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SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

# 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

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### MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 5:00 P.M.,  
SUNDAY 7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M. AND 11:30 A.M.

### DAILY MASS

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### CONFESSIONS

3:30-4:30 P.M. SATURDAY OR APPOINTMENT

### ADORATION

WEDNESDAYS 9:00 A.M.-9:00 P.M.

### BAPTISMS

CELEBRATED 1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY OF THE  
MONTH OR BY APPOINTMENT

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*A Message from the Pastor.....*

This week we get a Vision of where Jesus' desert time took him, and can take us. Through the ancient wisdom of the church, at the start of Lent we get a prefigurement of Easter in the Transfiguration. Not just a time of sacrifice and penance for its own sake, but to lead us into the amazing victory of Jesus over sin and evil in our lives and, ultimately, like him, over death. From their long journeys over dusty roads, he was lifted up—I like his clothes becoming “dazzlingly white”, shown with the great figures of their tradition, and pronounced “Beloved” as at his Baptism. As they resumed their mundane life, he told the disciples that it was a sign of where they were all going—into glory with God. This vision was to give them encouragement to keep walking those dusty roads with him.

And so with us. The meaning of Lent is not penance and gloom, but our journey of transformation into the heart and love of God. As St. Paul says today: “Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.”

Last week we heard Jesus in the desert resisting temptations to an easy life, and suffering hunger, abandonment, and powerlessness. He entered all human suffering in his own suffering. I recounted some ways we as human suffer, and priests too. In experiencing others' grief and sadness; in experiencing undue judgement and criticism, and hurting for the pain and violence of our times, we priests share in the sufferings of Jesus, and of our whole race.

Thanks to many for your “welcome back” and interest in my recent trip. The overseas travel both ways went very smoothly. The Lapland Arctic in Finland was a wonder—good snow, just modestly cold. Along with cross-country skiing, a night snowshoeing excursion was a magical delight under a clear sky of stars and Northern Lights. The Finnish people were a delight too, along with others from Europe, and they were all good companions.

*Fr Tom Wyrsh*



**MASS INTENTIONS—MARCH 6-12**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 6</b>
6:30 A.M.	DICK AND MARY ANN SMYTHE
8:15 A.M.	GARY EISENHART
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 7</b>
6:30 A.M.	CARL AND ROSE ANN JOHNSON
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 8</b>
6:30 A.M.	JOHN D. SCHUELE
8:15 A.M.	JOHN EDGERLEY
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 9</b>
6:30 A.M.	THE ROSANSKI FAMILY
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 10</b>
6:30 A.M.	THE FIENUP FAMILY
8:15 A.M.	LAURENCE DERRINGTON
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 11</b>
8:15 A.M.	SPECIAL INTENTION
5:00 P.M.	ARTHUR BIEDENSTEIN
<b>MARCH 12</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
7:30 A.M.	FOR DECEASED PRIESTS
9:30 A.M.	SPECIAL INTENTION
11:30 A.M.	BOB BIRKENMAIER

**WORSHIP COMMISSION****ADORATION**

Every Wednesday, 9:00 A.M.-9:00 P.M. in the church.

Come, spend an hour with the Lord. You will be surprised at how much an hour of quiet time spent with the Lord will do for your soul. He is always there patiently waiting to listen to what is in your heart. You may drop by church anytime during the

Adoration period that you would like. Need information? Contact Barb DeJean either by phone 314.494.5621 or email [de\\_jean@sbcglobal.net](mailto:de_jean@sbcglobal.net)

**STEADFAST IN FAITH****A PRAYER FOR ALL THINGS NEW**

Jesus, You call us to pray, fast and give alms. We, of the Archdiocese of St. Louis thank You for Your call this Lent to grow steadfast in our faith. In our Archdiocesan journey may we stay close to the Word and grow in virtue, so that we may find mutual affection for one another as we embrace the plan for the future of the Archdiocese. Strengthen us with the discipline of prayer, aid us in fasting from negativity and self indulgence. Stir through the Spirit, a generosity for the needs of others so that we may grow in charity. As we journey through these days of Lent, may we seek the power of the Spirit to grow through your transformative Love, Lord. Amen.

**FORMATION COMMISSION**

Participate in the **FORMED LENTEN CHALLENGE**. Listen to FORMED Daily Reflections by Dr. Tim Gray on the daily Mass readings. These are only 4 minutes long. If you like them, sign up to receive these Daily Reflections by email at <https://daily.formed.org> Sign-up for FORMED. New to FORMED? Visit FORMED.org/sign-up, enter the parish zip code and then your name and email. Already have an account? Visit FORMED.org, click sign-in, enter your email, click the link in your email and you are in. Also, download the free FORMED app to have access to the content on your phone.

**PANERA DINE-OUT FUNDRAISER** (Creve Coeur Ballas location) March 8, 4:00-8:00 P.M. to dine for a cause. 20% of your purchase supports St. Monica School. Use code FUND4U when ordering online or in person you can show the Digital or Paper Flyer. Flyers can be found in church or on Facebook.

**GIRL SCOUT TROOP #3987 COAT DRIVE** March 5-12. Donate your new or lightly used cold weather items for the International Welcome Center to help people who need winter wear. Collection baskets are in the church lobby, gym lobby, and school office. Contact Georgia Arnold, troop leader for questions or information 314.640.3451.

**CARE PACKAGES**—St. Monica's 8th Girl Scout, Cece Williams for her Silver Award is making NICU care packages for families entering Mercy Hospital's NICU. Donated items include: individual Kleenex packs, hand lotion and sanitizer, notebooks, pens, new children's books. All items must be new to enter the NICU. Deadline to donate is July 2023. A box is at each parish entrance for the NICU collections.

Sr. Carol Orf, **SISTER OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD, DESERT DAY**: The desert has always been a symbol for a meeting place with God. Come to the quiet and beauty of St. Joseph Chapel at 204 North Main, O'Fallon, MO on March 14, from 9:15 A.M. to 3:15 P.M. and let God speak to your heart. The day will begin and end with prayer. The remainder of the day is solitude, quiet, reflection, and rest. You will have opportunity to talk with a spiritual director. Lunch is provided and we ask a free will offering. For information or to register contact Sr. Mary Cecile Gunelson, CPPS at 636.293.8013 or by email at [mcgunelson@cpps-ofallon.org](mailto:mcgunelson@cpps-ofallon.org)

## SOCIAL AND SERVICE COMMISSION

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING...**Rebecca Damazyn, David Feldman, Billie Greif, Bill Guiot, Bob Huseman, Donna Jones, Terri Janon, Joan Koester, Patricia Kurane, Gavin Lain, Patricia Mohan, Joe Mueller, Lesley Riesmeyer, Tony Rosas, Candy Ross, Helen Sander, Beth Schobel, Rose Slee and Marilyn Williams.

**DONUT SUNDAY** today hosted by our Knights of Columbus in the Church Hall after 7:30 and 9:30 A.M. Masses.

**WELCOME TO** Shelby DeRousse, her daughter, Yara DeRousse and her parents, Kim and Robert Wagoner (Wellman Ct) who recently joined our Parish Community.

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS** are canned fruit, meats, stews, soups and tuna.

**ST. MONICA PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE** continues to promote witnessing and praying at the St. Louis Planned Parenthood Thursday, March 23 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. There is concern that there will be referendum in the future to allow for abortion in Missouri so prayers are needed. If you cannot attend you may sign up to say a rosary to pray for pregnant women to choose life and get the support they need. A sign-up sheet is in the church vestibule. Place a star\* by your name and time to pray from another site. Sign up as usual to attend. Questions, contact Julio at [Juliolagos@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Juliolagos@sbcglobal.net) or 314.576.7494 or Diann at 314.484.6121 or [dbomkamp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbomkamp@sbcglobal.net)

**BIRTHRIGHT COLLECTION** today, March 4-5. When \*Savannah came to Birthright, she was unsure of any support from her babies father. He wanted to move on. She feels she can financially support herself and the baby with the help of a family member. She practices self-care and sees her Birthright counselor for help and guidance. She is also looking forward to attend Birthright classes to gain skill and practical knowledge. Thanks to your donations, Savannah has had someone to guide her. *\*Name changed for confidentiality*

**ST. MONICA PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE** will help our St. Louis Deacons collect diapers for infants, toddlers and adults the weekends of March 11-12 through Sunday, March 26. Last year over 225,000 thousand diapers were collected for the needy in our Archdiocese. This year we hope to exceed that amount. Note that there is need for larger size diapers, 3's, 4's and 5's as well as smaller diapers. Boxes will be at all church entrance. For questions contact Michele at [bmlain@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bmlain@sbcglobal.net) or Diann at [dbomkamp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbomkamp@sbcglobal.net).

**RECYCLING** please do not use the paper recycle bin as we have been attempting to have them emptied but with no results so far.

**WHAT IS THE CHURCH'S POSITION ON CREMATION?** Ensure that your final plans and those of your loved ones are aligned with Catholic teaching. Attend the free seminar, The Conversation: A Catholic Perspective on Cycle-of-Life Issues, to learn about the Church's position on cremation, anatomical donation and more on Saturday, March 25, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at St. Anselm in West County To register, visit [rcfstl.org/general/theconversation-spring-2023](http://rcfstl.org/general/theconversation-spring-2023) or call 314.918.2890.

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**ST MONICA VBS 2023** Save the Date -- July 17-21.

Theme: Parachute with the Angels and St. Catherine Laboure. Open to children PreK-3 to 6th grade (Fall '23 school year). Registration will begin after spring break.

Contact Monica Feldman, [monicaleed@hotmail.com](mailto:monicaleed@hotmail.com) or Rosemary Shaw, [rosemary.shaw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rosemary.shaw@sbcglobal.net)

## UPCOMING 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENTS FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

**MARCH 10, FRIDAY** – ACTS team will present “Through the Eyes of Mary” version of live Stations of the Cross at 7:00 P.M. in the Church.

**MARCH 17, FRIDAY** – Knights of Columbus will present the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 P.M. in the church.

**MARCH 23, THURSDAY** – Dr. Ed Hogan will present on “Becoming a Spiritual Companion.” Event will be at 7:00 P.M. in the Church with a reception to follow.

**LENTEN SERIES FOR ADULTS** begins Sunday, March 5 and continues 4 more Sundays after our 9:30 A.M. Mass in Mary's Room. We will use St. John Paul II's letter On the *Christian Meaning of Human Suffering*. Cost is \$10 for the Book. Sign up sheets at all entrances to the Church or contact Fr. Tim, 314.4341.4211 ext 338.

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### Ladies of the Parish, Join Us for **OUR SOUP SUPPER** Monday, March 13, 6:30 P.M. in the Church Hall

The Ladies Guild will be hosting a soup supper along with a talk by Dr. Susan Lenihan, Ph.D. on

#### **THE ROLE OF WOMEN (MOTHERS & GRANDMOTHERS) IN TODAY'S CHURCH**

Enjoy a soup supper on us!

We'll have many varieties of homemade soups from which to choose so bring your appetites. After supper enrich your Lenten experience by listening to an enlightening talk by Dr. Lenihan and spending some quality time with other lady parishioners.

If you have any questions, call Teresa at 314.275.8974.



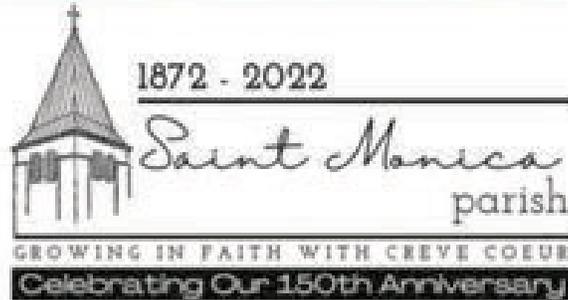
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