

First Sunday of Lent - February 21, 2010

Mass Intentions

Dear Parishioners:

The Rite of Election (and Call to Continuing Conversion) is the liturgical rite, celebrated at the Cathedral-Basilica, on the First Sunday of Lent. By this the Church formally ratifies the catechumens' readiness for the sacraments of initiation and recognizes the candidates preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist or reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. The catechumens, now the elect, and the candidates express the will to receive these sacraments. (RCIA, Part 1) The presiding celebrant of the rite is the Bishop.

Before the rite is celebrated, the catechumens and candidates are expected to have undergone a conversion in mind and in action and to have developed a sufficient acquaintance with Christian teaching as well as a spirit of faith and charity

The Period of Purification and Enlightenment corresponds to that time known in the Roman Catholic Church as Lent and has the character of a time of retreat for the elect who are preparing for Baptism, for the candidates who will complete their initiation or enter the full communion of the Catholic Church, and for the faithful who will commemorate their own Baptism at Easter.

The centerpiece of this period of prayerful preparation is the celebration of the Scrutinies. Although the candidates will not be the subject of the Scrutinies, catechesis for both the elect and the candidates during this period is related to the celebration of the Scrutinies.

Throughout this period, the elect and the candidates are invited to join with the whole Church in a deeper practice of works of charity and in the practice of fasting.

The Scrutinies are celebrated on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of the Lenten season. At the Masses at which the Scrutinies are celebrated, the cycle A readings must be used (RCIA no.146). The presentations, to the elect, of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer are also celebrated during this period.

Please pray for those preparing to enter the church here at St. Joseph: Tom Dimig, Cara Fischer, Courtney Hackney, Rick Shepherd, and throughout the world at this coming Easter Vigil.

Lenten Blessings!

Msgr. John Shamleffer

Monday, Feb. 22
The Chair of
Saint Peter, apostle
6:30 am
Victor N. Shalhoob
12:00 pm
Susanne Kay Intention

Tuesday, Feb. 23
8:00 am
Charles Fallert & Fam.
12:00 pm
Myra Kelly

Wednesday, Feb. 24
6:30 am
Poor Souls
12:00 pm
Erika Bender

Thursday, Feb. 25
8:00 am
Rita Maloney
12:00 pm
Luis Schwarz

Friday, Feb. 26
6:30 am
Helene Schweitzer
12:00 pm
Gloria Wilson

Saturday, Feb. 27
8:00 am
Patrick McGinty
5:00 pm
Ruth Tredway

Sunday, Feb. 28
7:30 am
People of the Parish
9:00 am
Ruth Tredway
11:00 am
Pedro & Eden Roble

Rest in Peace

Let us, as a parish family, pray for all of our deceased parishioners, relatives, benefactors and friends. We remember all of our loved ones who have gone before us and pray that they are celebrating with our Lord in heaven.

Wedding Banns

There is a promise of marriage
in Christ between

Elizabeth von Doersten

&

Steve Bredbenner (III)

Please pray for them as they
begin their life together.

We Pray For Our Loved Ones

May God provide health
and comfort to:

Frank Josse
Marianne Sullivan & baby
Tom Biondo
Marilyn Maret
Lillian Eck
Don & Judy Williams
Steve Theby
Kathy Masters
Marie Meyer
Fr. Frank Cleary
Joe Loebach
Elaine & John Edwards
Mary Slais
Fr. Gerry Kleba
Mary Lee Rovira
Mildred Fraser
Barbara Lindsay
Joan Wilson
Sean O'Connor
Michael Phelps
Lynn Burch
Joseph Niedbalski
Naomi Carmody
Richard Vance
LaVerne Safron
Susie Taff
Sr. Eleanor
Lois Laffey
Peggy Holmes
Vincentia Majka
Barbara Beauzethier
Maria Guehlstorf
William Kredo
Kathleen Valenta
John Schweiss

Welcome to St. Joseph - Clayton, Missouri

YEAR FOR PRIESTS -- A Faith That Was Challenged

After I joined the Brothers Community of the Monks of Adoration in 2002 I really thought my life had found its fullness. "What could prevent me from doing everything God wanted me to do". I would happily face anything for the sake of Christ in the Eucharist.

But then "Anything" happened. My faith was challenged. I got Sick! After going through many tests and seeing many doctors no one could tell me what was going wrong in my body. Soon I was bedridden. All the doctors could say was "try to ignore the pain", which I did for more than a year. Finally my superior suggested I receive the Sacrament of the Sick. A local priest, Fr. Rafeal Padilla, was called in, came to my cell at the Monastery and anointed me. He said, "You know, Brother Mark, sometimes Jesus does not heal us all at once, but slowly and over time. And sometimes our physical health is not what returns to us, but we are given a greater spiritual health for having received this anointing." As the months passed and my physical pain continued, and at times got worse, I realized I didn't understand Fr. Padilla at all. But I continued to pray. Soon I did begin to see what Father had so wisely told me. It was taking time for me to heal physically, but in the meantime my soul was becoming aware of the presence of the Great Physician Himself, Jesus Christ. I had been anointed in June of 2004 and by November 2004 I was standing in front of Fr. Padilla receiving the Eucharist. We smiled at each other and I hope he realized he had planted a seed, and I understood he was right all along in what he had told me. I was blessed to know Christ more, through him, and by his presence in my life.

40 Days For Life

Please consider praying and fasting for an end to abortion, especially in St. Louis. The prayerful vigil outside Planned Parenthood began on Ash Wednesday. Even though our parish has adopted March 10 from 7 am to 1 pm as our 40 Days For Life commitment, you can go on any day from 7 am to 7 pm and quietly pray the rosary as a compassionate witness for life, from conception until natural death. There will be others praying at all times.

We Need You!!! We Need Your Photo!!!

Olan Mills Photos Feb. 26 & 27



Please reconsider and have your photo taken February 26 or 27. These directories are a great help to the clergy and you will be able to put a name to the faces you see at Mass.

TO CHRIST'S FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT LOUIS: ON THE COLLECTION FOR THE BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS

To be Collected this Weekend

The annual NATIONAL BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION was authorized by the Catholic Church in our nation in 1884 and has served the Black and Native American communities ever since. The Collection was needed then and it is needed today more than ever.

Our own Archdiocese of St. Louis recently received a generous grant to be used for evangelization in our local church for our Black and Native American members. This grant is from the proceeds of this national collection.

I ask that you be as generous as possible to the NATIONAL BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION for the year 2010. By doing so, you share in the ongoing efforts to build up the Church in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis

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Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays. February 24, March 3, & March 17 Stations begin **at 5:30 p.m.**, followed by Confession. On March 10, 24 and 31, Stations of the Cross will begin **at 7:00 p.m.**, followed by special services of Benediction, Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, and Sacrament of Penance, respectively. Stations of the Cross is a traditional prayer of the church which offers all the opportunity to **more deeply meditate on the Passion of Our Lord.**

They are visible signs of Christ's path which are available to us year round. We have come to overlook them week after week.

Romans 10:9 -- says "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Every Sunday at Mass, we recite The Creed stating what we believe in. We confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord, but what about believing in our hearts which is the center of our being. Our lives may not be on the line as were the early Christians, but our hearts are. Will we stand up as believers in this world or let this world dictate our faith. **"Come, Lord, and increase my faith this Lent."**

Education News

Bible Study -- The Great Adventure: The Bible Timeline Ch 7-12, by Jeff Cavins, Madonna Rm.

Tuesdays: Feb. 23-Mar. 30 12:30 p.m. or
Wednesdays: Feb. 24-Mar. 31 at 7:30 p.m.
Call 314-727-9059 to register.

Lenten Speaker Series

Archbishop Carlson, when he was Bishop of Saginaw, Michigan, wrote a pastoral letter entitled *Jesus Christ Prince of Peace*. This pastoral letter discusses peace in our hearts, homes and world. Dr. Carr Worland will lead sessions on Thurs., Mar. 4-Apr.1, from 12:30-2 p.m. Madonna Rm. To register please call Terri, at 314-727-9059

RCIA

Our 2009-2010 candidates are pictured in the back of church.

Today we introduce: Courtney Hackney. Courtney has joined our R.C.I.A. class to strengthen her faith. Both she and her fiancé feel their faith is important to their lives and their marriage. She attends Webster University. She enjoys reading, travel, and spending time with family and friends.

Teens

Mass & meeting February 21 at Annunziata 6 p.m., no class February 22.
Classes: Mondays, March 1, 8, 15 and 29. No Class: March 22 due to Spring Break.

ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

Then to all Christ said, "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps" (Lk 9:23).

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics.

Accordingly, the Pope and the American bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

Ash Wednesday (February 17, 2010) and Good Friday (April 2, 2010) are days of **abstinence** for all Catholics **over the age of 14**. On these two days, **fast** as well as

abstinence is also obligatory for those **from the ages of 18 to 59**. Abstinence means abstinence from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

All other Fridays of Lent are days of **abstinence** from meat. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.

We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance.

Sunday Worship

February 27-28, 2010

5:00 pm

Altar Servers
Madison Ungacta

Reader/Lector
Rosemary Pickle

Ministers of Communion
Mary Molloy
Shannon Hadley
+Mike Marks

7:30 am

Altar Servers
Connor Mulligan

Reader/Lector
Paul Watson

Ministers of Communion
Florence Beckwar
Frank Hackmann
+David Ahner

9:00 am

Altar Servers
Maria Ryan

Reader/Lector
Abby Schult

Ministers of Communion
John Gillis
Susan Hackmann
+Carmen Leonardi

11:00 am

Altar Servers
Sean Gallagher
Connor Gallagher

Reader/Lector
Roger Drone

Ministers of Communion
Carolyn Dickmann
Thom Schwetye
+Stephanie Gallagher

+ Only when no deacon is present

Archbishop Robert Carlson requests your support for the **First Annual Archbishop's Gala for the benefit of the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation** on March 23, 2010 at the Missouri Athletic Club downtown St. Louis. Proceeds from the Archbishop's Gala will be used to provide needs based tuition assistance scholarships to underserved families desiring a Catholic elementary school education for their children. To become a sponsor or purchase tickets please call 314-792-7621, email sharongerken@archstl.org or go to www.archstl.org/ttef.

BIRTHRIGHT HEAVEN AND EARTH UPDATE

Counting the "loose change" collected this past week, we have now contributed a total of \$1,487.57 to our adopted mother Liz and all Birthright mothers through the Heaven & Earth program. Contributions continue to be welcome throughout the late winter and spring. Please return any bottles to the church secretary at the rectory. We are planning a shower for Liz as her due date approaches and the birth of her baby draws near.

Escrip Program for Saint Joe's Making \$ is Easy as One-Two-Three

1. Pick up a Schnuck's eScrip Card in the basket at the side entrance to the church.
2. Activate your card online (<http://www.escrip.com/merchants/identity/schnucks/customer.jsp>) or by calling the number listed on the front of your Escript card.
3. Swipe your card at Schnucks stores before you make payment for your groceries & participating **Schnuck's Stores** will donate anywhere from 1%-3% of your monthly purchase amount to: Saint Joseph's SVDP, our parish/school or it can be divided equally among all three if that is what you'd like to do! You determine which organization you would like for their donation to go to (up to 3 charities). St. Joseph's Escript # is 164502512.

Please help us to generate these contribution funds for SVDP, our church, and our school-by shopping there and swiping your card at the check-out counter-it is as quick as a swipe of the card!

Week of February 21, 2010

Sun: Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2,10-15 Rom 10:8-13
Lk 4:1-13
Mon: 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a,4-6 Mt 16:13-19
Tues: Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7,16-19 Mt 6:7-15
Wed: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19
Lk 11:29-32
Thur: Est C:12,14-16,23-25 Ps 138:1-3,7c-8
Mt 7:7-12
Fri: Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26
Sat: Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8 Mt 5:43-48
Sun: Gn 15:5-12,17-18 Ps 27:1,7-9,13-14
Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36

POPE JOHN PAUL II'S PRO-LIFE PRAYER

Oh Mary, we entrust to you the cause of life. Look down upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born.

Grant all who believe in your Son to proclaim the Gospel of Life.

Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, to bear witness to it resolutely, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and Lover of Life.

Amen

Our Week Ahead at St. Joseph

Monday, February 22

1:00 pm Prayer Group, Madonna Rm
5:15 pm PSR, School
7:30 pm Adult Choir, Church

Tuesday, February 23

12:30 pm Bible Study, Madonna Rm

Wednesday, February 24

5:30 pm Stations of the Cross, Church
Followed by Confession
7:30 pm Bible Study, Madonna Rm

Friday, February 26

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7:00 pm Cursillo, Parish Hall

Saturday, February 27

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Sunday, February 28

9:30 am PSR, School
10:00 am RCIA, Madonna Rm
11:00 am CLW, PHC