

The Cross, Our Victory

Have you seen the wonderful victory? Have you seen the splendid deeds of the Cross? ... Who can tell the Lord's mighty deeds? By death we were made immortal: these are the glorious deeds of the Cross.

Have you understood the victory? Have you grasped how it was wrought? Learn now, how this victory was gained without any sweat or toil of ours. No weapons of ours were stained with blood; our feet did not stand in the front line of battle; we suffered no wounds; witnessed no tumults; and yet we obtained the victory.

The battle was the Lord's, the crown is ours. Since then victory is ours, let us imitate the soldiers, and with joyful voices sing the songs of victory.

Let us praise the Lord and say, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?"

The Cross did all these wonderful things for us: the Cross is a war memorial erected against the demons, a sword against sin, the sword with which Christ slew the serpent.

The Cross is the Father's will, the glory of the Only-begotten, the Spirit's exultation, the beauty of the angels, the guardian of the Church. Paul glories in the Cross; it is the rampart of the saints, it is the light of the whole world.

St. John Chrysostom

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Sunday of the Holy Cross

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Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Vespers: 6:30 p.m.

Day of Feast: 10:00am and 6:30 p.m.

Confessions: See calendar or at any time by request.

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March 7, 2021

Third Sunday in Lent – Veneration of the Holy Cross

This Sunday: Epistle Heb 4:14 – 5:6

Gospel Mark 8:34 – 9:1

Next Sunday: Epistle Heb 6:13-20

Gospel 9:17-32

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday 3/8	6:30pm Vespers: Forty Martyrs of Sebastea
Tuesday 3/9	No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday 3/10	6:30pm Presanctified Liturgy
Thursday 3/11	No Divine Liturgy
Friday 3/12	12:00pm Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday 3/13	9:00 Divine Liturgy – Saturday of the Deceased
Sunday 3/14	10:00am Divine Liturgy

Church Bulletin donated in March 2021 by Dave and Debbie Murari.

All scheduled services will be held and can be viewed and prayed with at <https://stgeorge.click2stream.com/>. Make sure to click on the volume to unmute at the bottom right hand corner. Also, we are every Sunday on St. George Cathedral Facebook.

Coffee hour will take place in the large hall offered by Ana Heim and Grete Heatherly. Thank you!

Sunday Collection: February 28, 2021

Loose	\$10.00
Sunday envelopes	\$2,442.00
In memory of parents by Violeta and Laurentiu Muntean	\$200.00
+Bishop Florentin Crihalmeanu	\$185.00
Candles	<u>\$77.00</u>
Total	\$2,914.00

Donations

In memory of Bishop Florentin Crihalmeanu	\$170.00
Online	\$50.00

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

In memory of all Zagan Family Members	The Zagan Family
+Husband Dan Cseak	Natalie Cseak
+All family members and angel +Trisha	Del and Sandy
H/S All family members	Del and Sandy
Special Intention: For Family	Doru Jacobs
Special Intention	Anonymous
H/S Stella, Johnny and Adrian Lazar and Family	Mircea Cristea
+Family	Aurel Bosca
Cheti Bikis	Tony Orlando
+Grace Beers	Mark Botean
+Helen Stegeman	Amelia and Mark Botean

+David Hank
+Deceased in Family
Health and Salvation
Special Intention for Family
H/S Family
+Mary Marku
Happy Birthday Lil Lupsor!
+Walsh and Savage Families
+Parents and Family
H/S Fellow Parishioners and Friends
Special Intention for Cyndi's birthday
+All our church parishioners
H/S Us
My niece's health, Luz Angela

Amelia and Mark Botean
Mihai and Elena Florea
Mihai and Elena Florea
Mihai and Elena Florea
Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian
Sons and Daughters
Ann and Doru Jacobs
Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
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Special Announcement:

Please pray for: Scarlett Putt, Sonya Paul, Bryan Pryce, John Contini, Donna Pandullo, Missy Lawver, Carol Hoge, Veronica Maier, Sr. Agnes Scalero, Earl Adkins, End to Corona Virus attack, Clore Family, Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian, Grace Mary Fein, Barbara Greavu, Connie McAdams, Suzie Dragos, Doris Rotar, Virginia Rogers, Stella Lazar and all who need our prayers.

Sick and homebound: Amelia Botean (Home), Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Ann Stimer (Home), Maria Poplacean (Canton Regency Rm.#256), Aurelia Lupsor (Canton Christian Home) Natalie Cseak (St. Joseph, Louisville), Eugene Popa (St. Joseph, Louisville) and Irene Pontones (Chapel Hill Retirement Community)

For holy Baptism contact the parish office at least one month prior to the date requested.

For First Reconciliation contact the parish office when your child turns 7.

For Weddings contact the parish office at least six months prior to the date requested.

To guarantee announcements for the bulletin, they need to be given to the office by Wednesday prior to the Sunday bulletin. Thank you!

To facilitate **accurate counting**, please use separate checks/cash for the special collection, candle and Sunday collection envelopes. Thank you for your attention to this detail!

Please let the office know if you have an upcoming surgery, illness, etc., so we can put you on our prayer list. Thank you!

Altar Candelabrum for March 2021 is donated by **Dave and Debbie Murari**.

Left Iconostasis Candelabrum for March 2021 is donated by **the Walsh Family in memory of Gerald and Jean**.

Right Iconostasis Candelabrum for March 2021 is donated by **Ana Heim and Grete Heatherly**.

Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum for March 2021 is donated by **Carol and Denny Popa and Family in memory of +Ann Popa for birthday**.

If you would like to sponsor candelabra for any month of the year in honor of a living member or in memory of any loved ones that have passed away, please get in touch with the Church office and Ann will be able to schedule it for you. Thank you for your continuous support of the Church!!!

Prescura for 2021: Amparo Adkins, Annie Collins, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Mariana Greavu, Nancy Maciag, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Kathy Walsh, P-sa. Patricia Wendt, and Psa. Gabriela Marginean.

Announcements

Thank you to all who helped with the Fish Fry! On February 28, we served 356 dinners and brought in \$6,697 in total sales (food, beverages, donations and raffle tickets).

Operation Rice Bowl - BETTER MEALS IN MADAGASCAR - In Madagascar, half of all children are undernourished. That means 50% of kids won't grow to reach their full potential. But communities are changing this by focusing on improving health and nutrition. What role has food played in your life? How can you help those who lack access to enough nutritious food. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Saturdays of the Deceased Liturgies have started. Please see the envelope on the Narthex table to update your list of loved ones who have passed away.

Use Amazon Smile and choose St. George Cathedral. Amazon donates a percentage of your purchases to the charity of your choice when you go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>. As you are shopping online, you can go to choose the St. George Cathedral. Thank you!

Purchases at **GFS (Gordan Food Service)**. St. George will get points when you purchase at GFS. Share the business name "Spt. George Cathedral on 44th Street" when they ask or remind them that you are purchasing for a business. Thank you for your help!

Parish events:

Curbside Fall Fish Fry will be hosted at St. George Cathedral on Friday, March 12, 19, 26 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. You can order and prepay online at <https://www.stgeorgeoh.org/> or call the office at 330-492-8413 prior to 2pm. Parishioners are encouraged to order and pay through Ann in the office to save online fees. Thank you for your consideration!

Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, March 11 at 6:30pm. See Fr. Ovi for an invitation.

Stewardship Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 16 at 6:30pm.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be selling **Lilies** to decorate the church for Easter. The cost is \$10 and envelopes are available on the narthex table. Thank you for your support to help us beautify the church for Easter.

To Tickle Your Funny Bone ☺

At the close of the service a visiting preacher remarked to the minister that he thought the singing was terribly poor and asked what the problem was. The home team minister replied, “Yes, unfortunately the agnostics here are dreadful.”

Word of Life

“[The Gospel of Life] is therefore meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!” (*The Gospel of Life* 5)

For each expectant mother considering abortion:

May the Lord protect her
and give her the grace and resolve
to choose life for her child;

Let us pray to the Lord, Lord have mercy.

Happy Birthday! *La mulți ani!*

Jeff Bikis – March 9th
Jaime Parker – March 11th

	Mon 3/8	Tue 3/9	Wed 3/10	Thu 3/11	Fri 3/12	Sat 3/13	Sun 3/14
	Great Lent: common abstinence (except Annunciation 3/25)						
	Holy Father	Jeff Bikis' birthday 40 Martyrs of	Codratus and his	Jaime Lynn Parker Ven. Father	Ven. Theophan the	Translation of the Saturday of the Dead	Maria Cornea's Fr. George Wendt's Ven. Father Benedict 4th Sunday in Lent - Daylight Saving Time
9am						Divine Liturgy: Saturday of the Deceased 9am - 10am	
10am							Divine Liturgy 10am - 11:30am
11am							
12pm					Presanctified Liturgy 12pm - 1:30pm		Coffee: 11:30am - 12:30pm
1pm							
2pm							
3pm							
4pm					Fish Fry 4pm - 6pm		
5pm							
6pm							
7pm	Vespers: Forty martyrs of Sebastea 6:30pm - 7:30pm		Presanctified Liturgy 6:30pm - 8pm	Pastoral Council meeting Small hall 6:30pm - 8:30pm			
8pm							

Stewardship

Not long ago, our neighborhood faced a “crisis.” The threat was not a sudden crime wave, environmental danger, or the loss of some of our neighborhood’s treasured and uncommon diversity. In small ways, we have already faced each of these challenges. This year’s threat was rising association dues!

Our neighborhood is situated on the outer edge of a small town between several major roadways. Our 99 homes are nestled in a neighborhood that was intentionally designed to encourage community. Our subdivision has a single entrance, a neighborhood bus stop, and a large oval-shaped road around which the houses are built. Inside that large oval – beyond the edges of each one of our property lines – lies nearly 15 acres of “common” park areas that we share. In these areas we have a large community sandbox, a playground, a soccer field, and a swimming pool. Private ownership of any of these might be beyond the reach of many of us. Together however, we are able to enjoy and share these things as a community.

Recently, our commonly held areas – the areas that are supposed to bring us together – began to cause us some stress. Maintenance and upkeep costs were continually rising. Shared space is a wonderful idea, but managing and caring for it is complex and expensive. Some called for closing the pool or no longer maintaining our park. Others said it was those things that drew them to the community.

Anxious homeowners knew the dues would rise. Speculation and conversation

was metastasizing. As a board, we knew we needed to be sensitive to the economic challenges among our friends and neighbors; we also knew that the board



needs to protect and maintain the property we share.

On the day I was composing an email for the community I was keenly aware of that tension. As I was writing, there was a knock at my door. When I opened it, I saw four young kids standing there and several more in my driveway. With a simple innocence and a firm determination, they handed me a surprisingly heavy coffee can.

“What is this?” I asked.

“We heard the neighborhood was in trouble so we had some lemonade stands. This is the money. We counted it like five times; we’re pretty sure it’s \$48.88. Bye.” With that they turned, skipped out

“In giving, a person receives more than they give, and the more is in the proportion to the worth of the thing given.”

G. Macdonald



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“NOTABLE QUOTES”

“In our Christian stewardship we must be very careful lest we let our tithe of little things be a substitute for giving ourselves fully for great Christian causes.”

S. I. Stuber

“Giving God less than my whole life is robbery.”

“When shearing the sheep, never shear from the rear forwards. They do not want the wool pulled over their eyes.”

J. E. Herrman

Giving to God a weekly amount from the top of your income makes giving easier and adds the satisfaction of knowing, as you spend the rest of your income, that you have given God the “first fruits” rather than the “leftovers.”




“He doesn’t have much to say, but you have to admire his work!”

The Good Steward

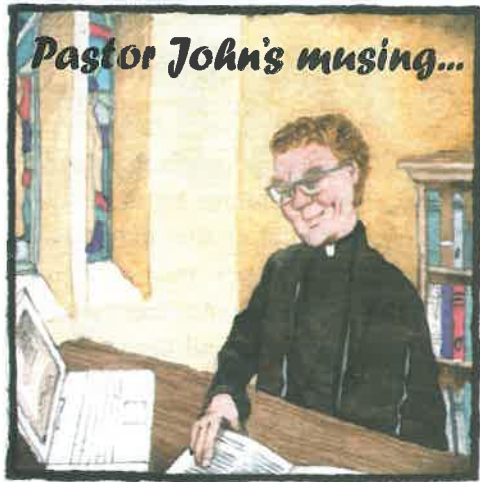
Giving our time is often harder than giving our money. When Ron Windorpher, one of our church members, suggested that our congregation start a soup kitchen ministry at noon on Sundays, he knew he couldn’t do it alone. Additional hands would be needed to prepare and serve the food on a day when the local Salvation Army kitchen was closed. The need was clear. Hungry folks needed to eat on Sundays, too. Money alone would not feed empty stomachs. Ron knew he needed both hearts and hands to work together.

So he announced his plan from the pulpit, prepared a sign-up sheet for volunteers, and asked for prayers of support and seed money to help his vision grow. Still, it took awhile for the idea to take hold. Questions and concerns were raised and addressed. After all, this was new territory for our small northern Michigan parish. The new ministry would take a lot of menu planning, preparation, and prayer. And time.

Soon enough, though, volunteer teams appeared. And they have stayed faithful to Ron’s call for over fifteen years. Soup kitchen lunches have ranged from soup to nuts to holiday feasts of turkey, dressing, and yams; from peanut butter and honey sandwiches to baked pineapple and glazed ham. Whether the food is simple or sublime, it fills an empty stomach and warms a lonely heart.

We need each other. What’s more important than giving our time, our most precious commodity, to a hungry person? 






talents and possessions, and how you use these is a choice you make that indicates the depth of your faith.

You can share your time by serving in the activities of your church, as a leader or teacher, and by faithful attendance, recreational and social activities.

You can share your talents and abilities by answering the call for workers in any task, from painting the woodwork to calling on people.

Once there was a man who went to his Pastor and said, "Give me the job that nobody else wants to do." What a marvelous investment of his time and ability.

You can acknowledge the priority of God's work by giving it first place in the apportionment of your income.

So then, part of being a good church member is sharing yourself and what you have with God and your fellow human beings ... your time, your talent, and your possessions. 

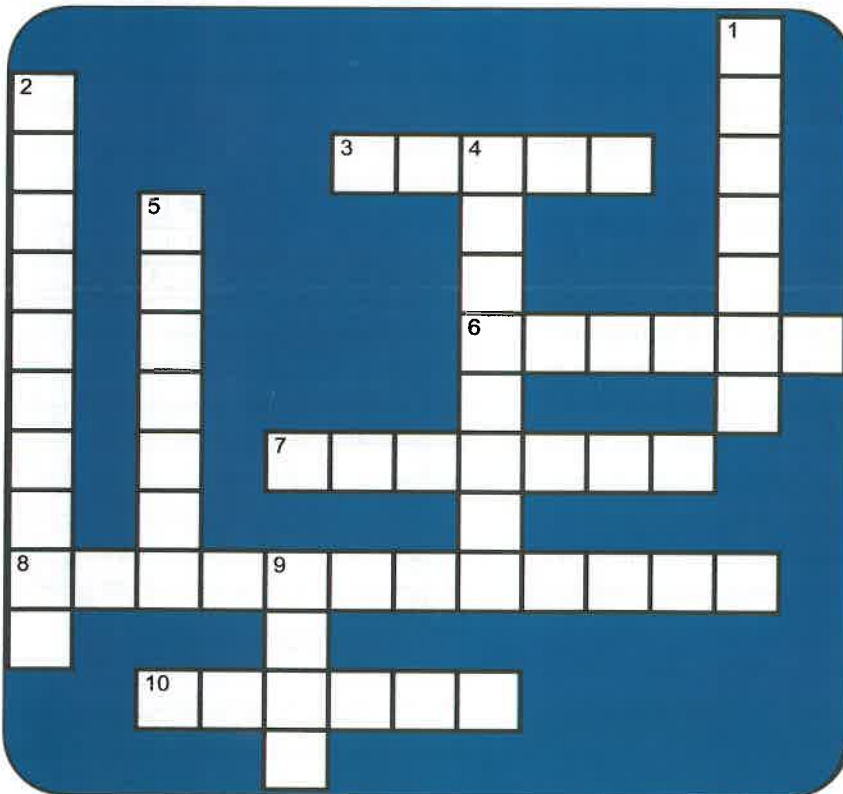
Christian stewards do not dedicate their time, talent and treasure that they may become God's, but because they are God's.

The great commandment given by Jesus was to love. To fulfill this, Christians worship and share.

Let's talk about ... SHARING.

Sharing is both serving and giving. It's part of our "stewardship." We believe that it is the privilege of Christians to dedicate what they have and what they are to God. We commonly speak of time,

Stewardship Word Scramble



Clue

Answer

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| 3. Easier to give than time. | eynmo |
| 6. An act of stewardship. | invgig |
| 7. Not returning tithes and offerings (Malachi 3:8). | rorbbye |
| 8. Good way for people to face challenges. | hsettrgsneeo |
| 10. Supports the church. | bmrnee |

Down

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| 1. An act of sharing. | nvirges |
| 2. An attribute of a good steward. | yneregtijs |
| 4. Anyone in need of our help. | rheignob |
| 5. Both serving and giving. | ginsarh |
| 9. A gift from God, measured in hours. | imte |


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Not long ago....

of my garage and went back to playing. I thanked them and quickly shut the door because of my tears. I wondered, what kinds of things did these kids overhear? What was the “trouble” they sensed?

What impressed me was that these kids sensed a challenge and decided to do something about it. The “trouble” or tension they sensed did not make them complain or worry, but they decided to work together with ingenuity and imagination to solve the issue. For some of us, anxiety and tension can close us down, shut us down, and cause us to protect ourselves. Instead of handling themselves that way, the kids faced a challenge with togetherness and generosity.

I returned to my computer inspired and, with coffee can in hand I narrated the story to my neighbors. I wrote that the kids inspired me and that I would match their gift to the neighborhood. I encouraged my neighbors to join me. There were several who did. More importantly, when the neighborhood heard the story, the content and tone of our conversations changed. We moved from talking about money, uncertainty and scarcity to talking about what the kids did.

When matching funds were combined with others marked for improvements, we refilled the sandbox, replaced worn soccer nets, and put up a new community basketball hoop. We wanted the kids to know that their simple gift made a difference in the neighborhood. For many of us, the difference was looking at problem-solving through the lens of community and creativity - not just money. We learned that togetherness, imagination, and generosity are fine antidotes for what ails us. 

M. Nelesen



The Best Puzzle

Almost everyone is familiar with how jigsaw puzzles work. You form a picture by assembling pieces that are cut so that they only fit together in one way.

However, there’s another type of puzzle, one in which all the pieces are the same shape, usually square. These pieces can fit together in an almost unlimited number of ways. It’s necessary to focus on what the entire picture is to finish the puzzle.

In a way, stewardship of treasure is like the second type of puzzle. There are many different places we can put it. Money will “fit” anywhere. However, the right picture can only be formed if we put our funds where God wants them to be.

What does this mean for Christians?

For most of us, it means budgeting carefully. Thinking before buying impulsively. Most of all, it means trying to improve the lives of others and our own by giving back to God more of what God so graciously provides us.



Puzzle Solution

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