

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 5, 2017
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is once again time for us to enter into the spiritual self-discipline of holy Lent. The thought of self-discipline can leave us feeling gloomy, especially if we see it as punishment. However, Jesus directs his disciples not to appear gloomy as they engage in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. He instead invites us to look forward to the blessings that accompany our acts of penance and charity.

The key blessing we seek each Lent is the ability to root out sin from our lives. Sin causes us to turn our gaze inward, looking only at ourselves. The discipline of Lent helps us to look outside of ourselves, to recognize what a treasure we possess in our relationship with Christ, with our family, and with those around us. They are all a gift from God, for which we need to be thankful, so that we will never take them for granted.

Therefore, let us pray for one another, that sin will not blind us to the call and the example of the Word of God during this Lenten season. Only He can show us the path leading to true peace.

With prayerful wishes for a blessed Lent,
I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John R. Gaydos
Bishop of Jefferson City

THIS WEEK

TUES. GUILD MTG.
TUES. SALAD LUNCHEON MTG AFTER GUILD
FRI. K OF C FISH FRY 4:30-6:30

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
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 \$4004

FEBRUARY 26

*includes electronic funds

Attendance 425

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

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OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.SHRINEOFSTPATRICK.ORG

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MASS INTENTIONS MAR. 6-12

MON. 9:00 BILL GROVES—HEALING
TUES 9:00 JERRY & MARY LOU DETTMER SPC
WED. 9:00 MARY BOGLE
THURS. 9:00 MARCELLA HOPE HEALING
FRI. 9:00 PHYLLIS BOCK
SAT. 5:00 DAVID BRAZIE
SUN. 7:30 PARISHIONERS
9:00 DENNIS DEVINE

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.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Natalie Staffieri, Crystal Raeder, Elmer Henry, Chuck Behrens, Phil Whitworth, 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS MAR. 6—12

Mon. Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tue. *Saints Perpetua and Felicity*
Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wed. *Saint John of God*
Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thu. *Saint Frances of Rome*
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Fri. Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Sat. Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Sun. *SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT*
Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday Mar. 1

St. Patrick's Masses 9:00 and 5:30

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.



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

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FAITH BUILDER

The readings for this first Sunday of Lent are good reminders to do more than just “give up chocolate” for Lent. Matthew Kelly suggests in The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic that all should pray daily. He suggests that we set aside a certain time each day and simply begin by talking in our own voice to God. Simply tell God all the things for which you thank and praise him. In today’s Responsorial Psalm, we are told to “bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth.” Why not start there, simply praising God? The second reading tells us that “whoever is in Christ is a new creation.” Let your Lenten prayer life help you become a new creation. The gospel reminds us through the story of the father’s welcoming home the prodigal son how God rejoices in the return of sinners. After you praise God for his goodness to you, add to your prayer your remorse for the times you have wandered away from God. Make prayer your gift to God and to yourself during Lent. Feel free to give up chocolate too.

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



St. Frances of Rome (1384-1440) - March 9

Born of wealthy parents, Frances found herself attracted to the religious life during her youth. But her parents objected and a young nobleman was selected to be her husband at age 13. With family obligations, she had to turn her attention to the needs of her own household and 6 children. The deaths of two of her children sensitized her to the needs of the less fortunate. Frances used her money and sold her possessions to buy whatever the sick might possibly need. She even went door to door begging in shabby attire collecting firewood and alms. It was not long before she requested permission to found a society of women bound by no vows. Other women soon joined her in a life of prayer and caring for others as Benedictine oblates. Frances remained at her home for seven years until her husband's death. She founded a monastery for the oblates and remained their superior until her death.

Frances shows us that we should help those in need, especially grieving wives and children.

RESPECT FOR LIFE PERSPECTIVE

Throughout the years the various Pro-Abortion groups have managed to change our language with the use of the phrases “Pro-Choice” and “Anti-Choice”... We cannot, as good Catholics, continue to let that happen. When someone states that they are “Pro-Choice” and anyone who opposes Abortion is Anti-Choice, please politely inform them that everyone is Pro-Choice since we all have to make choices in our lives everyday. In this situation, there are some questions that can and should be asked. Does the unborn child who is being murdered in his mother's womb have a “Choice” in this life ending event? Did the mother have a “Choice” before she became pregnant? Did she have a “Choice” to allow her baby to to be given up for Adoption?? Please remember these questions when confronted with this situation... I will continue to provide educational information to help you to educate those who do not share our beliefs.. 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.

NOTE: A second session of the Pivotal Players will immediately follow the Guild meeting .

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. Trek through England to where Fr. John Henry Neumann left his mark. 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 - Blessed John Henry Neumann, the Convert, 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.

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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. 19 **KNIGHTS SUNDAY, 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 dgparishnurse@gmail.com.

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



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



Whew!! We certainly had a very busy weekend! Our second graders came in bright and early Saturday morning for their Forgiveness Day Workshop. These three children, **Cayden Long**, **Logan Parker** and **Sophia Pasowicz** spent time discussing past hurts, how apologizing makes everyone feel better, and how most often we need God's strength to overcome the temptation to hurt others or ourselves over and over again. Following our discussion, we went down to church to look inside the Reconciliation Room so that we know what to look for when waiting for our turn. They know that if the bottom part of the circular light outside the Confessional is green, then Father is there to hear your confession. If the top part of the light is white, you may enter the Confessional. If the top part is red, stop and wait until the person inside is finished. They were able to try both sitting and facing Father or kneeling with the screen in between. This Sunday will be the first Family Reconciliation Service held at St. Patrick. These second graders will be making their First Reconciliation with the service itself geared toward families and children. We will follow up with a celebration meal. What a great way to start the Lenten Season.

We also had another huge event on Saturday, February 25. Second grader, **Logan Roy Parker**, was baptized! This means that we all have an obligation to help keep Logan moving forward in his faith in Christ. I explained to **Logan** that he now has two birthdays every year...the day he was born and the day he was baptized as a child of God. I think he was pretty excited with the idea of a second celebration that totally belongs to him! To see the excitement on his face as Father Schmitz baptized him was an incredible memory that I will cherish forever.

Sunday our YFF group was able to experience a taste of Mardi Gras thanks to **Clay** and **Micah Becker** and the **Youth Group!!** **Micah** had prepared gumbo and rice. They served salad and bread as well. For dessert we had authentic King Cakes from Gambino's in New Orleans. **Clay Becker**, **Marcus Long** and **Wesley Schmidt** each found the "Baby Jesus" in their piece of cake. They will surely have good fortune for the next year. Or, is it the way that we did it at my last place of employment ... the person that finds the baby has to provide the King Cakes for next year? We'll go with the "Good Fortune" focus!

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

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 11 & 12

SATURDAY, March 11 5:00**Lector:** Lorri Steffen**Greeters:** Al & Marilyn Vasey**Communion Ministers:** Mary Jane Gorbet, Ellen Lovell, Mary Jo Eye, Michele Haggerty**Directors of Worship:**

Jim Troia & Jim Klein

SUNDAY, March 12 7:30**Lector:** Jeff LaHay**Greeters:** Diana Sutherland, Ed & Linda Swanson**Communion Ministers:** Diana Sutherland, John Willcott, Ed & Linday Swanson**Directors of Worship:****SUNDAY, March 12 9:00****Lectors:** Hunter Deters, Mary Noyes**Greeters:** Eric & Frances Tichy, Jean Lee**Communion Ministers:** Eric Tichy, John Pilla, Rick Purdon, Liz Pauly**Servers:** Jeremiah Trokey, Cooper Deters**Directors of Worship:**

Paul Van Evercooren & Jerry Unrein

Pew Angel—Marilyn Vasey

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.