!

Feminine Genius

THROUGH PRAYER
AND DISCERNMENT,
WE FELT THE CALL
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
FOR A WOMEN'S
RENEWAL
DEDICATED TO
GROWING AS WOMEN
IN TODAY'S WORLD.
COME JOIN US!

"Thank you, every woman, for the simple fact of being a woman! Through the insight which is so much a part of your womanhood you enrich the world's understanding and help to make human relations more honest and authentic."

- St. John Paul II



Parish Penance Opportunity!

Did you know? We can do penance for ourselves and for others! Fr. Michael will be walking as penance *for us* on Sunday, March 21st, beginning at 1 pm. He will be walking to St. Rita's Church in Solon (5.5 miles each way). Father invites anyone who would like to walk with him, to join him! Many of us know that we're not physically able to do that, and we don't want to get stranded along the way. So, for those who would like to offer sacrifices of penance for Fr. Michael, our parish, and other intentions, there is another option!

Join us here on the church grounds, March 21st, 1-4 pm where we will be able to offer our *penance for our Pastor*, Fr. Michael Stalla by walking laps around the church during that time (resting as needed), and praying the holy Rosary. We will keep a tally of laps and time walked near the entrance to the church. Folks can walk as long as they'd like. Or they can pray the Rosary – we'll keep a tally of how many Rosaries are prayed. The church will also be open during this time for people who can pray but not walk. Or if you are somewhat coordinated, you can walk and pray at the same time. You will be able to post other intentions for our shared penance as well. Let's all turn out, even if just for a little while to share a prayer, or a walk around the grounds. Penance is giving something of ourselves – in time, energy, sacrifice – to make amends for our wrongs and turn our paths back to God. Let's celebrate this Lent with all our hearts, our minds and our bodies - for ourselves, our families, our Pastor, our Church and our world. Questions? Contact Joni X 110

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Anyone thinking of ordering a brick for our Marian Grotto, please know that we will be placing an order **at the end of March**. Please, fill out the form that can be found on our parish website.

The Spring session of Centering Prayer will begin on Tuesday, March 16th. After the first meeting, the following meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from April through June. They will be scheduled from 6pm—7pm and will be held in a Zoom format due to the COVID virus. All are welcome to participate for an hour of contemplative prayer. For more details please contact Deborah Brainard at dbrainard5@gmail.com or (330)310-4045

“Since Christ Himself has said, ‘This is My Body’. Who shall dare to doubt that It is His Body?”

-St. Cyril of Jerusalem (Feast Day 3/18)

Adoration is open 24/7 to those scheduled except from 9am to 8pm on Saturdays

ADORATION OPENINGS

We are in need of a few more people to fill Adoration hours. Can you make the sacrifice and sign up for one of these hours weekly or twice a month?

**No long-term commitment is necessary.
Sign up to try an hour for just 30 days!**

Mondays 3am
Tuesdays 1am
Wednesdays 3am, 11pm
Thursdays 12am
Fridays 2am, 3am
Saturdays 10pm (alt weeks)
Sundays 1am

Please contact Carol Twigger at 330-425-7688



Attention Adorers!

Please note that the Adoration Chapel will be closed beginning on Holy Thursday (4/1) at 7pm until 9am on Easter Monday (4/5).

Holy Name Society Scholarship

Any graduating senior from Ss. Cosmas and Damian Parish who wishes to apply may pick-up an application in the Church vestibule or down-load an application from the Church’s website at www.sscosmas-damian.org. In order to receive consideration for the \$750 Scholarship, all applications must be completed and returned to the Parish Business Office marked “Attention: Holy Name Society Scholarship Committee no later than Friday, April 2, by 3:00 PM. Completed applications may also be emailed to rachel@sscsmas-damian.org by the deadline.



Caron Soltis
Linda Braun
John Pfeifer Sr.
Jonathan Sedor
Maxine Barr
Bill Rabatin
Ralph Sickle
Laura Ercolino
Sally Raymond
Jane Smejkal
John Virgili

Jennifer Hunt
Pearl Rubino
Frank Drago
Theodore Gerycz
Mark Magda
Maureen DeCaro
Jimmy Marn
Michael Szugye
Bill Soltis
Pat Noga

We Pray to the Lord...

Always Blooming: A VIRTUAL Retreat for Catholic Women Healing from Betrayal Trauma April 9-10, 2021

This retreat is for women seeking healing from betrayal trauma, that is, discovering a spouse’s or significant other’s pornography use, infidelity, and/or sex addiction. Gather with us this Divine Mercy weekend as we lay our pain, our sorrow and our betrayals at the Lord’s feet. With expectant faith, let us open our hands and our hearts to receive His merciful outpouring. Join us for this powerful virtual retreat experience: talks, meditations, sacred movements, small group healing prayer, Mass and Adoration. Retreat leaders are Father Allen Hoffa, Laura Ercolino of Hope’s Garden, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry, Bonnie West and Marian West Veilleux.

Find the full schedule and register at hopesgarden.com/always-blooming-virtual-healing-retreat-april-2021/ or email De: de@youaremadenew.com or Laura Laura@hopesgarden.com

All prayers and responses will be RECITED

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the Lord's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the Lord, God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the Lord against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah:
"Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah, the Lord inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing:
"Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia:
All the kingdoms of the earth
the Lord, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.
Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

The Word of the Lord
All Reply: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the streams of Babylon
we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.
On the aspens of that land
we hung up our harps.

For there our captors asked of us
the lyrics of our songs,
and our despoilers urged us to be joyous:
"Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

How could we sing a song of the Lord
in a foreign land?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
may my right hand be forgotten!

May my tongue cleave to my palate
if I remember you not,
if I place not Jerusalem
ahead of my joy.

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters:
God, who is rich on mercy,
because of the great love he had for us,
even when we were dead in our transgressions,
brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have
been saved—,
raised us up with him,
and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus,
that in the ages to come
he might show the immeasurable grace
in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.
For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not from you;
it is the gift of God;
it is not from works, so no one may boast.
For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for
the good works that God has prepared in advance,
that we should live in them.

The Word of the Lord
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Gospel

John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed.

But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

The Gospel of the Lord

All Reply: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(At the words that follow, up to and including, ‘and became man’, all bow.)

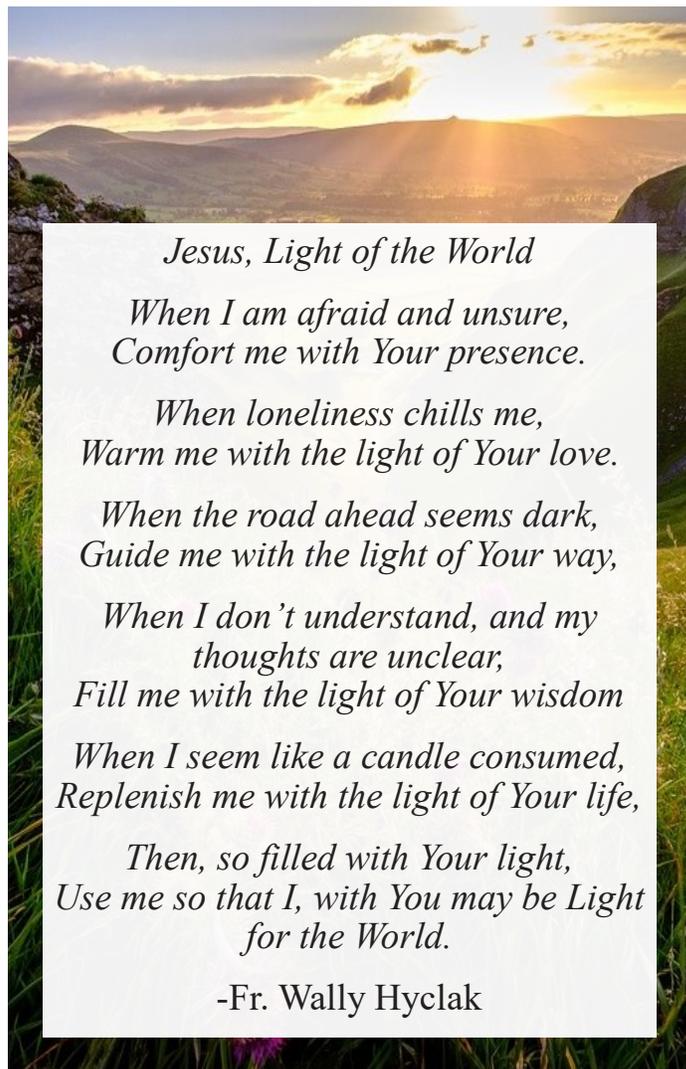
And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen



Jesus, Light of the World

*When I am afraid and unsure,
Comfort me with Your presence.*

*When loneliness chills me,
Warm me with the light of Your love.*

*When the road ahead seems dark,
Guide me with the light of Your way,*

*When I don't understand, and my
thoughts are unclear,
Fill me with the light of Your wisdom*

*When I seem like a candle consumed,
Replenish me with the light of Your life,*

*Then, so filled with Your light,
Use me so that I, with You may be Light
for the World.*

-Fr. Wally Hyclak

Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are on hold for the Lenten Season. They will resume again during the Easter Season.

To find out more about and get your request on the schedule, please call Elizabeth Innocenzi at 216-533-0515



For sanitary purposes please take this bulletin home with you.

