



Fr. Matt's Musings
Gratitude for OLGC Generosity
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There is nothing small in the service of God.
Saint Francis de Sales

Lent and Easter. I want to thank everyone in the community for all that you did and are doing to make the Lenten and Easter seasons so prayerful, communal and meaningful. In Lent, there were two opportunities for daily Mass, additional opportunities for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially Wednesday evenings with *The Light Is On* program. Also, on Wednesday evenings, parishioners were provided with the opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament with exposition and adoration. At the end of March, we celebrated our parish Lenten Mission. On Fridays, the stations of the cross were celebrated two times, with the school community in the afternoon and also in the evening for those who could make it. There were service opportunities, faith formation offerings and an ecumenical afternoon with the Emmanuel Lutheran community. We also had six Friday fish fries to bring the community together, each one with between 400 and 500 hungry attendees. Many of us gathered to celebrate the Sacred Triduum and the three holiest days of the year. At the Vigil on Holy Saturday, we welcomed twenty-three new members, and Easter Sunday saw a very full parking lot, church and chapel throughout the day.

All of this could not have happened without the generosity, dedication and talents of so many of you who put hours of time into helping us pray so well, share our faith, journey with one another through this holy season and enjoy our Lenten discipline of abstaining from meat on Fridays by sharing a fried fish meal with 400 or 500 of our new, closest friends. Thank you all for making this Lent and Easter such a special time. Thank you for making OLGC such a special community. Thank you for showing that there is nothing small in the service of God by the great love, care and dedication you put into each of these celebrations. May God who has begun such good work in you, and in our community, continue to see it through to completion in Christ Jesus, our Risen Lord!

Live Jesus!

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