MARCH 23, 2025 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

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DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025 8:30 A.M. - Dolly Cosgrove-M Her Family



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025 8:30 A.M. - Peggy & Paul Werth-M Their Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025 8:30 A.M. - Jeanine Carbon-M Diana Markee O'Brien **FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025** 8:30 A.M. - Freda Owens-M

WEEKEND INTENTIONS

Vickie & Greg Owens

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025

4:00 P.M. - Daniel Kaluza-M Georgia Charbonneau

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

7:30 A.M. – John Kulas-M Thomas & Delores Sitek

10:30 A.M. - Greg Carlson-M Mom & Dad

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE for the week of March 23rd

Will burn in Loving Memory of Eldore Franzen~UWS 1957 Classmate Bv: Bill & Donna Durand

****************************** VOCATIONS... The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim his name. Consider a call to priesthood or religious life? (Psalm103)

Cathedral Church Calendar

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

Mon. Mar. 24 - 7:00pm - Men's Group in KH

Tues. Mar. 25 – 6:00pm SVdP Meeting.

Mar. 26 - 5:30-6:30pm - Religious Ed. - Gr. K-6 Wed.

7:00-8:00pm - Religious Ed. - Gr. 7-11

Wed/Thurs. Mar. 26/27 - 24 Hours for the Lord

Thur. Mar. 27 – 1:00-3:00pm – Adoration

5:00pm - Holy Hour

6:00pm - Soup Supper

Sat/Sun. Mar. 29/30 - World Concern Collection



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



Notice: ALL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, READERS, SERVERS, USHERS & GREETERS...We will be scheduling for the months of May, June & July. If you know of dates you cannot volunteer, please call the parish office (715-392-8511) no later than Friday, April 4th. Thank you!

LITURGICAL ROLES for Mar. 29 & 30

READERS:

4:00 Irene Peterson 7:30 Sandy Frazier

10:30 Tom Markee & Jessica Poskozim



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:00 Need 1 (F) & Susan Paine (B)

Need 2 Ministers for Communion Cup Louise Pope (F) & Renee Wachter (B)

7:30 **Need 2 Ministers for Communion Cup**

Bonnie Thom (F) & Kent Phillips (B) 10:30 Cup: Christine Polkinghorne, Need 1

SERVERS:

4:00

7:30 Tom Tracy

10:30 Stella & Tommy Tenerelli



USHERS:

Eric Williams (Lead) 4:00 Need 3

7:30 Bob Ahlborg (Lead) Jim Crawford Bruce Haraldson Kevin Peterson

10:30 Walt Tafelski (Lead) Sandy & Tom Henning Need 1



GREETERS:

4:00

7:30 10:30



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

	Mar. 15/16	Last Year
Envelopes:	109	86
Collection:	\$4,776.40	\$3,517.00
On-Line Giving (42)	\$2,412.00	\$3,299.00
Loose:	\$ 693.00	\$ 619.00



Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MEDITATION

Let's examine some of the themes that we find in the Mass readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent.

1st Reading - Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15

- While tending flocks near Mount Horeb, Moses encounters God in the burning bush.
- The Lord has heard the cry of the people enslaved in Egypt and will lead them to a land flowing with milk and honey.
- God tells Moses that when he goes to the Israelites, he will tell them, "I AM sent me to you...the Lord, the God of your Fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."



Psalm - 103: 1-4,6-8,11

- "The Lord is kind and merciful."
- Merciful and gracious, the Lord pardons, heals, redeems, and guides the children of Israel.

2nd Reading - 1st Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

- Paul reminds the people that many Israelites displeased God during the Exodus.
- The example of the Israelites serves as a warning to neither grumble nor desire evil things.

Gospel - Luke 13:1-9

- Citing a couple of recent tragedies, Christ reminds the people to repent of their sins lest they perish.
- Jesus then speaks about a parable of an unfruitful fig tree, revealing both the mercy and judgment of God.

Fr. Andrew

Question for Children: God wants your faith to result in good living. What steps can you take during Lent to make sure that happens?

Question for Youth: What needs changing in your life right now? How will you invite God into that change?

Question for Adults: What steps are you taking this Lent to make sure that your faith bears fruit in good works?

Readings for the week of March 23, 2025

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 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 Tuesday:

Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Wednesday:

Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23 Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, Friday:

14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab

Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)

2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7,10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6 (1)

Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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

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. Tom Tracy will present on church precepts.



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 The Bully Pulpit by Doris Kerns Goodwin May 7th Left To Tell by Immaculee Ilibagiza

LENTEN ORGAN RECITAL

(from the American Guild of organist) Cathedral of Christ the King Wednesday, April 9, 2025 12:15-12:45pm

Featuring Cathedral's Organist ~ Rachael Kresha Freewill offering

CATHEDRAL 62ndANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER APRIL 27, 2025



Hello to all from the Chicken Dinner Committee! Preparations for our 62nd 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 (\$300 SPONSORED)	\$1,500
Stuffing (SPONSORED)	\$00
Cabbage (SPONSORED)	\$00
Pickles	\$60
Cranberry sauce (SPONSORED)	\$00
Vegetables	\$300
Potatoes (SPONSORED)	\$00
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



FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Wednesday, March 26th ~ in Kress Hall 5:30-6:30pm for grades K-6 and 7:00-8:00pm for grades 7-11



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst
'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent?
Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe?
Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor - He knows your weakness.

He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." St. Teresa of Calcutta

Join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, March 25th at 6pm at the Cathedral of Christ the King.

Help us quench the thirst of Jesus in the poor.

Voicemail: 715-398-4039

Mailing Address: SVDP P.O. Box 98 Superior, WI 54880

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





St. William's Family Bingo

Where: St. William Church on County Rd B, Foxboro

When: Tuesday, April 1st

Concessions will be available at 5:30pm

Bingo starts at 6:30pm

Come for a fun evening of Bingo, food and prizes. \$200 in prizes to be given away and we will do a 50/50 raffle. Bring your family and your friends.

Bingo is free.

FISH FRY

St. Anthony Church, 4315 E. 3rd. St. in Superior, will be serving our Annual Lenten Fish Dinner each Friday during Lent starting March 7th and continuing through April 18th 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.

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, 2025

SDCCW Mary Jane Morancyk Hennessy Scholarships

The Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will award four (4) \$1000 scholarships to women **completing their second year of post high school education or continuing their education** for career advancement or returning to the work field.

Applications may be obtained by contacting the SDCCW Scholarship Committee, Mary Werner, W5490 County Road O, Medford WI 54451 – Telephone 715-748-4709, email werner@tds.net.

Applications are available from the SDCCW website: https://sdccw-wisconsin.weebly.com

The Committee will notify the winners by phone or email. Applications will be accepted starting February 1st and postmarked no later than May 15th.



"24 Hours for the Lord" 2025 Schedule

Wednesday, March 26th

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

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

12:05pm Mass -Fr. Andrew

12:30pm Eucharistic Adoration resumes

immediately after Mass

2:00pm Stations of the Cross

2:30-4:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

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

8:00pm Mass - Fr. Andrew

8:30pm Resume Eucharistic Adoration through

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."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 499 SCHOLARSHIP

The Knights of Columbus Council 499 in Superior is now offering post-secondary scholarship to all Superior and Northwestern High School seniors. There will be a \$500 scholarship given to one student in each school. The application forms are available at all local parishes and at Northwestern High School. The deadline to apply is April 28, 2025.

PAX CHRISTI NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED

Attn: Ladies groups/Council of Catholic Women's Groups: The Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites every parish of the Diocese to actively participate in this program by submitting one nominee from your parish. This award is presented by the Bishop of the Diocese of Superior to recognize and honor a catholic woman in each of our five deaneries with remarkable dedication and contributions in their respective parishes.

<u>Starting in February 2025,</u> applications and additional information is made available to parishes within the Diocese of Superior and may be found on the Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

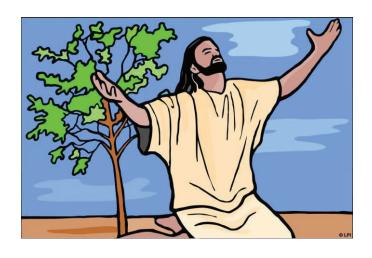
website: https://sdccw-

wisconsin.weebly.com Nominations are due by June 15,

2025.

Jane Schiszik, Pax Christi Committee Chair, Phone: 715-

965-8237 email: janeschis@hotmail.com



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DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we journey through the sacred season of Lent, a divine gift that prepares our hearts for the glorious resurrection of Jesus, it is truly inspiring to witness the transformative work of the Lord within us and through us as we approach Easter. In the Diocese of Superior, many faithful followers of Christ are contemplating contributing to the World Concern Collection (International Priests Collection for many) on the fourth weekend of Lent, March 30, 2025. Your gifts and fervent prayers will play a pivotal role in extending crucial relief services wherever they are most needed across the globe.

For those blessed with the service and guidance of one of the more than 25 International Priests in their parish community, all proceeds from the collection will be forwarded to the respective home diocese of these priests. This is a great opportunity to express our appreciation for their missionary service and to support their ongoing work.

The Collection to Aid the Catholic Church in Eastern Europe, endorsed by the U.S. Bishops as a vital fund, serves as a beacon of hope and humanitarian assistance in response to the ongoing war in Ukraine. It also empowers the Church to reconstruct parishes, schools, and seminaries, and impart religious education to the laity.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection stands as a pillar of support, delivering expertise, aid, and compassion to the most impoverished nations worldwide. As a front-runner in responding to crises, Catholic Relief Services continues to play a pivotal role in disaster relief efforts.

The Church in Latin America extends its helping hand to a continent grappling with poverty, injustice, and economic-political turmoil.

The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa sponsors a multitude of essential pastoral programs that bolster the rapidly growing Church in the region. These programs include aid for Catholic schools, facilitating vocational training, education, and employment.

Contributions to the Collection for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence) empower Pope Francis to respond to direct appeals for vital assistance.

As we journey through this sacred season of Lent, please accept my warmest personal regards and the assurance of continued prayers.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Rev. James P. Powers Force

Bishop of Superior



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

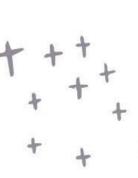
THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH

MIDNIGHT ROSARY

6:30 AM ROSARY WITH LIVESTREAM

8:00 AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

8:30 AM MASS



Dine-in or Take-out Lenten Fish Dinner

Each Friday during Lent, March 7th through April 18th, 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



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



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



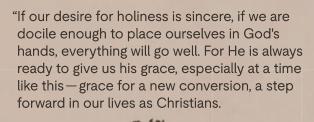
VAY.

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

Challenge: 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
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Challenge: 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	Homily with Fr. Mik	e Schmitz
	otes 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.	