

Buzz Report

Office of Spirituality & Formation for Ministry

FEBRUARY 2021



FROM THE DESK OF SR. KATHY...



Dear Friends:

It seems as if we just celebrated Christmas and already Lent is upon us. We began the month of February with our celebration of Catholic schools. My Spirituality Spot for that week dealt with my own experience in 20 years of Catholic education. My parents told us that they would give us the first 12 years of Catholic schooling; and, if we wanted to go to college, we could live at home, but since my dad was the sole provider, they could not afford to send us to college. My Franciscan community provided the other 8 years of undergrad and graduate degrees. I am so thankful for the gift of my Catholic education.

In this issue, I provide some helpful tools both in English and Spanish for your Lenten journey this year. Do not forget to look for some things in the vestibule of your parish church, as many pastors provide materials for their flock. I have provided information on a national women's online retreat that you may find meaningful. You will recall that we have partnered with University of Dayton and RENEW Intl. Both of these organizations provide aids for your human, intellectual and spiritual formation.

I was honored to facilitate the RCIA retreat for the members of St. Michael the Archangel this month. The enthusiasm of both catechumens and candidates for our faith is so uplifting and gratifying.

Also this month, we completed year six of our staff seminar Formation for Mission and Ministry on IQ, EQ and LQ. I want to take this opportunity to thank all individuals who took the time to complete our online survey and who e-mailed either Cathy or me about how self-revelatory the exercises were this year. We are thinking of offering "Prophets Yesterday and Today" for next year's formation program. Let me know if you have an interest in this topic.

Know that I pray that your Lent will be meaningful so that on Easter Sunday you will be able to experience the Risen Lord in a new and exciting way. Remember the Paschal Mystery was done for

love of you, your goodness and value as you reflect the image and likeness of God. There is lots of information in the LOCAL news section of this Buzz, so please take note.

Peace and All Good,
Sister Kathy Adamski, OSF

GLOBAL NEWS



The Raising of Lazarus (1857), by Léon Joseph Florentin Bonnat. Public Domain.

Memorial of Sts. Mary, Martha, and Lazarus

On February 2, 2021, Pope Francis added the memorial of Sts. Mary, Martha, and Lazarus to the General Roman Calendar, giving the siblings the combined feast day of July 29.

The Holy Father added Mary and Lazarus (Martha was already set as a memorial on July 29th) considering the important evangelical witness they offered in welcoming the Lord Jesus into their home, in listening to him attentively, in believing that he is the resurrection and the life." Memorials rank third in the classification of feast days on the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar.

The pope's decree said that "in the household of Bethany the Lord Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, and for this reason, the Gospel of John states that he loved them."



Photo Credit: www.vaticannews.va

Human Fraternity in the Pontificate of Pope Francis

Pope Francis joined the Grand Imam of Al Azhar, Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, in celebration of the first International Day of Human Fraternity on February 4, the anniversary of the signing of the Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together. This event raises awareness and fosters interfaith and intercultural dialogue



During his Jan. 31 Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis announced the establishment of a Word Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. It will be celebrated July 25.

Paul Haring, Catholic News Service file photo

Pope Francis proclaims World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The establishment of an international day to honor grandparents and the elderly to take place each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of the grandparents of Jesus, Saints Joachim and Anne. This year the celebration is on July 25th. "Grandparents remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between generations, to transmit to young people an experience of life and faith," the Holy Father stated. (www.catholicnewsagency.com)

When I ministered in a parish setting, many grandparents would bring their grands to mass when visiting the area. At times, their own parents did not attend mass; and, often the faith is passed on by our grandparents. Never underestimate the value that this action does for each child. It is important to do so, and they will NEVER forget this memory of why you attended weekly mass.

NATIONAL NEWS



Statement on Racial Equality from the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development

Following recent executive actions to promote racial equity in housing and the criminal justice system, Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, and Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, chairman of the USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, issued the following statement:

"We welcome the Biden Administration's actions to promote racial equity. Specifically, the executive order directing the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to examine the effect of repealing the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule is a step in the right direction to restoring needed protections against housing discrimination. Repealing this rule minimized the affirmative responsibility of the government to promote fair housing. The federal government has a critical role to play in

overcoming and redressing our nation's history of discrimination, and we hope the administration follows through on the important work of promoting fair housing and human dignity."

"We also welcome the new administration's announcement that the U.S. Department of Justice will not renew contracts with private prisons. The bishops have long questioned the efficacy of private companies running prisons, and this step is a positive development in criminal justice reform.^[1] We encourage the administration to consider similar policies in the future regarding civil immigrant detention facilities." (www.usccb.org)



February is Black History Month

Every American president since Gerald Ford in 1976 has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme. This year's Black History Month theme, "Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity" explores the African diaspora, and the spread of Black families across the United States.

Over the past year we in the United States have witnessed many atrocities committed against persons of color that galvanized both support by the White Community for the Black Lives Matter Movement and strengthened those who support White Supremacy. Let us pray this month particularly for equal justice for members of the Black communities and advocate strongly against people working to suppress those rights

LOCAL NEWS

Online Faith Formation at University of Dayton



Virtual Faith Formation Classes Offered by University of Dayton and Diocese of Charleston Partnership

The Diocese of Charleston, through the Office of Spirituality and Formation for Ministry, has partnered with the University of Dayton to offer continuing education courses to **ministry leaders, catechists, directors of religious education, youth ministers, parish volunteers, and parish staff**. Anyone involved in parish ministry may apply for a grant through the Office of Spirituality and Formation for Ministry. [Click for Grant Application Form](#)

Cycle 3: April 11 – May 1, 2021

Registration Opens February 24 and Closes April 7

[Click Here for Cycle 3 Course Offerings in English](#)

Ciclo 3: 11 de abril – 1 de mayo

Las inscripciones comienzan el 24 de Febrero y terminan el 7 de Abril

[Click Here for Cycle 2 Course Offerings in Spanish](#)

For more information, please contact Sr. Kathy Adamski, OSF at 843.261.0498 or kadamski@charlestdiocese.org.



Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina Honors Black History Month

[Sisters of Charity Celebrates Black History Month](#)

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina celebrates Black History Month and honors the legacy of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the Father of Black History and creator of Negro History Week which grew into Black History Month. "If a race has no history, if it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world, and it stands in danger of being exterminated."

These words by Dr. Woodson underscore the importance, relevance, and necessity of Black History Month. Black History Month is also a time to challenge stubbornly held beliefs and systems that still create inequities and disparities in the black community. The Sisters of Charity Foundation is committed to doing our part to remove barriers so that equity, inclusion and belonging can be realized for all people.

Ericka Wooten, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, honors Black History Month by sharing the story of Dr. Daniel Hale Williams. [Click here](#) to hear more.

The Sisters of Charity Foundation hopes for a day, in the near future, when Black History Month will no longer be necessary. When all Americans recognize the contributions and sacrifices of Black Americans as a legitimate and essential part of the history of this country.

Dignity & The Death Penalty: A Conversation with Sister Helen Prejean

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Dignity and The Death Penalty Faith Sharing Group Offered by Renew Intl.

Wednesdays at 4 p.m.
February 24-March 31

[Click here to register.](#)

Join author Alice Brown and Jennifer Bober, RENEW Manager of Marketing, for an exploration of Catholic teaching on capital punishment utilizing *Dignity and the Death Penalty: Evolution of Catholic Teaching*. This new resource from RENEW is based on the work of Sister Helen Prejean who has work tirelessly to end executions in this country. **Participants are asked to watch the film *Dead Man Walking* ahead of the first session.** The film is based on Sister Helen and her work. It is available on multiple streaming services.

Dead Man Walking Official Trailer #2 - R. Lee Ermey Movie (1995) HD



LENTEN RESOURCES



Opportunities Available for Your Lenten Journey

1. Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns: Download weekly Lenten guides. Now available in Spanish
2. National Women's Retreat: Takes place March 12-14, 2021 and this year's theme is "My Peace I Leave You." For more information email info@virtualcatholicconference.com or [Click Here](#)
3. Parish Catalyst offers Virtual Learning Communities for Parish Leaders across the country. There are two this year. One begins on April 19, 2021 and the other begins in August. Lots of great ideas will be shared. [Click here](#) for more information.
4. Free Webinars from Villanova Church Management on such topics as: Diocesan Leadership Models From Around The Globe, Leading From The Middle In The US Church: Parish Teams and Collaboration, Changing The Organizational Culture of Your Parish, and more. [Click here](#) to register.



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For Families from Loyola Press

Help children and their families make the most of Lent with resources from Loyola Press.

[Liturgical Year: Lent](#)

[Lenten Read-Along](#)

[Growing in Friendship with God This Lent](#)

[Living Lent Daily](#)

[Lenten Resources for Catechists](#)

[Pop-Up Catechesis: Practicing the Lenten Disciplines](#)

[Lent with the Saints](#)

[Year of St. Joseph](#)

[Year of the Family](#)



Lenten Reflection Guide

For the first time, the Lenten Reflection Guide from the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns is available in Spanish as well as English. The theme for this year's guide is Pope Francis' new encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti* ("Brothers and Sisters All").

[Download the 2021 guide in Spanish](#)

[Download the 2021 Lenten Reflection Guide in English](#)



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St. Mary's Press Offers New Lenten Resources

[Lenten Resources](#)

[Lenten Calendar](#)

[Five Ways to Nourish Your Faith](#)



National Association for Lay Ministry (NALM) offers 3-Part Lenten Series

Lenten Series: Theological Reflection in a Time of Covid
March 2, 9, 16 @ 3-4:30 Eastern

Facilitators: *Marti Jewell, Keith Davis, Maureen O'Brien, Lauri-Anne Reinhart, Jamie Moloney*
Cost (includes all 3 sessions)

Members: \$15

Non-Members: \$25

(Select "Continue as Guest" under the sign-in)

[Register here](#)



Lenten Reflection with Fr. Matthew Baugh, SJ

Saturday, March 13, 2021

3:00 – 4:00 PM

Virtual or In Person

Fr. Matthew Baugh, S.J. is presenting a Lenten Reflection, “The Great Hallel Psalms: Treasury of Prayer for Lent” at Spring Hill College on March 13, 2021. Reserve your space below for either the in person event or the virtual event to support the programs for Graduate Theology and Ministry.

[Register Here](#)



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RETREAT RESOURCES



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2021 COURSES AND EVENTS



**GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN
THEOLOGY & MINISTRY**

Sr. Nélica Naveros Córdova, Ph.D., CDP
Director

IN PERSON

SPRING HILL COLLEGE MOBILE, ALABAMA

Creation Spirituality of Father Teilhard

SPT565/465 - 1 credit hour
George Gilmore, Ph.D.
June 7-11, 9-11 a.m.

Awareness and Prayer: Thérèse de Lisieux

SPT542/442 - 1 credit hour
Rev. Stephen Campbell, S.J., Ph.D.
June 7-10, 6:30-9 p.m.

Christian Spirituality of Aging

SPT524/424 or THL572
1 or 3 credit hours
Fr. John B. Switzer, ObSB, Ph.D.
June 14-18, 9-11 a.m.
Also Available Online

Thea Bowman and M. Shawn Copeland: Black and Catholic, Faithful and Free

SPT533/433 or THL574
1 or 3 credit hours
Emily Reimer-Barry, Ph.D.
June 14-17, 6:30-9 p.m.
Also Available Online

OUR LADY OF THE HILLS CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Spiritual Exercises I & II

STP551/451, 552/452 - 1 credit hour each
Fr. Christopher Viscardi, S.J., STD
June 12
(10 a.m. - 5 p.m. ET; 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. CT)
June 13
(8 a.m. - 12 p.m. ET; 7 - 11 a.m. CT)
Also Available Online

ONLINE

Prayer and Discernment I & II

SPT525/425, 526/426 - 1 credit hour each
May 15
(10 a.m. - 5 p.m. ET; 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. CT)
May 16
(8 a.m. - 12 p.m. ET; 7-11 a.m. CT)
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REGISTRATION AND CLASS INFORMATION



Course descriptions,
professor biographies, and
registration forms are all
available at SHC.EDU/SICS.

Tuition: \$345 per credit hour.
Easy Listening (no transcript record kept):
\$125 per credit hour.
On-campus lodging: \$35/night.

STUDY ABROAD CLASS

7 Churches of Revelation and Patmos

SPT532/432 or THL573
1 or 3 credit hours
Turkey - July 2-11
The book of Revelation is the highlight of this trip which promises to be an unforgettable academic/spiritual experience *in situ* of the Seven Churches – Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea – as well as the Island of Patmos. Led by Sr. Nélida Naveros Córdova.
For a full itinerary and cost information visit SHC.EDU/SICS.

3, 5 OR 8-DAY SILENT IGNATIUS DIRECTED RETREAT

Friday evening, June 4 - Saturday, June 12 we will offer individually directed silent retreats following the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius on our 380-acre campus in Mobile.

Participants may register for either 3, 5 or 8 full days of retreat. The 8-day retreat begins with a short orientation on Friday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m., and ends after lunch on Saturday, June 12. The 8-day retreatants will begin their first full retreat day on June 5. The 5- and 3-day retreats may be taken for any 5 or 3 consecutive days during this time period; retreatants should arrive for the orientation session on the previous evening, at 7:30 p.m. Room and board included in the cost.

8 Day Ignatius Retreat: \$560
5 Day Ignatius Retreat: \$350
3 Day Ignatius Retreat: \$210

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June 4-12, 2021



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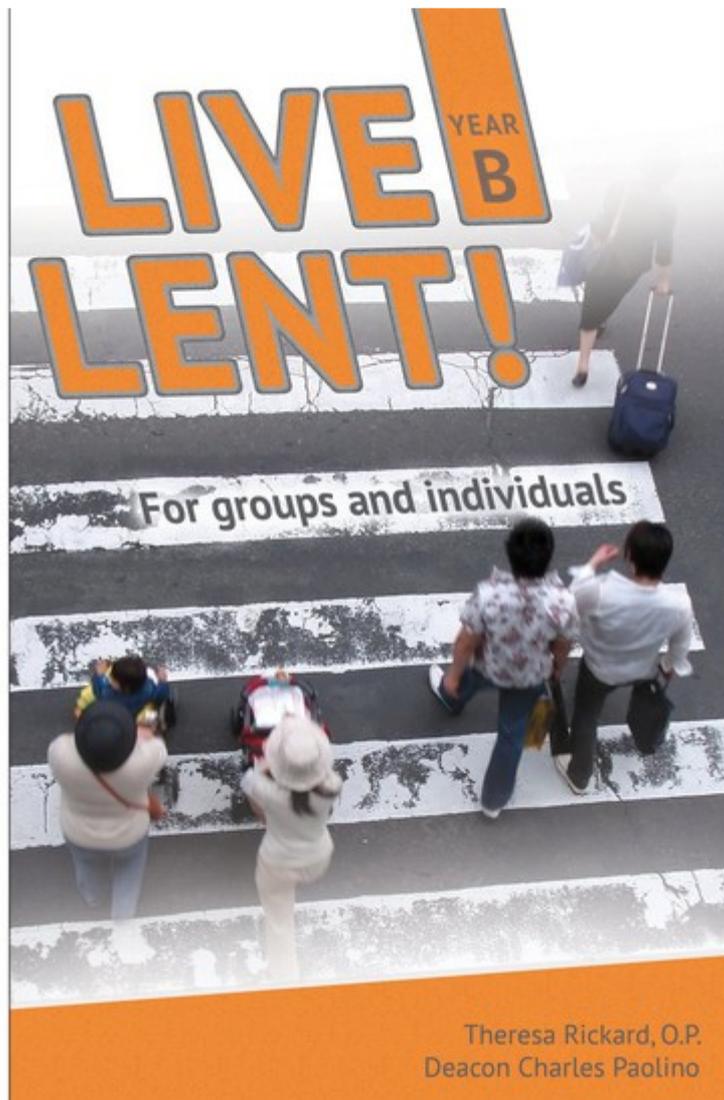
The eight-day silent retreat begins with a short orientation on Friday at 7:30 p.m., and ends at noon on Saturday of the following week. Shorter retreats may be taken for any three or five consecutive days during the same time period. Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius retreatants meet individually with a director once a day, spending their time in personal prayer, reflection, spiritual reading and journaling or walking the spacious and beautiful grounds of Spring Hill College.

Fees

8 Days- \$560
5 Days- \$330
3 Days- \$210
Includes lodging &
meals



BOOKS OF THE MONTH



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LIVE LENT!

With reflections and prayers written by Sr. Terry Rickard, O.P., Live Lent! will help you make the most of this season of preparation and spiritual renewal.

Live Lent! will be your ideal companion as you gather weekly in small groups to gain inspiration from next Sunday's Gospel and its roots in the Old Testament and as you reflect each day of the week on how to live your faith in everyday life. Be inspired by the Sunday Gospel readings, explore Old Testament insights, and take action in everyday life.

Create a personal 40-day Lenten plan with daily prompts in a journal format.

LENTEN LONGINGS YEAR B

Make a six-week retreat by exploring the Sunday readings of Lent with Lenten Longings: For the Life of the World for Year B.

Lent invites us to a time of prayer, reflection, and conversion. Make a six-week retreat by exploring the Sunday readings of Lent. Simple language and everyday metaphors step you in the season's

promptings to surrender self, work for justice, and deepen prayer life.

Lenten Longings: For the Life of the World calls participants to commit to works of justice and the ongoing conversion of hearts.

REFLEXIONES EN CUARESMA: LLAMADOS A LA CONVERSIÓN—AÑO B

El tiempo de Cuaresma nos invita a la oración, reflexión y conversión. Por ello, se ha creado un recurso pastoral basado en las lecturas dominicales del tiempo de Cuaresma. Reflexiones en Cuaresma, es una serie de tres libros basada en los tres ciclos de este tiempo litúrgico. Cada libro contiene seis sesiones, y cada sesión ofrece momentos de oración reflexión y preguntas para el compartir la fe. Tiene como propósito ayudar a que las personas se reúnan en pequeñas comunidades eclesiales y mediten sobre la Palabra de Dios durante este tiempo.

The Living Gospel: Daily Devotions for Lent 2021

Be uplifted and inspired as Sr. Terry Rickard, O.P. guides you through Lent and Holy Week with thought-provoking spiritual reflections on the daily gospel readings in Daily Devotions for Lent 2021. Sr. Terry also encourages you to go beyond prayer and fasting by completing a quick spiritual act that will help you grow in your love for God and others during this solemn season.

MOVIE OF THE MONTH

Disney and Pixar's Soul | Official Trailer | Disney+



Pixar's "Soul"

"Soul" follows its main character, Joe Gardner, after a near-death experience gives him a peek at the afterlife. On an exciting journey with a not-yet-born soul named 22, he considers his own purpose and the ways life can be made truly meaningful. "Soul" is available to stream on Disney+.

FACTOIDS



SISTERS *of* CHARITY FOUNDATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

RECAP: Poverty Study Sheds Light on Barriers Perpetuating Systemic Poverty in South Carolina

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina was blessed with some great media coverage surrounding the release of a new South Carolina poverty study conducted by the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina and the Rural & Minority Health Research Center at the University of South Carolina. The data reveals that structural barriers are perpetuating systemic poverty in South Carolina. The new data proves that a person's racial or ethnic identity, gender and where they are born can present significant barriers to economic self-sufficiency in South Carolina.

South Carolina ranks higher than the national average when it comes to...

- The number of people living in poverty,
- Eviction rates
- The amount of money families spend on housing and transportation costs.

South Carolina ranks lower than the national average when it comes to...

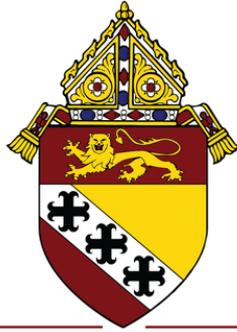
- The number of people who have health insurance
- The amount of money spent per student on education
- The number of female and/or minority-led businesses

[Find the full study and webinar here.](#)

Structural Factors Associated with Poverty in South Carolina

Perhaps you can use some of these graphics for inclusion in your parish bulletin.

[SC: Structural Factors Associated with Poverty by Sisters of Charity Foundation of SC - issuu](#)



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