#### **MARCH 16, 2025** 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



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#### DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025 8:30 A.M. - David Hooyman-M

Bill & Pat Wildenberg

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025

8:30 A.M. - Jim Parmeter-M David & Kay Winek

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025

8:30 A.M. - Regina Gronski-M

Gronski & Martineau Families **FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025** 

8:30 A.M. – Healing for Margie O'Neil Maloney Pattie Pitoscia

#### WEEKEND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

**4:00 P.M. –** Mary Hinaus-M Rick & Sharon Hoch

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025** 

7:30 A.M. - Philip Birch-M

Michael & Christine Sabyan

10:30 A.M. - The Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Cathedral Parishioners

VOCATIONS... This is my beloved Son, hear him. Take some time to hear the beloved Son speaking to you. What does he say? (Luke 9:28-36)

#### **Cathedral Church Calendar**

Tues. Mar. 18 – 4-8:00pm Cathedral Leadership Mtgs. Mar. 19 - 5:30-6:30pm - Religious Ed. - Gr. K-6 Wed.

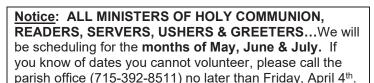
7:00-8:00pm – Religious Ed. - Gr. 7-11 Mar. 20 – 1:00-3:00pm – Adoration

5:00pm - Holy Hour

6:00pm - Soup Supper

Mar. 23 – 12:00-3:00pm –1st Communion Retreat

PRAYER MINISTRY - There are people in the parish willing to share your needs and prayers. Please call Mary Jo 218-341-2606 if you or a loved one is in need.



#### LITURGICAL ROLES for Mar. 22 & 23

#### **READERS:**

Thank you!

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Tom Unterberger 4:00

7:30 Sara Fouts

10:30 Tom Henning & Kendra Schmidt



Tom Unterberger (F) & Jill Unterberger (B) 4:00 **Need 2 Ministers for Communion Cup** 

7:30 Justin Fouts (F) & Brendan Fouts (B) **Need 2 Ministers for Communion Cup** 

Sean Tenerelli (F) & Anne Sims (B) 10:30 **Cup: Sandy Henning & Tom Henning** 

#### **SERVERS:**

4:00 Lucy & Penelope Canfield 7:30 Caleb, Damien, & Seth Fouts

10:30 Lily & Lauren Milliken

#### **USHERS:**

4:00 Eric Williams (Lead) Irene Peterson Need 2

7:30 Bob Ahlborg (Lead) Jim Crawford Steve DeVinck Rose Kidd

10:30 Walt Tafelski (Lead) John Berchild **Bonnie Thom** 

Need 1

#### **GREETERS:**

4:00

7:30 Mavis Moran

10:30 **Bonnie Thom** 





### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Peter, James, and John wanted to build a "booth" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His Crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

	<u>Mar. 8/9</u>	Last Year	
Envelopes:	106	131	
Collection:	\$8,506.00	\$8,885.00	
On-Line Giving (65)	\$5,507.00	\$3,969.00	
Loose:	\$ 512.00	\$ 472.00	



Black & Indian Mission Collection: \$2,366.00

Thank you for your generosity!

#### WEEKLY MEDITATION

Here are some of the themes that we discover in the Mass readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent.

#### 1st Reading - Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

- God promises Abram that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars in the sky.
- God enters into a covenant with Abram and promises to give his descendants land from the Wadi of Egypt to the Euphrates River.

#### Psalm - 27:1,7-9,13-14

- "The Lord is my light and my salvation."
- With the Lord as our refuge, we have courage to face our fears.

#### 2nd Reading - Philippians 3:17-4:1

Paul exhorts the people to imitate his example in following the cross of Christ.



Our citizenship is in heaven, and from there we await the savior who will change our lowly body to conform to his glorified body.

#### Gospel - Luke 9:28b-36

- Jesus takes Peter, John, and James up a mountain where he is transfigured in glory.
- Christ is speaking with Moses and Elijah, and they are discussing the "exodus" that he will accomplish in Jerusalem.
- The Father's voice speaks from a cloud, saying, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

Fr. Andrew

Question for Children: Jesus invites you to be close to him, to see him with clear eyes. What is Jesus like as a friend?

Question for Youth: What do you most want God to help you with?

Question for Adults: Sometimes we can see Christ with clear eyes, as the disciples did on that mountain. Share about such a time in your own life.

#### Readings for the week of March 16, 2025

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9,13-14

Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36 Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8,9,11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Monday: Is 1:10,16-20/Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17,21 and 23 Tuesday:

Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: 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

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2,3,4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31 Friday:

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,

18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,

11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8,

11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2,6-7,8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2,

5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15,19b-26, 39a,40-42

#### **CATHEDRAL NEWS**

#### LENTEN HOLY HOUR with Fr. Andrew Ricci

5:00pm ~ Thursdays during Lent at Cathedral Stations of the Cross & a six-part series entitled "Carry Your Cross"

Soup Supper to follow provided by the Knights of Columbus Christ the King Council #16691

#### **BLANKET MINISTRY**

The Blanket Ministry will be tying blankets after the 8:30am Mass on Tuesday, March 18th. We will meet in Kress Hall in Room 2. All are welcome to join us!

#### TOURS OF THE CATHEDRAL

Tours are being offered at the Cathedral after all of the Masses on the weekend of March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tour guides will be available in the back of the church after each of the Masses.

#### **CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP MEETING**

The Catholic Men's Group will meet on Monday, March 24th at 7:00pm in Kress Hall. We invite men to join us for Catholic fellowship and discussion.



#### **BOOK CLUB**

The Cathedral Book Club is open to all interested readers in our area, regardless of which parish you call home. Each month we have a lively and interesting discussion. We meet at 6:30pm in the large meeting room at Cathedral Parish Office.

April 2nd by Doris Kerns Goodwin The Bully Pulpit May 7<sup>th</sup> Left To Tell by Immaculee Ilibagiza

#### **CATHEDRAL 62<sup>nd</sup>ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER APRIL 27, 2025**



Hello to all from the Chicken Dinner Committee! Preparations for our 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chicken Dinner are once again underway. If you would like to sponsor or simply contribute to help cover the cost of any items needed for the dinner, please contact the parish office (715-392-8511) or place your contribution in the collection box at a weekend mass, marked "Chicken Dinner" indicating what item(s) you would like your much appreciated contribution to be applied towards. Please consider sponsoring any items listed below. Once again thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity.

Chicken	\$1,800
Stuffing (SPONSORED)	\$00
Cabbage (SPONSORED)	\$00
Pickles	\$60
Cranberry sauce (SPONSORED	\$00
Vegetables	\$300
Potatoes	\$250
Milk, Butter, Lemonade, Coffee	\$200
Coleslaw dressing (SPONSORED)	\$00
Gravy (\$100 SPONSORED)	\$ 25
Dinner Rolls	\$250
Seasoning for chicken (SPONSORED)	\$00
S.S.H.S.F charge for cooking chicken	\$480
Carryout containers	\$70
Desserts & Plates	\$300
Beverage cups	\$40
Dinner plates	\$40
Napkins, placemats	\$40
Angel Tickets	\$13 EACH

Purchasing "Angel Tickets" at (\$13 each) is also an opportunity to make meals available for those who are in need. This may be done in the same way as a sponsorship of expenses. Please simply include a note to apply to your donation that specifies "Angel Tickets".

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#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

Wednesday, March 19th ~ in Kress Hall 5:30-6:30pm for grades K-6 and 7:00-8:00pm for grades 7-11





#### FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

Sunday, March 23rd 12:00pm -3:00pm At Cathedral

#### YOUTH'S CORNER

#### **Religious Education**

Religious Education classes resume this Wednesday, March 19th. We will be providing dinner and adoration upon request. Please reach out to Virginia (952.300.1671 or vrkovy@gmail.com) to reserve your adoration time.

#### **Extreme Faith Camp**

Bagging for Groceries will take place again this year as we fundraise to send our kids to Extreme Faith Camp. Our campers, high school leaders and chaperones will attend the week of June 15-20th this summer for a week of fellowship, challenges, sacraments, and time with our Lord.

Volunteers will be stationed at the East End SuperOne on Harbor Drive in Superior on Friday, March 21st from 4-7pm and again Saturday, March 22nd from 10am - 4pm. Please consider shopping at SuperOne during these times and visit with our EFC patrons. They are excited to explain what EFC means to them and all donations received helps to send the 15 going.

Speaking of volunteers, if you are attending EFC this summer please RSVP to Virginia (952.300.1671 or vrkovy@gmail.com) for at least 1 of the following time slots:

- Friday March 21st from 4pm 7pm
- Saturday March 22nd from 10am 1pm
- Saturday March 22nd from 1pm 4pm

#### **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

#### **WORKS OF MERCY**

The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy.... The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God. - Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Consider works of mercy this Lent.

Voicemail: 715-398-4039

Mailing Address: SVDP P.O. Box 98 Superior, WI 54880 (Monetary donations can be sent to this address. 95 cents out of every dollar goes directly to serve basic needs of those in our community).

#### **CATHEDRAL SCHOOL NEWS**



#### **Preschool Registration Information**

Cathedral School continues our tradition of 3 year-old and 4 year-old Preschool, and enrollment has begun for the 2025-2026 school year. Preschool classes are 5 days a week with half-day or full day options available. Before and After school care is available for Preschool students through our Extended Care program. For more information, please contact us at 715.392.2976.

#### **PK-8th Grade Information**

K-8th grade registration for the 2025-2026 school year has begun for the 2025-2026 school year. For more information, please contact us at 715.392.2976.

#### **CLUSTER NEWS**

#### MASSES AT ST. MARY HOSPITAL-SUPERIOR

Masses are celebrated at St. Mary's Hospital, Superior, on Wednesdays at 11:15 A.M.

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR CLUSTER:**

Cathedral – every Thursday from 1-3pm St. Anthony, L.N. – every Thursday from 9-10am St. William – 1st Saturday from 5:30-6pm Holy Assumption – 1st Friday from 7:30-8:00am St. Anthony, Sup. – 1st Tuesday from 8-8:30am



#### FISH FRY

St. Anthony Church, 4315 E. 3<sup>rd</sup>. St. in Superior, will be serving our Annual Lenten Fish Dinner each Friday during Lent starting March 7<sup>th</sup> and continuing through April 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. The dinner will be dine-in or take-out.

Meal includes: Fried or Baked Fish, Mashed or Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Vegetable, Pickled Beets, Roll, and Dessert (Beverage for dine-in). Adults – \$15.00, Students (12 and under) – \$7.00 and Preschool – Free.

We are handicapped accessible. Local deliveries will be available by calling **715-398-3261** Monday through Thursday each week. If there is no answer, please leave a message including name, address and phone number.

### PURIFIED AND GENDER AND THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Have you noticed that we live in a culture where relationships have become more confusing than ever? If you're looking for straight answers to tough questions about love according to God's designs, then don't miss the upcoming event at Our Lady of the Lake in Ashland, Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 6-9:15pm: **Purified + Gender and the Theology of the Body**, with Jason Evert, with music by Aly Aleigha. This life-changing night featuring renowned speaker Jason Evert is for all ages, 13 and up (or younger at parents' discretion). So, bring the family and please consider inviting a friend, especially someone who doesn't usually come to events at Church. You'll be amazed at the impact this event will have on them! Don't wait! Tickets are selling fast! Get your ticket by going to <a href="https://chastity.com/events/jason-evert-double-feature-49/">https://chastity.com/events/jason-evert-double-feature-49/</a>

### THE MASS OF CHRISM Tuesday, April 8, 2025 – 12:00 Noon

You are invited to join in the celebration of the Mass of Chrism here at Cathedral on Tuesday, April 8th at 12:00 noon. During the Mass, the Oils of Catechumens, of the Sick, and of Chrism will be blessed in preparation for Easter Sacraments and those of the coming year. It is a very special event, open to all Catholics. There will be NO other scheduled Masses in the City of Superior on the day of the Chrism Mass. It is an important diocesan celebration and we at Cathedral are privileged to act as hosts. We hope that many of you will be able to attend. There will be a luncheon served immediately following in Kress Hall. If you plan to attend the luncheon, we ask that you purchase your ticket in advance at the Parish Office. The cost of the ticket is \$15.00. Reservations for the luncheon are required, as the caterer will need an accurate count for food preparation. Deadline to purchase your luncheon ticket is Tuesday, March 25th,



#### "24 Hours for the Lord" 2025 Schedule

#### Wednesday, March 26th

8:30am School Mass -Fr. Andrew 9:00am **Eucharistic Adoration Begins** 

9:30am Rosary Confessions 9:30-Noon 11:30am Rosary

Mass -Fr. Andrew 12:05pm

12:30pm **Eucharistic Adoration resumes** 

immediately after Mass

2:00pm Stations of the Cross

2:30-4:00pm Confessions

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 3:00pm

5:00pm Rosary 5:30-8:00 Confessions

8:00pm Mass - Fr. Andrew

Resume Eucharistic Adoration through 8:30pm

the night

#### Thursday, March 27th

Midnight Rosary

6:30am Rosary - on "The Rosary Channel"

with David Dusek

8:00am Stations of the Cross 8:30am Mass-Fr. Andrew

"We unite our hearts to Jesus Christ through study, prayer, and service."



MARCH 26-27, 2025

# YOU ARE MY HOPE

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH

8:30 AM MASS

9:00 AM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION BEGINS

9:30 AM ROSARY

9:30-NOON CONFESSIONS

11:30 AM ROSARY

12:05 PM MASS

12:30 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION RESUMES

2:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

2:30-4:00 PM CONFESSIONS

3:00 PM CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

5:00 PM ROSARY

5:30-8:00 PM CONFESSIONS

8:00 PM MASS

8:30 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION THROUGH THE NIGHT

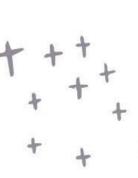
THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH

MIDNIGHT ROSARY

6:30 AM ROSARY WITH LIVESTREAM

8:00 AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

8:30 AM MASS





# DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR INVITATION TO THE MASS OF CHRISM

To the Faithful of the Diocese of Superior

As Diocesan Bishop, I cordially invite you
to join me and the entire presbyterate
in the blessing of the Oil of Catechumens,
in the blessing of the Oil of the Sick,
and in the consecration of Chrism
at the celebration of the MASS OF CHRISM
on Tuesday, the 8th day of April, 2025, at 12:00 noon,
at Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior, Wisconsin.

If you cannot be present for this celebration,
I invite you to be with us in prayer as we bless
these Oils and pray for those who will receive them.

Most Reverend James P. Powers

Bishop of Superior



# Christ the King Council 16691 Superior WI Knights of Columbus

### 40 Cans for Lent 2025

Our Christ the King Council 16691 of the Knights of Columbus is again helping the St. Vincent de Paul food shelf with this year's 40 Cans for Lent. Can you help us? As much as you are able, please consider 40 cans (or boxes or packages) for Lent. Here is a list of items requested by our St. Vincent de Paul food shelf for the 2025 Cathedral collection. Their needs are very great this year. This list is somewhat different than last year's list.

Please do not purchase or donate items in glass jars, as they could break and cause a big mess. Plastic jars (such as plastic peanut butter jars) are fine. Please do not provide fresh foods (such as bread and fresh vegetables and fruits) and items requiring refrigeration, and please do not donate expired or opened items. PLEASE: The Food Shelf DOES NOT NEED plain canned beans (like lima beans, pinto beans, garbanzo beans, etc.). Thank you!

Donations can be brought to Cathedral between now and Holy Thursday. We anticipate that items will be on display on the steps to the stage in Kress Hall. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION! VIVAT JESUS!** 

#### **Breakfast Foods**

- Cereal
- Pancake Mix and syrup

#### **Fruit and Vegetables**

- Canned fruit
- Canned Vegetables

#### **Beverages**

- Coffee
- Hot Cocoa Packages
- Powdered milk
- Shelf stable milk

#### Ready-to-Eat Foods

- Cheese and Crackers
- Crackers (all kinds)
- Healthy Bars (such as granola or cereal bars)
- Jell-O or pudding cups

#### Miscellaneous

Easy Snacks for kids

#### Easy Meals in a Box or a Can and Protein

- Baked Beans (like Bush's, etc.)
- Beef Ravioli
- Beef stew
- Canned meats (chicken, ham, salmon, Spam, tuna)
- Chili (Hormel with pop-top lids)
- o Chili in a Bag
- Ground Beef (canned)
- Hearty Soups (not creamed soups) chunky, hearty (such as Progresso, etc.)
- Peanut Butter (and Jelly!)
- Spaghetti and meatballs
- Spaghetti-O's

#### **Carbohydrates**

- Instant potatoes
- Macaroni and Cheese bowls
- Ramen Noodles
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Stove Top Stuffing

# Dine-in or Take-out Lenten Fish Dinner

Each Friday during Lent, March 7<sup>th</sup> through April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Serving from 4:00 — 6:30 p.m.** 

St. Anthony Catholic Church 4315 E. 3rd. St. Superior, WI

Handicapped accessible. Local deliveries are available by calling <u>715-398-3261</u> Monday through Thursday. If no answer please leave a message, including name, address and phone number. Take-out orders will be available downstairs in the Parish Hall.

### Menu

Fried or Baked Fish,
Mashed or Baked Potato,
Cole Slaw, Vegetable,
Pickled Beets, Roll, Dessert,
and Beverage.

### **Cost**

Adults \$15.00 Students (12 & under) \$7.00 Pre-school (5 & under) Free



Serving great Lenten Fish Dinners since 1991



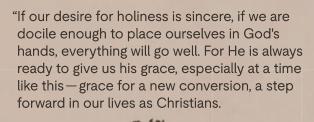
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ST. JOSEMARÍA ESCRIVÁ TAKASHI NAGAI

Drawing on the incredible writings of St. Josemaría Escrivá, author of The Way, we'll follow Jesus into deeper faith every day this Lent. To help bring Escrivá's advice to life, we'll follow the story of Servant of God Takashi Nagai, a Japanese physician who survived the atomic bombing of Nagasaki in 1945. He survived, but his life was not without difficulty, heartbreak, and, ultimately, conversion.

This Lent, as we meditate on the lives of those who follow Christ, we'll see that despite the noise and distraction of today, Jesus died on the cross so that we might experience His love, His peace, and, ultimately, eternal life.

We need only to follow **His Way**.



We cannot regard to a Lent as just another liturgical season which has simply happened to come around again...

opes that we will

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# PRAY40 BOOKS

Throughout Pray40, we will journey through some incredible books, *The Way* by St. Josemaría Escrivá, *A Song for Nagasaki* by Paul Glynn, S.M., and *The Power of Silence* by Cardinal Robert Sarah.

The Way is a collection of profound advice from St. Josemaría Escrivá compiled in 999 categorized "points", or considerations. Select quotes associated with their day will be displayed throughout this study guide as an easy reference.

If you'd like to purchase your own copy of *The Way* to follow along with during Pray40, **click here**.

The Power of Silence: Each Saturday during Lent, meditate in silence on scripture with guidance from Cardinal Robert Sarah using reflections from his book, *The Power of Silence*, to find peace amidst the noise of the world. **Purchase your copy here**.

A Song for Nagasaki is a biography of Servant of God Takashi Nagai. Since this book is a straightforward narrative, we've included a reference for reading below for those who would like to follow along with the book.

Hallow partnered with Ignatius Press to create a special edition of *A Song for Nagasaki* for the Pray40 challenge, which you can <u>purchase here</u> for 20% off your order.

WEEK 1 THE WAY	Read chapters 1-5 in A Song for Nagasaki
WEEK 2 THE WAY OF PRAYER	Read chapters 5-9 in <i>A Song for Nagasaki</i>
WEEK 3 THE WAY OF LOVE	Read chapters 10-14 in A Song for Nagasaki
WEEK 4 THE WAY OF SUFFERING	Read chapters 15-22 in A Song for Nagasaki
WEEK 5 THE WAY OF SURRENDER	Read chapters 22-25 in A Song for Nagasaki
WEEK 6 THE WAY OF RESURRECTION	Read chapters 26-31 in A Song for Nagasaki

#### THE WAY

# Week 1

#### ■ DAY 1 ■

"Lord, I believe, help my unbelief." (Mark 9:24)

#### ■ DAY 2 ■

"Don't let your life be sterile. Be useful. Blaze a trail. Shine forth with the light of your faith and of your love.... And light up all the ways of the earth with the fire of Christ that you carry in your heart." (The Way, 1)

#### DAY 1

### Ash Wednesday

/hat is one thing you are hoping to accomplish during this seas f Lent? How can the Litany of Humility help you in this way?
DAY 2
Ashes
/hat do you want this Lent? Think big. What do you want God to o in your life? How do you want Him to transform your heart?

# Fasting Friday

<b>Challenge:</b> Fast from noise and distractions. When was the last time you really disconnected? When was the last time you really rested in silence?		
How will you fast from noise this week?		

#### **DAY 4**

### Silent Saturday with Cardinal Sarah

Write down your thoughts from your time of silence today.
Sunday Homily with Fr. Mike Schmitz  Write down your notes and thoughts from this day.

# Week 2

#### ■ DAY 6 ■

"Go to prayer: to become a blaze, a living flame giving heat and light." (The Way, 92)

#### ■ DAY 7 ■

"You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you've already begun". (The Way, 90)

DAY 6

"26"

As we reflect on gratitude in your life, what has been good? What are you thankful for? Or maybe there are areas in life that a difficult right now. What challenges and obstacles are you facing?				

#### DAY 7

### Christmas Eve

Is it challenging to talk with God about yourself? What holds you back from time in prayer?

# "Abandonment to the will of God is the secret of happiness on earth"

**THE WAY, 766** 

#### **DAY 8**

### Sweetheart

Did anything come to mind? What stood out to you?				

#### ■ DAY 9 ■

## Story of Faith

What stood out to you from the testimony shared? Write down your thoughts below.
■ DAY 10 ■
Fasting Friday
rasting rinary
<b>Challenge:</b> Follow the "little way" What "little" sacrifices do you plan to make for this upcoming week? How are you planning
to deny yourself – in little ways throughout your day – so that you might better love others?

#### **DAY 11**

### Silent Saturday with Cardinal Sarah

Write down your thoughts from your time of silence today.	
■ DAY 12 ■ Sunday Homily with Fr. Mike Schmitz	
Write down your notes and thoughts from this day.	

# Week 3

#### ■ DAY 13 ■

My God, I love you, but... oh, teach me to love!" (The Way, 423)

#### ■ DAY 14 ■

"Humbly ask God to increase your faith. Then, with new lights, you'll see clearly the difference between the world's paths and your way as an apostle." (The Way, 580)

#### DAY 13

### Gone

Today, we imagined Jesus coming to meet you. How did He show His tenderness toward you? Who is He calling you to be? What was your response? DAY 14 Return Where in your life is God calling you to conversion? How is He calling you to love Him more?

# "Conversion is a matter of a moment. Sanctification is the work of a lifetime."

**THE WAY, 285** 

# Ordinary

DAY 15

Reflect on your experience in imaginative prayer with Sr. Miriam today.
Did anything come to mind? What stood out to you?

#### **DAY 16**

# Story of Faith

What stood out to you from the testimony shared? Write down your thoughts below.
■ DAY 17 ■
Fasting Friday
Challenge: Pick up your cross. What cross in your life do you see, alone, uncared for, without its crucified? What cross is waiting for you to pick it up?

#### **DAY 18**

### Silent Saturday with Cardinal Sarah

Write down your thoughts from your time of silence today.	
■ DAY 19 ■ Sunday Homily with Fr. Mike Schmitz	
Write down your notes and thoughts from this day.	

## Week 4

#### ■ DAY 20 ■

"I want you to be happy on earth. But you won't be if you don't get rid of that fear of suffering. For as long as we are 'wayfarers,' it is precisely in suffering that our happiness lies." (The Way, 217)

#### ■ DAY 21 ■

"For others, death is a stumbling block, a source of terror. For us, death... is an encouragement and a stimulus. For them it is the end; for us the beginning." (The Way, 738)

#### DAY 20

### The Cross

Consider your sufferings and the fear that your suffering might get worse or never end. What fears are holding you back from happiness? How can you give those fears to God?

#### DAY 21

### The Bomb

Today's reflection was on Memento Mori, Latin for "remember you will die." Have you ever considered this meditation practice before? How do you think reflecting "our death" can help us live better here on earth?

# "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

**MATTHEW 24:35** 

### Midori

DAY 22

Reflect on your experience in imaginative prayer with Sr. Miriam today. Did anything come to mind? What stood out to you?					

#### ■ DAY 23 ■

## Story of Faith

What stood out to you from the testimony shared? Write down your thoughts below.
■ DAY 24 ■ Fasting Friday  Challenge: Fast from procrastination.  Ask yourself: "What does God want of me?" Where in your life have you been saying to God "not right now"?

#### ■ DAY 25 ■

### Silent Saturday with Cardinal Sarah

Write down your thoughts from your time of silence today.	
■ DAY 26 ■ Sunday Homily with Fr. Mike Schmitz	
Write down your notes and thoughts from this day.	

## Week 5

#### ■ DAY 27 ■

"We are stones—blocks of stone—that can move, can feel, that have completely free wills. God himself is the stonecutter who chips off the edges, shaping and modifying us as he desires, with blows of the hammer and chisel. Let us not try to draw aside, let us not try to evade his will, for in any case we won't be able to avoid the blows. We will suffer all the more, and uselessly. Instead of polished stone suitable for building, we will be a shapeless heap of gravel that people will trample on contemptuously" (The Way, 756)

#### ■ DAY 28 ■

"Love for God invites us to take up the cross and feel on our own shoulders the weight of humanity... 'Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple.' Let us accept God's will and be firmly resolved to build all our life in accordance with what our faith teaches and demands. We can be sure this involves struggle and suffering and pain... In the midst of sorrow... we will experience a happiness which moves us to love others, to help them share in our supernatural joy." (Christ Is Passing By, 97)

#### DAY 27

### Kolbe

Where do you need to be molded, shaped, and chiseled? What does God want you to be? What in your life needs to conform to His will?
■ DAY 28 ■  Speech  Consider your sufferings with God, what you face, the pain you feel, and the cross that you bear. Who can you offer these sufferings up for?

### Meaning

Reflect on your experience in imaginative prayer with Sr. Miriam today.  Did anything come to mind? What stood out to you?					

"After losing those human consolations you have been left with a feeling of loneliness, as if you were hanging by a thin thread over the emptiness of a black abyss. And your cries, your shouts for help, seem to go unheard by anybody. The truth is you deserve to be so forlorn... Love the cross... and our Lord will hear your prayer. And in time, calm will be restored to your senses. And your heart will heal, and you will have peace."

**THE WAY, 726** 

#### ■ DAY 30 ■

# Story of Faith

What stood out to you from the testimony shared? Write down your thoughts below.
Fasting Friday  Challenge: Make the change.  What are the biggest obstacles between where you are now and where you're called to be?  What's your best guess at what God wants you to focus on?

#### ■ DAY 32 ■

### Silent Saturday with Cardinal Sarah

Write down your th	oughts from your time of silence today.	
■ DAY 33 ■		
Sunday l	Homily with Fr. Mike Schmitz	
	res and thoughts from this day.	

# Week 6

#### ■ DAY 34 ■

"Praise God. Leap for joy in the Lord, our one and only help... Do you know what it is to be lifted up to the heart of God? Do you realise that a soul can face his Lord, open his heart to him and tell him his woes?... But my lament is one of trust" (Friends of God, 153).

#### ■ DAY 35 ■

"In the moments of struggle and tribulation, when perhaps... your way [is filled] with obstacles, lift up your... heart: listen to Jesus as he speaks... And you'll feel the joy of contemplating the victory to come." (The Way, 695)

#### ■ DAY 36 ■

"Haven't you heard the mournful tone with which the worldly complain that 'each day that passes is a step nearer death'? It is. And I tell you: rejoice...for each day that passes brings you closer to Life" (The Way, 737).

DAY 34

### Bells

In the time of silence today, did you allow yourself to be lifted up to the heart of God? Is it challenging to trust him with your woes? What ways are you praising Him?
■ DAY 35 ■
Visitors
Today, we asked God how He might be preparing us to help others who are suffering. What is your mission? How can you have the courage to live it out?
DAY 36
Funeral
Reflect on your experience in imaginative prayer with Sr. Miriam today. Did anything come to mind? What stood out to you?

#### ■ DAY 37 ■

# Story of Faith

What stood out to you from the testimony shared? Write down your thoughts below.
■ DAY 38 ■ Fasting Friday Challenge: Celebrate.
Consider how you can enter this Holy Week with a joy, a peace, that you've never had before. How will you celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection? How can you shine with the joy of the risen Christ?

#### ■ DAY 39 ■

### Silent Saturday with Cardinal Sarah

Write down your thoughts from your time of silence today.	
■ DAY 40 ■ Sunday Homily with Fr. Mike Schmitz	
Write down your notes and thoughts from this day.	