#### March 10, 2019



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#### **WEEKEND MASSES:**

Holy Rosary: Saturday 5:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m.

St. Stephen: Sunday 8:00 a.m.

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Tuesday – Mass at Monroe City Manor – 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – 7:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION **Holy Rosary:** Saturday 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**St. Stephen:** Sunday 7:30 a.m. – 7:55 a.m. or anytime by appointment

#### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday March 9

5:30 p.m. Audrey Fuemmeler

Sunday March 10

Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen 8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Evelyn McCormick

Monday March 11

7:30 a.m. Scripture Service - Marie Little

March 12 Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Mass at Monroe City Manor

Mary Bono Cooper Family

Wednesday March 13 Brandon Devlin 7:30 a.m.

Gerry Spalding

March 14 **Thursday** 

Deacon Mike and Therese Long and Family 7:30 a.m. March 15

Friday 7:30 a.m. Charlotte Little Saturday March 16 5:30 p.m. Wes Wainwright

Sunday March 17

Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Longina Pimental

Servers:

Daily Mass March 13 - March 15 Meghan Hays and Cole Hays

Weekend Masses - March 16 & 17

Please see Liturgical Ministries section

### Your Gifts to God and Parish

March 2 & 3 6,802.50

#### Prayer Intentions for the month of March

You are invited and encouraged to unite your prayer intentions with those of Pope Francis and Bishop McKnight.

Pope Francis: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Bishop McKnight: For a penitential spirit: that our observance of Lent may open our own hearts to greater sorrow for sins that offend our love of God and neighbor.

#### It's Tax Season!

Charitable Contribution Letters for your offertory donations are available for 2018. To obtain yours, please call the rectory office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at 735-4718.

#### **Liturgical Ministries** March 16 & 17 5:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Audrey Fuemmeler

Eucharistic Ministers: Gina Carroll, Ruth Ann Shaver, Cele

Shuck, Laurie Assell, Bill Couch and Ellie Couch

Lector: Jim Assell

Gifts: Sonja Greeves and Mary Davis Greeters: Joe Ralph Buckman Family

Ushers: Kevin Bichsel, Bill Couch, Jerry Durbin and Ruth Ann

Servers: Rhett Watson and Mike Dennison Vocalist/Musician: Frank Walker and Sr. Sue

#### 9:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary: Therese Long

Eucharistic Ministers: Phyllis Campbell, Phil Thompson, Dennis Long, Jerry Copenhaver, Steve DeLaporte, Sarah McNally, David Wilson and Michelle Wilson

Lector: Paula Karr Gifts: Mike Hunter Family

Greeters: Kaleb and Kristin Thompson and Kay Elliott Ushers: Ron Hays, Parker Kendrick, Bill Schneider and Jerry

Servers: Makenna Miller and Kylie Harris

Vocalist/Musician: Lindsay Thome and Shannon Quinn

#### Pastor's Notes

Dear Parishioners,

This may sound weird, but enjoy Lent. Lent calls us to life: to become more and more in touch with the reality of God's life within us, to awaken God's Holy Spirit within each of us, and to remove the clutter that keeps us from good Christian service and worship.

On this First Sunday of Lent I have reprinted for you a reflection on the Lenten season from the Liturgical Training Publications Sourcebook.

> Lent renews the entire Christian community. Some may see Lent as a period of drudgery, avoidance of joy or a season that is harsh and depleting. Easter then become a relief, a season of joyful renewal after the laborious, 40-day journey. Yet the Church emphasizes that Lent is indeed a period of joyful renewal. Preface I of Lent to the Eucharistic Prayer prays: [Father] "For by your gracious gift each year your faithful await the Pascal feasts with joy of minds made pure." The renewal comes about through the preparation we are called to make for our celebration of the Pascal Mystery [during the Easter Season]. Anyone who has prepared a joyful event like a wedding, a vacation or a major anniversary knows that half of the joy comes in the preparation itself. Paradoxically, the work in preparing, while taxing and hard in some ways, can also give new life and energy.

> The disciplines of Lent - self denial, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving - are not the ends in and of themselves but the means by which we prepare for the renewal of our baptism in the celebration of the Pascal mystery, the total event of Christ's Passion, death, Resurrection, Ascension, and Sending of the Holy Spirit. In the joy and renewal of Lent we look forward to the great high feast of Easter.

May you have a Blessed Lenten Season and may you listen to God's call to "stretch" yourself and grow in your relationship with God and commitment to the Church during this season of penance and renewal. Prayers and Blessings.



#### Reconciliation Services

March 19 - Holy Family Church, Hannibal March 20 - Holy Rosary Church, Monroe City March 28 - St. Michael Church, Kahoka April 3 - St. Clement Church, Bowling Green

April 4 - St. Joseph Church, Palmyra

April 10 - Sacred Heart Church, Vandalia

#### School News from Sr. Sue

Track Practice will begin on Monday, March 11.

Report Card Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 14 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the KC Hall. All students will be dismissed from school at 12:30. Bus service will not be available at that time.

<u>Classes will not be held</u> on Friday, March 15. All teachers will attend a *Faculty Retreat Day*.

<u>Kindergarten Registration</u> will be held on Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Holy Rosary School cafeteria.

<u>Pre-School classes</u> are almost full. Names may be added to a <u>waiting list.</u>

<u>Applications for teaching at Holy Rosary School</u> are being accepted for the fourth grade position for the 2019-2020 school year. Please contact Sr. Sue Walker for additional information at 573-735-2422 or <a href="mailto:hrsw@socket.net">hrssw@socket.net</a>.

### From Deacon Mike's Desk

PSR: Class today, March 10, following 9:30 Mass.

**Grade School PSR:** Class Wednesday, March 13, from 3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

**Chosen:** Holy Rosary/St. Stephen High School Youth Group meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Holy Rosary School.

**Small prayer group study options:** These subjects are available from Deacon Mike for small groups – "Catholicism", "Conversion" and "Priest, Prophet, King", all by Bishop Robert Barron and "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" by Jeff Cavins.

#### Sunday Ministerial Alliance Scripture Service at Monroe City Manor

March 24, 2019 – Mark and Cathy Yager April 7, 2019 – Howard and Linda Willard April 14, 2019 – Jim and Sheryl Underhill

#### Knights of Columbus

\*\*\*The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a FISH FRY on Friday, March 15, at the Lion's Club barn. Serving begins at 4:30, with a menu of fish, baked beans, cornbread, slaw, dessert and iced tea or water. Prices are \$9 per adult and \$5 per child. Please also support the Lion's Club as they will also sponsor fish fries on March 8 and March 22 at the barn.

### From our Choir Director...

#### Rehearsal Schedule for the Easter Cantata

Wednesday, April 3 – 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 7 – 10:30 a.m. (following 9:30 Mass) Wednesday, April 10 – 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 14 – 10:30 a.m. (following 9:30 Mass)

### Daughters of Isabella

\*\*\*Our March 14 business meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a carry-in dinner. Jim Underhill will be a guest speaker, and Fr. Greg and Janet Kolton, our State Regent, will also be joining us.

The Social Committee Chair is Laurie Assell. She will be assisted by Beverly Walker, Carol Bichsel, Jane Wilson and Tiffany Greiman. They are responsible for dessert and beverages only.

This is a very important meeting as we have some decisions to make. Please plan to attend.

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\*\*\*Msgr. Connolly Circle #105 Daughters of Isabella – 100<sup>th</sup>
Anniversary Celebration – October 12, 2019.

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#### Coming up on FORMED! March 17 – St. Patrick

Watch: Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle

**Listen:** The Trials of St. Patrick **Read:** St. Patrick's Summer **Read:** Twenty Tales of Irish Saints

To sign up for **FORMED** please visit <u>www.formed.org</u> and use Parish code: **R8YRMG**. This service is **free** to our parishioners so please use it as much as you would like.

## Things to Do...

Thursday, March 14 Daughters of Isabella meeting – 6 p.m. Friday, March 15 K of C Fish Fry, Lion's Club Barn, 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 15 Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20 Penance Service

#### Perpetual Adoration Hours Available

Sunday: noon-1 p.m., 11-midnight Monday: 7–8 a.m. (for winter only), 5-6 p.m. Tuesday: 6-7 p.m.

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**Thursday:** 11-midnight, every other week **Friday:** 6-7 p.m., 7-8 p.m., 8-9 p.m., 9-10 p.m., 10-11 p.m.

**Saturday:** 7-8 a.m., noon-1 p.m., 2-3 p.m.

Please contact **Phyllis Campbell**, 573-795-2290 or **Howard and Linda Willard**, 573-735-4552

### **Encounter Norma**

In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life.

How can you contribute to support families in your community? The Monroe City Food Bank will receive 25% of our parish's Rice Bowl donations. You can pick up your family's Rice Bowl at the church exits. Included with each Rice Bowl is a calendar with daily Lenten reflections and recipes from countries that are served by Catholic Relief Services.

#### Please pray for...

Connie Kendrick Trent Zeiger William P. Smith, Sr. Jenine Zeiger Rose Shinn Rosemary Evans Sue Gilbert Nick Hays Margaret Hughes Deanna Buckman Natalee Amos Bill Janes Kyndal Underwood Bonnie Ess Anna Pennewell Kimberly Spalding Jackie Ryan Don Davis Barbara Kendrick Logan Maher Baby Jordyn Painter Jan Thompson Pauline Quinn Charlotte Schneider Troy Ritter Lindsay Ritter Mary Smith Sprague Kenny Underhill Jim and Pat Stuart

For <u>all</u> who are ill, especially those who are awaiting, or recovering from surgery, or seriously ill and for their caretakers & their families; and for those who have died. We pray to the Lord.

The website is up and running! One of our parishioners has kindly donated his time and creativity to get us back online. Much of the information was taken from the old website, so please bear with us as we continue to update each page. You can find us at <a href="https://www.holyrosarychurchmc.org">www.holyrosarychurchmc.org</a>.

# March 17, 2019 – Second Sunday of Lent

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 God appeared to Abram and made a covenant to his faithful servant, promising many descendants and much land. Abram put faith in the Lord, who credited it to him as righteousness.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14 The Lord is my light and my salvation

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2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1 Paul urged the Philippians to follow his example: "Therefore, my brothers and sister, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord."

**Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36** Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a mountain to pray. There he was transfigured before their eyes. A cloud overshadowed them, and a voice said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

#### Catholicism and Purgatory

Catholics believe in Heaven, Hell, and something called Purgatory that has two purposes: a temporal punishment for sin, and the cleansing from the attachment to sin. Purgatory purifies the soul before the soul's grand entrance into Heaven.

Purgatory is an often-misunderstood Catholic doctrine. It isn't considered a spiritual jail or hell with parole. And Catholicism doesn't teach that everyone goes to purgatory. On the contrary, the Church believes that many people are purified or purged, hence the term *purgatory*, in this life. For example, the Church believes that:

- Many innocent persons who suffer from disease, poverty, or persecution are living their purgatory now on earth, and when they die faithful to God, may go straight to heaven.
- People who live an exceptionally good and holy life bypass purgatory and go to heaven.

Anyone who dies in the state of grace (receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist) may go immediately to heaven. The Church teaches that everyone else, although not stained with serious/grave sin that would lead one to Hell, needs purification from venial sins to enter into Heaven. Purgatory is the gift from God that will wash away sin one day for our entrance into Heaven.