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**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 14, 2021**

**Virtual doors to open at 9:30 am.**

**Zoom coffee hour after the service.**

**Zoom Meeting ID 500-865-037**

**Enter via the parish Web link at <http://www.stmarksnewbritain.org>.**

**There is also a telephone number you could call on your phone to join the Zoom service:**

**1-646-558-8656 (phone charges may apply for the telephone call if you do not have unlimited calling). Stephen Hard and Ben Gryk are co-hosts of the Zoom service.**

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## Hymn 152 "Kind Maker of the world, O hear"

A la venue de Noël

(everyone muted except instrumentalist and cantor; everyone else sing where they are)

1 Kind Ma - ker of the world, O hear the fer - vent  
2 Each heart is man - i - fest to thee; thou know - est  
3 Spare us, O Lord, who now con - fess our sins and  
4 Give us the dis - ci - pline that springs from ab - sti -  
5 Grant, O thou bless - ed Trin - i - ty; grant, O un -

1 prayer, with man - ya tear poured forth by all the  
2 our in - fir - mi - ty; now we re - pent, and  
3 all our wick - ed - ness, and, for the glo - ry  
4 nence in out - ward things with in - ward fast - ing,  
5 chang - ing Un - i - ty; that this our fast of

1 pen - i - tent who keep this ho - ly fast of Lent!  
2 seek thy face; grant un - to us thy par - doning grace.  
3 of thy Name, our weak - ened souls to health re - claim.  
4 so that we in heart and soul may dwell with thee.  
5 for - ty days may work our pro - fit and thy praise!

### Opening Acclamation

**Celebrant:** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People:** His mercy endures for ever.

### Collect For Purity

**Celebrant:** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.  
**People: Christ have mercy.**  
Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

**The Collect of the Day** - The Lord be with you.

**R. And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

*Celebrant sets the pace.*

**People and Celebrant**, *remembering to pause at the punctuation:*

**Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

**Numbers 21:4-9**

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of Numbers.

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

Lector: Volunteer

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
**People: and his mercy endures for ever.**  
Leader: Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim \*  
**People: that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**  
Leader: He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
**People: from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**  
Leader: Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
**People: they were afflicted because of their sins.**  
Leader: They abhorred all manner of food \*  
**People: and drew near to death's door.**  
Leader: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
**People: and he delivered them from their distress.**  
Leader: He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
**People: and saved them from the grave.**  
Leader: Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
**People: and the wonders he does for his children.**  
Leader: Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
**People: and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.**

## The Second Lesson Ephesians 2:1-10

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Sequence Hymn 467 "Sing, my soul, his wondrous love"

St. Bees

*(everyone muted except instrumentalist and cantor; everyone else sing where they are)*

1 Sing, my soul, his won-drous love, who, from yon bright throne a - bove,  
2 Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scep - ter swayed;  
3 God, the mer - ci - ful and good, bought us with the Sa - vior's blood,  
4 Sing, my soul, a - dore his Name! Let his glo - ry be thy theme:

ev - er watch - ful o'er our race, still to us ex - tends his grace.  
what are we that he should show so much love to us be - low?  
and, to make sal - va - tion sure, guides us by his Spi - rit pure.  
praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

### The Holy Gospel

John 3:14-21

*The People unmute themselves.*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said,] "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Dr. Shaw Mudge**

**The Creed**

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People VI

Leader: Volunteer

**Leader:** In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

**Leader:** For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**Leader:** For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

**Leader:** For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

**Leader:** For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

**Leader:** For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Ian and Laura our Bishops; and for Shaw our Priest, and for all bishops and other ministers;

**People: For all who serve God in his Church.**

**Leader:** For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*The People may add their own petitions*

**Leader:** Hear us, Lord;

**People: For your mercy is great.**

**Leader:** We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

**Leader:** We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

**Leader:** We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*The People may add their own petitions*

**Leader:** Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People: Who put their trust in you.**

Leader: Let us pray together, the Prayer of Spiritual Communion

*Celebrant sets the pace.*

**People and Celebrant, remembering to pause at the punctuation:**

**In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves to you, and embrace you with all the affections of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live and die in your love. Amen.**

Celebrant: God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Offertory reminder: Please remember to support the work of Christ through St. Marks', either by mailing your

financial contributions to the parish post office box or by sending a check via your bank's bill-paying Web page to the parish post office box (the address is listed towards the end of the bulletin). Thank you. People like yourself help make St. Mark's special.

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

*Celebrant sets the pace.*

**People and Celebrant, remembering to pause at the punctuation:**

*(Traditional)*

*(Contemporary)*

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say  
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us to  
pray:  
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

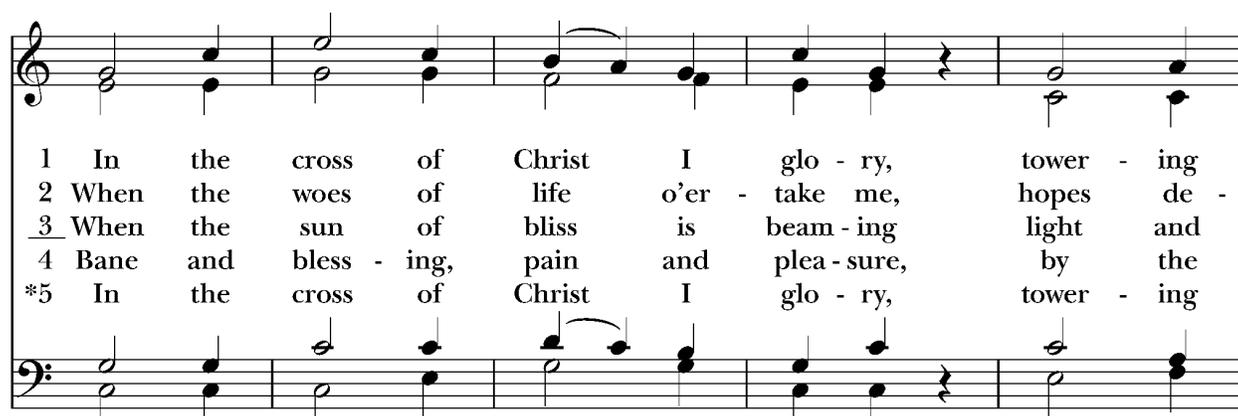
### **The Grace**

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

# Dismissal Hymn 441 "In the cross of Christ I glory"

Rathbun

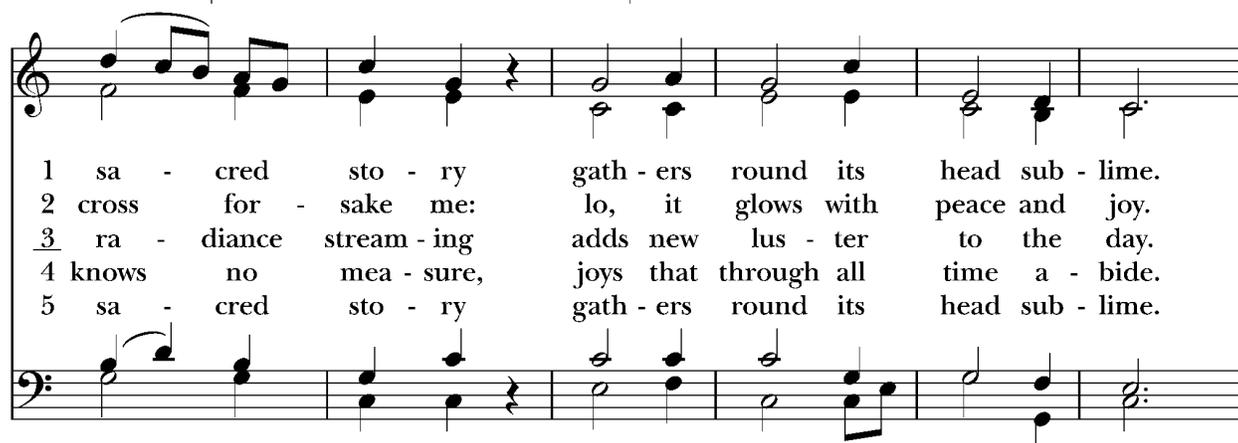
(everyone muted except instrumentalist and cantor; everyone else sing where they are)



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the  
\*5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing



1 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of  
2 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
3 love up - on my way, from the cross the  
4 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that  
5 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of



1 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
2 cross for - sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
3 ra - diance stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.  
4 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.  
5 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

If using Zoom, the People unmute themselves.

When a priest is present, the service ends with the dismissal:

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

When a priest is not present, the service ends with the Grace, led by a worship leader or deacon:

Worship Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Amen.**

**Announcements, as had.**

**A helpful note: If you have caller I.D., please note that Fr. Shaw Mudge may be calling from 518-577-2578 or, he may be calling from 518-632-4058.**



**Go to:**  
**<https://www.episcopalct.org/spring-training/>**  
**for more information or to register**

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 14, 2021**

**Longterm prayers are asked for:** Irene Alibrio, Sophia Anderson, Russell Atkinson, Bill Briggs, Cletus Cone, Patricia Cone, Henry Coutere, Dave, Debbie, Nancy Fields, Gary Hudkins, Margaret Hughes, Rachael Johnston, Katherine, Gail Koerner, Florence Kruvka, Pauline Liese, Lindsay, Louise, Christopher McLaughlin, Fran Montoya, Ron Napper, Gabriella Nauss, Lori Nauss, Nancy Nowlak, Joseph O'Tulak, Olivia Pike, Benjamin Pisseri, P.J., Jack Polinco, Francis and Joann Rusczyk, Debbie Spak, and Zachary.

**Prayers are offered for:**

**Healing:** Joseph Howard, Mary Reichart, Gail Koerner, Patricia Anderson, Kelly Nauss, Bill Briggs, Claire Lucid, Laura Rocco, Danny, Sue Savage, Ann Maltais, Rae Robinson, Edward Dubois, Barbara Campbell, Gail Bates, Mary Gould, Linda, and Gary.

**ECCT Cycle of Prayer:** Grace and St. Peter's, Hamden; Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford; Good Sheperd, Hartford; Bishops, ECCT staff, and parish employees and their families.

**Those who serve our country:** Ryan Beaudoin, Parker Browne, Michael Johnston, and Ed Priesser.

**Parish families:** Sandy Dempsey, Frand and Brenda Dlugoleski, Chuck and Sharon Downie, and the Reverends William and Hope Eakins.

**Those who have died, especially Jane Hilbe, and those who are remembered today:** Bette Stahl, Capt. Paul Stahl, Elsa and Paul Stahl, and Helena and Charles Winchell.

**PRAYER CHAIN: To activate the chain call or email:**

**Barbara Campbell – Phone: 860-673-7607 Email: [campbellba24@gmail.com](mailto:campbellba24@gmail.com)**

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**Please remember to send in your pledges and offerings to the parish. The mail in the St. Mark's post office box is picked up several times a week. Your pledge payments are compiled at least once a month and deposited.**

**Mailing address for financial contributions:**

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church PO Box 1538 New Britain, CT 06050-1538  
or send checks electronically to the Church via your bank.**

**St. Marks keeps going in God's way, God's time, and to God's glory.**

**The worship services, the parish office, and ministry to the community adapt and continue. Your contributions of time, talent, and treasure are appreciated to make it happen.**

**People can gather and talk at Coffee Hour before the service or after the service.**

Please remember to turn your phone volume down slightly on the Skype call.

Please contact Cheryl in the Parish Office if you have any questions.

**The Food Pantry ministry continues on Mondays (9 to 2) and Thursdays (9 to 12).**

**Sleuthing for Slavery and Supremacy with a Saint called Mark**  
**by Barbara A. Campbell, Ph.D.**  
**Chapter 2**

Before St. Mark's Church was officially created, Shepard (whose work was published in 1907) wrote, "John Goodrich 2<sup>nd</sup> was appointed March 30, 1807 to Diocesan Convention. On Dec 8, 1799 he bought a Negro man "Tom", the bill of sale being recorded in the Wethersfield land records. He sold his farm, which was partly in Newington and partly in New Britain to Uzziel Lattimer in 1807 and removed to Ohio."

All kinds of assumptions and questions are raised. "bought a Negro man" certainly sounds like a slave market was in Wethersfield in 1799. Did "Tom" go with Goodrich to Ohio? Was "Tom" part of the sale of the farm to Uzziel Lattimer? Where in New Britain was part of the farm? Is there a last name for "Tom"? Prayers for the soul of "Tom" are welcome.

Again prior to the existence of St. Mark's, The Rev. James Kilbourne (ordained in Cheshire, CT.) "married Lucy Fitch who the first white girl, not a captive, to place her foot on Ohio soil." More questions when we read that Kilbourne was the first Episcopal minister to reside in Ohio and he helped establish the boundary between the great Virginia Northwestern Reservation and the Public Lands of the United States, "which duty he executed under circumstances of much peril, attended by thrilling encounters with hostile Indians."

If white supremacy is the issue, given St. Mark's location and time period, it appears supremacy over Native Americans was also on the agenda. And nationally, too, as when William Henry Harrison ran for President of the United States with John Tyler as Vice-President, one of his campaign songs in the 1840 election was "Tippecanoe and Tyler, too". Harrison had been appointed governor of the Indian Territory with full authority to negotiate and conclude treaties with the Indians. On Nov 7, 1811, he fought the forces of Chief Tecumseh in which 188 Americans (vs. Native Americans?) and an unknown number (interestingly not counted) Indians were killed or wounded. The battle at a river in Indiana accomplished little and drove the Indians into an alliance with the British. (Think War of 1812)

Now that we are into the 1840s, where was the first St. Mark's church building? And the second St. Mark's? We are in the 4<sup>th</sup> St. Mark's building now or would be if it weren't for Covid!

If you cringe at the phrase "white supremacy", read small great things by Jodi Picoult. It's fiction, takes place in the present time in Connecticut, the hospital being in West Haven but the Veterans' Hospital there doesn't have a maternity ward and the trial is in New Haven. It's a good read.

**SAVE THE DATE**

- **Sunday, March 28 - 10:00 a.m. – Palm Sunday Service**
- **Thursday, April 1 – 7:00 p.m. – Maundy Zoom Service**
- **Friday, April 2 – 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Zoom Service**
- **Sunday, April 4 – 10:00 a.m. – Easter Sunday Zoom Service**

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Or audio by phone: 1-646-558-8656, and then meeting number: 500-865-037.

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**St. Mark's: "Open to God's Love - Serving Our Neighbor"**

**Please bring your donations to the St. Mark's Food Pantry any day, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Stephen Hard had offered to bring the items collected to Christ Church Cathedral. Thank you!**



Companions in Christ,

In the Gospel of Matthew 25:35 Jesus says to the disciples:

“ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me in.” *The disciple's response: Lord when did we see you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink.* In verse 40 Jesus replied; Truly I tell you just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

Many university and college students across the U.S. report lacking access to a reliable supply of nutritious food, a concept known as food insecurity, which can affect their ability to learn, according to research presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association.

After a successful collection of food for Capital Community College (CCC) Food Pantry using a Reverse Advent Calendar, Christ Church Cathedral is inviting you to join in a Lenten Discipline of loving and caring for our neighbors.

Let us support our college students. The statistics are concerning. 41% of undergraduates and 48% of community college students suffer from food insecurity. Many of the students are beneficiaries of SNAP Vouchers (formerly called Food Stamps), which does not allow for the purchase of personal hygiene products.

Therefore, we invite your community and its members to weekly collect one personal care hygiene product for each week of Lent to benefit Capital Community College (CCC) Food Pantry. Please note, and share with your community, the Director of CCC Food Pantry has identified the most needed hygiene products:

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Conditioner
- Men's and Women's Razors
- Feminine hygiene products
- Large size Poise and Depends products.

These items can be delivered to our Cathedral from Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m or Sunday April 11 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. Imagine what we as the North Central Region of ECCT can collectively accomplish for the students.

For more information contact Cathedral Deacon Bonnie Matthews at [bmattthews228@comcast.net](mailto:bmattthews228@comcast.net).

Faithfully,

Deacon Bonnie