

# OUR LADY of the ASSUMPTION P A R I S H

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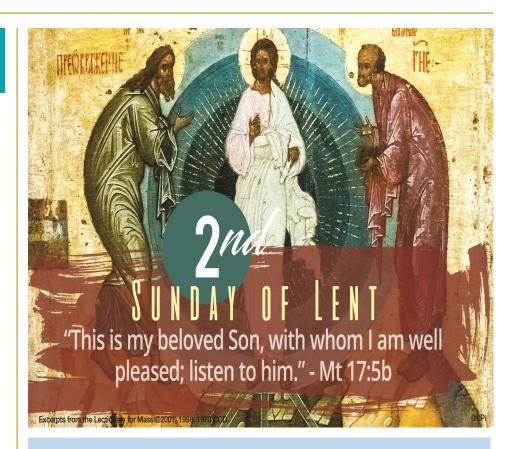
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# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Provides assistance for those in need within our parish boundaries. Please call: 916-481-6352

#### **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES**

Ask an usher about them!



#### **SACRAMENTS**

Baptism: Required classes & scheduling, Deacon Michael

First Eucharist (child), Reconciliation (child), & Confirmation (teen): Faith Formation

Marriage: Contact office six months in advance.

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Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:30pm or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Pastor to request.

Eucharist for Homebound Parishioners: Call office.

# RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Unbaptized or uncatechized. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, you are welcome to join this year-round process at any time by contacting Deacon Michael. Teteishi.

# **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mission of the parish community at Our Lady of the Assumption Church is to proclaim the Word of God more fully, to gain a more intimate knowledge of God through our Catholic traditions, and to serve the people of God, especially in our efforts to meet the needs of the poor in our community, and when possible around the world. We strive to build a sense of community among our parishioners, with the wider Diocesan community, and with the entire family of God.

# MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm First Saturdays: 8:00am

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 & 7:30pm Weekday: Mon - Fri | 8:00am

Holy Days: 8:00am & 5:30pm

# **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Tues/Thurs after 8am Mass until 7pm

# RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30pm or by appointment

# WE WELCOME YOU HOME

Thank you for joining us today! We welcome you to our faith family and look forward to growing in faith and friendship with you. If you are interested in formally joining our parish community and/or the Catholic Faith, you can do so on-line or by coming in to the parish office. If you are returning to an active Catholic life, we are happy to facilitate a smooth and joy filled transition. May you find fellowship, peace and serenity in our community. Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Eduino, Pastor.

# MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 7

by Ernest Portillo

5:00 PM † Tay Reed

by Fred & Susan Oliver

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

8:00AM † Corinne Keenan

by Theda Lord

9:30AM † Dave Leatherby Sr.

by Leatherby Family

11:00AM † Myrt Gordon

by Brothers Family

7:30PM OLA Parishioners

MONDAY, MARCH 9

St. Frances of Rome

8:00AM † John West

†† Coleen & Tim Hartigan

by Maureen Weatherall

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10** 

by Patti Shawhan † Rosa Vellanweth

by Vellanoweth Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

8:00AM † Lee Spalding

by Mike & Patty Callahan

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

8:00AM †† Dale & Arelene Fuller

† Pat Ramey

by Cynthia Findlay

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

5:00 PM † Edwin Silva

By Kelly Family



# READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### MONDAY, MARCH 9

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. Ps 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

# TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

# THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

9 SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

# SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



# A MESSAGE FROM FATHER EDUINO

The Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

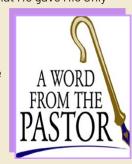
Jesus said that God so loved the world that He gave His Only

Son so that all who believe in Him might have eternal life. These words summarize the Gospel and the purpose of the mission of Jesus Christ. He

who is cocreator with the Father and the Holy Spirit gives eternal life to all who believe in him. Eternal

life is the life of God, Love. During Lent let us meditate in these words and love God who loved us first

not only in creating us but also in recreating us in Jesus Christ.



# **DEANERY LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES**

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 - ST. JOHN VIANNEY

7:00PM Confessions

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 - PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:30PM Confessions

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 - ST. LAWRENCE

7:00PM Confessions

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 - OUR LADY OF LOURDES

7:00PM Confessions

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 - ST. PHILOMENE

7:00PM Confessions

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 - ST. MEL

7:00PM Confessions

TUESDAY, MARCH 31 - OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

6:30PM Taize Prayer & Lectio Divina

7:00PM Confessions

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 - ST. IGNATIUS

10:00AM Confessions 7:00PM Confessions

TUESDAY, APRIL 7 - ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

7:00pm Confessions

St. Joseph's will have no penance service, just extended hours for confession throughout Lent.



# **OUR PARISH**

# PARISH CALENDAR

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 07

9:00AM First Eucharist Pictures

Church

5:00PM Sale of Girl Scout Cookies after Mass Church

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 08

8:00AM Sale of Girl Scout Cookies after Mass

10:30AM Flame Group Meeting

St. Paul's Room

10:45AM Faith Formation Classes

**OLA School** 

12:10PM Stations of the Cross Practice

Church

#### MONDAY, MARCH 09

10:00AM School Reconciliation

Church

4:00PM Christian Meditation

Church Chapel

6:30 OLA Women's Book Club

St. Paul's Room

7:00PM Gabriel Project Meeting

**OLA School Meeting Room** 

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 10**

10:00AM School Reconciliation

Church

10:00AM Communications Committee

Meeting

St. Paul's Room

7:30PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

St. John's Hall

7:00PM A Traveler's Guide to Heaven

Church

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

8:45AM Legion of Mary Meeting

6:00PM Youth Music Ministry Rehearsal Church

7:00PM Adult Music Ministry Rehearsal Church

7:00PM RCIA

St. Paul Room

7:00PM Neighborhood Watch - Meeting

St. John's Hall

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 12

11:00AM OLA Communications Committee

St Paul's Room

3:30PM SVdP Meeting

OLA St. John's Hall

6:00PM OLA Finance- Pastoral Council Joint

Meeting

OLA St. John's Hall

7:00PM Living the Word

St Paul's Room

# FRIDAY, MARCH 13

5:45PM Lenten Soup Meal

St. John's Hall

7:00PM Stations of the Cross

Church

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14

9:00AM First Reconciliation

**OLA Church** 

9:30AM Legion of Mary Curia Meeting

St Paul's Room



ESTATE PLANNING 101 | ST. JOHN'S HALL MARCH 18, 2020 6:30-8:00 P.M.

# A SEMINAR PRESENTED BY: Mark Drobny

California State Bar Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Introduced by Kelly Brothers, CFP

- An Introduction to Estate Planning
- Living Trust vs. Wills
- Probate: Can it be avoided?
- Who needs Durable Powers of Attorney for
- Financial Management and Advanced Health Care Directives?
- How to best remember OLA in your estate plan

# **MINISTRY NEWS**

#### PERT CLUB MEETING



People Enjoying Retirement Together (PERT) will meet **Tuesday**, **March 17 at 11 am**, **in St. John's Hall**. Members, guests and prospective members will gather for our monthly potluck and get together. There will be a brief meeting to discuss club business and news and upcoming events. Share your Lenten devotions or reflections. Lotto drawings & door prize drawings before lunch. The Potluck lunch will be served at Noon. Bring your own place setting, coffee cup, wine glass and a dish to share.

After you can stay to play games (bring cards, dominoes, cribbage, pegs and jokers?). We will definitely play this month! Non-perishable foods for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Locker will be appreciated. The kitchen crew can arrive at 10:15 to set up. Come get to know other parishioners; we are family and look forward to seeing you. Questions? Please call George, .916-483-7194 or Penny, 916-531-0750

# **GET CONNECTED**

# HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

# You may register online or at the Parish Office

To become a member of OLA, register online: <a href="https://olaparish.net/community/register-us">https://olaparish.net/community/register-us</a> or fill out a form at the parish office. As a member you will receive all mailings as well as envelopes for weekly offerings.

# MY PARISH APP

My Parish app gives you access to a wealth of information on your phone! Check it out today.

Choice #1: Text "App" to 88202 to

download the parish app. Simply select our parish after downloading it. **Choice #2:** On the Apple Store or on Google Play search for "myparishapp" and download the app. Again, choose our parish name after downloading it.

# **FLOCKNOTE**

Receive the weekly parish bulletin and updates in your email that may be read at your convenience. If you have not already received a Flocknote notification, please contact Ivan Florez at <a href="mailto:officemgr@olaparish.net">officemgr@olaparish.net</a> with your email address and he will add you to the list of recipients!

# **SCHOOL & YOUTH MINISTRY**

# SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

### Modification to OLA School Crest

We are pleased to share our modified school crest. The original crest covered entirely our Catholic identity, but left our symbols of our academic mission. So, we have added the lamp of knowledge used in many schools and universities.



#### Science Fair Winners

Congratulations to all of our students in Grades 5 through 8 for their participation in our science fair. The projects were outstanding, and here are the projects that placed in the top 5 at each grade level:

#### 6th Grade:

3rd place: Mia Nelson: Does gum affect the way kids perform on tests?

2nd place: Samantha Powers: Does color affect memory Colin Lee and Emmett Gustorf: How can we make saltwater safe enough to drink?

1st place: Lexi Mauricio: Do children that play video games

perform better in surgery?

#### 7th Grade:

3rd place: Paloma Rice: Which active ingredient found in antacid medications works the best to neutralize acid?

2nd place: Nathan Kidd: Can solar powered water desalination

be improved?

1st place: Jack Orcutt: Which electrolyte supplement has the

most electrolytes?

#### 8th Grade:

3rd place: Aryah Hubbard: Which disinfectant works best: disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray, vinegar and water solution, or soap?

2nd place: Jocelyn Piland: Up, up, up and away...or not. 1st place: Caleb Hall, Conner McGuire, Caroline Phillips, and

Kennedy Seitz: Electrolytes challenge

#### **OLA Crab Feed**

It was a wonderful event! It was wonderful to see our parishioners and school families breaking bread together. Thank you to all, for supporting our 8th Grade Class Washington D.C. trip. This trip cost \$2,500 per student but because of your wonderful vigorous fundraising and support, our students pay just under \$1,000.

# **Future Events**

#### First Reconciliation

Please pray for our Parish and School children who will make their first Reconciliation on Saturday March 14th. This will prepare them for First Eucharist on May 3rd.



### Spring Book Fair

March 12 thru March 19th OLA School Library

# The 11th OLA Cougar Classic Golf Tournament

Friday May 1, 2020, Lincoln Hills Golf Club, in Lincoln. Contact: Mike Rockenstein@rockusc@gmail.com for more information.

# OLA Country Fair

May 15th and 16th

# Please follow us

Website: <a href="www.school.olaparish.net">www.school.olaparish.net</a>
Facebook; <a href="ourladyoftheassumptionschool">ourladyoftheassumptionschool</a>

Instragram;; <u>OLA\_Cougars</u> YouTube: <u>OLA This Week</u>

# YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

# YOUTH GROUP

# Meetings

Meetings are held in the Youth Rom

Grades 7 & 8: Wednesdays, 7:00pm-8:30pm

# LIFE TEEN GROUP



### Meetings

Grades 9 - 12: OLA's Life Teen Mass every Sunday at 11am followed by group meeting from 12-1:30pm



# OVERNIGHT LOCK-IN FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Begins Friday, March 27, 2020 at 7PM Ends Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 8AM Our Lady of the Assumption Parish 5057 Cottage Way, Carmichael, CA 95608

Inspiring speaker • Games • Adoration • Music • Snacks throughout the night



# YOUTH CHOIR & ENSEMBLE

# OLA YOUTH CHOIR FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We need singers for the OLA Youth Choir for **Stations of the Cross and Praise and Worship Music Prelude** on **Friday**, **3/20/20**, **6:30-8:00 pm (arrival time 6:15** 



-CHOIR PRACTICE-

pm). The annual Fish Fry event will be taking place beforehand, and you can come over to the church after having dinner at the Fish Fry in the Parish Hall. This choir will be joining our OLA Youth Ministry Choir and Ensemble for this special event and is open to students in grades 3-12. There are two rehearsals: Wednesday, 3/11, 5:30-6:30 pm· and Wednesday, 3/18, 5:30-6:30 pm in the church. We would love to have a large youth choir for this very special event. If your child would like to participate, please confirm his/her participation via email: Casey Oliver, Music Director, at worship@olaparish.net. Thank you!

# SPIRITUAL GROWTH

# OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY









# PRAYERS FOR PEACE

The Legion of Mary has a statue of Our Lady of Fatima for parishioners to host her at their homes, and commit to pray for peace in her presence.

For information, please call Maggie Mongeau at 483–5807 or the Parish Office 481–5115. We will deliver it so you can offer your prayers in this time of great need.

# **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, following

the 8 a.m. mass, & continuing until 7 p.m. First Saturday of the month following the 8 a.m. mass until 1 p.m. For additional information please call Joan at 335-3532.

# LIVING THE WORD

Thursdays 7 p.m. in St. Paul's Room

# LECTIO DIVINA & TAIZÉ PRAYER

Typically the 4th Thursday of every month, during our regular "Living the Word" meeting time. Please check parish calendar.



# Please hold in your prayers our sick brothers and sisters:

Joan Cotton Mary Silva Cathy Quesinberry Larry Nelson George Peres Gloria Plog Jennifer Burk J. Richard Heintz Molly Garcia Julie Nelson, Nancy Carlson Craiq & Jane Holmquist Jonathan Daniel McNerney Rassmussen Barbara Farren Stacie Higginbotham Sandi Lanz Richard McClintock Tom Bogetich Ben Koerber Joe and Sue Simon Rees Lee Shirley Ward Margaret Parker

Note: Please call the parish office to add a name or to remove them from this list. Thank you.

# QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Question for Children:** Share about a time when you felt especially close to God or Jesus.

Question for Youth: Have you ever had a "mountain top" experience where you felt exceptionally close to God? How was your life changed by that experience?

Question for Adults: Perhaps this reading calls us, not to cling to the familiar, but to leave the comforts of the parish and reach out to the world around us. In your neighborhood or community, who is waiting to hear the Good News?



# SOMETHING TO PONDER ON

# PRAY BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

As Catholics we believe that when we pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament (Jesus in the Tabernacle or the Monstrance), the fullness of His life, power and love are present. Jesus is here with you right now! Pray to Him in your own words or use these prayers.

# Reflect on this passage, and ask Jesus to feed your deepest hungers.

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst" (John 6:35).

Pray the Anima Christi and ask Jesus to fill you completely.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds, conceal me. Do not permit me to be parted from you.

From the evil foe, protect me. At the hour of my death, call me. And bid me come to you, to praise you with all your saints, For ever and ever.

Amen.

Repeat the Jesus Prayer over and over in surrender to Jesus. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

During Lent, we are asked to give alms, fast and pray. What

better place to pray than with Jesus Himself! Come to the chapel on Tuesdays and Thursdays and pray to Jesus, while He is exposed in the monstrance through the miracle of the Holy Eucharist.

The Chapel is open after 8:00 am mass until 7:00 pm. Select a time each week this lent, to be with Him and watch how your life will unfold.



# **COMMUNITY**

# **NOURISH**

# A TRAVELER'S GUIDE TO HEAVEN A LENTEN REFLECTION MARCH 10, 7:00 – 8:30 PM OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH

Lent is God's annual reminder that this life is a short voyage intended to end with him forever in heaven. Steve Patton M.A., J.D., will offer these and other "travel guides":

- What the Church really teaches about death, judgement, heaven and hell.
- Science-based evidence for the existence of the soul and an afterlife.
- Why fear of dying is healthy, but fear of death is not.
- How best to prepare for death: the most amazing voyage ever.

Steve serves as a Community Liaison for Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services of the Diocese of Sacramento.



# JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL PRE-HSPT (HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST)

Jesuit High School is hosting a Pre-HSPT (High School Placement Test) for all

boys currently in 7th grade

Saturday, March 28. If you plan on applying to a Catholic high school, you

should definitely register to take this

practice exam. For more information and to register, visit our website,

https://www.jesuithighschool.org/placement-testing-hspt.

# PLEASE NOTE! NEW BULLETIN DEADLINES

Send typed articles, in MS Word - Times New Roman, font 10, via email to :parishbulletin@olaparish.net with copy to officemgr@olaparish.net, no later than 8am on the day indicated below. Mass intentions are not subject to these deadlines.

Bulletin Weekend Dates	Article DUE
March 21 - March 22	March 13
March 28 - March 29	March 20
April 4 - April 5	March 27
April 11 - April 12	April 3

# **WORD OF LIFE**

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the "culture of death" and the "culture of life". We find ourselves not only "faced with" but necessarily "in the midst of" this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life" (*The Gospel of Life* 28).



#### Pregnant? Worried? Need Help?

You are not alone. We can help.

The Gabriel Project
Call: 800-910-0191

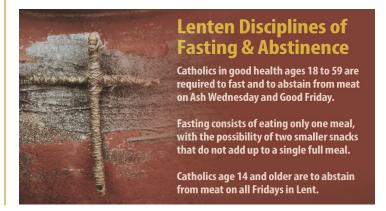
# **DIOCESAN NEWS**

MEDICINE OF MERCY: SACRAMENTS OF HEALING; RECONCILIATION & ANOINTING OF THE SICK SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM DIVINE MERCY PARISH (NATOMAS), 2231 CLUB CENTER DR., SACRAMENTO 95835

Grounded in scripture and the Church's primary liturgical documents, this five-part series covers the theological principles and best practices of Catholic worship. This course is especially suited for members of parish liturgy committees, musicians and liturgical ministers. Register today! \$35 per session (Lunch included in registration) scdliturgy.eventbrite.com. Registration Questions? Martha Haig • mhaig@scd.org • 916-733-0131

# CHRISM MASS THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020 AT 6:00 PM CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Chrism Mass is one of the most beautiful liturgies of the Church. At this Mass the Bishop blesses the oils that will be used throughout the diocese for the coming year. Also as a vivid expression of our unity the priests of the diocese come together to renew their commitment to priestly service. The Chrism Mass is a reminder that we are priestly people, called to proclaim the gospel, inspired by the sacraments we have received. You are cordially invited to join Bishop Soto, the priests of the diocese and your Catholic brothers and sisters to celebrate the Chrism Mass, and to pray for God's continued blessings on the Church of Sacramento.



# **STEWARDSHIP**

# **OFFERING**

# For these gifts we are grateful!

### Week of February 23

Weekend Offertory	\$13,124.51
Electronic Giving	\$3,198.92
Total	\$15,323.43
Average Weekly Budget Amount	612 000 00

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS

Please gently take note of the upcoming second collections:

- ⇒ March 21-22: Catholic Relief Services
- ⇒ April 10 (Good Friday): Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land





Assisting people in need

# THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED THROUGH THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Your gift will make a difference in someone's life. If you have not yet made a donation, it's not too late! Envelopes are still available in the church or in the parish office. Please remember...25% of what you give is returned to our parish to assist people in our own community who need help.

# WAYS TO HELP OUR PARISH

# **AMAZONSMILE**

When shopping at Amazon, enter through AmazonSmile, They donate 0.5% of the purchase price to our Parish. Please bookmark our link, located at <a href="mailto:smile.amazon.com/ch/45-3954215">smile.amazon.com/ch/45-3954215</a>, and support us every time you shop at no additional cost to you. Thank you

### **ESTATE PLANNING**

A legacy gift to Our Lady of the Assumption is one of the most rewarding and far-reaching investments you can make. Our Lady of the Assumption takes the trust you place in us seriously. We are grateful to those who have included us in their plan for the distribution of their assets after death. We pray that you will keep Our Lady of the Assumption Parish and/or School in mind. We invite you to contact the Parish Office if you wish to learn more about how you can include us in your estate planning.

# STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

#### MARCH 8, 2020

#### **FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP**

2nd Sunday of Lent

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." GENESIS 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way when we live **Stewardship** as a way of life. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

# **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

# RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent - Prayerful

When my children were younger, they could make me laugh and sometimes cry. I would have conversations about animals, nature, outer space, and so many amazing things in life. I would play with them one day and then work to bandage a boo-boo the next. There were so many dynamics to our relationship. However, one aspect was my favorite. It was when one of them would snuggle up next to me on the couch silently, often leading to sleep. There was no better feeling, and I didn't want to move for anything. It is crazy to think of all the things we would do together, and my favorite was when we essentially were doing nothing.

Do you think God desires a portion of you? Without a doubt, He wants all of you: the good, the bad, and the ugly. Walking with Him daily is so important, and we can never become the disciples and stewards we need to be without a deepening relationship. Yet, prayer is not just talking and listening. It is also being. We sometimes seek to communicate so much and do so many things that we forget the value of stewardship of presence. The giving of ourselves completely to another often requires us to simply be with that person. We feel their presence. We rest in their being. No words are needed because words would destroy the moment. This is what we are called to in a relationship with God. This is good stewardship because it is about giving of our very presence to God and receiving strength from that resting in Him. Sometimes, all we need is to snuggle up to our God on the couch.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# **ONLINE GIVING**

# DO YOU USE WESHARE ONLINE GIVING?



Did you know that you can print donation slips to put in the collection? It's simple! Just log in to your account and click on "Print Donation Slips" across the top. It will even put your name on it for you and you can print as many as you like! If you have any questions, please call Ivan Florez at the parish office.





