We believe. We belong. We pray. We fast. We give.

March 8, 2015

We’re In This Together

The period of purification and enlightenment. Sound familiar? Perhaps not by those terms, but hopefully the process is familiar. It also goes by the name Lent. Lent is not just about penance; it is both baptismal and penitential. As the elect (those preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil) journey toward baptism, we journey with them. We also remember our own baptism (give it a try!). We seek to deepen baptismal grace in our life, to make our ‘yes’ ever stronger. While a time of purification and enlightenment in a unique way for the elect, these weeks are designed to be a time of purification and enlightenment for us all. Whether preparing for the sacraments of initiation, or a lifelong Catholic, Lent is given to us as a time of increased introspection, and of drawing closer to the Lord. The scrutinies, which begin this weekend, help us all understand the goal, and support one another in striving toward it.

We scrutinize our life, to face what is weak, sinful, and where we need to ask the Lord for help. We also look within to what is holy and good, that it might be strengthened, and more firmly established as 'me' living in grace. So the goal is two-fold: self-understanding – a clearer picture of who we really are (forgiven sinners, gifted by God), and a more intimate relationship with Christ, who forgives our weakness, helps us overcome sinful tendencies, and strengthens us in goodness, the virtues, and in holiness. I believe our looking at how we have progressed so far in Lent can provide excellent material for that introspection that the scrutinies encourage.

Over these next three weeks of Lent, the Lord invites us to spend time inside three stories. The main characters made the journey. Now they show us the way. The woman at the well was thirsty. When Jesus asked her for a drink, she entered into a conversation that changed her life, and even made her the first missionary – her testimony helped an entire Samaritan village come to accept the Lord. The Lord asks something of us as well. Let’s enter the conversation! The man born blind knew he was blind, but through his conversation with Jesus, he not only experienced physical healing. His eyes were opened spiritually. He recognized Jesus as the Messiah, and came to worship him. Lord, help us all to see! Lazarus was dead in the tomb. But when he heard the voice of Jesus, he rose from the dead, and came out into the light. Jesus is constantly calling us to make the journey through death to life, and to come into the light. He continually calls us out of the darkness of sin, into the light of living in grace. One day he will call us into the perfect light, the light of eternity.

We are all in this together. Let’s pray for one another during these holy days. Peace always to you and your household, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

**MONDAY - MARCH 9**
2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30  
11:00 am Funeral Mass for Bessie Haidt  
5:15 pm Ellen Richards - SJB Staff

**TUESDAY - MARCH 10**  
Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35  
6:45 am Ginny Krieg - Paul & Geri Dolan  
11:00 am Andy Eilertsen - Fred & Karen Giovagnoli  
11:00 am Mass at Heather Heights for the People of the Parish

**WEDNESDAY - MARCH 11**  
Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19  
11:00 am In Honor of St. Ann - Ann Ricci  
5:15 pm Andy Eilertsen - Marilyn Penzimer

**THURSDAY - MARCH 12**  
Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23  
6:45 am Kathleen Barkhuis - Family  
11:00 am George Katucki - Gregory & Carolyn Karl

**FRIDAY - MARCH 13**  
Day of Abstinence  
Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34  
11:00 am John Housel - Joan & Gary Eisenhart  
5:15 pm Gloria Frisina - Barbara Thomas

**SATURDAY - MARCH 14**  
Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14  
9:00 am Mark & Frank Reichenbach - Family  
4:30 pm Martha Lake - Joe & Lucy Nunn

**SUNDAY - MARCH 15**  
4th Sunday of Lent  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/  
Jn 9:1-41  
7:30 am Ashley Vasey - Marie & Andy Murray  
9:00 am Jean Peterson - Elaine Colombo  
11:00 am Dr. Gerard Joyce - Stan & Margaret Smith  
5:00 pm Katherine Bukys - The Mattina Family

**We invite you to have a Sanctuary Lamp lit at the Blessed Sacrament to have your very special intentions remembered for a week. To arrange this, please call or visit the Ministry Center. The Thursday Holy Hour Ministry will offer special prayers for your intention.**

Two lamps will burn  
In memory of Judene Baglieri  
By the Maron & Baglieri Families.

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**Requiem Aeternam**  
Alessandro Bertoni  
Bessie Haidt

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**Saturday & Sunday, March 14 & 15**

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**Sunday Communion Service - March 15**

The Highlands: Jim Haefner    Heather Heights: Darlene Huver
Living Up to His Name
It started in infancy: Moses was drawn from the water by Pharaoh’s daughter – Exodus 2:10 tells us ‘drawn from water’ is the origin of his name. He met his wife at a well, drawing water for her flock. The first plague involved the waters of the Nile; he split the Red Sea to lead the people to freedom, he sweetened the bitter waters at Marah, and in our first reading today, he draws water from the rock. Think about the connections – his journey began when he was drawn from the Nile, our faith journey begins at the baptismal font. Our baptism is our crossing the Red Sea, freed from slavery to sin, and on our heading to the promised land. While our journey may include time in the desert, God will provide water to sustain us.

Who Could Ask for More!
When it comes to appreciating the gifts of our faith, few have had a deeper appreciation than St. Paul. Spend time with today’s passage from Romans.

We have been justified … we have peace with God … we stand in grace … we boast in hope of glory … hope does not disappoint … the love of God has been poured into our hearts … the Holy Spirit has been given to us. Let Paul also invite you to contemplate the paschal mystery: Christ dying for sinners, that we might have life.

Stay in the Conversation
Just as the Samaritan woman met Jesus at the well, so our first encounter with the Jesus is at the font. Just as she couldn’t understand how he could ask her for a drink, we may wonder, why would he ask something of me? It hardly makes sense! But stay in the conversation. The Samaritan woman not only eventually led the people of Sychar to Christ, she shows us the way as well. Ask Jesus questions. Let him respond. And by all means, ask for living water!

Preparing for Next Weekend:
4th Sunday in Lent

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
The Spirit of the Lord rushed upon him

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
Live as children of the light

Gospel: John 9:1-14
I once was blind but now I see

Eye Opening Wonder
Our Lenten Gospel journey next week will take us to a powerful miracle, as Jesus heals the man born blind. It was an unheard of miracle, and merits a prominent place in the Gospels on that count alone. Yet John’s intent is much farther reaching than recounting a tremendous miracle. He wants us to observe whose blindness is curable, and which blindness is most resistant to healing. The church places this reading at this point in Lent so that, with our catechumens, we can watch how the blind man’s faith grows ever deeper. Healing blindness is a powerful symbol, and way of describing what our relationship with Jesus can do for every one of us. Truly, amazing grace! Spend some time with the Gospel before coming to Mass next week, and watch how much more you will see in this foundational Good News!

Chime Right In!
While we all may read or hear the same scripture readings on a given Sunday, that doesn’t mean we all see or hear the same thing. If so moved by the Spirit, feel free to look ahead for a week or two, and send me an e-mail about questions the readings surface for you, or inspirations that come. It could help shape the direction of that Sunday’s homily! Fr. Bob

A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE ***
(A condensed version of the Bible Timeline Study)

March 8, 15, 22
2:00 pm, Parish Meeting Hall
Materials $20.00

This simple, accessible program takes a chronological walk through the Bible story in a way that reveals God’s plan for His Creation; what went wrong at the beginning; and how God worked through history to reconcile his lost children to Himself while building His kingdom. In just four Sunday afternoons you’ll come away with a framework with which to read and understand the Bible. Email mcalarney1@gmail.com for information and to register.

***Many of our Bible study programs such as A Quick Journey Through the Bible, are ordered from Ascension Press which is now offering online access to studies that parishes have purchased. The parish pays a monthly membership fee. Bible Study participants don’t pay a membership fee, but must order their materials through Ascension Press which is done when they register for a Bible Study course offered at St. Louis. They get to view the videos all during the duration of the course plus two weeks after it ends. This is a great way for parishioners, including those who go south for the winter, and those who cannot attend the courses we offer in person (like young parents) to participate in the Bible study.
Thank you for your weekly support of our parish! A special shout-out to our parishioners who are out of town, or can't get out in the bad weather, but who choose to mail in their contribution weekly when they aren't present to put their envelope in the basket. A big thank you too to those who have made the commitment to electronic giving. Thanks to such faithful stewardship, we can afford to handle the incredible volume of snow that has accumulated this winter, keep all of our buildings heated, offer a variety of programs through Lent, and year round, have a top notch staff, provide resources to the many different ministries here, as well as fund the many hidden costs that come with a parish of this size and complexity. Have you ever thought of a gift that goes beyond the ordinary budget? We have an Upper Room fund, for the long-term upkeep of our facilities, the Bagale Fund designated for Social Ministry initiatives, a School Fund ... call the office if you would like to know more. Please also consider a place in your Will for St. Louis Church.

That's My Background!
Do you have experience or expertise in the area of Development? Our Finance Council would like to bring together a Parish Wide Development Task Force, to review our fund raising efforts across all our missions. How can we best coordinate efforts, and make good use of current practices in the area of development? Do you have expertise or a passion in this area, or know a fellow parishioner who does, whom you could recommend? Might this be a way to get more involved, to share your gifts and experience? Please e-mail Fr. Bob at: Ring@DOR.org, or call the office, 586-5675.

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St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard, 890 Portland Avenue, serves an area of highly concentrated poverty in the 14621 Northeast quadrant of Rochester. St. Andrew’s mission is to provide the best nutrition they can offer. They also provide diapers, some baby needs, and include toiletries with each household order. Clients are offered recipe and food handling advice and access to free clothing, coupons, used books and magazines, and phone usage. Furniture assistance through the adjoining St. Vincent dePaul Society is also available. Most importantly, they try to build relationships with those who come in need.

The main referral source for clients is word of mouth from those who have talked about the high level of service and quality of food received. Their caring volunteer staff treats everyone with dignity and compassion. An interview process is arranged for a new client after a 1st come 1st served sign in process. Clients need to provide proof of address and residency in the service area for anyone over 18, provide two forms of ID including a picture ID, and have various types of records to prove household make up, income and expenses, and the reason they ran out of food. Referrals can be made to other agencies and groups to better assist the client. Referrals also come from other agencies, advocacy groups, churches and schools.

Donors and Volunteers learn about the Cupboard through Churches, businesses, Bulletins, and word of mouth. Groups can take tours of the Cupboard when food collections are delivered.

New volunteers are always welcome. Volunteers help to pre-pack orders for 3 days of food using an inventory style list. Volunteers do pick-ups at Foodlink and unload the cases when they return. Volunteers help with food preparation such as assembling toiletry packets, placing produce in plastic, and stocking shelves. Volunteers also help with office work such as answering the phone, filing, “working the desk” and interviewing clients after completing a training program. Volunteer commitments are flexible based on personal availability.

To learn more about St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard or to set up a donation collection program, please contact Margaret Oberst at 338-1760 (Cupboard), 254-3093 (home) or email moberst@dor.org. Volunteers come in on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday from 9:00 – 11:30 am.

### Christian Love: Feeding the Hungry - Food and Other Items Needed for St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard, Next Weekend! March 14 & 15

- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam)
- Canned pastas (Spaghetti-O’s, etc)
- Prepared meals (mac & cheese, etc)
- Peanut Butter, Jam & Jelly
- Gravies (canned or boxed mixes)
- Canned fruits (peaches, pears, etc.)
- Canned vegetables (corn, peas, tomatoes)
- Canned Beans (pinto, kidney, etc.)
- Salad dressings, Salt & Pepper, Sugar, Flour
- Toiletries: shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorants
- Paper Goods: toilet paper, napkins, tissues, towels

Recycle bags are always welcome & appreciated!
ALL ABOUT FAITH

CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF PRO-LIFE FEMINISM
March 11, 2015 at 6:00 PM
The Little Theater, Rochester, NY

Celebrate pro-life advocacy at the Little Theatre with Feminists for Nonviolent Choices. The theater event, featuring Hollywood actress Margaret Colin, will screen highlights of the film Swing Vote followed by a Q&A and a panel discussion. Swing Vote features an alternative reality where the Supreme Court of the United States has overturned the Roe v. Wade decision. Reserve your tickets now, as seating is limited; suggested donation $10. March 11, 2015 at 6PM., Little Theatre, 240 East Ave #100, Rochester, NY 14604. Info line 585.319.4565.

Hungering for a Season of Hope

The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation, Niger, where we’re reminded that life’s joys and challenges are often seasonal. This week we pray for people who struggle to feed their families during the hungry season — when food is in short supply — and we commit to acting for the common good. Life in Niger is ruled by the seasons. There’s the dry season, the hot season, the rainy season — and the hungry season. The hungry season comes every year, when food supplies run out and prices rise. Poor families face the difficult choice between feeding their children and meeting other basic needs. Habibou Alassane, his wife and nine children are farmers in Tourbey, a remote village in Niger. Usually during the hungry season, Habibou had to leave his family and travel — sometimes very far away — in order to find work. If he didn’t work, his family went hungry. But this year, for the first time in 15 years, Habibou does not have to leave Tourbey. A Catholic Relief Services project called Bonbatu hired Habibou and other farmers to dig reservoirs. The work provides farmers with income, and the reservoir will provide water for crops and livestock and prepare the fields for planting. Bonbatu means “I become stronger.” Habibou’s family is stronger. His children are well fed. And his fields are ready for the planting season.

Don’t forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app at www.crs.org/ricebowl-app! Remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives. Faith. Action. Results.

HOLY WEEK ASSISTANCE NEEDED
MARCH 29 - APRIL 5, 2015

If you will be celebrating Holy Week here at St. Louis this year, we will appreciate your sharing in the liturgical ministries. Please review the following needs and call us at 586-5675, or drop this form into the collection basket, or you can drop it off at the Ministry Center.

PALM SUNDAY, March 29: Help with distributing palms at Mass (need individuals or families at each Mass)

Mass times (circle one):

- 4:30 pm
- 7:30 am
- 9:00 am
- 11:00 am
- 5:00 pm

HOLY THURSDAY, April 2:

- 9:00 am Morning Prayer: Reader
- 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper,
  (practice to be scheduled)
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Lectors

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3:

- 9:00 am Morning Prayer: Reader
- 2:15 pm Help in Parking Lot: 45 minutes
- 3:00 pm Good Friday Service
- 7:30 pm Tenebrae Service: Reader of Scripture (need 4)

HOLY SATURDAY, April 4:

- 9:00 am Morning Prayer: Reader
- 8:00 pm Easter Mass and Vigil
  Assist with the lighting ceremony
  Serve as Usher
  Readers of the Scriptures
  Eucharistic Minister (7)
  Altar Server (3)

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5:

(Mass at 7:00 am  9:00 am  11:00 am  1:00 pm )

- 8:15 to 9:00 am: Help in Parking Lot
- 10:15 to 11:00 am: Help in Parking Lot
- 1:00 pm Mass
  Lector (2)
  Eucharistic Minister (8)
  Usher (6)
  Altar Server (2)

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### We Listen More Closely

**Bible Studies**

- **Understanding Sunday Scriptures**
  - On-going
  - Manse Tuesdays 7:30 am no cost

- **A Quick Journey Through the Bible**
  - March 1 – March 22
  - Parish Meeting Hall 2:00 pm $20.00

- **Little Rock Scripture Study: The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus**
  - March 10 – April 28 1:15-2:30 pm
  - OR
  - March 12 – April 30 6:45-8:00 pm
  - Parish Meeting Hall $13.00

- **Understanding the Eucharist w/ Father Bob**
  - March 10 7:00 pm
  - Church no cost

**Bible Studies**

- **Understanding Sunday Scriptures:**
  - An in-depth introduction to the upcoming Sunday readings.
  - Facilitated by Father Bob.

- **Little Rock Scripture Study: The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus:**
  - A study of the passion and resurrection narratives from all four Gospels. These accounts are not just memories from the past; they are a living reality for the present. A faith-sharing study of the core of our Christian belief.

**Other Opportunities**

- **Understanding the Eucharist with Father Bob:**
  - We can never learn enough about the Eucharist and how it shapes our lives everyday. Take sometime this Lent to hear about this precious gift of Christ’s body and blood given for our salvation.

  - Watch the bulletin for more information about the other listed adult faith formation opportunities!
LENTEN FRIDAY FISH FRY  March 13, 20, 27 and April 3  
4:30 pm to 7:30 pm  TAKE OUT DINNERS ONLY,  
$11.00 - Cash Only - Fresh Breaded Haddock Fillet, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Roll & Butter.  
St. John of Rochester Church on the corner of Route 31 and Wickford Way. 
Enter through the school’s double doors. Next to gym. Follow the signs.  
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INTERGENERATIONAL LENTEN GATHERING

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Join together as a parish family as we walk together on Christ’s journey to Calvary. Quiet moments of music, liturgical prayer, thoughtful meditations and silent reflection. Family friendly! All ages are welcome! Come after the 9am or before the 11am Mass!

Reddington Hall Gym, This Sunday, March 8, 10am – 11:00am. With light breakfast. Please consider offering a small donation to offset the cost of breakfast, and/or bring a canned good for a local food cupboard.

Please join the 5th Grade students as they present the Stations of the Cross.

All are welcome.  
March 10 at 1:50pm, Church  
March 13 at 7:00pm, Church

DEVELOPING CHARACTER. SPARKING DISCOVERY.

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March 10 at 1:50pm, Church  
March 13 at 7:00pm, Church
“YOU” Made a Difference!!!
Refugees are Still Seeking a Safe Haven

Even in these snowy, cold, below zero temperatures, refugees arrived in Rochester. During January and February, Saint’s Place assisted over 120 newly arrived refugees. All arrived feeling the cold and in immediate need of warm clothing. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide them with the necessary winter clothing and boots! They are truly grateful, and have expressed their “Thank You” in their best English while bowing their heads.

Volunteers Needed!

There is still an ongoing need for new volunteers. Consider making a Lenten commitment to volunteer once a week at Saint’s Place. If you are unable to volunteer, consider doing a small project for us. You could:

- Organize a collection of needed items, cleaning products, toiletries, warm blankets, or diapers.
- Clean your linen closet…and everything you have not used in over a year or two, launder and fold nicely. Then, please bring these items to us. You will ensure that a newly arrived refugee will have the dignity of clean linens on their new bed, safe from harm. A wonderful new beginning!
- If you sew and can help repair donated clothing, call us and we can fill a bag of items that need some TLC.
- How about taking a box of donated shoes home to launder? Make them look like new using some soap and elbow grease. Giving a refugee a pair of shoes that looks almost new to replace their worn flip flops is truly answering the call to serve others.
- Bake something special for the volunteers and refugees that come to the Clothing Closet Mondays - Thursdays.
- If you have an idea for a Lenten project, please call us and we can discuss it.
- Prayers, we always need prayers for our refugees. They struggle adjusting to a new culture and are often overcome with loneliness from leaving family members behind.

For more information or to discuss how you can help Saint’s Place, please call 385-6860.

Pastoral Care Needs Your Time and Talent! Would you like to become more active in our parish here at St. Louis? Do you have the gifts of compassion, patience, kindness, and ability to share your faith with those who are in nursing facilities? If this sounds like you, we could use your time and talents. St. Louis’ Pastoral Care provides communion services on Sunday mornings to those living at Heather Heights and The Highlands. We are looking for individuals or couples who would be willing to preside at those services. As a presider you would be responsible for sharing the Sunday readings and prayers, sharing a very brief reflection on those readings and distributing communion to those in attendance. You will be provided with training and support as well as the opportunity to shadow those already serving in this ministry. Currently we would need your help one Sunday about every 6 weeks. This is a wonderful opportunity for individuals as well as couples. (This could be husbands and wives, parents and teens, grandparents and teen grandchildren as well as friends working together.) If you are interested in finding out more about this much needed and very appreciated ministry, please contact Cris Wensel: cwensel@dor.org or 586-5675, ext. 224.
Dear Teens,

Matthew Kelly, one of my favorite authors offers this thought...

We all want to be happy.
The question is, how long do you want to be happy for?
If you just want to be happy for an hour, take a nap.
If you want to be happy for two hours, have a great meal.
If you want to be happy for a whole day, go shopping.
If you want to be happy for a week, go fishing.
If you want to be happy for a month, take a long vacation — go down to Australia.
If you want to be happy for a year, inherit a fortune.
But the truth is, you want to be happy forever."

As Christians, we know that true and lasting happiness can only be found in one place...a relationship with Christ. Lent is the perfect time to evaluate and focus on improving this relationships. Join us at Youth Group and we will discuss specific ideas on how to do this!

Have a great week and see you on Sunday!

Molly and Mr. McBride

MARCH EVENTS

Sunday, March 8, Regular meeting 6:00 - 7:30 pm.
Sunday, March 15, Regular meeting 6:00 - 7:30 pm.
Friday, Saturday, March 20-21, Parish Teen Retreat
Sunday, March 29, Regular meeting 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 26-28, Franciscan University Youth Conference, Steubenville, Ohio
November 19-21, National Catholic Youth Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana

On Monday March 16, the St Louis Council Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting in the Parish Meeting Hall. We begin with the Rosary at 6:45 PM followed by a business meeting at 7:00 PM. All 1st Degree or higher Knights are encourage to attend.

We will be setting up the Membership drive for Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3. We will also discuss the Men's Conference being held at St. John Fisher College on May 16. We will soon be helping out at Saint’s Place wherever we are needed. The St. Louis Council will be having a Fund Raiser at Denny's on Route 31 for a local Charity, so when you see the notice, please patronize Denny's Restaurant since part of the proceeds will also go to help the Council.

Remember, Lent is a time of asking God for forgiveness by being a part of our Church's Lenten services to show God our Love for Him and His Son Jesus Christ who died for us on the Cross.

We meet the 3rd Monday of every month, We look forward to having you become a Knight of Columbus. Please contact the Grand Knight Rick Whelehan, wheels282@rochester.rr.com or 585-797-4638 or any Member of the Council to obtain an application.

St. Louis Council is now on Facebook. Search for “Knights of Columbus St Louis Council 15833 Pittsford, N.Y.” and “Like Us” in Facebook!

IT’S TIME FOR A LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY:
THE PASSION AND RESURRECTION NARRATIVES OF JESUS

We will be studying the heart of the Gospels—the passion and resurrection of Jesus. Paul states the central message of the Church’s earliest proclamation: “I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day; that he appeared to Kephas, then to the Twelve.” This study will help us understand each scene of the narratives from all four Gospels and give reasons for the differences in the four accounts. These Gospel accounts are not just memories from the past; they are a living reality for the present. Join us to learn more about these accounts, which bring the fullness of our Christianity to life. To register, contact the Ministry Center at 586-5675.

Tuesdays in the Parish Meeting Hall March 10th through April 28th from 1:15 to 2:30pm
Tuesdays in the Parish Meeting Hall March 12th through April 30th from 6:45 to 8:00pm
Cost of materials: $13.00
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