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March 15, 2020

The Third Sunday of Lent

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SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION Sunday 7:30 – 7:50 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday 8:25 – 8:55 a.m.

Wednesday and First Fridays 5:25 – 5:55 p.m. and by appointment

BAPTISM Parent preparation session is required.

Please call the parish office prior to the birth

ANOINTING OF SICK As requested after Mass and by appointment

CONFIRMATION Program for high school students, according to Diocesan guidelines

MARRIAGE Please call the parish office when engaged. A nine-month preparation period is required (diocesan policy). One party should be a registered, attending parishioner

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Fifth Fridays 5:00 p.m. - Sat. 4:00 p.m.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST If you wish to be added to the prayer chain, please contact Roberta Klein at (816) 540-5980.

NEW PARISHIONERS Welcome! Please register after Mass using the registration form in the vestibule, download form from our web site, or contact the parish office.

M A S S  T I M E S

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Monday and Friday No Mass

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday & First Friday 6:00 p.m.

Confession Times

Tuesday March 17th 6:25 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.

Wednesday March 18th 5:25 p.m. - 5:55 p.m.

Thursday March 19th 8:25 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.

Sunday March 20th 7:30 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.

Or by appointment

Lenten Penance Service

St. Margaret Wed, March 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Presentation Sun, March 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

24 Hours For The Lord

St. Thomas March 20 8:45 a.m. –

March 21 8:15 a.m. (24 hours)
**Liturgical Roles and Services**

March 14 and 15

**LECTORS**
5:00 p.m.  Shirley Baldwin
8:00 a.m.  Dan Zaner

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**
5:00 p.m.  Dan Zaner
8:00 a.m.  Marijo O’Malley

**HOMEBOUND**
5:00 p.m.  Leland Edenburn, TBA
8:00 a.m.  Blake Greufe, Wyatt Newman

**ROSARY LEADERS**
5:00 p.m.  Bob and Shirley Baldwin
8:00 a.m.  Rick Bouchard

**SACRISTANS**
5:00 p.m.  Mike and Arlene Casey
8:00 a.m.  Don and Cathy Vogel

**USHERS**
5:00 p.m.  TBA
8:00 a.m.  Don and Cathy Vogel

**MONEY COUNTERS**
March 16  Rita’s Team

**CHURCH CLEANERS**
March 21  Louise’s Team

**CANTORS AND ACCOMPANIANTS**
5:00 p.m.  Renee Edenburn with David Bremer
8:00 a.m.  Kaitlin Long with Daniel Yung

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

The Folly of the Cross

Everyone wants to be wise and powerful. Many people spend the first part of their lives gaining wisdom at school, and the rest of their lives gaining power at work. Wisdom and power are the goals we seek.

Paul wrote the Corinthians that some people seek demonstrations of power and others look for wisdom. Everyone looks for something to make sense of life, and even in Paul’s day, power and wisdom were highly treasured.

But what Paul had to offer was something else. “We proclaim Christ crucified,” he said. Not just Christ—but Christ crucified. If you are looking for signs of power, you won’t find them in someone put to death on a cross. If you look for wisdom, you don’t find it in someone whose teachings cost him his life. Or do you?

Paul says, “Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.” Through the cross, God revealed the power of the resurrection. Through the cross, God showed the wisdom of sacrifice. The cross was a message that the Corinthians struggled to grasp.

As do we. We keep seeking power and wisdom from other sources: drugs, pornography, greed, and violence. But to accept the cross is to stand by one’s principles, to speak up for the lowly, and to sacrifice for others. That cross is the wisdom and power of God. That is the cross of Lent.


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**REFLECTION: Struggles Tempt Us to Doubt**

We all encounter struggles in life. The question is: “What do you do with them?” Too often, when struggles come our way we are tempted to doubt the presence of God and to doubt His merciful help. In fact, the opposite is true. God is the answer to every struggle. He alone is the source of all we need in life. He is the One who can bring peace and serenity to our soul in the midst of any and every challenge or crisis we may face (See Diary #247).

How do you deal with struggles, especially ones that turn into crises? How do you deal with daily stress and anxiety, problems and challenges, worries and failings? How do you deal with your own sins and even the sins of others? These, and many other aspects of our lives, can tempt us to turn from total trust in God and lead us to fall into doubt. Reflect upon how well you handle daily struggles and adversity. Do you remain confident each and every day that our Merciful Lord is there for you as the source of peace and serenity in the midst of a turbulent ocean? Make an act of trust in Him this day and watch as He brings calm to any storm.

Lord, You and You alone can bring peace to my soul. When I am tempted by the difficulties of this day, help me to turn to You in perfect trust placing all my cares on You. Help me to never turn from you in my des- pair but to know with certainty that You are always there and are the One to whom I must turn. I trust You, my Lord, I trust You. Jesus, I do trust in You

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**ROYALS QUILT RAFFLE**
Your final chances to purchase raffle tickets for the Altar Society handmade Royals-themed quilt this week after Masses and at the last fish fry on March 27th. The drawing will be at the March 27th fish fry. The cost is $5 per ticket or $20 for 5 tickets. Buy your tickets while you can and maybe some for family and friends. Proceeds go to the Altar Society which supports the parish.

**24 HOURS FOR THE LORD - Adoration & Confession**
8:15 am March 20 - 8:15 am March 21: Mir House of Prayer (6492 MO-6, St. Joseph, Mo.) 8:45 am March 20 to 8:15 am March 21: St. Thomas More in Kansas City, Mo. (11822 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, Mo.) In response to the 24 Hours for the Lord initiative, the Office of Divine Worship is co-sponsoring 24 hours of adoration and confessions with Mir House of Prayer in St. Joseph, Mo. and St. Thomas More Parish in Kansas City, Mo. This year’s theme is taken from Luke 7:48: “Your sins are forgiven.” Pope Francis invited the entire Church to “celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration.” If you are interested in covering an adoration hour, please contact Lori Sage at sage@diocesekcsj.org.

**ONLINE GIVING AT ST. BRIDGET**
Online Giving is available at St. Bridget Parish. You can easily access the web page by going to the parish website or by scanning this QR code. Electronic giving allows you the freedom to set up a regular monthly donation transaction, change your current transactions, or give a one-time gift to St. Bridget. We have 44 families who currently utilize electronic giving every month via a checking or savings account or by using their credit card. Electronic giving is an easy and consistent method of donating to St. Bridget. Now, you can have more control of your donating activity. All transactions are administered by a secure provider, Vanco Systems which then interacts with our church census software to account for donations. Your transactions are secure, and your data protection is very important. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

**FROM FATHER VOGEL**
Diving into the Third Sunday of Lent, we hear of the Samaritan Woman at the well, and our Lord Jesus Christ breaking cultural and social norms in his transforming dialogue with this lady. This account is filled with hard truths for the Samaritan woman yet also deep compassion shown to her from Christ Jesus.

How would you respond to our Lord if you were in the shoes of the Samaritan Woman, particularly as our God responds to this Samaritan Woman’s comment, “The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one speaking with you.”

Do we live our Catholic lives as if Jesus Christ is the Messiah? the Christ? our Lord? our Savior? our God? Is He simply someone we go to only when we have a dire need in our lives? Or maybe just for the one hour a week when we come to Mass on the weekends? Is Jesus the One we live for, the reason we get up in the morning, the reason we go to work, the reason that we have meaning and purpose in our lives?

Today the Samaritan Woman radically changed her life because she believed from the depths of her heart that Jesus is the One Whom she had been waiting for. Being a major sinner, she was deeply compelled to change her life as her brief encounter with the Word made Flesh revealed to her His identity. As she shared about her encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ, others began to believe as well. Do we share our personal encounters with our Lord Jesus Christ with others why not?

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Father Vogel

**2020 SECOND COLLECTIONS**
March 22: Catholic Relief Service
April 5: DREAM Fund
April 10: (Good Friday: Holy Land
May 3: DREAM Fund
May 17: Tomorrow’s Priests: Vocation Fund
May 31: Peter’s Pence
June 7: DREAM Fund
June 21: Communications
July 5: DREAM Fund
Aug. 2: DREAM Fund
Aug. 15: THE ASSUMPTION (not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2020)
Aug. 16: Diocesan Life & Justice
Sept. 6: DREAM Fund
Sept. 20: Church in Latin America
Oct. 4: DREAM Fund
Oct. 18: Mission Sunday
Nov. 1: ALL SAINTS DAY
Nov. 1: DREAM Fund
Dec. 6: DREAM Fund
Dec. 8: IMMATURE CONCEPTION
Dec. 13: Religious Retirement
Dec. 25: CHRISTMAS

**PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH**
Feast Day: March 19th
Oh St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposits near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss his fine head for me, and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

MASSES THIS WEEK

INTENTIONS, READINGS, ANTIPHONS

Sunday, March 15
5:00 p.m. † Ray Bryant by Chris Porter

3rd Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. St. Bridget Parishioners
ENTRANCE ANTIPOPON Cf. Ps 25 (24): 15-16
My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.
Or: Cf. Ez 36: 23-26
When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.
COMMUNION ANTIPOPON Jn 4: 13-14
For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.
Ex 20: 1-17 or Ex 20:1-3,7-8,12-17 | Ps 19:8,9,10,11 | 1 Cor 1:22-25 | Jn 2:13-25

Monday, March 16
No Mass
2 Kings 5:1-15 | Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 | Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 17
St. Patrick
9:00 a.m. † Bernie Battliner by Mary Ann Battliner

Wednesday, March 18
St. Cyril of Jerusalem
6:00 p.m. † Janette Zeiman by Tim and Laura Long
Deut 4:1, 5-9 | Ps 147:12-20 | Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 19
St. Joseph
9:00 a.m. † George Algozini

Friday, March 20
No Mass
Hos 14:2-10 | Ps 81:6c, 8-11, 14 & 17 | Mark 12:28-34

Saturday, March 21
5:00 p.m. † Sheree Wilson-Haverland

REPORTING ABUSE

The Diocese of Kansas City -St. Joseph is committed to combating 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), and

2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and

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@ombudsmankc.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@diocesekc.org for more information.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

There are three scholarships available to St. Bridget students. The Nelson Gipson Scholarship is $500 given by the Altar Society. The Knights of Columbus Scholarship is $1,000. The Eugene F. and Lucille B. Tierney Scholarship is also $1,000. All scholarship applications are available on the home page of the parish web site, in the vestibule and in the parish office. The Tierney and K. of C. applications are also available at the Pleasant Hill High School Counseling Center. The Nelson Gipson Scholarship application is due to the Altar Society at the parish office on April 10, 2020. The Tierney Scholarship application must be mailed in and postmarked by April 10, 2020. The Knights of Columbus Scholarship application must be completed and placed in a sealed envelope (do not write on the envelope) and placed in the drop-box located in St. Bridget's church vestibule by April 10, 2020 at 3:00pm.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BRIDGET

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, March 16
No Mass

Tuesday, March 17
8:25 a.m. Confessions
8:25 a.m. Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
9:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, March 18
5:25 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Mass/SOR/Women of Faith
6:30 p.m. Parish Mission - Fellowship Begins

Thursday, March 19
8:25 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass
After Mass - 5:00 p.m. Adoration (ends early)
6:30 p.m. Parish Mission - Fellowship Begins

Friday, March 20
9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Parish Mission - Fellowship Begins (includes Stations of the Cross)

Saturday, March 21
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 22
7:30 a.m. Confessions
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group
6:00 p.m. No EDGE

Coming Up

Friday, March 27th @ 5:00 p.m. - Fish Fry
7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross