And he told them this parable: “There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?’” - Lk 13:6-7
on this fig tree but have found none. So years now I have come in search of fruit stories about fruitfulness can seem to and disappointed. Some of the Gospel life" of those around us, we feel anxious keeping up with the perceived "good society. It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed. If we're not society.  It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed.  If we're not trying, it may bear fruit in the future." How quick we can be to judge! Perhaps you started out Lent with high hopes and big ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven't gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn't be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn't. The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we're the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth.  Stand apart from God and be barren. Abide in God and bear fruit! The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we're the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth.  Stand apart from God and be barren. Abide in God and bear fruit! This Sunday, Jesus gives us a sign of hope.  "[The gardener] said to him in reply, 'Sirs, leave it for this year also? it may bear fruit in the future." How quick we can be to judge! Perhaps you started out Lent with high hopes and big ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven't gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn't be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn't. The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we're the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and God has given up on us. He hasn't. The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we're the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and they just aren't measuring up. Let today's Gospel be a gentle nudge for mercy. As Lent continues to unfold, be patient with yourself and those around you. Wait for God to provide the growth.
**Third Sunday of Lent**

**St. Florian Parish - March 24, 2019**

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**ADMINISTRATOR CONTACT FORM**

Administrator Contact Forms are in the back of church.
If you have anything to discuss with Fr. Fred, please complete and place form in blue box at the back of church.
He will call you soon to talk with you.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The Pastoral Council Meeting is Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office.

**CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS**

- March 17, 2019
  - $100 - Bill Semrad
- March 19, 2019
  - $25 - Tina Ignatowski

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**LENTEN REFLECTION - 3rd Sunday of Lent**

**The First Scrutiny**

Why do we continue to climb that hill day after day for water, when we have been given everlasting water by the One who came to reconcile us to the Father? Those seeking to be cleansed in baptismal waters at Easter go through Scrutinies "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" (RCIA 141). The story of the woman at the well speaks to all of us who have been marked for Christ a long time ago already possess it. But too often we continue to climb high hills looking for something else to satisfy us. The Samaritan woman leaves behind her container at the well when she leaves, for there is no reason for her ever to return. You and I have left our vessels at the well also.

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**WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL**

"God speaks silently, God speaks in your heart; if your heart is noisy, chattering, you will not hear."

~ St. Caryll Houselander
Dear Friends in Christ,

I was ordained a bishop in January 2001. A year later, in January 2002, the *Boston Globe* reported the first of many articles about clergy sexual abuse of minors. Never in my entire priesthood could I have imagined such a thing and yet, as a bishop for 18 years and your archbishop for the last nine, clergy sexual abuse has never been “off my radar.” It continues to be (and rightfully so) at the forefront of our pastoral ministry in the Church and in this archdiocese.

Let’s face facts; abuse survivors were not always believed or treated justly by the archdiocese. Whether it was clericalism, a misguided intent to protect the institutional Church or the desire to avoid scandal, regard for priest offenders often trumped care for victims. For this, I apologize to abuse survivors and to the faithful of this archdiocese. You deserved better.

Formal outreach to abuse survivors began in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in 1989, and the approach to working with abuse survivors began to change. Clinical Psychologist Dr. Liz Piasceki worked assisting abuse survivors, arranging for professional therapy and counseling. In 2002, that outreach was renewed, including the hiring of a victim assistance coordinator. In early 2004, the establishment of an independent mediation system provided financial compensation and other support.

But some offenders were not held accountable. In 2002, six priests with allegations of sexual abuse of a minor remained in active ministry. After the U.S. Bishops adopted the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in 2002, which includes a “zero tolerance” provision, those six priests were removed from ministry.

In 2002, I think most Catholics were simply shocked to read the news reports of priests abusing minors. As I said, during my priesthood, never could I have imagined such a thing. But today, I think most Catholics react in anger, an anger which I share. News of cover-ups from years past, and information that some dioceses haven’t adhered to the demands of the Charter, has broken people’s trust in the Church and its leaders, namely bishops.

Just one bishop’s errant actions (or inaction) is enough to taint every bishop. However, we know it hasn’t been just one bishop. Report after report has shown a pattern of mismanagement of the responsibility placed upon each of us as members of the Church hierarchy.

My responsibility in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee is to rebuild trust, informing people what has been done here in our archdiocese, without becoming defensive to the legitimate questions and valid concerns people have raised.

Since the Charter was adopted, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has been rigorous in its adherence to its every aspect, and has passed every outside, independent Charter audit. Regardless, now is the time to, once again, renew our commitments in response to clergy sexual abuse of minors.

So, I come before you as a member of the wounded Body of Christ with the following pledge of transparency, and with a commitment to action for myself and for the Church entrusted to my care.

I renew my commitment of care and concern for those who have been survivors of clergy sexual abuse of a minor. I apologize to those who have been hurt by these priest-perpetrators, and by the Church’s inability to adequately respond. I apologize for any of my own actions that have been a detriment to healing. I promise to meet personally with any abuse survivor or family member who would like to meet with me. I will find a way for abuse survivors to tell their stories and be heard, and for those stories to be honored.
I pledge my commitment to zero tolerance. No priest with a substantiated allegation of sexual abuse of a minor can or will ever serve as a priest in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The names of diocesan priest offenders will continue to be posted on the archdiocesan website along with information about where they worked and files related to their abuse.

Any allegation of sexual abuse involving a minor will be immediately reported to civil or police authorities. All bishops, priests and lay parish/school staffs will follow the mandatory reporting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

I will expand the involvement of lay men and women on our Community Advisory Board and Priest Placement Board, and new members are in the process of being added to both groups. I will establish a process for reporting misconduct or mismanagement by bishops. I will support a national system implemented by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops to do the same.

I will direct my staff to cooperate with law enforcement, and meet with the Milwaukee County District Attorney to verify that clergy personnel files have been reviewed to ensure nothing has been missed in regard to criminal conduct on the part of any member of the clergy, including bishops.

As a sign of our repentance, and because of the pain caused to abuse survivors and their families with regard to the handling of sexual abuse allegations, I will change the name of the Archbishop Cousins Catholic Center, and ask the parish of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist to remove the name of Archbishop Rembert Weakland from its parish pastoral center. This is similar to decisions made by other bishops throughout the United States. I will remind parishes of our policy that buildings, centers, gym floors, cafeterias, etc., are not to be named after a priest or bishop, regardless of the esteem in which they may be held by the parish.

I will respectfully listen to the People of God in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and hear their suggestions, concerns and reservations.

It will take time to restore the trust that has been lost, and our response may not always be perfect. I promise you my tireless efforts. Each step we take is progress, and if rooted in love, will bear great fruit. With these actions, we renew our commitment and call to LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Amazing Grace

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki

Archdiocese of Milwaukee
PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FISH FRY

Friday, March 29, 2019
and
Every Friday during Lent
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.
(Doors open at 4:00 p.m.)
Cristo Rey School Cafeteria
1215 South 45 Street
Adults $12 / Children (3-10) $7.50

Heart-Healthy Baked Cod
Beer-Battered Fried Cod
Smelt
Salad Bar
Home-Made Clam Chowder
French Fries
Parsley Buttered Potatoes
Rye Bread
Milk, Coffee & Dessert

Please note — we do not serve
Chicken Tenders during Lent
Take Outs Available

JOINED US AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES:

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
271 Fourth Street Way, Fond du Lac

ST. DOMINIC PARISH
18255 W. Capitol Drive, Brookfield

RESURRECTION PARISH
215 Main Street, Allenton

ST. MARY PARISH
9520 W. Forest Home Avenue, Hales Corners

SACRED HEART PARISH
2201 Northwestern Avenue, Racine

ST. MONICA PARISH
5681 N Santa Monica Boulevard, Whitefish Bay

ST. ANTHONY ON THE LAKE PARISH
W280N2101 Prospect Avenue, Pewaukee

ST. PATRICK PARISH
723 W. Washington Street, Milwaukee

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH
440 Kendall Street, Burlington

ST. VINCENT PALLOTI PARISH
201 N 76th Street, Milwaukee

Your daily change can make such a difference.
Place in Rice Bowl during the 40 days of Lent.

Third Week of Lent — Encounter Dhathcroos family
The Dhathcroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? How can you support refugees worldwide who are fleeing violence in their country? For more info, crsricebowl.org.

Each Sunday during Lent volunteers will lead us in the STATIONS OF THE CROSS before our 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Florian.

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.

Please join us at 7:30 a.m. to partake.

Our Parish Cluster
LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES will be at two times and locations this season.

Wednesday, April 10, 1:00 p.m. at St. Rita Parish
and/or
Thursday, April 11, 7:00 p.m. at St. Florian Parish

Communal Penance Services are a form of sacramental confession. It mixes public prayer and individual confession to a priest, followed by absolution. A communal penance service always includes:
- The penitents and sorrow for sin, usually expressed in an Act of Contrition
- Confession of sins to a priest with absolution given
- An act of penance
UPCOMING COMMUNITY AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN LUNCH & A MOVIE
Holy Assumption Parish
7109 W. Orchard St., West Allis
Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. Mass during Lent
Join us for lunch and community camaraderie before the showing of the DVD’s showing Bishop Robert Barron presenting information on the reasons, meaning and importance of the Mass in the Catholic Church.
Each segment is about 25 minutes in length.

MQSCA DENTAL HYGIENE ITEMS COLLECTION
What color is your toothbrush?
Young children up to adults can answer this question quickly and easily. But what if you couldn’t answer this question because you didn’t have a toothbrush of your own? MQSCA will be collecting dental floss, toothbrushes, and toothpaste from March 6 - April 12 to donate to the Salvation Army Emergency Shelter. Drop off your dental items at the school office and they will direct to the correct area. Thank you for helping those in need.

TIDAL WAVE OF CHANGES IN LAW & POLICIES AFFECTING ASYLUM SEEKERS, REFUGEES & OTHER IMMIGRANTS
Barbara Graham, Maganging Atty. of Catholic Charities Legal Services for Immigrants Program
Tuesday, March 26, Noon-1:30 p.m.
Sponsored by the Peace and International Issues Committee of the INTERFAITH CONFERENCE OF GREATER MILWAUKEE.
A Luncheon/Lecture Series held at First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 1342 N. Astor St., Milwaukee. $20.
Representatives from organizations working with immigration & refugee issues will be at tables with information and what you might do to help.

THrift Shop Clearance
St. Jude Thrift Shop, 822 Glenview Ave., Wauwatosa,
has announced its end-of-winter clearance sales. Everything in the store will be $1 on Wednesday, March 27. Store hours are 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Wednesdays & Saturdays.
A $3 per bag sale will be Saturday, March 30 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Bags will be provided at the door.

Parish Pastoral Ministry in the 21st Century: Where is the Road Leading Us?
University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL
Wed., May 29 at 1:00 p.m. - Fri., May 31 at 4:00 p.m.
The National Association of Lay Ministers (NALM) is holding its 2019 Conference north of Chicago.
The landscape of parishes has changed dramatically in the post-Vatican era. Our bishops tell us we are in a “new ecclesial season”. Lay ecclesial ministry emerged. A generation views organized religion as “irrelevant”. How have these changes impacted the face of parish pastoral ministry? We will explore the road we have traveled and look to see what lies ahead for our Church, our parishes and our ministries.
Presenters: Michelle Montez, Dr. Zeni Fox & Carol Walters.
Register by March 31 by contacting Lisa Wagner at 1-224-301-1962 or lisa@nalm.org

Bible Study on the Gospel of John
Fr. David Zampino with Holy Assumption Parish
School Building, 7129 W. Orchard St., West Allis
The 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month
after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and hospitality
Each Wednesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Holy Assumption has hospitality with light refreshments.
On the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month,
Fr. has a casual discussion about the Gospel of John.

Protect Your Family from Pornography
Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center,
3501 S. Lake Dr., St. Francis.
Tuesday, April 2, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Join us for a session on the harms of internet pornography with Dr. Peter C. Kleponis, Ph.D., SATP, CSAT-C.
He is a Catholic expert on the treatment of pornography and sexual addictions and is the founder of the successful Integrity Starts Here! recovery program for pornography addiction.
This session is perfect for anyone age 11 and older.
It is recommended that parents attend with their children so they can discuss the conference afterward. The doctor will discuss the dangers of Internet pornography and how we can protect ourselves and our families from it.
This event is free and open to the public.
Sponsored by the Marriage and Family Life Office.

“Our Seminary”
Fr. Steven Avella, professor at Marquette University
Tuesday, April 2, beginning at 7:00 p.m.
Saint Francis de Sales Seminary,
3257 S. Lake Dr., St. Francis
For the Salzmann Library Spring Lecture, the Archdiocese has chosen Fr. Avella. He is a professor of history, specializing in American Catholic history. He has written two books on the history of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and also many articles and edited works on the Saint Francis de Sales Seminary.
The lecture will be in the Inner Commons of Henni Hall. If interested, call 414-747-6479 or email mschrauth@sfs.edu.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Visiting Women Religious Communities
Saturday, April 6, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Visit different religious communities in the Twin Cities to meet, learn, share meals and pray with Catholic Sisters, including the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Sisters of St. Joseph and Visitation Sisters. Carpooling will be arranged.
To register, call Sr. Jill at 651-696-2873.

Dinner Theatre trip
Palace Theatre in Wisconsin Dells
Wednesday, June 12, departing at 9:00 a.m. and returning around 5:30 p.m.
$85.00 includes:
Musical Comedy - Mamma Mia,
chicken dinner with trimmings, transportation & gratuities.
Reservations by Wednesday, April 10.
For more information or reservations, please call Fr. Lawrence Frankovich, OFM at 414-541-5207.
2019 **LENTEN** Fish Fries:  Fridays, March 29
April 5, 12 and 19
Regular Fish Fry:  Friday, May 3
(Held on the First Friday of the Month, October thru May; Ash Wednesday, and all Fridays during Lent)

**MENU:** Beer Battered Fried Cod, Heart-Healthy Baked Cod, Chicken Tenders, French Fries, Parsley-Buttered Potatoes, Salad Bar, Clam Chowder, Rye Bread, Milk - Coffee, Dessert
**NO Chicken Tenders During Lent, the substitute is Smelt**

**COST:** Adults - $12 (no carry-outs)
Children Ages 3 to 10 - $7.50

**TAKE-OUTS ARE AVAILABLE!**

**SERVING TIME:** 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. (Doors Open at 4:00 p.m.)

**LOCATION:** St. Florian/Cristo Rey School Cafeteria (Elevator Available)
   (Located 1 block North of Greenfield Avenue on South 45 Street)

414-383-3565 / www.stflorian.org

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT CHICKEN DINNER**
Sunday, March 24 – 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

**BREAKFAST WITH EASTER BUNNY**
Sunday, April 14 – 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

**CARD SOCIAL**
Friday, April 26 – 6:00 - 11:30 pm

**CASINO NITE**
Saturday, May 18 – 6:00 - 11:00 pm
SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
St. Florian/Cristo Rey School Cafeteria
1215 South 45 Street
Dinner includes:
Chicken
(Fried, Baked and BBQ-Baked)
mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable,
dinner roll, dessert, milk, coffee.
Adults $10.00  Children (3-10) $6.00
Soda and Beer also available for a minimal charge.
Take-Outs Available
Handicap Accessible - Elevator Available
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