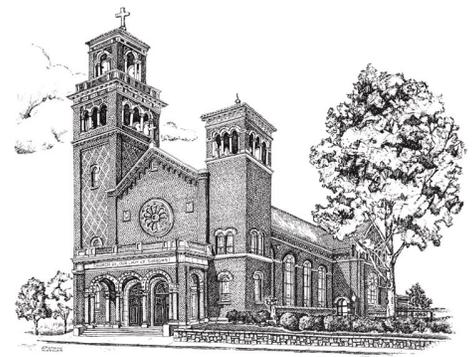


Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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Pastor's Ponderings

How are you going to spend your Lent?

When someone hears the word "Lent," they immediately think of gray winter days where life becomes even more drab because you have to give up sweets, abstain from meat on Fridays, and probably hear multiple homilies on prayer, penance, sacrifice and almsgiving.

With that kind of bleak forecast, it is no wonder that most people dread Lent.

How interesting, then, that the word "Lent" means "spring." So, Lent does not speak so much of what we are going through but what can happen as a result! A proper approach to our Lenten disciplines can lead to a freshening of our spiritual life like springtime.

This season of 40 days was originally used for the preparation of baptismal candidates as well as a times of spiritual strengthening for Christians who may have grown lethargic due to the normal course of living. The rigor and disciplines of the Lent help bring us back to the basics of what we believe and help us examine how we are doing in our practice of our faith.

Just as bushes are cut back in the winter so they can grow and blossom even better the following spring, so Lent trims back our lives and allows us to take spiritual inventory on how we are doing. As Pope Francis once said, "Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy." Our goal should be to enter Easter as a stronger and more faith-filled Catholic.

In his book "Straight Answers," a close friend of mine, Fr. William Saunders, gives us a great overview of current Lenten practices. *Over the years, modifications have been made to the Lenten observances, making our practices not only simple but also easy. Ash Wednesday still marks the beginning of Lent, which lasts for 40 days, not including Sundays. The present fasting and abstinence laws are very simple: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the faithful fast (having only one full meal a day and smaller snacks to keep up one's strength) and abstain from meat; on the other Fridays of Lent, the faithful abstain from meat. People are still encouraged "to give up something" for Lent as a sacrifice. (An interesting note is that technically on Sundays and solemnities like St. Joseph's Day (March 19) and the Annunciation (March 25), one is exempt and can partake of whatever has been offered up for Lent.*

In addition to our fasting, abstinence and disciplines, Lent is a great time to add something into your life. You can increase your prayer time, plan on reading a chapter of Scripture each day or add more spiritual reading to your mental diet. Some people
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816-812-2500

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Weekend Schedule

Saturday

Confessions 3:00 pm

Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday

Masses 8:00 & 11:00 am

Weekdays

Confession 11:30 am

Mass 12 Noon

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays 11:00 am

Baptism and Marriage

Call for appointment

To register to become a parishioner, return slip on back page or call the office

FEBRUARY 24, 2019
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, February 23—7th Sunday in Ord. Time

4:00 pm † Joseph & Paula Garcia

SUNDAY, February 24—7th Sunday in Ord. Time

8:00 am OLOS Parishioners

11:00 am Jennifer Murray, spec.int.

MONDAY, February 25—Weekday

Noon † Clarine Dolson

TUESDAY, February 26—Weekday

Noon † Simon Joseph Arsenault

WEDNESDAY, February 27—Weekday

Noon Sarah Eck, sepc.int.

THURSDAY, February 28—Weekday

Noon † Kayla Amador

FRIDAY, March 1—Weekday

Noon Shirley Sormani, sepc.int.

SATURDAY, March 2—8th Sunday in Ord. Time

4:00 pm OLOS Parishioners

SUNDAY, March 3—8th Sunday in Ord. Time

8:00 am Earl & Marie Jones, spec. int.

11:00 am † Maria de Jesus Gutierrez

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions are available for daily and weekend Masses. Please call the office if you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, living or deceased. 816.421.2112.

Prayers Requested

Pray for Earl Jones, Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Shirley Sormani, Sue Remkus, Linda Turner, Debbie Bruening, Rose Ann Jett, Teresa Bradskey and Jennifer Murray.

Volunteers

2/23 & 24	4:00pm	8:00am	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Jeremiah Tylski	Ken Blundell
Communion Ministers	Bruce Laughlin Becky Laughlin	Tom Papreck Tammy Papreck	Kathryn Blundell Kathryn Hogan
Servers	John Pileggi	Tonnye Armstrong	Jim Healy
Ushers	Ed Stevens Judy Stevens G. Weatherford Volunteer	Marie Jones Joe Gutierrez Jerald Gutierrez Ted Tschirhart	Mel Hogan Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer

3/2 & 3	4:00pm	8:00am	11:00am
Reader	Debbie Bruening	Ann Virgo	Ken Blundell
Communion Ministers	Bruce Laughlin Becky Laughlin	Tom Papreck Tammy Papreck	Kathryn Blundell Mary Healy
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Readings for the Week of February 24, 2019

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23/
Ps 103:1-4.8.10.12-13(8a)/1 Cor 15:45-49
/Lk 6:27-38

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1 ab. 1cd-2.5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4. 18-19. 27-28. 39-40
/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2.3.4 & 6/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12.16.18.27.34.35/
Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-18/Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3.13-16/
1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Parish Calendar of Events

- February 24—Coffee & Donuts—8am & 11am Hall
- February 25—Controversies in Church History—7-9pm in the Hall
- February 26—Water Garden Society—5-9pm Hall
- February 28—Rehearsal 5pm
- March 1—Wedding at 4:00pm
- March 1—Parents of Murdered Children and Other Homicide Survivors Support Group—6:30pm-9:30pm Meets in the Hall.
- March 2—Church Cleaning— 9am
- March 2—Women of Our Lady—snacks & conversation, 10am hall**men may attend too**
- March 6—Ash Wednesday—Noon Mass
- March 6—Our Lady of Hope Ordinariate Community-Ash Wednesday Services at 7:00pm
- March 8—Rehearsals—4:30 & 5:30pm
- March 8—Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm
- March 9—Weddings at 10:00am and 1:30pm
- March 9—Heart of the Redeemer 4:30-8:30pm Hall
- March 10—Coffee & Donuts after 8am & 11am
- March 10—Newly Married of the Diocese join the 11am Mass and share in Fellowship after the mass in the Hall with Coffee & Donuts.
- March 13—Knights of Columbus—6:30-8:30pm Hall
- March 15—Rehearsal 5pm
- March 15—Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm
- March 16—Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep Watching for more info & dates to come!

Weekly Activities & Events

Coffee & Donuts

We welcome all here today to come to the Parish Hall after the 8am and 11am Sunday Masses and share in conversation and fellowship over a cup of coffee & donuts.

Controversies in Church History

Clerical Celibacy in the Early Church

February 25 from 7-9pm in the parish hall

Why does the Catholic Church require celibacy of its priests? Was this discipline an imposition of the medieval Church, or is there a basis for this discipline in the Early Church? On February 25, the next talk in Controversies in Church will consider these questions and more. "Clerical Celibacy in the Early Church" will cover a variety of topics relating to the Church's practice of celibacy and its history in the early Church. Light refreshments will be provided, and though the talks are aimed at Catholic young adults, they are open to everyone.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA DISPLAYS

Featured Lighthouse Book of the Week:

CATHOLIC & CHRISTIAN

An Explanation of Commonly Misunderstood Catholic Beliefs by Alan Schreck

"*You're* a Catholic. What do you believe about _____?" You're on the spot. What do you really believe--about the Bible, Mary, the saints, the pope, the sacraments? You wish some well-informed Catholic friends were around to help with the answer.

Or perhaps you are asking the questions yourself. *Catholic & Christian* provides the answers you need. It is a readable and concise summary of often misunderstood Catholic beliefs, the teachings and practices that puzzle Catholics and non-Catholics alike. This is a book for all Catholics who want to know more about their faith, and for non-Catholics who are interested in knowing what exactly that faith is.

Visit the Lighthouse displays at the main and side entrances of the church to find more.

Stations of the Cross

We are pleased to announce Our lady of Sorrows will offer Stations of the Cross each Friday starting March 8 at 7:00pm.



Last Weekends Collection

From February 17, 2019

Plate.....\$478.39

Envelopes.....\$1,294.00

Pastor's Ponderings Continued

volunteer at soup kitchens, food pantries and other ministries or spend time in Adoration. There is no limit to the ways you can use Lent to revitalize your life.

This year, as I have said, we want to emphasize the reading of the Scriptures, getting out our Bibles and reading the Word of God. We will be offering some special helps for this along the way, so keep watch, when you enter the church, for handouts, etc.

One thing I want to encourage you to do during this season is go to Confession at least once during the 40 days. Nothing is better for the soul than the forgiveness and grace received in this powerful sacrament. We will be increasing our time for confessions during Lent, beginning on weekdays at 11:00am and on Saturdays at 3:00pm unless there is a wedding, then 3:30pm.

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday on March 6. Let's make this a great Lent here at Our Lady of Sorrows!

In Christ,

Fr. Randy

Our Gift to you of FORMED.ORG

Take advantage of our gift to you of FORMED.ORG. We are excited to offer our parishioners a second year of FORMED.org. It is easy to register using Parish Code **TMDJ9D**. Go to formed.org. Click on Register. Enter your Parish Code. Create your FREE account by entering your email address. (The parish code is case sensitive.) ENJOY!

Office of Child & Youth Protection—Sexual 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 1.800.392.3738 (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, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, 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 Advocate Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information

SMALL GROUPS

Seek Jesus. Together.

Don't do Lent Alone. Join a Small Group!

Still Time to Sign –up! Call directly.

Have you tried to pray more or read Scripture for Lent, only to fall short of your goal? A small group gives us supportive and encouraging communities that can make your Lent much more meaningful.

There are no teachers in small groups. Trained students/parishioners facilitate conversations. The groups will:

- Discuss life and faith
- Reflect on God's Word together – applying the Sunday readings to daily life
- Seek God together
- Pray for and with one another

Please contact the area facilitators if you are interested in joining their small group.

Lent groups meet for 8 weeks, beginning the week of February 24.

David Ferrara	Liberty Area	816-215-6025	Wednesdays
Stephanie Franke-Ibarra	Gladstone Area (<i>Ladies Only Group</i>)	816-421-2112	Mondays 6:00pm
Tom & Tammy Papreck	Crown Center Area	Tom 660-886-0127	Thursdays 7:00pm
		Tammy 660-886-0827	
Scott & Wendy McKellar	Gladstone Area	816-343-4943	Tuesdays

Small Groups in Lent

STILL TIME TO SIGN-UP!!!!

The traditions of Lent have varied over time. Originally there was a double focus on those preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil and on a rite for reconciling adult penitents to communion. The church eventually required all the faithful to receive ashes in what became Ash Wednesday. This changed the focus of Lent to something strictly penitential.

The Fathers of Second Vatican council wished to restore the original double focus of Lent in preparing for baptism and by penance. During Lent the faithful should, in addition to penance, “more diligently hear the word of God and devote themselves to prayer, to celebrate the paschal mystery.” (SC 109).

The things we traditionally associate with Lent such as days of fasting and abstinence from meat, voluntary penances, and going to Confession, are intended to be balanced as well by more intense times of study in the Word of God and in prayer.

Perhaps you have tried in the past to pray more or read Scripture for Lent, but found it difficult to stay on track. Have you ever tried this and not followed through? This year we would like to encourage you to join a Small Group and not do Lent alone! A small group gives us supportive and encouraging communities that can make our Lent much more meaningful.

During the past few months we have trained small group leaders to be facilitators of faith conversations. There are no teachers in our small groups. The groups will discuss life and faith, reflect on God's Word together – applying the Sunday readings to daily life. Together we will seek God, and pray for and with one another.

Don't do Lent Alone. Join a Small Group!