

# Augie's Archives

## March 2023

### Observing Lent

Lent is the season of preparation leading up to Easter. It consists of forty days plus six Sundays. Our parishioners are encouraged to observe this time of prayer, fasting, repentance, moderation, and spiritual discipline.

You are welcome to come to church any time and walk the Stations of the Cross using the book

*Everyone's Way of the Cross* by

Clarence Enzler. The Stations of the Cross are



a meditation on fourteen incidents depicting the walk of Jesus Christ to his death, starting with Pilate condemning Jesus, and ending with Jesus being placed in the tomb. The book is in the basket by the organ. Begin the walk at the plaque next to the lectern and go clockwise around the room. Please be sure to turn out the lights before you leave.

Our church-wide Lenten outreach project will benefit Family Promise of Hendricks County. More information on this project is on page 2.

### Easter Egg Hunt Candy

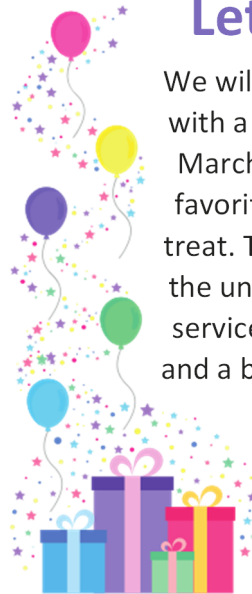
Donations of wrapped candy, the size that fits in plastic eggs, are wanted for the egg hunt that will be held Easter morning. Donations may be left in the marked basket in the undercroft through April 2. Thank you!!



### Let's Celebrate!

We will celebrate Fr. Bill's birthday with a pitch-in brunch on Sunday, March 12. Please bring your favorite brunch dish or breakfast treat. The party will take place in the undercroft after the 10 a.m. service. There will be a money tree and a basket for cards.

If you can't attend the celebration, you can mail a card to Fr. Bill Barfield at P.O. Box 141, Danville, IN, 46122-0141.



### What Can You Give Up for Lent?

Lent is 40 days long, not including Sundays, and ends on Thursday, April 6, which is three days before Easter. During Lent, parishioners typically fast, give something up, or commit to certain acts of kindness. Here are a few ideas of things you can do during Lent.

**Donate three things each day:** For example, you could donate three lightly worn pieces of clothing, three toys, three books, or three cans of food. Can't find three things? Give a compliment to three strangers or leave a 30% tip on your next meal.

**Coffee:** Cutting a \$4 drink each day will save you \$28 a week and \$160 the entire 40 days of Lent.

**Bottled water:** If you haven't already, swap those plastic water bottles for an environmentally-friendly reusable one.

**Negativity:** Whenever you find yourself in a feedback loop of negative thoughts, try to think of three things you're thankful for.

## Lenten Outreach Project

Our outreach project during the season of Lent will support Family Promise of Hendricks County. Family



Promise transforms the lives of families experiencing homelessness and poverty in our area.

We can help Family Promise by donating items for their resource center in Plainfield. Items needed include diapers and wipes, paper products (including paper towels, toilet paper, tissues), cleaning supplies, dish soap, laundry supplies, kid-friendly foods (Ramen noodles, Cheerios, peanut butter and jelly, soup), shampoo and conditioner (full-size bottles are greatly appreciated), full-size bottles of body wash and lotion (no bar soap, please), garbage bags (3, 13, and 39 gallon sizes), paper plates and bowls (no Styrofoam, please), plasticware, men's and women's razors and deodorants, twin sheet sets and comforters, bed pillows (new only, please), bath towels and washcloths (gently-used is okay), and new underwear for adults and children. You can put your donations in the tote under the table by the organ.

Monetary donations are also being accepted. If we collect \$365, we can be a Thrive 365 donor. Thrive 365 sponsors provide families with one day of housing, food, employment assistance, child care, transportation, and life-skills education. You can make a monetary donation by check to St. Augustine, noting on the memo line that it is for Family Promise. All donations may be made through Sunday, April 16. Thank you for supporting our Lenten outreach project.

### New Baby!

Congratulations to Pete and Joanne Scott on the birth of their grandson, Beau Archer Scott, who was born on January 21. Pete and Joanne's son Sean and daughter-in-law Becky are baby Beau's proud parents. Congratulations to you all!



Many thanks to everyone who helped with our 75th pancake supper fundraiser! We raised over \$1,200 that will go to local charitable organizations.

Special thanks to Adam and Lizzy for organizing the event, and to everyone who shopped, prepped the batter, cooked pancakes and sausages, cleaned off tables, washed dishes, took in money, and helped with set up and clean up. It was a great event and fun for everyone. Thanks again to you all!

### Books & Treasures Sale in May!

The Martha Circle will have their Books and Treasures rummage sale on May 11 and 12. Please start saving any items you'd like to donate for the sale, including books, toys, household items, and kids' clothes (no adult clothing, please). You can bring your donations to church anytime after April 9. Thank you for your support!



Big thanks to Josh, Alyssa, and Amber for providing chili for our Waycross fundraiser! They each made a delicious batch of chili for us to sample, and had all of the fixings, too! If

you didn't get a chance to contribute to our Waycross fund, please feel welcome to put a donation into the offering box on the table in the back of the church. Be sure to mark that it is for Waycross. Thanks again to everyone who helped with our campership fundraiser!

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