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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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## February 25, 2024

### LENT II

*ST. WALBURGA, V • BL. SEBASTIAN OF APARICIO, C*

#### ¶ TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Don't forget Short Stations at 11:15 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

#### ¶ DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The **Children's Lenten Day of Recollection** is this **Wednesday**, beginning at 9 AM and closing with Stations at 2:45 PM. *Please be sure to call the school if your children will be attending: 513-645-4216.*

#### ¶ FIRST FRIDAY

**8:00 AM** Low Mass  
**10:55 AM** Confessions  
**11:25 AM** Low Mass & Benediction  
**5:00 PM** Exposition  
**5:15 PM** Confessions & Rosary  
**5:45 PM** Low Mass  
**6:45 PM** Lenten Supper  
**7:30 PM** Stations, Sorrowful Mother Novena & Blessing of the Sick  
**8:30 PM** Holy Communion  
*All Night Adoration*

*First Friday Intention: In reparation to the Sacred Heart and to pray for a good Lent.*

#### ¶ FIRST SATURDAY

**7:10 AM** Confessions & Rosary  
**7:30 AM** High Mass  
**8:15 AM** Devotions & Benediction  
**8:40 AM** Low Mass  
*First Saturday Intention: In reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception.*

#### Collection Report

Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> .....\$6,753.00  
Thank you for your generosity.



#### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LENT III

The second collection for our Oblates will be taken up next Sunday. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion Rail. The "Little Church" will be in the vestibule to receive your alms for poor priests. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM, and Short Stations at 11:15. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Lent III, second collect of Our Lady & All the Saints, third for the Living & the Dead. Trinity Preface.

#### ¶ SORROWFUL MOTHER NOVENA

We continue the **Friday** Sorrowful Mother Novena all throughout Lent. Call or email the office with the names of those who are sick.

#### ¶ LENTEN FRIDAY DINNERS

Thank you for your generosity! All the Lenten Fridays have been taken but the last, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you would still like to volunteer, contact the office.

#### ¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, March 19:** St. Joseph's Feast Day with St. Joseph's Table for the poor.  
**Monday, April 8:** The Annunciation

#### THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2024

**First Confessions & Testing:** April 13  
*(Baptismal certificate and registration form must be submitted before the test.)*  
**Day of Recollection:** May 16  
**Confirmations:** May 18  
**First Communion:** June 2

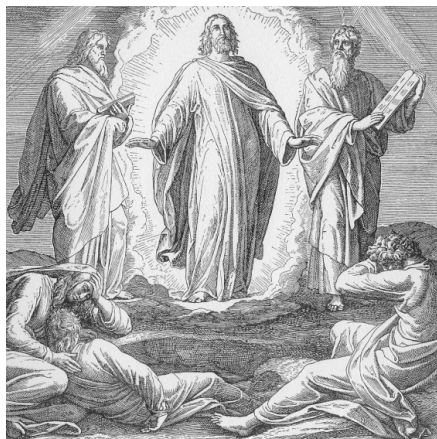
#### Lenten Friday Evening of Recollection—March 1<sup>st</sup>

**5:45 PM** Low Mass  
**6:45 PM** Lenten Supper: *Ravioli veggie bake, salad, bread or rolls, fruit*  
**7:30 PM** Stations, Sorrowful Mother Novena, Blessing of the Sick  
**8:30 PM** (approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion  
*All Night Adoration*



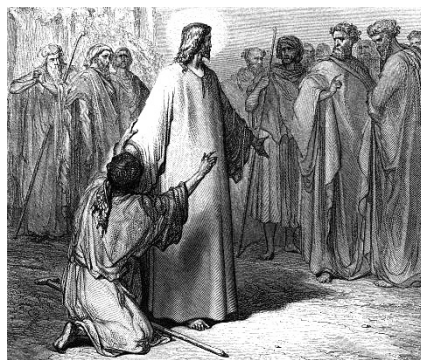
**MOUNT TABOR**

Today we see Christ transfigured again on the Tabor of our altars. His face shines like the sun. His garments are white as snow. Reverently we prostrate ourselves with Peter, James, and John, and adore Him. Christ comes to us in Holy Communion; He touches us and says to us, "Arise, and fear not." We should be strengthened by this assurance of the Master and go forth bravely to meet the trials and tribulations of our daily life. Supported by His strength, we are prepared to meet the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Holy Communion gives us the strength to walk as we were taught to walk, that we may please God and sanctify our souls. The inner purity which Holy Communion produces in us shines our faces and makes known to the world the transfiguration that has taken place in us.



**SERVERS**

**FRI 3/1 5:45 PM LOW:** A. Constantino, M. Simpson  
**SAT 3/2 7:30 AM HIGH:** D. Simpson, P. Caggese  
**8:40 AM LOW:** Kolenichs  
**SUN 3/3 7:30 AM LOW:** M. McConnell, Brueggemann  
**9:00 AM HIGH: MCs:** D. Simpson, A. McClorey **TH:** C. Arlinghaus **ACs:** F. Caggese, I. Smith **TB:** J. Smith, Ma. & M. Caggese, N. & J. Hudson, C. VanderPutten  
**11:30 AM LOW:** Capetillo  
**4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION:** D. Simpson, I. Smith  
**5:45 PM LOW:** C. & J. Plucker



*"Jesus heals the man possessed with a devil,"  
Gustave Doré*

**RETURN WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART**

If indeed the devil is so powerful that he is able to hurl you into the depths of vice, how much more effective is the strength of Christ to restore you to the lofty position from which you have plummeted. *Shall he that has fallen never get up again?* (Jer 8:4). If your flesh has fallen amuck under its load, it is the goad of penance that urges it and the hand of the spirit that manfully draws it free. Because the mighty Samson wickedly revealed his secret to a flattering woman, he lost not only the seven locks of his hair by which his strength was nourished, but was also blinded after his capture by the Philistines. Yet when his hair grew out again he humbly called for help to the Lord his God, destroyed the temple of Dagon, and killed a far greater number of his enemies. Then, if your impure flesh has deceived you, if it has stolen the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost, if it has extinguished not merely the light of your countenance but that of your spirit, do not be depressed and utterly despair. Once again collect your forces, bestir yourself, dare to perform great deeds, and by so acting you will have the strength, through the mercy of God, to triumph over your enemies.

— St. Peter Damian

**Lumen Christi**

*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament during the next fortnight for the following intention:*

**Reparation for insults committed towards the Immaculate Conception of Mary** (James Mackey)

**HAND IN HAND**  
 Hand in hand with angels,  
 Through the world we go;  
 Brighter eyes are on us  
 Than we blind ones know;  
 Tenderer voices cheer us  
 Than we deaf will own;  
 Never, walking heavenward,  
 Can we walk alone.

Hand in hand with angels!  
 Blessed so to be!  
 Helped are all the helpers;  
 Giving light they see.  
 He who aids another  
 Strengthens more than one;  
 Sinking earth he grapples  
 To the great White Throne.

— Lucy Larcomb



**SOFTLY, SOFTLY, LITTLE CHILD**

Softly, softly, little child;  
 Do not wear that angry brow;  
 Do not speak that haughty word;  
 Angel steps are near thee now.

Softly, softly, little child;  
 Drive thy passions far away,  
 And thy angel visitants  
 Close will fold their wings and stay.

Softly, softly, little child;  
 Drop the penitential tear;  
 Angels catch it ere it falls  
 Bear it up to heaven from here.

Softly, softly, little child;  
 Are the songs of angels blent:  
 Joyous are the strains above  
 O'er the child that doth repent.

— Julie Leonard

Hopefully, you have been enjoying and learning a lot about this year's Lenten theme, the Angels. I know I have been enjoying all the research that goes into putting it together. I read somewhere that many Catholics have a tendency to think of devotion to the Guardian Angels as being more fit for children than adults, let alone grown men! Parents are often good about reminding their small children to say their Guardian Angel Prayer, and this is just what they should do! However, parents, keep reminding them even into their teens and throughout their whole adult life. A lot more good could be done if only more people knew of the power of these angels, and their loving, selfless care for us, their little, accident-prone brothers. As the Holy Ghost Himself says so beautifully in the Book of Psalms (and in the liturgy all throughout Lent), "For He hath given His angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways. In their hands they shall bear thee up: lest thou dash thy foot against a stone." Love and cherish the angel to whom God has entrusted you.

The school children have quite the personalities, which makes the duty of visiting their classrooms quite a delight. Charlie McClorey is quite the enthusiastic helper. He sometimes comes down to water my shamrocks and clean my office when Judy can't do it. For some reason, now all the kids want to see Bishop's office! Liam Lotarski and Thomas Stanislawski have been planning a Mass at their home at some point and even gave me a list of things they need for it (their spelling could use a little work!). Liam says he is the bishop, while Thomas is quite satisfied with being a priest. If I may offer my advice, Thomas, stick to being a priest! Sr. Ulrica's class often comes down to the sacristy to "help out," but it often turns into a fun session with the Sisters. Christian Wright is now serving as Torch-bearer and doing a wonderful job. Joseph Plucker has moved up to MC. I am very proud of our students and teachers. We have quite an enthusiastic bunch this year!

**Fr. Lehtoranta** took the Sodality members on a field trip to Maria Stein yesterday. The Arlinghaus girls even rented a school bus to transport everyone. I was edified that Father took a Saturday to go and see the shrine himself before taking the girls, so that he didn't have to rely on a Novus Ordo priest or nun to give a proper tour. I am sure all were spiritually edified and had a good time! Maybe there will be more news on this next week.

There isn't much to report on our rectory project, but it is moving along, slowly but surely. I will keep you posted as news comes in. **Fr. Brueggemann** and a couple of his brothers installed a camera in the back of the church to give us a better angle for the sermons. The Mass is being streamed in the back classroom on the right and does not have much lag time. So, mothers, just a reminder, if you need to nurse or your child gets too fussy, we do have a nice room set up for you.

Did you know that we have Lenten Vespers after the

school Mass during the week? All are welcome. As of now, only the Sisters, three of the older school boys, and the Angels attend. Granted, the singing is horrible, but don't let that keep you away! It is the official prayer of the Church, and is said to be an extension of the Mass. In fact, after the Mass there is not a more powerful prayer on earth than the Divine Office, of which Vespers is only a part. If you are praying for a special intention, come pray Mass and Vespers with us! If you really can't make it, send your Angel in your stead.

May the Holy Angels give you perseverance this Lent!

– Bishop McGuire



### LOVE OF OUR NEIGHBOR

To love our neighbor in a supernatural way it is sufficient to look at him with the eyes of faith and to remember that, though he differs from us in condition and character, he is still born, like us, not only of flesh, of blood, and of the will of man, but of God (John 1:13). Or at least he is called to be born to the life of God, to participate in the divine nature and eternal beatitude. Hence both of us belong to the same family of God. *How, then, can I not love him if I truly love God? But if I do not love him, yet pretend to love God, I certainly am lying* (1 John 4:20). If on the other hand I love him with this love, it is a sign that I love God since the love of God is the same love that is directed to the true supernatural reality of my neighbor. In other words, I love him because he is a son of God and a member of the Mystical Body of Christ, because the Holy Ghost dwells or wishes to dwell in him. I love him because he is destined to become, like me, a living stone of the heavenly Jerusalem, and perhaps a more precious and better-worked stone.... I can love him with a divine love because I love him for the glory that he will eternally give to God....

### CHILDREN'S LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

**Wednesday, February 28, 9:00 AM – 3:25 PM**

*This special Lenten recollection day is intended for all children, ages 6 through 17, and will include Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Benediction, and age-appropriate spiritual talks. Your children should come dressed in church clothes, and should bring their prayer book and rosary. As usual we are offering a free hot lunch for the children.*



**9:00 AM Opening Talk**  
**11:25 AM High Mass, followed by lunch**  
**2:45 PM Stations of the Cross, Benediction**

*Parents! Grandparents! Godparents! Please make every effort to have your children attend this spiritually enriching day.*

**Please call the SGG school office (513-645-4216) by Monday to let us know if your children will attend.**

# ✠ CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>2/26/24</b>	<b>ST. MATTHIAS, AP • ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA</b>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Angela Plowman – 5 <sup>th</sup> anniversary 9/24 <i>(Tom &amp; Karen Simpson)</i>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Poor Souls <i>(K/V)</i>
	<b>12:25 PM</b>	<b>Vespers</b>
<b>TUE</b>	<b>2/27/24</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b>
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Esther Simpson – 56 <sup>th</sup> anniversary 10/24 <i>(Tom &amp; Karen Simpson)</i>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Margaret Kinnett <i>(Joe Druecker)</i>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Happy Birthday Fr. Brueggemann <i>(Love, your Goddaughter)</i>
	<b>12:25 PM</b>	<b>Vespers</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Jean Bischel <i>(Tom &amp; Karen Simpson)</i>
<b>WED</b>	<b>2/28/24</b>	<b>ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL VIRGIN, C</b>
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Gloria Dailey – 6 <sup>th</sup> anniversary 11/23 <i>(Tom &amp; Karen Simpson)</i>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Special intention deceased <i>(Joseph &amp; Elizabeth Prell)</i>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Opening of Children's Day of Recollection</b>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Nick McClorey <i>(Sister Ulrica)</i>
	<b>12:25 PM</b>	<b>Vespers</b>
	<b>2:45 PM</b>	<b>Stations, Benediction, Holy Communion</b>
	<b>5:10 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Friends Living & Deceased <i>(Arlinghaus Family)</i>
<b>THU</b>	<b>2/29/24</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b>
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Special intention deceased – S.B. <i>(Levi &amp; Jacinta)</i>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Special intention – deceased <i>(Tom &amp; Karen Simpson)</i>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Special intention–D.A. <i>(Simpson children)</i>
	<b>12:25 PM</b>	<b>Vespers</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention <i>(Bob &amp; Becky Uhlenbrock)</i>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>3/1/24</b>	<b>FIRST FRIDAY • ST. DAVID, BpC • THE HOLY SHROUD</b>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers <i>(The Fathers)</i>
	<b>10:55 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass, Benediction</b> †Bishop Robert McKenna – 8 <sup>th</sup> anniversary 12/16 <i>(Tom &amp; Karen Simpson)</i>
	<b>12:25 PM</b>	<b>Vespers</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
	<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Confessions, Rosary</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For those who helped with our wedding reception <i>(Mr. &amp; Mrs. Joseph Vines)</i>
		<b>Sacred Heart Novena</b>
	<b>6:45 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Supper</b>
	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Blessed Sacrament Stations, Meditation, Sorrowful Mother Novena, Blessing of the Sick (approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion</b>
	<b>8:30 PM</b>	<b>All Night Adoration</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>3/2/24</b>	<b>FIRST SATURDAY • FERIAL DAY</b>
	<b>7:10 AM</b>	<b>Confessions, Rosary</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> For those who suffer in Purgatory and are forgotten <i>(Paul &amp; Lisa McConnell)</i>
	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Ave Regina, Devotions, Benediction</b>
	<b>8:40 AM</b>	<b>Sermon, Low Mass</b> Friends Living & Deceased <i>(Arlinghaus Family)</i>

## All Night Adoration Guard of Honor

**7:00 PM - 8:00 PM:** David Swinney, Joseph Vines  
**8:00 PM - 9:00 PM:** Kirby Bischel, Quentin Gorton  
**9:00 PM - 10:00 PM:** Collin Smith, Justin Soeder  
**10:00 PM - 11:00 PM:** Nathan McClorey, Tim Giese  
**11:00 PM - 12:00 AM:** James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli  
**12:00 AM - 1:00 AM:** Levi Giese, Alfonso Capetillo  
**1:00 AM - 2:00 AM:** Keith Elflein, Pierce Kiernan  
**2:00 AM - 3:00 AM:** Dan & John Brueggemann  
**3:00 AM - 4:00 AM:** McConnell Brothers  
**4:00 AM-5:00 AM:** Matthew Giese, Nathaniel Arnold  
**5:00 AM - 6:00 AM:** Joseph Simpson, Bill Herman  
**6:00 AM - 7:00 AM:** John Riggs, Robert Rosendale

☞ *If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212.*

☞ *If you have finished your hour but no one has arrived to relieve you, please call Fr. Brueggemann (513-378-2705) or Fr. Simpson (513-378-2870) to substitute.*



## PRAYER TO ALL THE ANGELS FOR A SPECIAL FAVOR

Bless the Lord, all ye His Angels! Thou who art mighty in strength and do His Will, intercede for me at the throne of God. By thine unceasing watchfulness, protect me in every danger of soul and body. Obtain for me the grace of final perseverance, so that after this life, I may be admitted to thy glorious company and sing with thee the praises of God for all eternity.

All ye holy Angels and Archangels, Thrones and Dominations, Principalities and Powers and Virtues of Heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, and especially thou, my dear Guardian Angel, intercede for me and obtain for me the special favor I now ask. *(Name your intention.) Offer the Glory Be three times.*

<b>SUN</b>	<b>3/3/24</b>	<b>LENT III</b>
	<b>7:05 AM</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Doris Ritze (VandeRyt) <i>(John VandeRyt)</i>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Parents & Godparents, Children & Godchildren <i>(Arlinghaus Family)</i>
	<b>10:40 AM</b>	<b>Catechism Classes</b>
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Short Stations</b>
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Albert & †Margaret Kinnett <i>(Maria Miller)</i>
	<b>4:45 PM</b>	<b>Vespers, Benediction</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



## MONDAY IN LENT II

“We do not want to take our leave of you...without exhorting you to awaken, to revive, your sense of the invisible world which is all around us—because we look not to the things which are seen but the things that are unseen (2 Cor. 4:18)—and to have a certain familiarity with the angels, who are forever solicitous for your salvation and your sanctification. If God wishes, you spend a happy eternity with the angels; get to know them now.”

— *Pope Pius XII in an address to American tourists, Oct. 3, 1958*

**Practice:** Be aware of an entire spiritual and real world of angels that surrounds you every day in the midst of your temporal duties. Say a prayer to them from time to time!

## TUESDAY IN LENT II

Our late Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, in an audience granted to a group of children, urged them to practice fervent devotion to their Guardian Angels, invoking them at the beginning and at the end of each day, and often during each day. “In this,” the Holy Father said,

“you can imitate what the Pope really does. At the beginning of each day of his life, and every evening at the end of the day, he invokes his Guardian Angel; and he often repeats [some] invocations during the course of the day, especially when things become a little complicated and difficult, which often happens. And We wish to say, also, as a debt of gratitude to Our Guardian Angel, that We have often felt Ourselves assisted by him in some admirable way. Often We feel and perceive that Our Angel is near Us, ready to help Us, to assist Us. And this each Guardian Angel does equally for each one of you.”

**Practice:** Do not lose an opportunity to teach children about their Guardian Angel. Say a prayer to their angels.



## WEDNESDAY IN LENT II

Pope St. Leo the Great: “Make friendships with the holy Angels,” and we shall find in them most loving companions in our earthly exile, our champions against the malice and rage of the devils, our advocates at the judgment seat of God and our amiable companions in bliss and glory throughout the endless years of eternity.

**Practice:** Contemplate your Guardian Angel beside you in Heaven. Imagine what he will say to you, and what you will say to him.

## THURSDAY IN LENT II

To priests, Pope Pius XI would say: “May the Lord guide your way and His Angels precede you.” To his successor, Pius XII, he gave this most wise advice: “When speaking to someone who is closed in his argument, go to his Guardian Angel and recommend to him your intentions, ask him to deal with the Guardian Angel. Once the angels establish an understanding, the conversation with the visitor will be easier.”

**Practice:** When speaking to someone who is stubborn in his opinion, I will stop short of arguing and will ask his and my angels to enlighten the conversation.

## FRIDAY IN LENT II *THE HOLY SHROUD*

Pope St. Clement I published a famous letter to the Corinthians who were having trouble.

Bishops and priests were in conflict with one another; the laity were in conflict with the clergy... In advising the Corinthians, the Pope first of all told them to be subject to the will of God. Then he urged them to “consider the whole multitude of the angels, how they stand to minister



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

to the divine will.” The logic of Pope Clement was that the angels who remained faithful by their submission to God’s will were rewarded with the Beatific Vision. They are also the ones who are sent to help us cope with the deepest problem in our own lives. This is the problem of subjecting ourselves to those in legitimate authority as an act of loving submission to the will of God.

**Practice:** To offer a decade of the Rosary in honor of St. Michael and the angels to assist the Church in these days of turmoil.



*The angel stirs the waters of Bethesda*



*“Blessed is the womb that bore Thee”*

## SATURDAY IN LENT II

“Remember that you have an angel as a companion, guardian and friend. If you wish to please Jesus and Mary, obey your Guardian Angel’s inspirations. When tempted, invoke your angel. He is more eager to help you than you are to be helped! Take courage and pray, because your Guardian Angel will also pray for you, and your prayers will be answered. Ignore the devil, and do not be afraid of him; he trembles and flees at your guardian’s sight.”

– St. John Bosco

**Practice:** When tempted or tried, not to give in to anxiety and worry, but to go trustfully to my dear angel.

**The Angel:** My dear little Child, I am come to you from Heaven. The good God sent me to guard you. I shall be with you always, I shall watch over you, and I shall show you the right path. Would you like that?

**The Child:** O my dear Angel, I wish to be thy friend. Remain by me to watch over me. Tell me what I am to do to please thee. I will follow thee everywhere, for I know that thou lovest me. Never leave me, dear angel.

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## Lent with the Angels



## Daily Thoughts and Prayers Lent 2024

### DAILY PRAYER

Angel of God and well-beloved brother, I trust myself to your beneficence and implore thee humbly to intercede for me with my Savior so that He may forgive me my sins, strengthen me in well-doing, help me by His grace to correct my faults, and lead me to Paradise, there to taste the fruition of His presence and to possess eternal life. Amen.

– St. Lydwine of Schiedam