

# First Sunday of Lent, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, St. John of God, St. Frances of Rome

## MASS INTENTIONS—March 4<sup>th</sup>—March 12<sup>th</sup>

**Saturday—5pm** +Eddie George (Lisa Harriger)  
**Sunday— 8am** People of St. Patrick's Parish  
**10am** +Vicki Sallee (Jim & Judy Vitt)  
**Monday—8am** +Mark Kennedy (Rose Brungardt)  
**Tuesday—8am** +Michael A. Forbes  
 (Keith & Leslie Keller/Jeramy & Ann Keller)

**Wednesday—12:05pm** +Larry VanLeeuwen  
 (Mary Greenough)

**Thursday—7am** +Mary Jo Severt  
 (Marlene LaForge)

**Friday—No Mass** +Kathleen Hills (Max & Cindy Dhooghe)

Next Weekends Intentions:  
**Saturday—5pm** +Julie Stevenson

**Sunday— 8am** +Connie Perez  
**10am** People of St. Patrick's Parish



Eternal Rest Grant Unto him, O Lord:  
**Carl J. Marshall**, father of Robin Paulie and husband, Rick. And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon him. May he Rest in Peace. Amen.

## PARISH NEWS

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER**—will be Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Parish Hall. Chicken Mary's will be catered in. Green beer, wine, and home-made pies will be provided by the Altar Society. Adults pay \$15 at the door, children age 6-10 pay \$5 and 5 and Under is free. If you can donate a pie, please drop it off (gently) in the kitchen anytime before 4pm on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>. Call Dana at 423-4140 with questions or for details. Proceeds go to the Altar Society for altar supplies, receptions and funeral dinners.

**FERTILITYCare AND NFP CLASSES** are available right here in Parsons! Sonja has a FertilityCare Service Intro Class next week and watch the bulletin for Jackie's next Marquette Model II class. Sign-up by contacting Sonja at (307)760-2580 or [sonja.cmfc@gmail.com](mailto:sonja.cmfc@gmail.com) or Jackie at (316)641-5446 or email [jackie.mmnfp@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.mmnfp@gmail.com)

**RCIA RETREAT**—The RCIA Retreat for the Elect, Candidates, Sponsors, and Team Members is scheduled for Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul University Parish at WSU, Wichita. Father John Hay will lead the retreat. The focus of the day will be the Church's liturgy. Check-in is at 8:45 a.m. and the retreat will conclude at 2p.m. Mass and lunch are included. Registration and payment will be due by Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Online registration is available through this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/wfKkxrvYrqeRZS5C3>.

**CHRIST'S LIGHT IN ALL YOUTH (CLAY)**—Register now for the CLAY retreat at All Saints Parish March 25<sup>th</sup>. Priority application date is March 16<sup>th</sup>. CLAY is a one-day retreat for high school freshman and sophomores. CLAY uses videos, activities and creative forms of prayer to impact the spiritual lives of its candidates. You will examine, in a hands-on way, how God the potter molds you, the clay. Applications available online or call the Office of Faith Formation at 316-269-3940.

**FORMED.ORG LENTEN CONTENT**—March Feature: Lent "'Yet even now,' says the LORD, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments'" (Joel 2:12). In many parishes, Ash Wednesday Masses are standing room only, while other Holy Days of Obligation are not well attended. In our hearts we hear that still small voice, "return to me with all your heart," and are drawn to participate in a day of repentance. Lent is an opportunity for the parish to use FORMED to meet that longing of the heart. Log on to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and enter parish access code N4XHFG to access these excellent resources!

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**—The K of C Fourth Degree Assembly #2496 will host a 4th Degree Exemplification on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. If interested in joining, this is a perfect opportunity. The cut off date is March 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact Rick Goodyear at 423-4417.

## SPEND ONE HOUR WITH OUR LORD!

Adorers are needed for the following hours:  
**Wed 3-4am, Wed 7-8am, Sat 2-3am,  
 Sat 10-11pm, Sun 12-1am,  
 Sun 5-6am, Sun 10-11pm.**

## Stewarding our Gifts...

"GO IN PEACE, GLORIFYING THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE."  
*First Sunday of Lent*

Do you ever read this particular passage from Genesis and hope that maybe this time it will have a different ending? Maybe this time Adam and Eve won't succumb to the serpent's lies....? Paul, in our second reading reminds us that it was through man that sin entered the world. We would love to blame the serpent, but all he did was tempt. The true evil was in the choice Eve, and then Adam, ultimately made. Thankfully, through Jesus, that death was destroyed, and we were given a different set of choices. As we enter this season of Lent, reach out to Jesus and one another, realizing stewardship is more than money or taking care of creation. Stewardship is about free will, and the choices we steward. Lent is a wonderful time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. A time to steward our choices.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. PATRICK'S THIS WEEK:

Sun Mar 5	*RCIA Class —Passion, Death and Resurrection	9:15am-12pm
	*RCIA Rite of Election—Wichita	2:30pm
Mon Mar 6	*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
	*Passion Retreat—in the Church —If you've never attended this, please consider it. It's very powerful!	7pm
	*Ultreya—Attend Retreat in Church	7pm
Tue Mar 7	*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
	*Cursillo Group Meets	5:30pm
	*Parish Council Meeting	6:30pm
Wed Mar 8	*Rosary in the Church	11:30am
	*Confessions/Spiritual Direction	5-6pm
	*Cursillo Group Meets	5:15pm
	*PSR K-5/VBRD Family Night	5:30pm
	*Middle School Edge	6pm
	*CYM Meeting	7pm
Thur Mar 9	*Rosary in the Church	6:30am
	*Theology on Tap—Kitchen Pass	6pm
Fri Mar 10	*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	
	*Kapaun's Men—Parish Hall	5:30am
	*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
	*Stations of the Cross	2:45pm
	*Stations of the Cross	6pm
	*Soup and Bread in the Hall	6:30pm
Sat Mar 11	*Rosary in the Church	6:30am
	*Cursillo Group Meets—Hall	7am
	*Church Cleaning —A great act of Stewardship—come work for The Lord!	8am
	*Confessions	3:30pm
Sun Mar 12	*RCIA Class— —The Early Church; Church History	9:15am-12pm
	*Men's Basketball	8:30pm

**K OF C FREE THROW CHAMPS**—The following people qualified for the State Free Throw Competition in Salina, KS on March 5<sup>th</sup>:

**Boys:** Age 9—Drew Schibi  
 Age 13—Mark Bogner  
**Girls:** Age 12—Aubrey Lassen

## Stewardship of Treasure

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:

February 25<sup>th</sup>—February 26<sup>th</sup>

NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$9,908.56

### Altar Servers:

Mar 11—5pm L Wolgamott/B Brungardt/Z Collins  
 Mar 12—8am A Nibarger/C Westhoff/R Barger  
 10am Johnston/J Forbes/Dawson G/Hess

### Extraordinary Ministers:

Mar 11—5pm Vicki Templeton  
 Mar 12—8am Cindy Dhooghe  
 10am Doug Holzem

### Lector:

Mar 11—5pm Amanda Archambault  
 Mar 12—8am John Schibi  
 10am Nick Pfeifer

### Offertory Gifts:

Mar 11—5pm Steve and Ruth Farrell  
 Mar 12—8am Ray and Becky Jacquinet  
 10am Lori Nash Family

### Ushers:

Mar 11—5pm M & J Carson/B Allen/M McKinney  
 Mar 12—8am Aaron and Terri Saye Family  
 10am Richard and Mary Jo Fitzwater

### Money Counters:

Mar 11 & 12—Sue O'Brien  
 Zach & Stephanie Reitemeier

## THE CATHOLIC SIDE

Praised Be Jesus Christ!

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, wrote a beautiful letter for the beginning of Lent that is spiritually nourishing as we begin this holy season. Here is part one:

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter; Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive.*

*Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply. I would now like to consider the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. Lk 16:19-31). Let us find inspiration in this meaningful story, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life. It exhorts us to sincere conversion.*

**1. The other person is a gift.** *The parable begins by presenting its two main characters. The poor man is described in greater detail: he is wretched and lacks the strength even to stand. Lying before the door of the rich man, he fed on the crumbs falling from his table. His body is full of sores and dogs come to lick his wounds (cf. vv. 20-21). The picture is one of great misery; it portrays a man disgraced and pitiful.*

*The scene is even more dramatic if we consider that the poor man is called Lazarus: a name full of promise, which literally means God helps. This character is not anonymous. His features are clearly delineated and he appears as an individual with his own story. While practically invisible to the rich man, we see and know him as someone familiar. He becomes a face, and as such, a gift, a priceless treasure, a human being whom God loves and cares for, despite his concrete condition as an outcast. Lazarus teaches us that other persons are a gift. A right relationship with people consists in gratefully recognizing their value. Even the poor person at the door of the rich is not a nuisance, but a summons to conversion and to change. The parable first invites us to open the doors of our heart to others because each person is a gift, whether it be our neighbour or an anonymous pauper. Lent is a favourable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day. Each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love. The word of God helps us to open our eyes to welcome and love life, especially when it is weak and vulnerable. But in order to do this, we have to take seriously what the Gospel tells us about the rich man.*

**2. Sin blinds us.** *The parable is unsparing in its description of the contradictions associated with the rich man (cf. v. 19). Unlike poor Lazarus, he does not have a name; he is simply called "a rich man". His opulence was seen in his extravagant and expensive robes. Purple cloth was even more precious than silver and gold, and was thus reserved to divinities (cf. Jer 10:9) and kings (cf. Jg 8:26), while fine linen gave one an almost sacred character. The man was clearly ostentatious about his wealth, and in the habit of displaying it daily: "He feasted sumptuously every day" (v. 19). In him we can catch a dramatic glimpse of the corruption of sin, which progresses in three successive stages: love of money, vanity and pride.*

Check back next week for part two of the letter.

*Fr. Borkenhagen*

P.S. Just a reminder that Mass on Wednesdays during lent will be at 12:05pm.

**4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BOB GREENOUGH MEMORIAL 5K**— and 1-Mile Walk/Fun Run will be held March 18<sup>th</sup> at 8am. Registration will be from 7:15-7:45 in front of the church. Entry fee is \$15 if registered by March 12<sup>th</sup>, which also guarantees you a t-shirt on race day, and \$20 after March 12<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds support St. Patrick's Catholic Youth Ministry. Registration forms may be picked up at the rectory or Upscale Country. For more info contact Bethany at [bethanyk@labette.edu](mailto:bethanyk@labette.edu) or Carolyn at [cwaugh@usd506.org](http://cwaugh@usd506.org).