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As we enter the sacred season of Lent, the Church invites us once again to a time of spiritual renewal, prayer, and conversion. This year, our Lenten journey is illuminated by the grace of the Jubilee Year of Hope, reminding us that our sacrifices and acts of faith are not in vain but are part of God's greater plan of mercy and love.

Lent offers us the rich spiritual practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, which help us deepen our relationship with God and one another. In **prayer**, we open our hearts to the Lord's guidance; through **fasting**, we detach from worldly distractions to make room for His presence; and in **almsgiving**, we share His love with those in need. These disciplines, embraced with hope, transform our hearts and strengthen our faith as we prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter.

This year I would like to invite you to pray for a special intention: praying for the children you raised in faith but are no longer practicing our Catholic faith. On every Friday of the month, we will have an hour of adoration at our church at 3 pm, praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament for members of our family who no longer practice our faith. Let us also specially pray for our young families who are raising children, that they may take their gift of faith seriously and with the help of the Lord raise their children to be God fearing people.

Recently we observed Catholic School Week and our School, **Mary Queen of Saints Catholic Academy** students, parents and teachers joined at our weekend Masses and sharing about their Catholic formation and how proud they are of our school. I encourage you to spread the word in your neighborhood urging new families to consider enrolling their children in our school for next year.

I am happy to share about the healthy financial situation of our parish after we reviewed the six-month profit and loss statement at the finance council meeting in February. I thank you for your sacrifices and generosity in supporting our parish and assure you we will manage all our resources with prudence and responsibility.

Let us walk this journey together as a parish family, supporting one another in faith and hope. May this Lenten season draw us closer to Christ, renew our spirits, and lead us to a deeper experience of God's love.

Assuring you my prayers and Blessings,

Fr. Matthew Perumpil, MI  
Pastor