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## Pastor's Ponderings

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Office of the Bishop

Safe Haven Sunday Letter 2019

Greetings in Christ!

Today's Gospel reading begins with Jesus telling his disciples a parable. He begins with two questions, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?"

This weekend we are celebrating Safe Haven Sunday throughout our diocese. I am addressing all the faithful of our diocese through this letter to raise awareness so that we can lead our young people away from a modern-day pit that so many are falling into today. This is my invitation to you: consider the serious responsibility that we all share to protect our children from harm. We live in a culture that contains many hazards to both the moral and spiritual health of our children. In recent years much has been done to make our schools and parishes safer for the children of our diocese.

Many of you are aware of our mandated safe-environment training, background checks, and ethical standards that have been in place and have made a profound impact on the culture in our diocese. And, this past week in Rome, a summit called by Pope Francis is sought to address greater change in the Church universal for safety, accountability, and healing.

While our schools have done much, many of our homes still have more to do. Technology, entertainment, and the internet have given us many good things. But, they also have a dark side. For the sake of this message being delivered at Holy Mass I will use the term "bad pictures." I think we all know just what I'm talking about and I think this is a very helpful term for parents to use to explain what this evil is, especially prior to first exposure. Perhaps you are already aware of the gravity of our current situation? Just in case, here are just a few alarming statistics.

This problem is now among the leading causes of divorce. In a 2018 report, 56 percent of U.S. divorces involved one party having "an obsessive interest in [these bad picture and video] websites."

The average age of first exposure to these bad pictures has dropped dramatically in the past decade. A study from last year revealed that 51 percent of male students and 32 percent of female students first viewed bad pictures or videos before age 13.

Increasingly, viewing bad videos is leading children to copy that behavior with other children. According to Heidi Olsen, an RN who practices nursing at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, the biggest age range of people committing indecent assaults against children are other children ages 11-15 years old. In a July 2018 article in which Heidi shared this new development, she comments on the cause of this phenomenon, "[Bad videos] are often a main factor, and sometimes the only factor, that influenced a child to act out in [this] harmful way," she wrote.

I realize that it is agonizing for most parents to even think of talking to young children about internet safety.

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**Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti**

816-812-2500

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**Kathleen Chastain**

chastain@diocesekcsj.org

**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**

MARCH 3, 2019  
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Mass Intentions

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

4:00 pm OLOS Parishioners

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

8:00 am Elana Sanders-Braxton, spec.int.

11:00 am † Maria de Jesus Gutierrez

## MONDAY, March 4—St. Casimir

Noon † Jose Ramirez Gonzalez

## TUESDAY, March 5—Weekday

Noon † Philip & Patricia Fowle

## WEDNESDAY, March 6—Ash Weekday

Noon Lucie Mactal, spec.int.

## THURSDAY, March 7—St. Perpetua and Felicity

Noon † Catherine & Clarence Healy

## FRIDAY, March 8—St. John of God

Noon Mara Franke, spec.int.

## SATURDAY, March 9—1st Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm † Loretta Jo Kratofil

## SUNDAY, March 10—1st Sunday of Lent

8:00 am OLOS Parishioners

11:00 am † Healy, Hiller & Hoedl Families

## 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

| 3/2 & 3                    | 4:00pm  | 8:00am   | 11:00am   |
|----------------------------|---|--|---|
| <b>Reader</b>              | Debbie Bruening   | Ann Virgo  | Ken Blundell  |
| <b>Communion Ministers</b> | Bruce Laughlin<br>Becky Laughlin                          | Tom Papreck<br>Tammy Papreck                                       | Kathryn Blundell<br>Mary Healy                      |
| <b>Servers</b>             | John Pileggi  | Tonnye Armstrong   | Jim Healy   |
| <b>Ushers</b>              | Ed Stevens<br>Judy Stevens<br>G. Weatherford<br>Volunteer | Marie Jones<br>Joe Gutierrez<br>Jerald Gutierrez<br>Ted Tschirhart | Mel Hogan<br>Volunteer<br>Volunteer<br>Volunteer    |
| 3/9 & 10                   | 4:00pm  | 8:00am   | 11:00am   |
| <b>Reader</b>              | John Pileggi  | Eloise Sanders   | Jillian Perlaky                                     |
| <b>Communion Ministers</b> | Lynette Wheeler<br>G. Weatherford                         | Ruth Rider-Seck<br>Rita Witt                                       | Sylvia Gutierrez<br>Kathy Randolph                  |
| <b>Servers</b>             | John Pileggi  | Tonnye Armstrong   | Jim Healy   |
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## Readings for the Week of March 3, 2019

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3. 13-16/  
1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/  
Mt 6:1-6. 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1/ Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2. 10-15.Rom 10:8-13/  
Lk 4:1-13

## 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.



# Parish Calendar of Events

- **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
- **March 17—Catholic Hope—**2-4pm Hall
- **March 19—Water Garden Society—**5-9pm Hall
- **March 22—Stations of the Cross** at 7:00pm
- **March 24—Coffee & Donuts** after 8am & 11am
- **March 24—Baptism** after 11am Mass
- **March 25—Controversies in Church History—**7-9pm in the Hall
- **March 29—Stations of the Cross** at 7:00pm
- **March 30 & 31—Catholic Relief Collection**

**Keep Watching for more info & dates to come!**

Your children are growing up in a different world than you did—a world where a predatory industry is seeking to corrupt your children using tactics designed to hotwire their brains and cause addiction.

As parents this is your territory. You are the first educator, first responder, and first counselor for your children, especially in the area of chastity. Once children have Mobile devices with access to bad content it's not just looking at bad pictures that you'll need to prepare them to deal with. There are the social apps that can lead to real life harm, photo sharing that can lead children to engage in risky and degrading behavior, and more apps and settings than most parents will ever be able to figure out. It's a lot for a parent to handle.

However, when parents face this danger head-on by talking openly and with mercy and truth, kids don't have to face it alone.

As your bishop, may I suggest a few things that parents can do.

Develop trusting relationships with your kids. If you're not talking with your children about this, who will help them navigate their technology use and media consumption?

Nurture a life of virtue and prayer; pray as a family and encourage them to frequent the sacrament of confession. We have provided parishes with prayer cards and I encourage you to take them home.

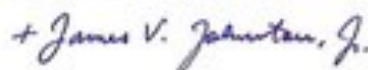
Consider using monitoring and blocking software and pay close attention to what happens at school, friends' homes, anywhere that might have screens that you can't monitor.

Learn the facts about the dangers. Make a plan, pray, and make your plan a reality for the sake of your children and their future. We have partnered with Covenant Eyes to provide a free, easy-to-use 7-day educational program and a free month of access to their monitoring and blocking software. You will find the sign-up information on the prayer cards and, if your parish has provided them, a booklet called "Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting." If you have a smart phone, please take a moment to sign-up right now. It's ok to take out your phone in church for this important purpose. Simply text the word SECURE to 66866.

Finally, here's something all of us can do, even if we don't have children living at home. It is connected to one of the Priorities in our diocesan Mutually Shared Vision - "Healing our Family." We can follow Jesus' advice from today's Gospel and "remove the wooden beam from" our own eye. We can resolve to live our own discipleship in such a way that we can boldly speak about this sin with conviction in God's mercy and truth. We can pray and fast for those we know who are afflicted by this sin. We can draw close to Jesus for our own needs and receive his mercy and healing.

This is a battle we can win. In fact, it is a battle that has already been won by Jesus Christ, Our Savior. This is the Good News proclaimed so boldly by St. Paul in our second reading today - "*Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*"

Gratefully yours in Christ,



Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr.  
Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph

## LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA DISPLAYS

### SAYING YES TO GOD – Mary Vogrinc

Mary Vogrinc shares wisdom from her journey in faith as a wife to her husband Brian, mother of five sons, and foster mother of 54 children through the years. With humor and insight, she relates heartwarming personal stories that testify that God is always present in the details and challenges of daily life, and that like our Blessed Mother, we can trust Him completely.

“A witty look at a good Catholic mom living out God’s will. Priceless! We can’t wait to share it with our friends!” Jeff and Mary - Steubenville, OH

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

**Snow Closure of Office and Mass times Policy—Watch for Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church on Channel 9 KMBC News. Or visit their website at [www.kmbc.com](http://www.kmbc.com) and click on closures.**

## 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](http://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!

## Last Weekends Collection

From February 24, 2019

Plate.....\$551.00

Envelopes.....\$2,106.00



### New Parishioner Information

Please print your name and address below to receive registration information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop in collection basket or mail to the Parish Office.

## 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

Lent groups meet for 8 weeks, beginning the week of March 3.

David Ferrara—Liberty Area 816-215-6025 **Wednesdays**

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**

(Ladies Only Group) Stephanie Franke-Ibarra

Gladstone Area 816-421-2112 **Mondays 6:00pm**

## Communion Minister Training

Training for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion will take place at St. Mark Parish in Independence on April 1 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Fr. Paul Turner presenting.

Please call the office to register. 816-421-2112

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information