

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 16th, Lenten Weekday
 No Mass
Tuesday, 17th, Lenten Weekday
 8 a.m.: Denis Elder, by mom & dad
Wednesday, 18th, Lenten Weekday
 11 a.m. (Nursing Home): Claradel Donjon, by Darlene Bietsch
Thursday, 19th, Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 7 p.m.: Harold Reiss, by Richard & Helene Roehrkasse
Friday, 20th, Lenten Weekday
 8 a.m.: Vera Birke, by Arlene & Glenda
Saturday, 21st, Lenten Weekday
 4 p.m.: Roy Candler, by family
Sunday, 22nd, Fourth Sunday of Lent
 10 a.m.: Frances Birk, by St. Anne CCW; For the Parish

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, March 21st, 4 p.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Berg-Gash, E. Emge, S. Kipping, M. Berg, A. Cowell
Gift Bearers: B. Maes family
Lectors: S. Heine
Servers: G. Maes
Ushers: D. DeMond, R. Draves

Sunday, March 22nd, 10 a.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: K. Chapman, L. Krebel, T. Seemann, P. Mudd, E. Ohlau
Gift Bearers: D. Brewer family
Lectors: D. Hahn
Servers: J. & A. Ohlau
Ushers: K. Poirrier family

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God rewards our good works. How's that for motivation?

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

The religion teacher was in the middle of a lesson when she asked the class, "Who is God?" From the back row, little Sara quickly spoke out, "God is our chauffeur." "What makes you say that, Sara?" the teacher asked. "Well," Sara said, "God drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden, didn't he?"

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Toni Blandford, Kelly Oeste,
 Nursing Home Residents, Homebound Parishioners
Names remains for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH

Sunday.....	\$5,488.00
Loose.....	\$441.00
Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....	\$5,929.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$255.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$15.00
School Support.....	\$140.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$155.00
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$75.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$135.00
Black & Indian Missions.....	\$70.00

READINGS

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3 - 7

The Israelites grumbled against Moses for leading them out of Egypt. They were thirsty, and there was no water in the desert, so Moses struck a rock with his staff, and water flowed out for the people to drink.

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1 - 2, 5 - 8

"The love of God has been poured out into our hearts," and that love is immeasurable; "While we were still sinners Christ died for us."

Gospel: John 4:5 - 42

Jesus met a Samaritan woman at the well. She offered him water from the well, and he, in turn, offered her the living water of eternal life. As a result, she and many others came to know that Jesus is the Savior.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS

God provides water for a thirsting people in today's readings. In the first reading this is physical water that Moses draws forth from the rock to quench the thirst of the people in the desert. In the gospel it is a deeper thirst, no less real, that Jesus quenches, telling the Samaritan woman, "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

We know that water is vital for life. Water makes up more than 60 percent of the adult human body. Whereas a human person can survive for several weeks or more without food, going more than a few days without water can be life threatening. In the exodus, the Israelites were given miraculous water from a rock to sustain them in the desert. Now, Jesus himself is the source of life-giving water. A few chapters following today's gospel, Jesus will announce to the gathered crowd, "Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink." The invitation stands for us today. What are you thirsting for?

Come and join us this week for these Lenten opportunities in our partnership: Monday - 7 p.m. Stations at St. Joseph's; **Wednesday - 6:45 p.m.** Stations with PSR students at St. John's; 7 p.m. Stations at St. Patrick's; **Thursday - 7 p.m.** Mass at St. John's; Mission begins at St. Joseph's 6-8 p.m.; **Friday - 2 p.m.** Stations with students at St. John's; Mission at St. Joseph's 7-9 p.m. See the Mission article for the rest of the schedule.

As I announced last weekend before the Masses, in wanting to be proactive with regard to the Coronavirus, and upon suggestion from the Office of Worship, we are suspending in our partnership at the present time, Communion from the cup, as well as exchanging of the sign of Peace. Additionally we have been advised to tell those receiving Communion on the tongue, we recommend at this time that you receive it in the hand. Finally, we are to refrain from using the Holy Water fonts. Please pray for the victims, health care workers, and all those working to find a vaccine for the virus.

Have a blest third week of Lent! Remember, don't worry so much and know that you are loved! ~ Fr. Dennis

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4TH TUESDAY ADULT FORMATION

We invite you to join us for our 4th Tuesday of the Month Adult Formation on March 24th at 7 p.m. in Church. We will be showing the DVD presentation "Fr. Stanley Rother - American Martyr". While struggling with his studies at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, an Oklahoma boy discerns that God is calling him to minister to the native people of Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala. He leaves his home and family behind to lead by example - eventually growing into a model of a true Good Shepherd who is willing to lay down his life for his flock. Join Fr. Charles Connor as he travels through key moments of the life, witness, and unshakable fidelity of Fr. Stanley Rother - American Martyr.

SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!

Eight years ago when our parish celebrated its 150th anniversary, we did a parish pictorial directory. The Parish Council, at the February meeting, decided to have a new directory made this summer. Lifetouch Directories will again be doing our directory. The photo times will be in mid-July. This is just a heads-up for you to mark your calendar and watch for info that will be coming to you in the weeks ahead. Get ready to SMILE!

SPRING DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The West Vicariate Council of Catholic Women will hold their Spring Day of Recollection on Wednesday, March 18th at Mary Help of Christians, Chester. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. in the KC Hall. The morning speaker will be Sr. Leona Luechtefeld from Ruma. We will attend Mass in the recently renovated church before lunch. In the afternoon, the speaker is from Hospice of Southern Illinois. The cost of the day is \$9.00. All ladies welcome!

FUZZY POSTERS

Reminder from the Youth Group to color those fuzzy posters and return them to church by the weekend of March 28/29 so that they can display them. They will be taken down Palm Sunday, Apr. 5th, and delivered to Garden Place on Holy Saturday, Apr. 11th. Thank you!

THE CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL

This weekend our parish, along with all other parishes in the diocese, will conduct our Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal. The CSMA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan church. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please use one of the envelopes at the entrances. Please be as generous as you are able. Parish goal: \$12,903.00. Donated to date: \$10,655.00.

THE MISSION

"The Mission", March 19th (Feast of St. Patrick & St. Joseph meal for all ages from 6-8 p.m.); 20th (Adult Mission: desserts from 6-7 p.m. and Zip Rzeppa from 7-9 p.m.; Kids Mission: St. Patrick/St. Joseph Crafts & Movie from 7-9 p.m.); 21st (Adult Mission: lunch from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Fr. Sal Gonzalez OMI from 1-4 p.m., Oddwalk for Mass at 4 p.m.; Kids Mission: Oddwalk & Cookies from 1-4 p.m.) at St. Joseph's Church, Rocher. Free will offering accepted. RSVP for all meals required by March 12th at 284-3314.

2020 PICNIC QUILTS

It's that time! Donate a completed quilt (handmade, no store-bought quilts, queen-size, not laundered) OR donate the cash equivalent (Full: \$210; Half: \$105; Third: \$70). For info on the parish quilters making your quilt, call Cleta (282-3529) or Bernell (618-210-5553).

No Quilts to Report

SPRING BBQ TODAY!

Knights of Columbus Spring BBQ TODAY, Sunday at SJB cafeteria! Pork steaks and bratwursts available. Proceeds benefit SJB Sign Fund and the charitable missions of the Knights of Columbus.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Sun., Mar. 29th - 2 p.m. Ruma Convent

Mon., Mar. 30th - 7 p.m. St. John's

Tues., Mar. 31st - 7 p.m. St. Mary's, Chester

Wed., Apr. 1st - 6:30 p.m. PSR students in St. Boniface, Evansville and 7 p.m. adults in Evansville

DIAPER BANK DRIVE

Hello everyone! My name is Gracyn Fahey. As my Confirmation project, I've chosen to help the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank.

There is a great need for diapers to help in the care and well being of area babies. An average of 1 in 3 moms in St. Louis regularly doesn't have the diapers she needs to keep her child clean and dry. It costs over \$1,000 a year to diaper one child. WIC and food stamps don't allow for the purchase of them.

Being able to get diapers from the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank takes a huge burden off parents needing help with their child's well being. Happier parents means happier children and better lives.

I'm asking for your help, as a parish of caring people, to assist me in getting these moms and babies some much needed help. If you would like to help, please bring any packages of diapers to the church by March 29th and place them in the donation box in the entryway. If anyone would prefer to make a monetary donation, that would also be very appreciated. It only takes \$12 to ensure a month's worth of diapers per child. Every contribution helps.

Thank you in advance for your donation.

Sincerely ~ Gracyn Fahey

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Spring Rummage Sale dates are April 24-26! Drop-offs start April 19th. Start your spring cleaning!

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sun.: Liturgy Committee mtg. after 10 a.m. Mass; KC BBQ in the cafeteria starting at 9:30 a.m.

Mon.: RCIA session at 7 p.m. at Red Brick School in Ruma; Stations at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's

Tues.: Bible Study at 8:50 a.m. in Church; Parish Council mtg. at 7 p.m. in the library

Wed.: 11 a.m. Mass at the Care Center; Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. in the Church basement; Stations at 6:45 p.m. with PSR students followed by class; Stations at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's

Thurs.: Feast of St. Joseph; Mass at 7 p.m. at St. John's

Fri. & Sat.: Mission at St. Joseph's - see schedule in the Mission article

THANK YOU!

I would like to say THANK YOU! Thank you to those who donated to the Ronald McDonald Family Room supply drive. With the generosity of this church family, my family and friends, I was able to collect 671 items for the Cardinal Glennon Family Room. My family and I delivered two carloads of items to the family room and they were so appreciative. It feels so good knowing so many families will benefit and find comfort thanks to your kindness and generosity! ~ Jack Candler

PARTNERSHIP MASS SCHEDULE: MAR.

Sat.: 4 p.m. St. John's; 6 p.m. St. Joseph's
Sun.: 8 a.m. St. Patrick's; 10 a.m. St. John's

ST. ANNE'S TO ATTEND "WE WERE THERE"

The women of St. Anne's CCW will be attending "**We Were There**" at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Church on **Tues., Apr. 7th**. This is an annual Holy Week presentation of the passion and death of Christ told by those who witnessed the event. Ladies, feel free to invite a guest! We will meet in the Church parking lot to carpool. Cars will leave at **5:15 p.m.**, proceed to Papa Vito's' in Belleville for dinner, and then continue to the Shrine. We intend to arrive around 7:00 for the **7:30 program**. **No reservations are needed**. Dinner will be on your own and a free will offering may be made at the Shrine. We expect to return to Red Bud by 9:30 p.m. Questions? Call Rosalie at 282-6035.

CONVENT MASSES

Please be aware: Masses at the Ruma Covent are for residents ONLY until further notice.

MEMORIALS

Memorial given in memory of Leroy Wiegard: \$1,050.00.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

The Catholic Relief Services Collection provides food to the hungry, supports displaced refugees and brings Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Info: www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Evansville KC Lenten Fish Buffet, Fridays in Lent through Apr. 3rd, 4:30-8 p.m. Enjoy 4 kinds of fish & 7 sides. Buffet is dine-in only; carry-out by plate, sandwich, pound.

Elvis, Buddy Holly, & The Beach Boys tribute acts, Mar. 14th, American Legion, Rocher. Doors open: 6 p.m.; show: 8 p.m. Bring snacks; cash bar; 50/50; bucket raffle. Tickets at the door are first come first serve.

Fish Fry, Mar. 20th, 4-7 p.m., St. Peter's, Red Bud. Cod, catfish, shrimp, chicken strips and sides. Dine-in/carry-out.

Fish Fry, Mar. 20 & 27, 4:30-8 p.m., American Legion, Rocher. Dine-in/carry-out; 3 kinds of fish. Info: 284-9509.

KC Steak Dinner, March 21st, 4-8 p.m., St. Agatha's, New Athens.

Spring Quilt/Cash Bingo, March 22nd, St. James, Millstadt. Doors open at 10:30 a.m.; bingo at 1 p.m. Bake Sale, Basket Boutique, raffles. Chicken dinner available. Bring a canned good and get one free bingo card per tally.