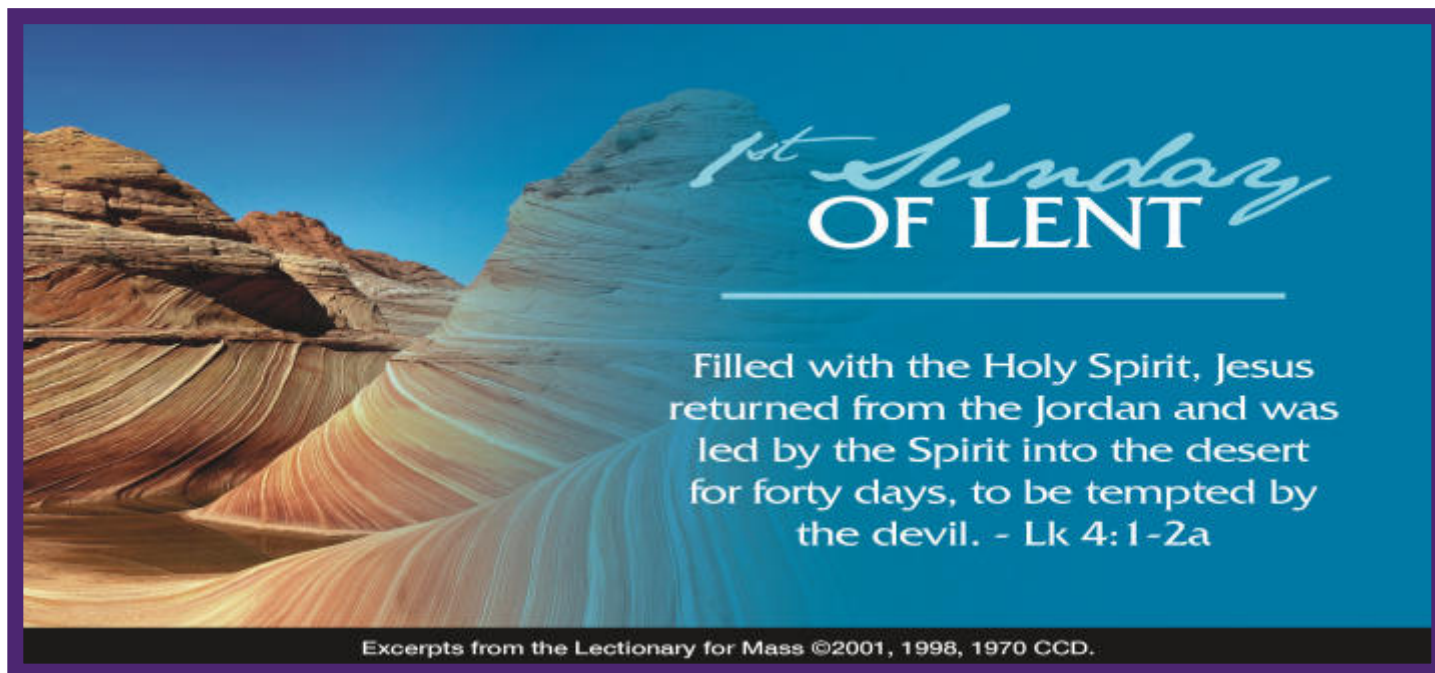


Sacred Heart Church

332 North Oak Street, Pratt, Kansas 67124



March 10, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life (cf. 1 John 2:16). Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom (cf. Genesis 3:6). The temptations of Jesus are our own.

"Turn these stones to bread." Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It's the simplest of temptations because it's instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap "from the temple parapet" would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God?

When we consider areas of temptation and sin, it's not to feel ashamed. The temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too.

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Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Sacraments

Penance: Saturday: 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Baptism: Contact the church office at 672-6352

Marriage: Diocesan policy requires a minimum of a four month preparation period. Please make early arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: On the Fourth Thursday of every month at the Ministry of Praise Mass or by appointment.



NOTICES

ADULT EDUCATION

Formed.org parish code: VFMVGH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

No PSR March 13 due to Spring Break.

Readings for the week of March 10, 2019

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
[cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn
6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19
[18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt
5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt
5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-
14[1a]/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

VISION STATEMENT: As Disciples in Christ, we are called to know, love, and serve God and each other in celebrating and living the message of the Gospel.

MISSION STATEMENT: We are a faith community who recognizes and acknowledges individuals' gifts and talents, encouraging spiritual growth.

Bulletin Entries

The deadline for bulletin submissions is Monday at noon for the following week's bulletin. If your submission is not on time, it will be held for the following week's bulletin. Please carefully proofread your entries for the bulletin, as they will be published exactly as received. Do not send attachments. All submissions must be emailed to: sacred_heart_bulletin@live.com

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following:

Rita Haen (sister in law of Ruth Menzer),

Jack Gardner (father of Linda Johnson),

Cliff Dipman (brother of Norma Voss),

Madison Hunt-continue prayers for health

Rochelle Westerhaus- ALS disease

Carla Trujillo (sister of Robert Torres) - colon cancer

Christina Bohrer, continuing health issues

Helen Harper, broken hip

Roma Kay Jackson, cousin to Marsha Kile, breast cancer

Kraeton Sullivan, grandson Rhonda Haas, very ill.

Isabella Staab, recovery from hip surgery

Stewardship of Treasure for the

Weekend of February 24, 2019

Number of Envelopes - 62

Envelope	\$4,002.00
Loose Collection	279.06
Parish Garage Sale	<u>1,376.00</u>
Total	\$5,657.06
Required Budget	<u>7,000.00</u>
Net Deficit	<1,342.94>

Year to Date

Total Receipts	\$269,064.32
Required Budget	<u>245,000.00</u>
Net Surplus	\$24,064.32

Activities Corner

March 10 – Rite of Election/Sending for RCIA during 8:30am Mass and at Dodge City.

March 13 – No Mass or PSR due to Spring Break and Fr. Mike Gone.

March 27 – 11:45am at Methodist Church; Women of Sacred Heart host the Lenten Luncheon

All Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm in the church and Knights of Columbus will have the Fish Fry starting at 5:30pm at the K of C Hall on 1223 N. Main.

Bulletin Announcement:

Upcoming Topics for RCIA: All are welcome

Mar. 12- Reflection on Rite of Sending/Election

March 10th is the Rite of Sending and Election for our catechumen. Please continue to keep Mitch in your prayers as we come closer to Easter.

K of C-Fish Fry

Knights of Columbus will begin their Fish Fries on March 8th starting at 5:30pm. Food will be served at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 1223 N. Main St. Come support our Knights.

Community Lenten Luncheons: The Lenten Luncheons begin March 6th from 11:45am-1:00pm at the First United Methodist Church, 100 N. Jackson St., Pratt. Churches of the community take turn hosting a luncheon each Wednesday during Lent. The host church serves a lite lunch followed with a Prayer Service. A free-will offering is accepted with proceeds going to the Hope Center. Sacred Heart will host Wednesday, March 27th. Parishioners are encouraged to attend.

SUNG HEROES: You are invited to be RENEWED in your spirit, REFRESHED in your ministry, RECOGNIZED for your gift. A day for MUSIC MINISTERS in an "out of the way place" Saturday, March 30 from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm at St. Andrew Parish Center in Wright, KS. RSVP by March 18 to Gayla Kirmer at gkirmer@dcdioocese.org or 620-227-1525

Thank you: I would like to thank Ruth Menzer, Jim Pecinovsky, Kathy Axelson, Leola Hageman, Linda Fletcher, Molly Webb, and Chris Baker for their help with the March Newsletter. It is very much appreciated. Erin Crouch

Lenten Study at the Heartland Spiritual Center in

Great Bend: Baptism: Searching Its Meaning and Its Challenge Presenter – Sr. Francine Schwarzenberger Dates: Thursday Afternoons, March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 11 Time: 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Fee: Suggested Donation \$15. To sign up email Sister Francine fschwarzenberger@oppeace.org or by calling 620-792-1232 Baptism..grace, anointing, enlightenment, a most precious gift. But what does that mean in one's life? This sacrament initiates us into the Christian way of living, but it is only the beginning. It calls us to a life of discipleship. Teaching will be based on the book, Take the Plunge: Living Baptism and Confirmation by Timothy Radcliffe, OP. Book is not required for the study.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

First Sunday of Lent

Ideut 26:4-10 / Rom 10:8-13 / Lk 4:1-13

In dealing with playground bullies, we often to tell children to stand up and defend themselves rather than giving the power to the bully. Satan, like the playground bully, wants to draw you away from the safety and confidence God gives you. In today's gospel, we see Jesus standing up for Himself. By not falling for Satan's trickery, Jesus has taken all of his power away which caused him to "depart for a time." And now here we are, at the beginning of our own temptation in the Lenten "desert." As we strive to cleanse our hearts and prepare for Easter Sunday, Satan will do all he can to derail our efforts. In baptism, we were given the spiritual weapons to fight the evil one. Now is the time to tap into those gifts -- ask the Holy Spirit to make you FULLY ALIVE as you begin your Lenten journey!

Sympathy: Parishoner Patricia Ann Detwiler, 67, died February 28, 2019 at PRMC. She is survived by her husband, Ronald, a son, Christopher and Jessica Detwiler, a daughter, Lindsay Ann Detwiler, 5 grandchildren, and a sister-in-law, Yvonne Route. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Gladys (Zentz) Route and a brother, Charles 'Chuck' Route. The vigil service was held Sunday, March 3rd at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt. Mass of Christian Burial was at 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 4, 2019 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial followed at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

March – Child sex trafficking is a growing concern across urban, suburban and rural communities in the U.S. It transcends racial, ethnic, gender, and socio-economic boundaries. Learn what is happening in your community, in your state. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. VISIT: sistersagainsttrafficking.org

Vocation Corner: God brings us through difficult experiences and always leads us to life. Depend on the Holy Spirit to guide you on the path of life. (Luke 4:1-13). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdioocese.org/vocations.



SEASONAL REFLECTION

March 10, 2019
1st Sunday of Lent

St. Louise de Marillac

God calls us in every stage of life. This week is the feast of Louise de Marillac. As a young girl, she felt called to the religious life. However, she received advice to marry instead. Her husband died 12 years into their marriage. In the wake of her husband's death, she met St. Vincent de Paul. She was greatly inspired by his work with the poor, and he became her spiritual director. She began a training center out of her own home to train other young women to serve the poor and sick. This became the Sisters of Charity. The religious order began to grow, as slowly more sisters joined to work in hospitals and orphanages across France. The Sisters of Charity now serve worldwide. When your life takes an unexpected turn, consider where God might be calling you!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -

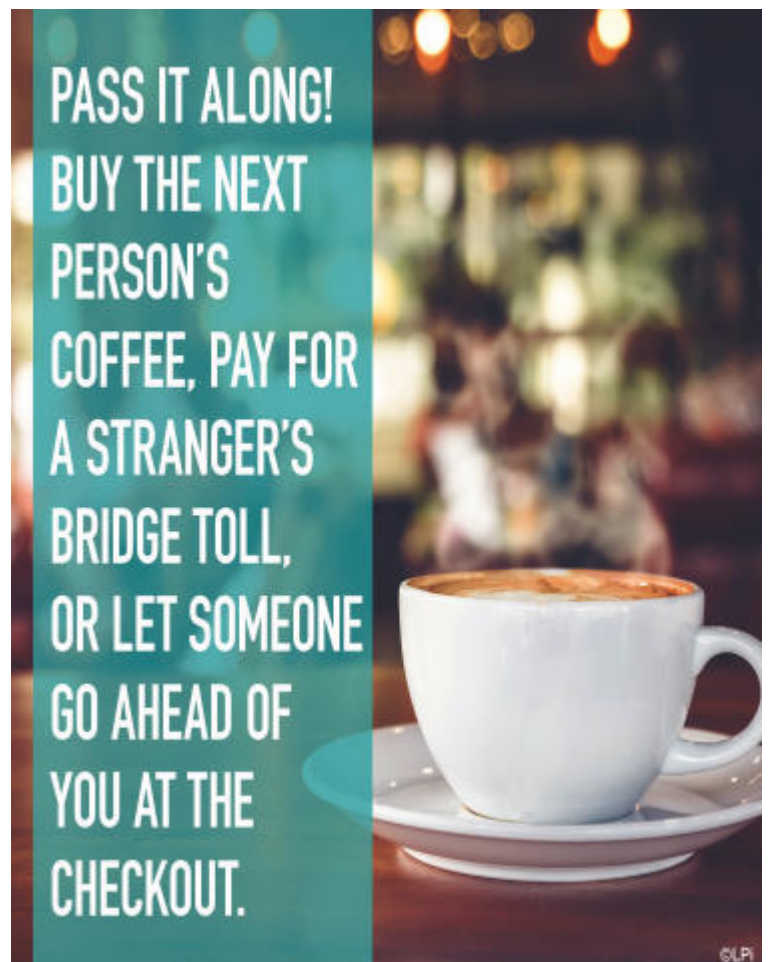
It will take too long. I can't spare it. I don't know anybody. I am just too busy. How many excuses can you think of to put forth as reasons why you should say no to the call of Jesus Christ? Wait. You didn't know to whom those responses were directed? We say no to many things and many people, but we wouldn't say no to Jesus. Really?

During this Lenten season, like all the other seasons, we will be asked to respond in many different ways. There will be fasting, almsgiving, and abstinence from certain foods. There will be invitations to various devotions and formational studies. We will be asked to reflect on our faith and then dive deeper.

The argument will be made by some that many of these things are being asked of us by others and not Jesus. Of course, that will just be another excuse like those above. For every calling upon us comes with a temptation to take the easy way out or to minimize the value of the request.

We will stay caught up in an endless cycle of excuses that lead us nowhere. That is unless we simply choose to stop the madness and say YES! This Lent, give up and give in. Let God take over as you surrender all you are and have to Him. Now is the time to turn to Jesus. No more excuses.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Calendar of Events

March 2019

- 12 7:00pm RCIA session
- 13 4:00pm-5:15pm Adoration
No Mass/Fr. Is Gone
No PSR Spring Break
- 14 8:30am Ministry of Praise Mass/
Anointing and refreshments
9:30am Helping Hands Sew Circle
- 15 8:00am Mass
5:30pm Stations of the Cross
5:30pm KofC Fish Fry
7pm Spanish Prayer/Rosary
- 16 4:30pm Confession
5:30pm Mass
- 17 Second Sunday of Lent
(St. Patrick's Day)
8:00am Confession
8:30am Mass
10:45am Mass in St. John



- 13 NO 5:30 Mass
- 14 Michael Nall by Larry & Linda Conkle
- 15 Sister Vivian Schmidtbecker by Frank Jarmer & Cecilia Peltier
- 16 (Sat. eve.)
Charlotte Theis by Curtis & Annette Adelhardt
- 17 (Sunday)
Pratt - Robert L. Peter by Daniel Ellis
St. John - Pro popolo

New to the Parish?

We would like to welcome you to Sacred Heart. Please fill out this short form and drop it in the collection basket or in the mail slot at the rectory. Someone will contact you to help you complete your registration.

Name _____
Address _____
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best time to call _____

Thank you for helping us include you here at Sacred Heart.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March, 2019

Week 3

SATURDAY, Mar. 16th, 5:30 p.m. MASS

Lector: Cecilia Peltier, Frank Jarmer
Commentator: Rita Hitt
Cross Bearer: Rayden Crow
Servers: VOLUNTEER
Euch. Ministers: Linda Conkle, Donna Huff
Diana Barnard
Don & Gina Himmertzheim
Gifts: Kim Evert Family
Ushers: Marion Fiegel, Kaden Evert
Sacristan: Linda Fletcher
Rosary Leader: VOLUNTEER

SUNDAY, Mar. 17th, 8:30 a.m. MASS

Lector: Susan & Bryan Pixler
Commentator: Josie Conkle
Cross Bearer: Ryan Haas
Servers: Aden & Isaac Temanson
Euch. Ministers: Mike & Amy Koler
Josie Conkle, Lorin & Julie Haas
Gifts: Cannata Family
Ushers: Rick Stegman, VOLUNTEER
Sacristan: Julie Scott
Rosary Leader: VOLUNTEER
EM to the Sick: Jeanette Siemens
Lyola Hatfield, Ken Beckman

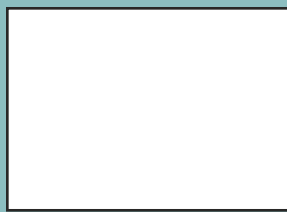


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