



✠ Spending Time with God in Prayer.
Attend the Lenten Tuesday Night Confession and Mass. Confession is at 6:00 p.m. and Mass starts at 6:30 p.m.

✠ Using Talent to Participate in Building His Kingdom.
Become a teacher or teacher's aid for the new Wee Worship program starting this November. Read more about it on page 9.

✠ Being Generous with Treasure.
Recap for week of 3/19/17

- **Offertory Collection**
318 online registrations. 379 envelopes received.
Weekly Total: \$17,304.88
Year-to-Date Total: \$655,553.51
- **Collection vs. Overall Budget**
Weekly Total: (\$2,637.58)
Year-to-Date Total: (\$22,490.21)
- **School Deficit Funded by Parish**
Weekly Total: \$6,920.34
Year-to-Date Total: \$235,291.55
- **The Francis Fund**
Keeping Catholic Education Affordable
Weekly Total: \$400.00
Year-to-Date Total: \$62,516.00

YOU make the DIFFERENCE! Gifts of your treasure helps provide a location and/or materials for:

- *Lenten Evening of Reflection*
- *New Phone System*

“He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables and to those who sold doves he said, ‘Take these out of here and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.’”

- John 2:15-16

WEEKLY REFLECTION:

“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’” - JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need.

FAQ ABOUT TITHING #5

WHY CAN'T MY PARISH JUST ASK FOR MY SUPPORT WHEN IT HAS SPECIAL NEEDS?

Many parishes do function in this way. Inevitably this leads to endless fundraising activities and still there is more that every parish needs and wants to do. There is never an end to the ministry that a parish could do, if it had the funds. Parishes that have successfully paid their own bills and maintained their own property can reach out to other communities in need and offer their assistance. However, without a constant flow of income through tithes given freely in the Offertory a parish must appeal for funding for every activity or ministry it wishes to undertake. Parishioners get tired of the constant talk about money and the demands on their time that this kind of approach takes. Our Lord warned about this kind of fundraising approach and yelled, *“Stop turning my Father’s house into a marketplace.”* Yet this is often what we have done when we resort to constant sales and fundraising activities rather than simply asking parishioners to bring their tithe to God's altar first.

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DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, ALIVE! THE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES

The Gospel story of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead is a beautiful account that teaches the power of faith, hope, and charity. These virtues are essential in allowing us to participate in the life of God. Christ states that he is the resurrection and the life and that those who have FAITH in Him will never die but will live forever. Those who HOPE in the Lord will not be disappointed but will look forward to eternal life with a fervent desire for heaven. Hope enables us to trust in God's promises and to rely on His grace and not our own efforts. Finally, the story shows the LOVE Jesus had for His friend Lazarus. Jesus loves the Father perfectly and all His creation for the love of God. The theological virtues are infused by God into our souls to make us capable of acting as God's children and of meriting eternal life (CCC 1813). As we approach Holy Week, let us pray for a deeper awareness of these glorious virtues that are present in us when we are in the state of grace. archstl.org/dynamic