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LITURGICAL ROLES AND SERVICES
March 7 and 8
LECTORS
5:00 p.m. Lorri Merrigan, Guy Emhoff
8:00 a.m. Chris Porter, Rick Bouchard
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
5:00 p.m. Pat Devolder
8:00 a.m. Sharon O’Hanlon
Homebound D. J. Breitbach
SERVERS
5:00 p.m. Tavi Glass, TBA
8:00 a.m. John Glaesemann, Aidan Fleischmann
ROSYARD LEADERS
5:00 p.m. Bill Kennedy
8:00 a.m. Chris Porter
SACRISTANS
5:00 p.m. Maurice and Pat Devolder
8:00 a.m. Rick and Nancy Bouchard
USHERS
5:00 p.m. TBA
8:00 a.m. Chris Thornsberry, Henry Saubers
MONEY COUNTERS
March 9 Elise’s Team
CHURCH CLEANERS
March 21 Louise’s Team
CANTORS AND ACCOMPANIESTS
5:00 p.m. Kaitlin Long with David Bremer
8:00 a.m. Renee Edenburn with Judy Wolf

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Romans 5:12-19
What One Can Do
One person can do a lot of damage. As we begin Lent we remember the story of Adam and the origins of human sin. But we all know how much damage any one person can do, because we have experienced it in our own sinful lives. One person can say and do things that hurt. Such things hurt another person, but they also hurt the very person who commits the offense. In addition, one person’s offense may tarnish others—the family, the profession, or the church. One person can do a lot of damage.

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But there is more to Lent than sin. There is grace. St. Paul told the Romans that death came into the world through one person’s transgression, but “how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.”

One person can do a lot of good. The kindness we perform for another person can bring unexpected joy. And by the death and rising of Christ, sinners are made right.

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Thank you most sincerely to all of you who came to my 90th Birthday Celebration at Create Thou Art on Sunday. It was a BIG surprise and most heart warming for me. It brought back what I felt 30 years ago when Bill and I attended our first Mass at the old St Bridget on Jeffreys...“Oh how fortunate to have moved to Pleasant Hill and all these wonderful people”...“Your warmth and affection is treasured more than you will ever know...thank you with love and appreciation.” — Ann Seibolt

THE NINE FIRST FRIDAYS Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus On Friday, March 6th at St. Bridget we will continue observing the NINE FIRST FRIDAYS devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following 6:00 p.m. Mass with FIRST FRIDAY devotions at 6:30 p.m. Jesus, Himself, gave St. Margaret Mary Alacoque this devotion with 12 GREAT PROMISES. Also, once you complete your 9 Consecutive First Friday requirements, you will receive a Special gift bag of 12 Catholic items. The purpose of the practice of this devotion is to set our hearts on FIRE with a passionate love for Jesus and to make reparation for our sins and those of the whole world. This is an invitation to come fall in love with Him. 5:25 p.m. - 5:55 p.m. Confessions; 6:00 p.m. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; 6:30 p.m. Adoration, Litany of the Sacred Heart, Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart, silent prayer, Benediction. Stations of the Cross will follow.

ST. PATRICK’S IRISH FEAST The 14th annual Irish Feast at St. Patrick’s in Holden will be on March 14th. Comed beer dinner 4:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.; Big Raffle; Live and Silent Dessert Auction

MEALS ON WHEELS HELP NEEDED The Lay Clergy Meals on Wheels is looking for new members on their committee, substitute cooks (paid position) and substitute drivers. If you are interested, please contact Jackie Kinney at (816) 540-2920.

FROM FATHER VOGEL This weekend’s Gospel is always the same for the First Sunday of Lent; the account of our Lord being in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights (which is why Lent is 40 days long), ending with the three temptations by the devil himself to our Lord Jesus Christ. This is an excellent text for us to reflect upon. Even God Himself was tempted by the devil. All of us are constantly being tempted by the devil. Satan wants us to fall again and again and to seek him as the great almighty. However, in comparison to our Almighty God, Satan is nothing more than a speck of dust. Why do we give in to sin so often though? Some confuse the difference between temptation and sin. Temptation is the invitation from Satan for us to commit an evil. Sin is us giving in to the temptation and committing the evil of our own free will. If Satan is constantly tempting us, just as he tempted our Lord Jesus Christ in the desert, why does God permit Satan to do this so often? Does God not want us to not sin and even to not be tempted? Our Lord, in His infinite wisdom, has given us our free will. With the gift of our free will (one of the primary powers of the soul), we get to determine whether we want to love God or not, if we want to choose a good or give in to temptation, if we want to choose good or evil. Our free will from God allows us to choose to love. We are not robots, forced to always make the same decision again and again. Our free will gives us the capacity to love even more than the devil can hate. Look at our Lord in this weekend’s gospel. Of His own free will, He chose to live on the word of God instead of using His divine power to turn rocks into bread for his starving stomach. Of His own free will, He chose to trust in God instead of tempting God by leaping from the Temple. Of His own free will, He chose to serve and worship the true King and Ruler of all creation in God and not the devil himself. Temptations are always around us, particularly in our contemporary and modern world. We all have a duty to set up appropriate guards and protections for ourselves so that we do not make it easy for Satan to tempt us and us desiring to sin from the temptation. We need to help our own free will, which has that inclination to sin, not give in to temptation. This depends more and more in ourselves relying on God and less on ourselves to conquer temptations. We need God’s help, and God’s help is given to us by His grace, and His grace is founded in the sacraments of the Catholic Church. This is why we need to take advantage of going to Mass, Adoration, and Confession frequently, so that we are given God’s strength in His grace available to us in the sacraments of the Catholic Church, to strengthen our free will to not give in to temptation and sin. May God give us His wisdom this season of Lent to draw closer to Him in living a holier life, to not give in to temptation, because we are seeking His power and strength in the sacraments of His Church.

Father Vogel
MASSES THIS WEEK

8:00 a.m. St. Bridget Parishioners
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 27 (26): 8-9
Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.
Or: Cf. Ps 25 (24): 6, 2, 22
Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mt 17: 5
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.
† Deseased
Confessions prior to weekday and Sunday Masses; Rosary prayed 30 minutes prior to weekend Masses; Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed prior to Tuesday morning Mass.

REPORTING ABUSE
The Diocese of Kansas City
-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:
1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at (800) 392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18).
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911.
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at (816) 812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcj.org if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City — St. Joseph.
The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Services Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at (816) 392-0011 or chastain@dioceseokcj.org for more information.

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING
The regular meeting of the Altar and Rosary Society will be on Thursday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Ed Room. It will be preceded by the praying of the rosary in church at 6:30 p.m. at Adoration.
All women in the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is a wonderful way to get to know other sisters in the parish and work together in community to serve the living body of Christ.

K. OF C. TEXAS HOLD ‘EM POKER FUNDRAISER
Join the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, March 7th for a great night of poker and food at Brinkoetter’s Big Iron Town, 29608 E. 179th St., Pleasant Hill.
Cost: $40
Includes: Chili and all the fixings, dessert, snacks, and a seat for poker; $5 if you would like to join us for the food but not interested in playing poker. Soda, beer and wine will be available for a donation.
Prizes: First: $100; Second: $100; Third: $50
Reserve your spot now! Contact Chris Koehler @ (816) 598-0411 or koFKtokenizer@gmail.com. Food and check-in for poker will begin at 5:30 p.m. Cards dealt at 6:30 p.m.

ROYALS QUILT RAFFLE
The Altar Society is having a raffle of a handmade Royals-themed quilt. Tickets will be sold at all fish fries during Lent (February 28th, March 13th and March 27th) as well as after Masses starting February 29th. The drawing will be at the March 27th fish fry. The cost is $5 per ticket or $20 for 5 tickets.

SHARING O’ THE GREEN
There will be a “Sharing O’ the Green” benefit for the Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy Love Fund in conjunction with St. Bridget Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on Friday, March 13th, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. In addition to the Fish Fry, there will be a silent auction on baskets filled with gifts/food. Please consider making a donation and/or purchase. If you would like to put a basket of goodies together for the silent auction, please contact Marijo O’Malley.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:00 P.M. ON FRIDAYS or following Mass and devotions on First Fridays.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Monday, March 2
No Mass
Tuesday, March 3
8:25 a.m. - 8:55 a.m. Confessions
8:25 a.m. Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
9:00 a.m. Mass
Wednesday, March 4
5:25 p.m. - 5:55 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Mass and SOR
6:30 p.m. Women of Faith/That Man is You

Thursday, March 5
8:25 a.m. - 8:55 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass
After Mass - 8:00 p.m. Adoration
7:00 p.m. Altar and Rosary Society Meeting
Friday, March 6
9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Bible Study
5:25 p.m. - 5:55 p.m. Confessions
Saturday, March 7
6:00 p.m. Mass, Devotions, Stations of the Cross
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass
Sunday, March 8
5:30 p.m. K. of C. Texas Hold ‘Em Poker Party
7:30 - 7:50 a.m. Confession
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group
6:00 p.m. EDGE Middle School Youth Group

Coming Up
March 10
Finance Council and Parish Council
March 12
Knights of Columbus meeting
March 13
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
Altar Society Royals Quilt Raffle
Sharing O’ the Green Basket Silent Auction