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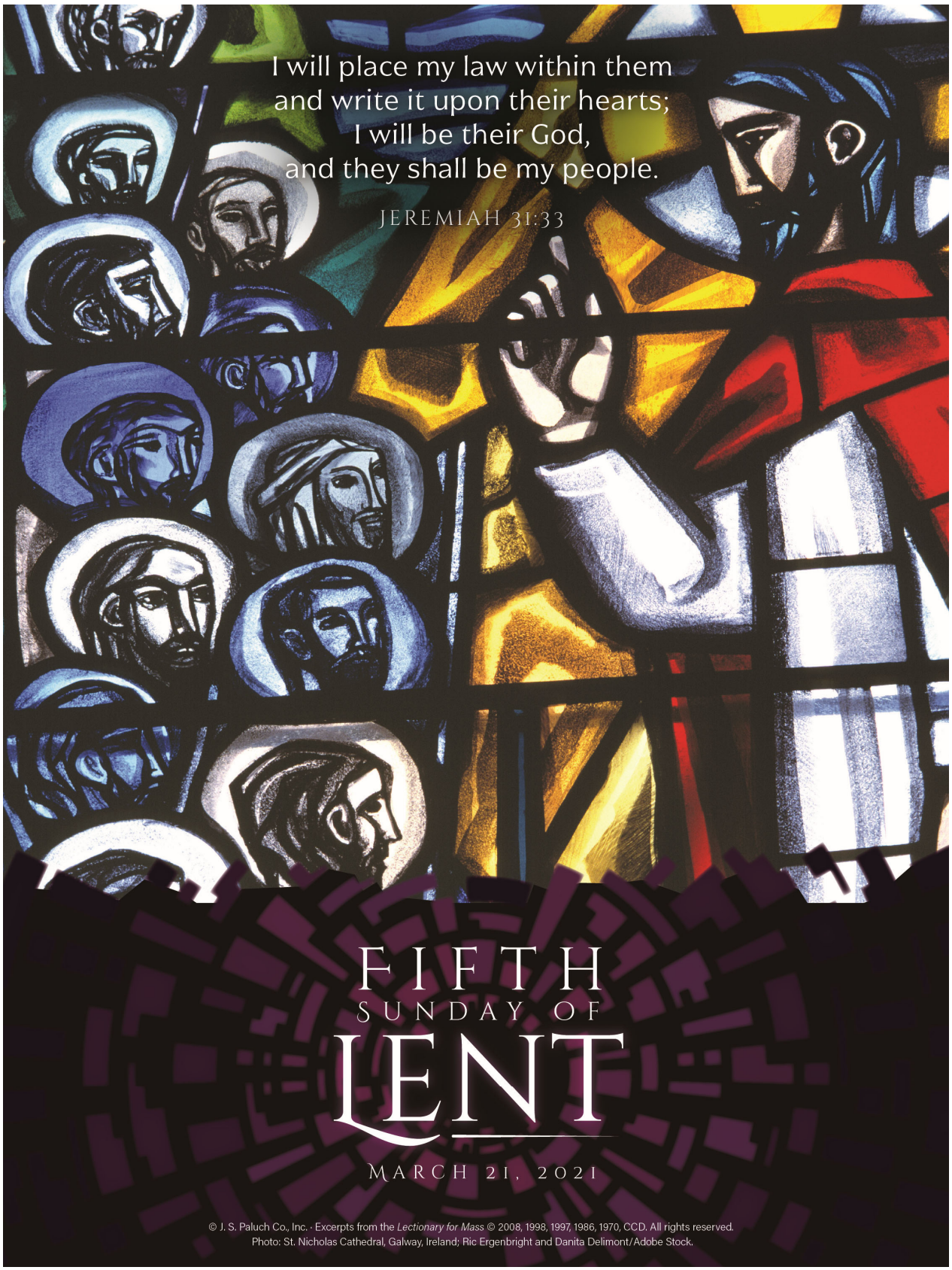

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March 21, 2021

Reverend Mark Kalema, Pastor
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Masses

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.
First Friday Mass: 7:30 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Confessions: 3:00 p.m. Saturday
Day-Long Adoration: Last Wednesdays

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Monday-Friday: 8:00-Noon & 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Office closes at 3:00 p.m. on Fridays
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Bulletin articles are due 10 days in advance of the Sunday you would like them to run. During holidays, deadlines are accelerated. To add items to the calendar or to schedule the Narthex or other meeting spaces, forms must be filled out in the Parish Office.

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St. Ann Parish Mission Statement

We are called by a loving God to make St. Ann of Lansing a Catholic community of faith.
We are a family of diverse people with various ministries:
healing the body and spirit, teaching of God and His love,
united in sacraments and prayer, reaching out to the extended community.
With God's revelation of Himself in Scripture as our guide,
we strive to grow in His Spirit and to fulfill the promise of Christ's Kingdom.

From the Pastor's Pen

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT:
THE SEED MUST DIE (Jn 12:20-33)

Each of us is like a grain of wheat planted by God. Just as a grain of wheat must die to produce a harvest, so we must die to self in order to bear the fruits of love. This dying to self is a gradual process and happens in little ways. Every act of humility involves dying to pride. Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice. Every act of kindness involves dying to cruelty. Every act of love involves dying to selfishness. Thus, the false self dies and the true self, made in God's image, is born and nurtured. It is by giving that we receive; it is by forgiving that we are forgiven; it is by dying that we are born to eternal life.

Jesus said, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies it bears much fruit. Jesus then explained what He meant. He said, "The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it." It's true in life isn't it? If we are going to get anything out of it we have to invest ourselves in it. Do you remember the second to last album by the Beatles? It was called "Abbey Road," and for my money it was their best. The last song is a little musical reprise called "The End." It's the last lyrical statement the Beatles make on the album. It goes, "And in the end the love you take is equal to the love you make." The truth of this is written in creation. It is evident for everyone to see. It is even found in something as small as grain of wheat, a seed.

Jesus said, first, when a grain of wheat falls it dies. We learn in our text that Jesus is in Jerusalem. It is the feast of the Passover, the week of His death. The town plays host to thousands of pilgrims, the streets swell to twice their normal capacity during this holy festival. Among the pilgrims are gentiles who have converted to Judaism. They are there because they know this is Israel's most important event and there is no more reverent way to worship God in this season than at the Temple, on Mt. Zion in the Holy City. But now they have learned that Jesus has just arrived. They know He is viewed by many to be the Messiah, the new king of Israel. It is no surprise then that they press upon the disciples a request to speak with Jesus.

Some scholars have suggested that these gentiles are not converts but plants by the Roman government to spy on Jesus. They are assessing the seriousness of His claims. This may be the case, but I think not. Nothing suggests this. The scriptures say they went up to worship at the feast. But either way, Jesus uses the opportunity to announce a shift in His ministry. The hour is at hand. It is time, Jesus said, for the Son of man to be glorified. It was that moment when the last sand falls from the hourglass. No time left for the development of new disciples. No time left for miracles to convince the people. No time left for debates with the religious leaders. No time left, the Passion is upon Him. The grain of wheat has left the stalk making its descent to the soil below, its death a certainty, its rebirth yet begun.

For the disciples, this is the critical moment. It will be a model for them the rest of their lives. Are they willing to follow Jesus and serve as He has done? Whoever serves Me must follow Me, Jesus said, and where I am, my servant will also be. Next week is the highlight of Lent. We will relive, along with Christians all over the world, the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord. It was the critical moment then for His disciples and it is the critical moment now for all of today's disciples: You and me! So, I ask you: Do you intend to follow Jesus? Then you must serve.

Jesus said, when a grain of wheat falls it bears much fruit. **And who is this grain of wheat?** The grain of wheat that dies and bears much fruit is Jesus himself. Is Jesus simply extolling the virtues of service. No! This is not a secular ethic. Jesus said, "My Father will honor the one who serves me." Our Lord is the first object of our service. It is interesting to note also that humble service cannot take place unless He first dies. He must be the first grain from the stalk to fall, otherwise there can be no fruit. John records these words, "But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself."

His cross comes first, then we are empowered to carry our own. We are His workmanship, the first fruits, the apostle Paul declares. No one here can truly serve unless he first serves at the foot of the cross. It is a shame then when churches and Christian movements de-emphasize the cross. There is no Christianity without the cross! The cross is indispensable. For in it we learn of God's love, His willingness to take our sins upon Himself, and His willingness to place His righteousness upon us.

The Christian author Walter Wangerin has a wonderful story called "Matthew, Seven, Eight, and Nine" about how he tried to stop his son Matthew from stealing comic books. He tried various uses of the law over several years and continued to fail. Finally, he resorted to something he rarely used: a spanking. He did it deliberately, almost ritualistically, and he was so upset when he finished that he left the room and wept. After pulling himself back together, he went to Matthew and hugged him. A number of years later, Matthew and his mother were doing some general reminiscing, and Matthew happened to bring up the time when he kept stealing comic books. "And you know why I finally stopped?" he asked. "Sure," she said, "Because Dad finally spanked you." "No!" replied Matthew, "I stopped because Dad cried." The last week of Jesus' life is called the Passion for this reason. God weeps for the sins of the world. And in His broken body our lives are made whole. Amen.

Fr. Mark Kalema, Pastor

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 22
7:30 a.m. Mass
† Helen Svonavec
Tuesday, March 23
(St. Turibius of Mogrovejo)
7:30 a.m. Mass
† Robert Harper
Wednesday, March 24
7:30 a.m. Mass
† Joan Kaim (Roxanne & Stephen Duff)
Thursday, March 25
(The Annunciation of the Lord)
7:30 a.m. Mass
† People of the Parish
Friday, March 26 (St. Joseph)
7:30 a.m. Mass
† People of the Parish
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 27
4:00 p.m. Mass
† People of the Parish
Sunday, March 28
(Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)
8:30 a.m. Mass
† Mark Morario (Karen Morario)
10:30 a.m. Mass
† People of the Parish

The 2021 Mass Book is open for your special intentions. Please call the Parish Office for more information or to schedule Mass intentions.

New Members Welcome!

We would love to have you join us! Please fill out the information below, and place in the Offertory Collection or send to the Parish Office. You may also request a registration form at 708-895-6700 or fill one out online at saintanncatholicparish.com/join.php

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Today's Readings

First Reading — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34) *or Ezekiel 37:12-14.*
Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) *or Psalm 130.*
Second Reading — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) *or Romans 8:8-11.*
Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) *or*
John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/lenten-resources

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates, who participate in their retreat this weekend in preparation of receiving the sacrament on May 16. They are the future of our church!

Miss Me—But Let Me Go

In Loving Memory of Alexander Czachura

Money Matters

3-7-2021

Weekly Budget:	$	12,000.00
Drop Off/Mail In:		4,925.00
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St. Ann 50-50 Club:	$	570.00
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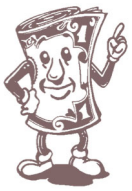

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Our March 7 winning number is #8390.
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To be eligible, both your 50-50 ($5.00) and weekly collection envelopes (no limit, but at least $5) with separate payments **must be in the parish office by 9:00 a.m. Monday**.

After countless years and thousands of dollars earned for tuition and needed projects around the parish, our TRIP program will be concluding. Without the school, we will no longer have the need or the volunteers to administer the program. We are so grateful to the moms who have kept it going well beyond their own children's days as SAS students. The TRIP Ladies will continue to order every Monday through March 22 if you would like to place a personal order. A selection of cash and carry gift cards will remain available in the Parish Office until they are sold out. **You pay face value and a credit will go to Parish Maintenance, Tuition Assistance, or the School or Religious Ed. Family of your choice.** Order forms are available in the Parish Office or school website. Payment by check (register in the Parish Office) or cash, or **order online at www.shopwithscrip.com.** The office is open M-Th 8:00-4:00, and Fridays from 8:00-3:00. Call ahead for availability, 895-6700.

In observance of Lent, we are asking all parishioners who wish to participate to write their Lenten promises and sacrifices on a piece of paper at home and bring them to Mass beginning on Ash Wednesday. You may drop them in the receptacle located in the former font at the back of church on your way to your seats. Those who are still unable to attend Mass may email theirs to parishoffice@stanncatholicparish.com to be printed and included, or mail them to the office clearly marked LENT if privacy is desired.

Starting on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil, we ask you to do the same with your petitions and prayers (those sent in should be marked EASTER PRAYERS).

ADORATION *of the* BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration will take place in Church on ***Wednesday, March 24, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.,*** followed immediately by Rosary & Benediction. Please join us in spending some special time in the real presence of Jesus Christ. We will say the Rosary at 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday during Lent. Adoration will ONLY be on March 24.

January Baptisms

Please welcome and keep in your prayers the newest members of our St. Ann family!

Daisy Magallanes
Lilly Ana Magallanes
Rose Magallanes
Children of Ricardo & Christiam Magallanes

Luna Ember Martinez
Child of Diego & Genesis Martinez

Gianna Grace Sufie
Child of Brian & Patricia Sufie

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Drawing Sunday, March 14, 2021

♣ 2nd Prize: $3,000 ♣ 3rd Prize: $1,000

♣ 4th Prize: $500 ♣ 5th Prize: $100

Congratulations to our winners!

Grand Prize: The Chukwulebe Family
2nd Prize: Steph Sharp
3rd Prize: Angelique Kropiewnicki
4th Prize: Monsserat Ramirez
5th Prize: Jesse Terrazas
Sell 5/Win $500: Frank Gill

We sold 828 tickets, which is quite remarkable considering we never sold a single ticket in person after a Mass! Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who purchased and/or sold, despite the uncertainty of this tumultuous year. St. Ann spirit runs strong!

Upcoming Events

Rosary: March 24

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: March 24

Stations of the Cross: March 26

Palm Sunday: March 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper: April 1

Community Prayer Walk: April 2

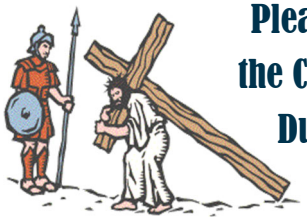
Passion & Veneration of the Cross: April 2

Stations of the Cross: April 2

Easter Food & Basket Blessing: April 3

Easter Vigil: April 3

Easter Sunday: April 4



Please Join Us for Stations of the Cross Every Friday Evening During Lent at St. Ann's at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

St. Ann's Annual Easter Food and Basket Blessing
Holy Saturday
April 3
1:00 p.m.
in Church

IMPORTANT ~ IMPORTANT ~ IMPORTANT

Special, Super Duper Early Holiday Edition Bulletin Deadline

Due to holiday office closures at J.S. Paluch, our bulletin publisher has moved up deadlines for the Palm Sunday and Easter weekend issues. **Therefore, items for the March 27-28 weekend must be received by Monday March 15, and information for April 3-4 must be submitted no later than Monday, March 22.** Anything received after these dates will not be able to be included, so be sure to plan ahead. Thanks!

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Southeast Suburbs Renew My Church Update: March 10, 2021

Discernment Process

St. Agnes (Chicago Heights), St. Ann (Lansing), St. Irenaeus, St. James (Sauk Village), St. John (Glenwood), St. Kieran, St. Lawrence O'Toole and St. Paul (Chicago Heights) parishes engaged in the Renew My Church (RMC) review and discernment process over the past few months. The Grouping Feedback and Discernment team (GFDT), which was made up of members from each parish community, met to review and discern the future parish structure for the area. Our deepest appreciation goes to the GFDT who prayerfully discerned the parish grouping structure during this challenging time. We also appreciate your patience awaiting a decision.

Based on their meetings and feedback gathered from the larger parish community, they submitted feedback to the archdiocese. The Archdiocesan Standards and Recommendations Commission, which includes representatives from across the Archdiocese of Chicago, reviewed the feedback and other information, including financial summaries, capital needs and parish trends.

Cardinal Cupich and Bishop Perry are grateful to Fr. Siemianowski, Fr. Kalema, Fr. Johnson, Fr. Krolczyk, Fr. McFarlane, Fr. Novick, Fr. Flores Orea and the Grouping Team who gathered throughout the past few months, and all parishioners who offered feedback through the recent discernment process.

Outcome

In the past few weeks, Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, archbishop of Chicago, the archdiocese's auxiliary bishops, and the archdiocese's Presbyteral Council met to discuss the Commission's recommendation. Based upon those discussions and prayerful consideration, Cardinal Cupich made the following decisions regarding the parish structure in the Southeast Suburbs.

- **Effective July 1, 2021, St. Ann, St. James, and St. John will unite to form a new parish with two worship sites, a new name, one pastor and one pastoral team.**
    - St. Ann and St. James will both be worship sites for the newly formed parish, with a Mass schedule to be determined by the pastor in consultation with parish leadership; this schedule may differ from the current schedules.
    - St. Ann will be designated the parish church where the united parish's sacramental records are kept.
    - The specific timeline to fully transition Masses to St. Ann and St. James will be determined by the pastor in consultation with parish leadership in the coming months.
    - The local community will discern possibilities for the new name, within guidelines provided by the archdiocese, and submit three to five options to Cardinal Cupich.
    - Additionally, the Commission recommends an annual review beginning in 2024 regarding the sustainability of two campuses. This way the united parish's pastor and leadership team can focus on unification for the next three years, prior to the start of the annual review. Note that an earlier review could be prompted if a capital investment decision must be made sooner.
    - Fr. Mark Kalema will be pastor of the newly united parish.

Please continue to page 2 for information about St. Agnes, St. Irenaeus, St. Kieran, St. Lawrence O'Toole, and St. Paul.

Outcome (continued from page 1)

- **Effective July 1, 2021, St. Agnes, St. Kieran, and St. Paul will unite to form a new parish with two worship sites, a new name, one pastor and one pastoral team.**
    - A core question during the discernment process was how to connect the St. Paul community to a larger physical space for worship and ministry, knowing it faces constraints with the small physical space at St. Paul.
    - St. Kieran and St. Agnes will both be worship sites for the newly formed parish, with a Mass schedule to be determined by the pastor in consultation with parish leadership; this schedule may differ from the current schedules.
    - St. Kieran will be designated the parish church where the united parish's sacramental records are kept.
    - The specific timeline to fully transition Masses to St. Kieran and St. Agnes will be determined by the pastor in consultation with parish leadership in the coming months.
    - The local community will discern possibilities for the new name, within guidelines provided by the archdiocese, and submit three to five options to Cardinal Cupich.
    - Fr. Gary Graf, currently pastor of San Jose Sanchez del Rio Parish in Chicago, will be pastor of the newly united parish.
- **St. Irenaeus and St. Lawrence O'Toole will continue their discernment** with the grouping of parishes in Flossmoor, Country Club Hills, Homewood, and Hazel Crest.

Parish Structure Rationale

- St. Ann, St. James and St. John:
    - St. Ann provides a larger relative size and also reflects Lansing's status as the largest municipality of the three (Lansing, Glenwood, Sauk Village).
    - Even though geographically isolated, including St. James as a second worship site allows us to serve the needs of the community in Sauk Village.
- St. Paul, St. Agnes and St. Kieran:
    - The unification of St. Paul, St. Agnes and St. Kieran forms one parish for the common geographic area of Chicago Heights.
    - St. Kieran provides the capacity needed to celebrate Mass as a combined parish.
    - St. Agnes allows flexibility to have an English Mass and a Spanish Mass concurrently within the parish.

Next Steps

- Parish leadership and parishioners will discern possibilities for the name of each new parish, within guidelines provided by the archdiocese, and submit their considerations to Cardinal Cupich for his decision on the permanent name of the new parish.
- The RMC staff will work with St. Irenaeus and St. Lawrence O'Toole to begin planning for discernment with parishes in Flossmoor, Country Club Hills, Homewood, and Hazel Crest.
- The parish communities will embark upon the next phase of renewal, focusing on strong evangelization to the world around us. The renewal process calls us to become a stronger, more sustainable presence for the future, capable of reaching more people in their work of making disciples of Jesus Christ, building communities with one another and inspiring witness in the world around us.

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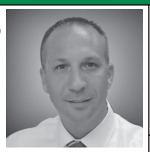
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