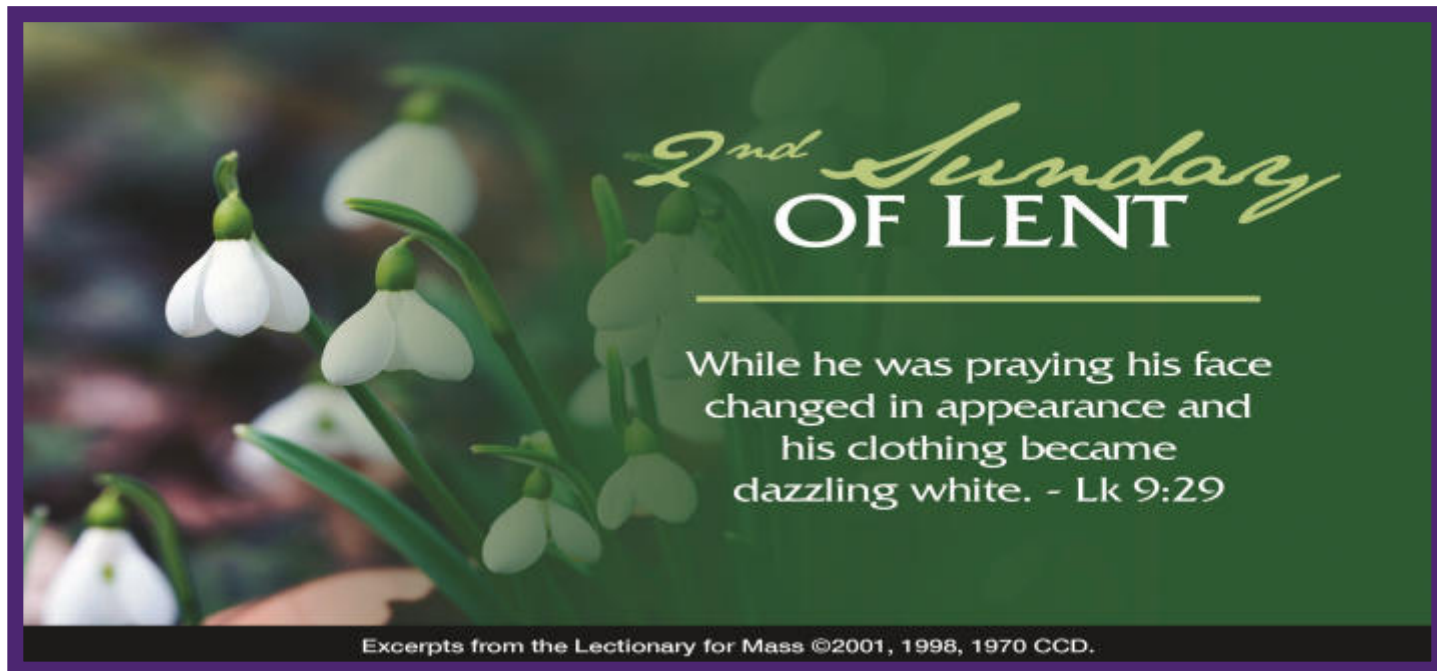


Sacred Heart Church

332 North Oak Street, Pratt, Kansas 67124



March 17, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

As we march through Lent, it can be easy to think it's all about sacrifice. No chocolate, no alcohol, no meat on Fridays. Yet here, only in the second week of Lent, we have the story of the transfiguration. This reading reminds us of the "why" behind what we do. We don't fast from dessert to lose weight. We don't donate money or serve others because it's merely a nice thing to do. Lent is about transformation!

Peter, James, and John trudged up the mountainside behind Jesus. This must have been a difficult hike, because when they reached the top, "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep." Despite our best efforts, perhaps we, too, can be asleep to the deeper meaning of the Lenten season. Jesus is transfigured while they slumber, but eventually they become "fully awake, [and] they saw his glory and the two men standing with him."

This is no small thing! The disciples witness Jesus in his divine splendor and see the miraculous apparitions of Moses and Elijah. The entire mountain becomes a spiritual breakthrough. "A cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud." These symbols are present in the Old Testament. They are present on Mount Sinai when Moses prayed alone and received the 10 Commandments. Elijah had a similar experience when he prayed alone before God. But here are ordinary men, former fishermen, who have been drawn up into an adventure beyond their wildest expectations. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the fulfillment of all that came before. But Christianity is not the religion of the elite, where only the select few are allowed to participate. We are all invited into spiritual transformation. Lent is a privileged time for this!

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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

April 3rd: First Communion centers/banners for students and parents during PSR.

Readings for the week of March 17, 2019

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

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17th!!

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 March 3, 2019 Number of Envelopes - 84

Auto Withdrawal Envelopes	\$1,070.00
Envelope	8,762.00
Loose Collection	178.00
Votive Lights	54.00
St. John Pastor Reimbursement	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total	\$11,564.00
Required Budget	<u>7,000.00</u>
Net Surplus	4,564.00
	Year to Date
Total Receipts	\$280,628.32
Required Budget	<u>252,000.00</u>
Net Surplus	\$28,628.32

Activities Corner

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

March 31 - Get signed up for the Passover Meal on April 14th.

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.

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

Bulletin Announcement:

K of C-Fish Fry

Knights of Columbus will have their Fish Fry starting at 5:30pm on Friday during Lent. 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@dcdio-cese.org or 620-227-1525

PASSOVER/PASCHAL MEAL

On Palm Sunday the parish will host a ritual Passover/Paschal meal at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The celebration was well attended last year. Reservations need to be made to help plan for food preparation and space needed. RSVP no later than March 31, high school age and older. Will take reservations for up to 60. Call one of the following to make your reservation; Luke Kumberg: 388-5392, Arlene Garland: 388-4488, Rita Hitt: 672-2614-cell 450-7513, Erin Crouch 388-9024, Parish office 672-6352.

Glasses found after PSR: A pair of glasses were found in the parking lot/school area after PSR on Wed., March 6. If you lost a pair please contact the office. Thanks.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Second Sunday of Lent

Today we hear about the Transfiguration. In this gospel passage, Jesus' appearance changes into something blinding and divine which is somewhat overwhelming for Peter, James, and John. Add to that the appearance of Moses and Elijah and the booming voice of God from heaven, and it isn't difficult to understand why Peter might have been baffled. The emphasis in this reading seems to be on the majesty and divinity of Jesus, but there is another story of transformation being told -- that of Peter, the disciple. Peter was a devoted follower of Jesus, but he was a bit of a slow learner, and that makes him very much like many of us. It took a major spectacle for him to understand who and what the Messiah really was! Consider your own progress as a disciple. Perhaps you, too, are a devoted follower of Jesus Christ. How then might you, like Peter, be transformed during this 40 day fast? Pray that God will reveal Himself in a unique way that allows you to more deeply understand Him and share your faith with others!

Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

Hoy escuchamos de la Transfiguración. En la lectura del Evangelio, la apariencia de Jesús cambia a algo cegador y divino; el cual, es un poco sobresaliente para Pedro, Andrés y Juan. Agregándole a eso la apariencia de Moisés y Elías y la voz retumbante de Dios desde el cielo. Entonces no es difícil entender por qué Pedro pudo haberse quedado perplejo. El énfasis de esta lectura parece enfocarse más en la majestuosidad y divinidad de Jesús; pero, hay otra historia de transformación que se cuenta, la de Pedro como discípulo. Pedro era un seguidor devoto de Jesús, pero él era un poco lento para aprender y eso lo hacía más parecido al resto de nosotros. Tuvo que pasar un espectáculo de esa magnitud para que él entendiera quien y que era en verdad el Mesías. Consideren su propio progreso como discípulos; tal vez tú también eres un seguidor devoto de Jesucristo. ¿Cómo es que al igual que Pedro, tú también puedes ser transformado durante estos cuarenta días de ayuno? Ora para que Dios se te revele de una manera única y deje que tú lo entiendas de una manera más profunda y compartas esa fe con los demás.





The Rite of Sending/Election was celebrated on Sunday, March 10, for our catechumen, Mitch Baird. The Rite of Sending was celebrated during the 8:30 a.m. Mass and The Rite of Election was held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Cathedral, Dodge City. 3:00 p.m. There was a reception following the Rite for a time of social gathering. During the Rite of Election Mitch signed his name in the Book of the Elect, accompanied by his sponsor, Brian Pixler, and was welcomed by Bishop Brungardt (pictured all together to left). Please keep him in prayer as he continues his faith journey toward the Easter Vigil.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

Answer:

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the “Via Dolorosa” (“The Way of Suffering”) or the “Via Crucis” (“The Way of the Cross”), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of “The Way of the Cross” were set up in churches, or outside, and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow - literally - in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations, and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.

The Solemnity of St. Joseph

On March 19th, we celebrate the holiness in the midst of unpredictable fatherhood. We first meet Joseph when he discovers his betrothed is pregnant ? and not by him! St. Joseph does not know who the father is (yet), but he knows the punishment for adultery is death. He decides to divorce Mary quietly, and thus save her life. When an angel appears to reveal that Mary is pregnant by the Holy Spirit, St. Joseph trusts his dream and marries her. As a new foster father, Joseph must help his wife give birth in a stable. Later, he needs to escape the threats to his son’s life by immigrating with his family to a foreign land. We know that St. Joseph is faithful, brave, and willing to sacrifice for those he loves. On the solemnity of St. Joseph, we don’t merely celebrate a carpenter. We celebrate a hero!

Calendar of Events

March 2019

- 19 7:00pm RCIA session
- 20 4:00pm-5:15pm Adoration
5:30pm Mass
7:00pm PSR K-12
- 21 8:00am Mass
9:30am Helping Hands Sew Circle
6:30pm Pastoral Council
- 22 8:00am Mass
5:30pm Stations of the Cross
5:30pm KofC Fish Fry
7pm Spanish Prayer/Rosary
- 23 4:30pm Confession
5:30pm Mass
- 24 Third Sunday of Lent
8:00am Confession
8:30am Mass
10:45am Mass in St. John



- 20 Mary Jeulane Hageman by Leola Hageman
21 Gladys Grannell by Donna Huff
22 Souls in Purgatory
23 (Sat. eve.)
Pro popolo
24 (Sunday)
Pratt – Tina Heien
St. John – Velda Osborne by Mary Peshka

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 _____
Phone _____
best time to call _____

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March, 2019

Week 4

SATURDAY, Mar. 23rd, 5:30 p.m. MASS

Lector: Rita Hitt, Rhonda Westerhaus
Commentator: Luke Kumberg
Cross Bearer: Ava Simmons
Servers: Joseph Kiley, James Kiley
Euch. Ministers: Ken Beckman
Arlene Garland, VOLUNTEER
Susan Wilczek, Glenna Borho
Gifts: VOLUNTEERS
Ushers: Jim Daniels, Daniel Ellis
Sacristan: Mary Harms
Rosary Leader: Janet Horton

SUNDAY, Mar. 24th, 8:30 a.m. MASS

Lector: Jeanette Siemens, Sarah Jackson
Commentator: Stephanie Becker
Cross Bearer: Brenna Stegman
Servers: Adelyn Fields, Maisy Fields
Euch. Ministers: Kim Evert
VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER
Jan Merz, Rita Hitt
Gifts: Lamatsch Family
Ushers: Mike Egging, Bill Hlavachick
Sacristan: Robin Langford
Rosary Leader: Leola Hageman
EM to the Sick: Judy Doolittle
Christine & Lowell Brenner

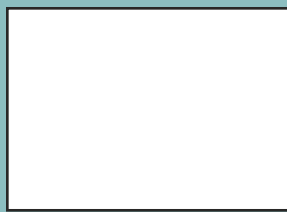


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