

# Sacred Heart Church

332 North Oak Street, Pratt, Kansas 67124



**March 31, 2019**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

## GOSPEL MEDITATION:

Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today's Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal Son.

"I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father's trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you've squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there.

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." The father in the parable sees his son's selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son's departure, the father waits with hope for his son's eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful!

Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours." Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you've been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing.

## **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.

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## NOTICES

### ADULT EDUCATION

Formed.org parish code: VFMVGH

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**April 3rd - 2nd Graders & Parents make First Communion banners**

**April 17th - Living Stations at the church 7pm**

**April 24th - Class Parties**

**May 5th - First Communion**

**July 8th - 12th - Totus Tuus Church Camp K-6th**

**July 7th - 11th - Totus Tuus Summer Camp 7th -12th**

## 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 31, 2019**

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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and  
13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn  
5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18  
[8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/  
Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23  
[19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/  
Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/  
Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

### **Stewardship of Treasure for the**

### **Weekend of March 17, 2019**

### **Number of Envelopes - 74**

<b>Envelope</b>	<b>\$5,117.00</b>
<b>Loose Collection</b>	<b>285.25</b>
<b>Votive candles</b>	<b>190.50</b>
<b>Easter Flower Fund</b>	<b><u>1000.00</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,592.75</b>
<b>Required Budget</b>	<b><u>7,000.00</u></b>
<b>Net Deficit</b>	<b>&lt;407.25&gt;</b>

### **Year to Date**

<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$293,114.57</b>
<b>Required Budget</b>	<b><u>266,000.00</u></b>
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>\$27,114.57</b>

**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](mailto:sacred_heart_bulletin@live.com)

## Activities Corner

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

**April 5th and 6th: 8:30am-4pm WSH clean church**

**April 11: No Ministry of Praise due to Chrism Mass**

**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:**

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Triduum Mass times**

April 18: Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm in St. John & 7:00pm in Pratt with Fr. Sam Brand followed by 8:00pm-10:00pm Adoration

April 19: Good Friday: Day of Fasting and Abstinence; Celebration of the Lord's Passion 12:10pm in St. John & 7:00pm in Pratt

April 20: Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 8:30pm Mass in Pratt

April 21: Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord: 8:30am Mass in Pratt & 10:45am Mass in St. John

## **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Today we read the parable of the prodigal son -- a familiar story to most of us. We have learned to study the three main characters in the story: the unconditionally forgiving father, the righteous older son, and the sinful younger son. Chances are, each time we read this story, we find that we relate to a different character. But let's consider this story from a stewardship perspective. The younger son took all the gifts he was given and spent them selfishly and sinfully. He thought he was living life to the fullest, but quickly found that to be untrue. The older son protected the gifts he received out of obedient devotion to his father but, in the end, he seems to resent doing so. Only the father in this story gives recklessly. He gives abundantly of himself, knowing how each son will react to the gifts, and he forgives in incredible proportions when the boys realize their mistakes. Only the father in this parable is FULLY ALIVE. It is he who disciplines his sons and it is he whom we should emulate each day of our lives. Being FULLY ALIVE means receiving the gifts we've been given and sharing them in incredible proportions!!

### **Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma**

Hoy leemos la parábola del hijo pródigo, una historia conocida por la mayoría de nosotros. Hemos aprendido a analizar a los tres personajes principales de la historia; al padre que perdona incondicionalmente, al hijo mayor que es un hombre justo y al hijo más joven que es un pecador. Cada vez que leemos esta historia, hay la oportunidad que nos identifiquemos con algún personaje diferente. Pero, consideren esta historia desde el punto de vista del Stewardship; el hijo más joven tomó todo lo que se le había dado y lo gastó egoísta y pecadoramente. Él pensaba que vivía la vida al máximo pero pronto se dio cuenta de que no era así. El hijo mayor protegió los regalos que recibió con devota obediencia hacia su padre, pero al final, parece como si se hubiera arrepentido de haberlo hecho. Solo el padre en esta historia da sin escatimar. El da de sí mismo en abundancia, sabiendo como reaccionaria cada uno de sus hijos y el perdona de una forma increíble cuando los hijos se dan cuenta de sus errores. Solo el padre en esta parábola está PLENAMENTE VIVO. Es él quien disciplina a sus hijos y el que debe de emular cada día de nuestras vidas. Estar PLENAMENTE VIVO significa recibir los regalos que se nos ha dado y compartirlos de una forma increíble.

**Desserts for Fish Fry Needed:** The Women of Sacred Heart are providing the desserts for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry's. If you would like to help by providing a dessert, we would sincerely appreciate it! You can call either Kim Evert, 450-7044, or Diana Barnard, 672-3269.

**Thank You:** Thank you to Ruth Menzer, Jim Pecinovsky, Kathy Axelson, Leola Hageman, and Linda Fletcher for helping with the April Newsletter.

**Bulletin Deadlines:**

April 14 Bulletin is due by noon April 7th  
April 21 Bulletin is due by noon April 11th

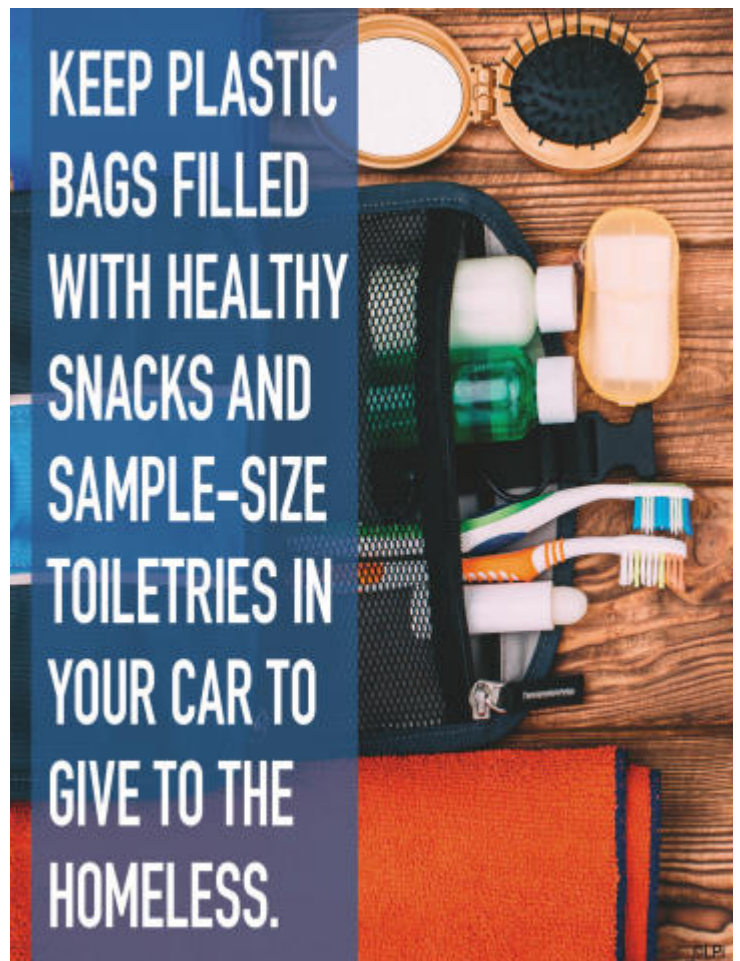
**WHY DO WE DO THAT?**

Question: What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

Answer:

Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism!



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP :**

So you never have been that serious about a stewardship way of life? It's not that you have been greedy or unloving toward others. You give of yourself when you determine there is a real need. However, you haven't intentionally worked toward surrendering all you are, all you have, and all you do to your God. It's hard because when you compare yourself to others, you seem pretty good. You aren't some prodigal child who needs to return to God because you have lived a life full of sin and selfishness.

Yet, there lies the problem. We can easily feel we aren't so bad, so why change anything? We can lull ourselves into a belief that we will probably get to heaven, therefore why do more? Assurance of salvation is another topic, but basically we can look at our life as a series of transactions with God.

However, we shouldn't determine our actions based upon what we get. The actions of a loved one are due to the love for one's beloved. Jesus gave his life out of love for us. He has shown us what complete surrender looks like. He does not need our surrender but wants it because that is what those in love do. This Lent, perhaps our prayer should not be to simply be better stewards, but to love Him more. Then our motivation will not be based upon what we should do but on what we are moved to do out of love.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## Calendar of Events

### April 2019

- 2 7:00pm RCIA session
- 3 4:00pm-5:15pm Adoration  
5:30pm Mass  
7:00pm PSR K-12  
7:00pm 1st Communion banners/  
centers student and parent  
7:15pm KofC meeting
- 4 8:00am Mass  
9:30am Helping Hands Sew Circle
- 5 8:00am Mass  
8:30am-4:00pm WSH Church  
cleaning  
5:30pm Stations of the Cross  
5:30pm KofC Fish Fry  
7pm Spanish Prayer/Rosary
- 6 8:30am-4:00pm WSH Church  
cleaning  
4:30pm Confession  
5:30pm Mass
- 7 5th Sunday of Lent  
3rd Lenten Scrutiny  
8:00am Confession  
8:30am Mass  
10:45am Mass in St. John



April  
3 Mary Jeulane Hageman by Leola Hageman  
4 Doug Melcher by Don & Janice Knop  
5 Vocations to Priesthood  
6 (Sat. eve.)  
Pro populo  
7 (Sunday)  
Pratt – Mike Svoboda by Harold & Norma  
Voss  
St. John – Velda Osborne by Larry & Tonya  
Shryock

### 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

### April, 2019

### Week 1

#### **SATURDAY, Apr. 6th, 5:30 p.m. MASS**

Lector: Jan Clarkson, Linda Conkle  
Commentator: Lynn Southard  
Cross Bearer: Ava Simmons  
Servers: Jacob Tawzer, Dayana Avila  
Euch. Ministers: Linda Fletcher  
Barb Harris, Chris Himmelwright  
Volunteers (2)  
Gifts: Curtis & Annette Adelhardt  
Ushers: Dean Staab, Devon Evert  
Sacristan: Chris Himmelwright  
Rosary Leader: Jeanette Gaider

#### **SUNDAY, Apr. 7th, 8:30 a.m. MASS**

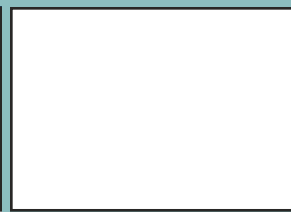
Lector: Joyce Temanson, Scott Stucky  
Commentator: Arlene Garland  
Cross Bearer: Quinn Thibault  
Servers: Brenna Stegman, Volunteer  
Euch. Ministers: Harold Voss  
Christine & Lowell Brenner  
Robin Langford, Jeanette Siemens  
Greeters: Harold & Norma Voss  
Gift: Scott & Carrie Goodheart & Family  
Ushers: Gerald Bowman, Harold Voss  
Sacristan: Bill Hlavachick  
Rosary Leader: Joyce Temanson  
EM to the Sick: Tom & Arlene Garland  
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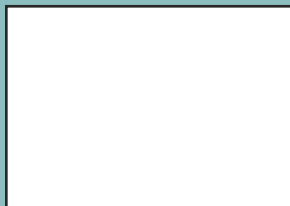
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