

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 12, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

LEAVING OUR COMFORT ZONE

The Lord said to Abram: "Go forth from the land of your kinfolk....to a land I will bless." As we hear these words today, we, like Abram, are being called out of our comfort zone at Lent to the abode of mercy and grace. We are challenged to rid ourselves of sin and sinful habits in order to see the glory of God.

Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, Jesus desires to take us with him to the top of the high mountain. He wants us to have the first glimpse of the glory that shall be ourselves in the age to come. And so, like Peter, James and John, we have to put outside our own interest and things we love to do and heed the command of Jesus, our Lord: "Follow me."

Yes indeed, if we put away our evil desires, earthly pleasures and ungodly attitude and follow Jesus, we shall receive grace and drink abundantly from God's mercy. We shall have a fruitful lent and blessed Easter. Then seeing the glory of the Lord at Easter, we shall say with St. Peter, "Lord, it is good that we are here. Let us build three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." Truly, we shall share the Lord's glory at the final age, but until that day we have to obey the voice of the Father: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased, listen to him." For the blessings we shall receive, let us carry out our Lenten activities faithfully to be Godly people. (Gen 12:1-4 /Mt 17:1-9)

Peace, Fr Henry

Bishop John R. Gaydos invites you to attend our annual Chrism Mass. at the Cathedral Church of

**St. Joseph, 2301 W. Main St., Jefferson City
Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

This Liturgy unites the Diocese in recalling the gifts of the Holy Priesthood and the Most Holy Eucharist. The Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed and the Sacred Chrism is consecrated at this time. These Holy Oils impact the lives of those who are preparing to enter into the Church, those who are ill, and all preparing for Confirmation and Holy Orders.

THIS WEEK

FRI. K OF C FISH FRY 4:30-6:30
MAR. 12 K OF C PANCAKE BREAKFAST
MAR. 12 GIA CHORALE 2:00 LAKE OZARK
MARCH 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 19 DAVE RAMSEY SESSIONS START
APRIL 2, RECONCILIATION SERVICE
APRIL 26 SALAD LUNCHEON
JUNE 23, 24, 25-RUMMAGE SALE
JULY 17-21 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, ST. PAT'S

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



ST. PATRICK'S DAY FRI. MARCH 17

We will meet to blow up balloons after 9:00 Mass. Parade participants line up at 12:00 in parking lot. Step-off time is 1:00, we will proceed down Hwy 5 through town to Laurie Care Center where we will sing Irish songs and present balloons to the residents. All are welcome to participate. Questions can be directed to the office or 374-7855 or to Bernie 480-5048.

LIBRARY NEWS

Lent Is Upon Us...

Lent is a time for spiritual growth, prayer, and reflection. It is a great time to read a good spiritual book that can nourish your faith. Our Parish Library has many books available to help you focus on the 40 days of Lent. There will be books available on tables in the back of Church. Just fill out the "book card" and place in the basket. Or...go into our newly remodeled library. There are many more books to choose from. **"May you be open to all the treasures God has for you in these readings."**

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKEND COLLECTION \$8,442

March 5th

*includes electronic funds

Attendance 527

Electronic fund transfer available for the 1st, 15th etc., for weekly contribution, building and maintenance, Charitable Outreach, Christmas and Easter.

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS MAR. 13-19

MON. 9:00 JANE HIGGINS ±
TUES 9:00 KAREN MORASCH SPC.
WED. 9:00 KAY EDWARDS SPC
THURS. 9:00 JEANNIE JOYCE±
FRI. 9:00 TERRY TEEL±
SAT. 5:00 PARISHIONERS
SUN. 7:30 DAVID & MITZI CHASE SPC.
9:00 RICHARD RENTH±

ST. PHILIP BENIZI MASSES

FRIDAY 10:30 A.M. SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

PARISHIONERS - Julia Curiale, Mike Kuse, Jim Eades, Bill Shortino, Ceil Bish, Rosemary Stoltz, Adam Steffen, Bud Raeker, Tom McCann, Tom Costello, Lucy Macek, Carolyn Gentry, Mary Bogle, Jerry Petersen, Mitzi Chase, Al Vasey, Ralph Baracz, Joy Groves, Bill Groves, Kay Edwards.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Natalie Staffieri, Louise Starzynski, Mackenzie Trost, Richard Dascher, Bill O'Bryan, Gay Brumagin, Cheryl Kerfeld, Oleta Jones, Jennifer McKinney, Carrie Sheeley, Rilie Johnson, Luke Brooks, Ron Larrington, Brianna and Brody Decker, Darren Bozich, Arianna Cooper, Tony Marie Rinella, Ann Reilly, Abby Kunneman, Dorothy Bos, Michael Switalwski, Hal Trokey, Jr., Kathy Egan, Sue Dunn, Addison Nichols, Irma Webster, Sandra Poates, Haley Browning, Collette Moscato, Laura Keal, Anne Erola, Amy Schmitz, Elizabeth Gilreath, Ryllie Foust, Chris Kuse, Christopher Bonick, Alma Thompson, Jacob and Crystal Miller, Ann Reilly, Janet Lloyd, Bill Sonner, Billie Johnson, Steve Callahan, Kolton Melcher, Jackie Sinovic, Glen Noyes, Wyatt Newman, Barbara Ott, Mary Groves, Kim Hamilton, Connie Hope, Leroy Berden, Lindsey Baracz, Henry Baracz, Marcella Hope, Rob Clarke, Bill Colby, Fr. Edwin Schmidt, Ginnie McMeal, Anne Conolle, Ruth Ellis, Mike Waeckerle, Gary Walters, Brady Noyes, Curt Mather, Wanda Wilde, Eddie Taylor, Baby

SCRIPTURE READINGS MAR. 13-19

Mon. Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tue. Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wed. Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thu. Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Fri. *Saint Patrick*
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat. *Saint Cyril of Jerusalem*
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun. *THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT*
Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Lenten Spiritual activities:

Daily reading of Lenten Booklets

Pivotal Players Series Starts
Tues., Mar. 7, 10:00 Susie's House

Mass & Stations of the Cross
Wed. in Church 9:00

Mass & Six Hour Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri., 10-4:00 in the Chapel.

APR. 2 PENANCE SERVICE 2:00



Palm Sunday Apr. 9

Masses Sat. 5:00, Sun 7:30, 9:00

Triduum

Holy Thursday Apr. 13

Mass 7:00

Good Friday Apr. 14

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00
"We were there." Dramatization 4:00

Easter Vigil Saturday Apr. 15

Mass 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday Apr. 16

Masses 7:30 and 9:00

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAITH BUILDER

The themes of this week's readings are God giving blessings to Abram, God granting mercy to those who trust in him, and God pronouncing Jesus as his son, transfiguring his face and turning his clothes a dazzling white. What do these readings show you about the awesome power of God?

Have you ever been in awe of the mighty power of God? After the vision has passed, Jesus told his three disciples "Rise and do not be afraid" when they were overcome by the tremendous power of God. When has Jesus helped you overcome your fear and given you courage to stand up again?

This second week of Lent, add to your daily prayer another dimension: Tell God what you fear and ask him for courage and mercy and blessing.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On Good Friday we will once again dramatize the Stations of the Cross by presenting We Were There. We need four women and eleven men to volunteer to present parts. Costumes are provided and no memorization is necessary. We will practice after 9:00 Mass on Palm Sunday, April 9th, and present at 4:00 on Good Friday, April 14th. If you cannot volunteer, plan to attend. If you are able and willing to volunteer, please call or email Amy Luebbering, 573-280-6489, aluebbering@gmail.com.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Patrick (389-461) - March 17



Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland, tells his story in his *Confession*. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen was captured by pirates and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep.

After six years he escaped, returned to Britain, and eventually became a priest. Patrick was sent to evangelize the Irish pagans. He was constantly at risk, but able to convert many people and build churches across the country. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity. Patrick was a man of action with little inclination toward learning, but a rocklike belief in his vocation. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died on March 17. Like him, may we see in our adversity an opportunity for witnessing to Christ.

RESPECT FOR LIFE PERSPECTIVE

We have an evil among us known as Planned Parenthood that must be stopped. They receive over a half a \$Billion in yearly government grants but here are the facts: They murder over 320,000 unborn babies each year. They provide less than 2% of manual breast exams, less than 1% of pap tests, zero mammograms, and no Prenatal care while claiming they are helping women. Remember the quote from Pastor Martin Niemoller

"First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out because I was not a Socialist.

Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out because I was not a Trade Unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak for me."

My friends you can be a Voice for the Voiceless" by speaking out on this issue for those who cannot speak for themselves...

Remember, it's not WHO you are, but rather WHOSE you are..

CATHOLICISM SERIES

THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS

St. Patrick's will be hosting an adult faith formation series based on **Bishop Robert Barron's** exciting new program.

CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players. Take the journey and discover the remarkable figures who shaped the Church and changed the world.

Six consecutive weeks beginning Tues, Mar. 7— Tues., Apr. 11 10:00 a.m. at Susie's House.

Visit the countryside where St. Francis of Assisi gathered a group of friars and revived the Church. See the places where Catherine of Sienna ministered and prayed. Discover the places where St. Thomas Aquinas lived, learned and wrote. Here is the lineup: March 7, 14 - St. Francis of Assisi, the Reformer, Part 1 and Part 2, March 21, 28 - St. Catherine of Sienna, the Mystic, Part 1 and Part 2. April 4, 11 - St. Thomas Aquinas, the Theologian, Part 1 and Part 2. No sign ups needed. Attend as many sessions as you wish. Each session runs about 90 minutes.

For more information, contact Amy Luebbering 280-6489.

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights of Columbus Council 10831

ALL U CAN EAT FISH FRY EVERY FRI. DURING LENT 4:30—6:30

Menu includes baked or fried fish, Southern Carolina hush puppies, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, fries, beans, beverage and dessert. Tickets are \$8.00 for every-one 8 years old and above. Children under 8 are free. Proceeds will go to benefit local charitable activities.

There will be **NO** fish fry on Friday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day) and Friday, April 14 (Good Friday).

MAR. 12 PANCAKE BREAKFAST
MAR. 19 KNIGHTS SUN., WEAR BADGES

SCHOLARSHIP

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS ARE IN THE BACK OF
CHURCH. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE
RECEIVED BY APRIL 1.

TWO STUDENTS WILL WIN \$250 EACH
SEMESTER FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

CELL PHONE, IPADS, LAP TOP

If you have cell phones, I pads, lap tops that you would like to donate, please bring in. I will be traveling to Ghana in April and taking them with me. I appreciate your assistance!!

God Bless, Father Henry

ST. PAT'S COOKBOOK 2017

Calling all Good Cooks!!

Please share your favorite recipes in order to create a great cookbook. Don't forget to include your salad luncheon recipes. Recipes including name, phone and city may be placed in the envelope on the bulletin board at the entry of church, the box in St. Leo's Hall, or email to Donna Griffith at dgparish-nurse@gmail.com.

If you have questions, call me (573) 789-6413. (Your phone number will not be included in the cookbook.)



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



Last Sunday, the First Sunday of Lent, was our first Family Reconciliation Service. The chapel was packed with about 35 participants. We had three second graders: **Cayden Long**, **Logan Parker**, and **Sophia Pasowicz** that made their First Reconciliation. With an Examination of Conscience geared toward children and family life, it was easier for the youth of our parish to understand. We had two children, **Connor Souders** and **Teresa Morgan** that boldly took turns reading the Examination of Conscience questions. **Hannah Tichy** very skillfully read Ephesians 4:23-32 which outlines what a good person should not do. Father Schmitz then read the Gospel of Matthew 5:1-12 with the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes. The homily was easy for the children to understand the theme about what one should not do and what one should strive to do at all times. Father reinforced the "Be Attitudes" displayed on my office door for all of us to remember: Be Honest, Be Faithful, Be Patient, Be Forgiving, Be Humble, and Be Giving of Oneself.

Following our Reconciliation Service, we had a celebration that included pizza, soda, brownies and cinnamon bread for all that attended. Though all too often, many of us look at the sacrament of Reconciliation with dread, it truly is a sacrament that should be celebrated. There is that feeling of exhilaration, relief, and renewal once you are actually forgiven for your sins. There is such a release of emotional cleansing that brings about joy! The hope is that our families will look on this experience as a positive one rather than fulfilling an obligation. So, if you are looking for a good reason to take off your sack cloth and ashes for a bit this Lent, go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and spend a little time afterward basking in Christ's grace, glory, and mercy!

Questions/Comments... you can reach me at my NEW office phone number – Michele Haggerty
(573) 372-8594.

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 18 & 19

SATURDAY, March 18 5:00**Lector:** Jerry Dechant**Greeters:**

Ellen Lovell, Mary Jane Gorbet

Communion Ministers:

Clay Becker, Michele Haggerty, Al & Marilyn Vasey

Directors of Worship:

Jim Troia & Jim Klein

SUNDAY, March 19 7:30**Lector:** Edward Swanson**Greeters:**

Jeanie Hatfield, Jim & Belva Gerke

Communion Ministers:

Melinda LaHay, Jeff LaHay, Jim & Belva Gerke

Directors of Worship:**SUNDAY, March 19 9:00****Lectors:** Bill Pauly, Troy Wormsley**Greeters:**

Mary & Dan Noyes, Marge Van Evercooren

Communion Ministers:

Mary Noyes, Mari Pat Brooks, Cindy & Marcus Long

Servers: Jeremiah Trokey, Cooper Deters**Directors of Worship:**

Paul Van Evercooren & Jerry Unrein

Pew Angel: Priscilla Miller

Each of the ministries you are involved with is important to the vitality, prayerfulness and beauty of our liturgical celebrations. We are always looking for dedicated people to fill these roles.

Think about, pray over, consider the ministry that is calling you. Contact:

Eucharistic Ministers—Deacon Dave Lovell,

Lectors—Ellen Lovell, Liturgical Scheduler—Michele Haggerty

OFFERTORY GIFT BEARER

It is an honor to be a offertory Gift Bearer. If you are interested, please let the Director of Worship know when you arrive at Mass. Three people are needed to carry the bread, the wine, and the offertory collection. If you have a special event and would like you or your family to be Gift Bearers, please call the Parish Office.