

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Happy St. Patrick's Day, Saint Cyril, Saint Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS: March 13th - March 21st

Sat. 5pm †Danielle Mercado (Bryan & Julie McIntosh)
 Sun. 7:30am For the People of St. Patrick Parish
 9am †Rafael & Victoria Ramirez (Tony Munoz)
 Mon. 8am †Roberta Landwehr
 Tue. 5:30pm †Dan Allen
 Wed. 8am †Fr. John Mannion
 Thur. 8am †Socorro Asebedo (Joe Asebedo)
 Fri. 8am Mothers Day Novena

NEXT WEEKEND'S INTENTIONS

Sat. 5 pm †Charles Fowler (John & Betty Schettler)
 Sun. 7:30am †Byron Carter (Mom & Dad)
 9am The People of St. Patrick Parish

THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK'S:

Mon Mar 15	Mass	8:00am
Tue Mar 16	Mass	5:30pm
Wed Mar 17	Mass	8:00am
	PSR	5:30pm
	EDGE	6:00pm
Thur Mar 18	Mass	8:00am
Fri Mar 19	Day of Penance: abstinence from Meat. Prayer and works of mercy. Reading of Sacred Scripture for an Outpouring of God's mercy and The Holy Spirit's gifts of holiness and Strength upon the church.	
	Mass	8:00am
	Stations of the Cross	2:45pm
	Stations of the Cross	5:30pm
Sat Mar 20	Confession	3:30pm
	Mass	5:00pm
Sun Mar 21	Mass	7:30am
	Mass	9:00am

REMINDERS

1. Parish Penance Service: March 28th 6pm to 7pm..
2. Contribution Envelopes for 2021 are in the Rectory.
3. Consider an Adoration hour or being a sub for the Adoration Chapel, call the Rectory.

MAY YOUR HEART BE WARM AND ALL YOUR DAYS BE GRAND - AND YOUR HEART HELD GENTLY IN THE GOOD LORD'S HANDS.

WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am to 3:30pm
 Closed Holy Days and Holidays.

Next Week Ministries - March 20th & March 21st

Servers:

Mar. 20th - 5:00pm **Tanner Nolting & Drew Schibi**
 Mar. 21st - 7:30am **Collin Snider & Cole Manners**
 - 9:00am **Adrian & David Ortiz**

Lector:

Mar. 20th - 5pm Carolyn Waugh
 Mar. 21st - 7:30am John Keene
 - 9am Tony Munoz

Greeter:

Mar. 20th - 5pm Tom & Beth Westhoff
 Mar. 21st - 7:30am Aaron & Terri Saye
 - 9am David & Karen Wheat Family

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

	03/7/21	07/01/20 - 03/7/21
WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$ 18,032.00	\$462,524.30
LOOSE CURRENCY /COINS:	\$10.00	\$3064.77
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$ 1000.00	\$40,000.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION:	\$19,042.00	\$505,589.07
BUDGET:	\$17,500.00	\$630,000.00
OVERAGE/SHORTAGE:	\$1,542.00	(\$124,410.93)

2020-2021 School Fundraising

On behalf of the St. Patrick Catholic School Auction Committee, we would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to all who have offered their prayers and financial contributions towards the SPCS "Forward with Hope" Fundraising efforts. While we were saddened to not have our traditional auction this year, we are grateful for the response we've received in monetary donations/sponsorships for the school. If you haven't had a chance to donate yet, but would like to, please send your contributions to the rectory or school by March 31 to have your name printed on the recognition banner. All donations received will go directly to the school benefiting many endeavors, including: growth of the preschool and daycare, building maintenance, teacher/staff salaries, technology improvements, endowment support, expenses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, and much more. Your financial support allows SPCS, the longest operating Catholic school within the Diocese of Wichita, to continue offering award-winning Christ centered education to local children, while moving forward with hope during such unprecedented times. Thank you and God bless!

Sponsorship Levels:

Gold Level= \$1,500+
 Emerald Level= \$750+
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 Leprechaun Level= \$250+
 Blarney Stone Level= \$125+
 Cash donations in any lesser amount also kindly accepted.

IT'S DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
DID YOU TURN YOUR CLOCKS UP 1 HOUR ?

Please Pray for: All those serving our country and all their families at home.

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

March 14, 2021 — Fourth Sunday of Lent

Our readings today identify the most unlikely individuals for the most extraordinary tasks. These individuals are examples to us in our lives.

In our First Reading, the Lord appoints Samuel to declare the next king of Israel. The Lord's words to Samuel about who should become king cut right to the heart of what matters in God's eyes, "man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." We often embrace the misconception that things like status and appearance are what carry importance in life. Yet, God clearly states that it is what is in our hearts that matters most. So how do we cultivate hearts worthy of God? It starts in prayer — giving God undivided attention each day. Through this time set aside for our Lord, He will work on our hearts so that they will become more like His.

Our Gospel resounds what was proclaimed in our First Reading, "not as man sees does God see." Jesus heals a blind man who people assumed was born blind as a punishment from sin. Yet, Jesus says, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him."

Jesus often worked through the most vulnerable people to show His greatest works. Like the blind man, we must recognize our need for healing and give God the authority to work through us.

During these final weeks of Lent, let us ponder God's words, "not as man sees does God see." May we become dependent on our Lord so that He might work through us and transform us.

Principal Opening 2021-2022

St. Patrick Catholic Parish is seeking a dynamic building principal for grades PreK-8.

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- Be a practicing Catholic steward who is committed to a mission of forming disciples of Jesus Christ
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Mrs. Janet Eaton, Superintendent, Catholic Diocese of Wichita

424 N. Broadway, Wichita, KS 67202

eatonj@catholicdioceseofwichita.org 316-269-3950

Deadline for applications is March 26, 2021

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\$3.00 Sack Sale

March 18th, 19th & 20th

10am to Noon and 2pm to 4pm

The Cross and Jesus Christ

Although Archbishop Fulton Sheen wrote the below reflection in 1958, it still provides food for thought in our modern day. Which do we accept, the Cross, Jesus Christ, or Jesus Christ on the Cross? "The modern world, which denies personal guilt and admits only social crimes, which has no place for personal repentance but only public reforms, has divorced Christ from His Cross; the Bridegroom and Bride have been pulled apart. What God hath joined together, men have torn asunder. As a result, to the left is the Cross; to the right is Christ. Each has awaited new partners who will pick them up in a kind of second and adulterous union. Communism comes along and picks up the meaningless Cross; Western post-Christian civilization chooses the unscarred Christ. Communism has chosen the Cross in the sense that it has brought back to an egotistic world a sense of discipline, self-abnegation, surrender, hard work, study, and dedication to supra-individual goals. But the Cross without Christ is sacrifice without love. Hence, Communism has produced a society that is authoritarian, cruel, oppressive of human freedom, filled with concentration camps, firing squads, and brain-washings. The Western post-Christian civilization has picked up the Christ without His Cross. But a Christ without a sacrifice that reconciles the world to God is a cheap, feminized, colourless, itinerant preacher who deserves to be popular for His great Sermon on the Mount, but also merits unpopularity for what He said about His Divinity on the one hand, and divorce, judgment, and hell on the other. This sentimental Christ is patched together with a thousand commonplaces, sustained sometimes by academic etymologists who cannot see the Word for the letters, or distorted beyond personal recognition by a dogmatic principle that anything which is Divine must necessarily be a myth. Without His Cross, He becomes nothing more than a sultry precursor of democracy or a humanitarian who taught brotherhood without tears." — Fulton J. Sheen, Life of Christ

Meditation on Death

"Very soon your life here will end; consider, then, what may be in store for you elsewhere. Today we live; tomorrow we die and are quickly forgotten. Oh, the dullness and hardness of a heart which looks only to the present instead of preparing for that which is to come! Therefore, in every deed and every thought, act as though you were to die this very day. If you had a good conscience you would not fear death very much. It is better to avoid sin than to fear death. If you are not prepared today, how will you be prepared tomorrow? Tomorrow is an uncertain day; how do you know you will have a tomorrow? What good is it to live a long life when we amend that life so little? Indeed, a long life does not always benefit us, but on the contrary, frequently adds to our guilt. Would that in this world we had lived well throughout one single day. Many count up the years they have spent in religion but find their lives made little holier. If it is so terrifying to die, it is nevertheless possible that to live longer is more dangerous. Blessed is he who keeps the moment of death ever before his eyes and prepares for it every day. If you have ever seen a man die, remember that you, too, must go the same way. In the morning consider that you may not live till evening, and when evening comes do not dare to promise yourself the dawn. Be always ready, therefore, and so live that death will never take you unprepared. Many die suddenly and unexpectedly, for in the unexpected hour the Son of God will come. When that last moment arrives you will begin to have a quite different opinion of the life that is now entirely past and you will regret very much that you were so careless and remiss." (Imitation of Christ, Book 1, Ch. 23)

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SEASON Lent

Parish Office Hours
M-F: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Closed on Holidays & Holy Days

LORDS DAY MASS SCHEDULE
Vigil Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am & 9:00am

Director of Religious Education
Jane Blackburn
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Elaine Chandler
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Weekdays 30 minutes before Holy Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES
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Tuesday: 5:30pm

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