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*Joint Mission Statement: Saints united to be the body of Christ in the world,
freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.*

Keeping in Touch, February 28, 2021

Prayer Concerns

Ray & Wendy Chojowski —(Wendy is Mark Bargender's sister) their home was a total loss following a fire.

Scott Baeseman—back home in Chicago, beginning cancer treatments.

Judy Totzke—Recovery from hip replacement surgery.

Ann Bonsall—Living with chronic, severe back pain.



Here's some GREAT news! There will be SUNDAY SCHOOL on March 14, and this is a **warm invitation** to all who feel comfortable in coming. We're excited to see students in-person again! There will be more information to come regarding how we will plan to proceed after that.



Some 10 years ago the **St. John Charities** account was established for the purpose of assisting people in our community in times of financial or other need. The idea was that anyone, for any reason, could make a withdrawal from the account as "seed money" for a fundraiser.

Mark Bargender's sister Wendy Chojnowski and her husband Ray lost everything they had in a house fire a few weeks ago. The Council has agreed that this is a perfect situation for the Charities account to be used.

I invite all who read this, members or not, to get in touch with our President Cal Tackes, VP Rick Mueller, or me, Pastor Gail, if you feel called to undertake this adventure.

Meanwhile, I ask all of you to keep the Chojnowskis in your prayers as they live in this in-between time. *Pastor Gail*

Last Sunday (February 21, 2021)

On-site attendance: 58

Offering: \$2450.00

This Week at a Glance

Wednesday, March 3 at 6pm—MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE
at St. Stephen. NO Soup Supper.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.

