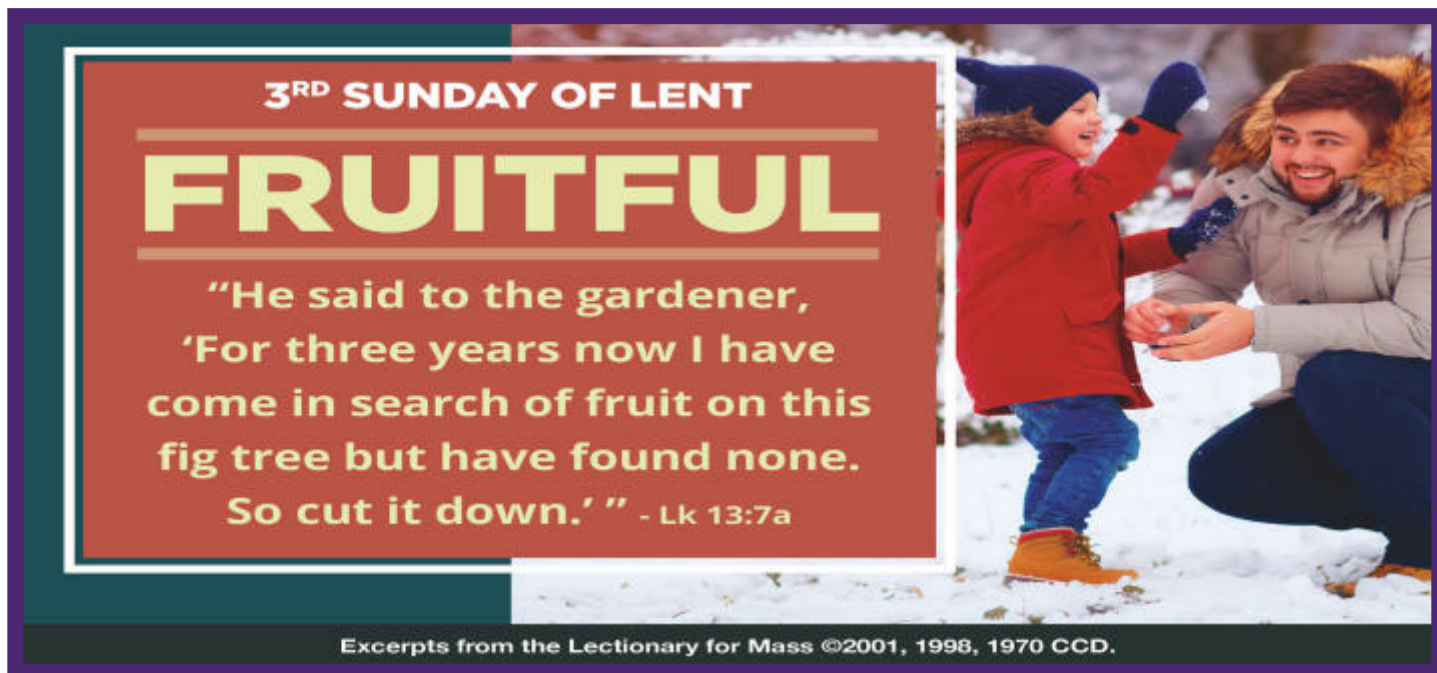


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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

FRUITFUL

“He said to the gardener,
‘For three years now I have
come in search of fruit on this
fig tree but have found none.
So cut it down.’ ” - Lk 13:7a

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March 24, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

“There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it [he] found none.” We live in a results-driven society. It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed. If we’re not keeping up with the perceived “good life” of those around us, we feel anxious and disappointed. Some of the Gospel stories about fruitfulness can seem to play out in this fashion. “For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.” The message seems to be clear. Abide in God and bear fruit! Stand apart from God and be barren. But what happens when we’re trying, but the growth we wanted doesn’t seem to be coming our way? What if it feels like life just isn’t bearing fruit?

This Sunday, Jesus gives us a sign of hope. “[The gardener] said to him in reply, ‘Sir, leave it for this year also ? it may bear fruit in the future.’” How quick we can be to judge! Perhaps you started out Lent with high hopes and big ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven’t gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn’t be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn’t.

The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we’re the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and they just aren’t measuring up. Let today’s Gospel be a gentle nudge for mercy. As Lent continues to unfold, be patient with yourself and those around you. Wait for God to provide the growth.

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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

March 26: PGC session from 5:30-8:30 in school

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

April 10th: Regular PSR

April 17th: Living Stations during PSR

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

Mary Ellen Burton, cousin of Norma Voss, late stage cancer

Readings for the week of March 24, 2019

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

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Stewardship of Treasure for the

Weekend of March 10, 2019

Number of Envelopes - 80

Envelope	\$6,220.00
Loose Collection	<u>259.00</u>
Total	\$6,479.00
Required Budget	<u>7,000.00</u>
Net Deficit	<521.00>

Year to Date

Total Receipts	\$286,712.32
Required Budget	<u>259,000.00</u>
Net Surplus	\$27,712.32

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

Knight 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.

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.

Protecting God's Children Session for Adults:

We will have a Protecting God's Children class on Tuesday, March 26th from 5:30-8:30 pm in the school. This is open to any adult who ever wants to work with children or youth. Please contact Tonya Kiley or the parish office to register.

Women of Sacred Heart Clean Church:

The Women of Sacred Heart will be cleaning the Church 8:30am-4:00pm April 5th and 6th. Please plan to help. Many hands makes light work. This will make the church beautiful for Easter. Contact Kim Evert for more information.

Chrism Mass April 11 in Dodge City: If you would like to attend the Chrism Mass in Dodge City on April 11th at 11am. Please let the office know.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Third Sunday of Lent

A seemingly minor player in today's gospel is the fig tree that does not bear fruit. The owner of the orchard wants to cut it down because it is exhausting the soil. The gardener, however, asks for the opportunity to give the tree special attention, to cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it. This, brothers and sisters, is stewardship. We are surrounded by fruitless fig trees...some of us may even BE the fig tree! Discipleship does not mean we stand and stare and complain about the tree's lack of fruit. It doesn't mean grumbling about the way it is exhausting the soil. Discipleship means helping that fig tree be FULLY ALIVE by caring for it. Like the gardener, we have to get our hands dirty as we nurture the tree and help it bear fruit. This means praying for and with one another, going to Mass together, and discovering the unique "fruits" God has placed within each of us. Just as the fig tree cannot fertilize itself, neither can we alone sustain ourselves. Stewardship means supporting one another.

Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

Un personaje al parecer pequeño o de poca importancia en el Evangelio de hoy, es el árbol de higos que no da fruto. El dueño de la huerta quiere cortarlo porque esta gastando la tierra buena. El jardinero, al contrario, le pide la oportunidad de darle atención especial a ese árbol y cultivar la tierra alrededor de este y fertilizarla. Esto, hermanos y hermanas, es el Stewardship. Estamos rodeados de muchos arboles de trigo que no dan frutos; algunos de nosotros puede que seamos esos arboles. El discipulado no quiere decir que nos estemos parados y veamos a los demas con envidia y nos quejemos de aquel árbol que no puede dar fruto. No quiere decir que nos quejemos de que tan duro es trabajar la tierra. El discipulado significa ayudar a aquel árbol y nutrirlo para que pueda dar fruto. Esto significa orar los unos por los otros, ir a Misa juntos, y descubrir aquellos frutos únicos que Dios ha puesto en cada uno de nosotros. Asi como ese árbol de higos que no se puede fertilizar a si mismo, tampoco nosotros podemos solos sostenernos. El Stewardship significa sostenerse los unos a los otros.

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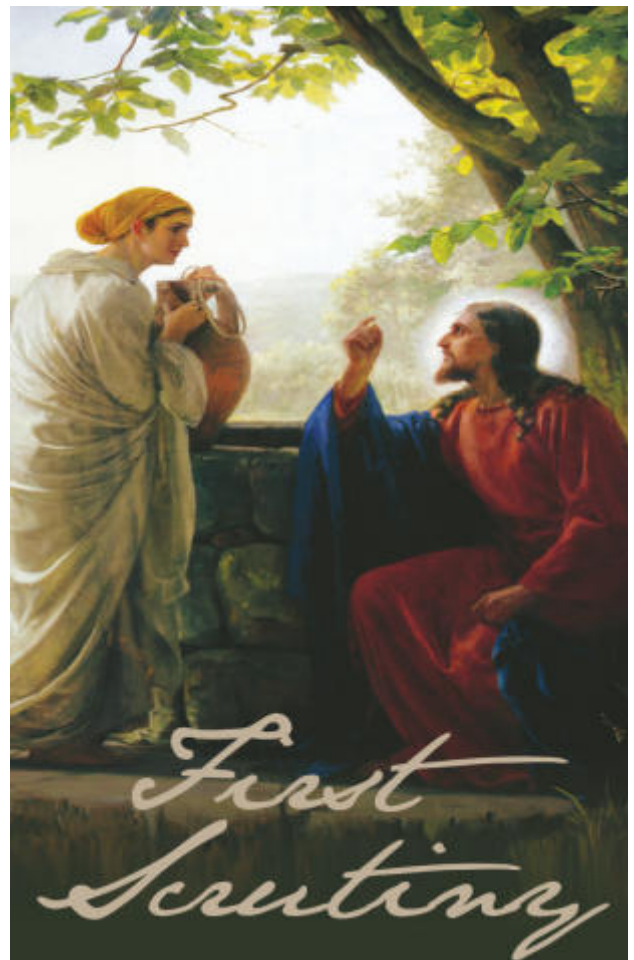
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Scrutiny Rites: During Lent the focus turns to The Period of Purification and Enlightenment for those preparing for full communion with the Catholic Church. This is a period of more intense spiritual preparation, consisting more in interior reflection than in catechetical instructions, and is intended to purify the minds and hearts of the elect as they search their own consciences and deepen their knowledge of Christ the Savior. For both the elect and candidates and the local faith community, the Lenten Season is a time for spiritual recollection in preparation for the celebration of the paschal mystery. In order to inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three Scrutiny rites will be celebrated on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent. The Scrutinies are rituals of empowerment for the elect to change their lives and the lives of those around them.



First Scrutiny

Why do we continue to climb that hill day after day for water, when we have been given everlasting water by the One who came to reconcile us to the Father? Those seeking to be cleansed in baptismal waters at Easter go through Scrutinies “to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good” (RCIA 141). The story of the woman at the well speaks to all of us of everlasting water that heals us and gives us strength for the journey. There are those among us who long for this, but we who have been marked for Christ a long time ago already possess it. But too often we continue to climb high hills looking for something else to satisfy us. The Samaritan woman leaves behind her container at the well when she leaves, for there is no reason for her ever to return. You and I have left our vessels at the well also. Stop climbing that hill. Today, as you listen to the words of the Scrutiny prayers and ritual, let us be resolved to drink again from that everlasting water God has given to us.

Text for the First Scrutiny can be found on 3rd Sunday of Lent cycle A or John 4:5 – 42.

Calendar of Events

March 2019

- 26 7:00pm RCIA session
- 27 11:45am Lenten Luncheon @
Methodist Church Sacred Heart
Hosts
4:00pm-5:15pm Adoration
5:30pm Mass
7:00pm PSR K-12
- 28 8:00am Mass
9:30am Helping Hands Sew Circle
- 29 8:00am Mass
5:30pm Stations of the Cross
5:30pm KofC Fish Fry
7pm Spanish Prayer/Rosary
- 30 4:30pm Confession
5:30pm Mass
- 31 Fourth Sunday of Lent
2nd Lenten Scrutiny
8:00am Confession
8:30am Mass
10:45am Mass in St. John



- 27 Floyd Hatfield by family
28 Michael Nall by Larry & Linda Conkle
29 Pat Hitt by Leanne Irsik
30 (Sat. eve.)
Charlotte Theis by LeRoy Panek
31 (Sunday)
Pratt - Don Prosser by Charles & Joanne Rinke
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 _____
Phone _____
best time to call _____

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March, 2019

Week 5

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

Lector: Ed Barrett, David Borho
Commentator: VOLUNTEER
Cross Bearer: VOLUNTEER
Servers: Michelle Jochems, Dawson Evert
Euch. Ministers: Linda Conkle, VOLUNTEER
Diana Barnard
Don & Gina Hommertzheim
Gifts: Curtis & Annette Adelhardt
Ushers: Curtis Adelhardt, Dalton Hodgkinson
Sacristan: Jeanette Gaider
Rosary Leader: VOLUNTEER

SUNDAY, Mar. 31st, 8:30 a.m. MASS

Lector: Alan Pribil, Erin Crouch
Comentator: VOLUNTEER
Cross Bearer: Adelyn Fields
Servers: Ava Chadd, Grace Chadd
Euch. Ministers: Josie Conkle, Christine & Lowell Brenner
VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER
Gifts: Julie & Shon Fields Family
Ushers: Jerry Siemens, Cole Monaghan
Sacristan: Kay Schnittker
Rosary Leader: VOLUNTEER
EM to the Sick: Lyola Hatfield, Ken Beckman
Jeanette Siemens

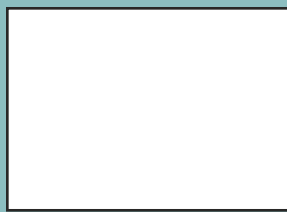


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