

March 20, 2022

Hello Parish Family,

To begin, congratulations and heartfelt thanks for your generosity in responding to the needs of the people in Ukraine. Over the past two weekends, we collected \$1888.00 and supplemented that with an additional \$500.00 from our St. Vincent DePaul funds. Armed with a list of the most needed items, Anne Crowe, Chris McLaughlin, Nancy Silveri and Tony Novara shopped and delivered the items so they can be sent to Ukraine. We were able to purchase significant quantities of diapers, formula, socks, underwear, medical supplies including first aid kits, gauze bandages, hand and body warmers, mylar blankets, wound dressings and antibacterial ointments, etc. **Kudos to all of you and our faithful shoppers!**

You will notice that the envelopes for the Catholic Relief Services Annual Collection are available in church this weekend in preparation for the actual collection weekend. You can take an envelope home today and, if you are able to, bring it back next weekend. As the war in Ukraine continues and the humanitarian crisis escalates, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is supporting Caritas Ukraine (of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church) and Caritas Spes (of the Romanian Catholic Church) to provide safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, transport to safe areas, counseling support and more for displaced persons. In addition, CRS is also assisting Catholic dioceses and Catholic relief organizations in Moldova, Poland and Romania as these countries receive an influx of refugees from Ukraine.

Next, we are enclosing an updated flyer reminding you that next Saturday, the 26th of March, there will be a special Penance Service at St. Charles at 3:30 in the afternoon. Although our Sara Johnston will make her First Confession privately in preparation for her First Communion, everyone is encouraged to attend the Penance Service. There will be two priests including Father Dan hearing confessions.

Finally, here are three dates for you to add to your calendar.

May 1, 2022: First Communion Sunday for Sara Johnston at Nativity.

May 4, 2022: "Journey with Jesus" Zoom event sponsored by the Evangelization Committee.

Details will follow

June 19, 2022: Confirmation Sunday for Evan Kent at Nativity.

Next week we will publish the Holy Week schedule in the Bulletin.

Keeping you in prayer,

The Parish Team