

PLEASE JOIN STS. PETER & PAUL FOR SOUP AND STATIONS

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024

6:00 PM. VARIETY OF SOUPS, BREAD, BEVERAGE SERVED 7:00 PM. STATIONS OF THE CROSS 8:00 PM CLOSE

1919 South 7th Street

Please RSVP by March 5 to ensure an adequate amount of food. Email <u>karenprothery@gmail.com</u> or text 314-791-3515

WHY WE PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

They offer strength in times of suffering.

Praying the Stations of the Cross reminds us that we are not alone in our suffering: Jesus suffers with us. He chose to embrace every aspect of human life, including suffering and death.

They instill in us a compassion for those who suffer

In the Stations of the Cross, we are gifted with the ability to see Jesus in those who suffer and therefore to treat the suffering with compassion.

They remind us of the vast love of God

Jesus endured His Passion because of the love He had for each individual person that would ever live, and so the Stations of the Cross remind us of how much we are loved.

They give us a sign of great hope

We know why Jesus suffered and we know what happened afterwards. His suffering and death was not the end of the story. He came back in glory. This is a powerful reminder that for us too, suffering and death are not where it ends. There is so much more.

They enable us to feel Jesus' suffering

For our faith to grow, we need to be able to empathize with Jesus suffering on the cross and feel His pain as though it were happening to ourselves or someone we care deeply about. The Stations of the Cross help us do this by giving us fourteen focal points to meditate on.