

Third Sunday of Lent, Solemnity of St. Joseph, St. Turibius, Bl. Oscar Romero, The Annunciation of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS—March 18th—March 26th

Saturday—5pm +Conner O'Hara (Fr. Borkenhagen)

Sunday— 8am People of St. Patrick's Parish

10am +Socorro Asebedo (Joe Asebedo)

Monday—8am (Latin) Sister Bertina

Tuesday—6pm +Judy Dwyer (Joe Dwyer)

Wednesday—12:05pm +Maria Sanchez
(Joe & Julia Ponce)

Thursday—Prison Mass +Ed & Leona Bauer
(Vicki Templeton)

Friday—7am Jesse & Ashleigh Marks (Diane Salyers)

Next Weekends Intentions:
Saturday—5pm +Virginia Gudde

Sunday— 8am +Jeremiah Gann

10am People of St. Patrick's Parish



PLEASE PRAY FOR: The end to abortion and all sins against life.

THE CATHOLIC SIDE

Praised Be Jesus Christ!

Several years ago in the diocese, we began a new program called "Prayer & Action." The program gathers high school youth under the direction of several seminarians and sponsors and they visit parishes throughout the diocese for three consecutive weeks from Sunday through Friday each of those weeks. While at the parishes, they do different jobs for people in the parish and community—painting houses, cleaning gutters, and other fixer-up projects around the home. The groups stay in the parish for those days, and they come to daily Mass, pray, and work. I have been hoping to host them for a while, and this year it finally worked out for them and for us. So, from July 9th—28th, Prayer & Action will come to St. Patrick's. In the bulletin insert, you can find a form to make a request for them to come to your home to do some work that is needed. We are hoping to have around 30 jobs to be done throughout the month. If you need help getting some jobs done around your home, please fill out the form and turn it in to the rectory. Please keep Prayer & Action in your prayers in preparation for their stay here at St. Patrick's. It is a beautiful way for these young people to learn to live out the Faith in keeping with St. Benedict's motto—*ora et labora*—pray and work.

This week we have the last two solemnities before Easter—St. Joseph's Day and the Annunciation. St. Joseph's Day is normally on the 19th, but because that is the 3rd Sunday of Lent, St. Joseph gets bumped to Monday. The Annunciation is one of the Solemnities that I would like to see become a Holy Day of Obligation—the day the Word became Flesh. It would be a powerful testament to the sanctity of life to have one plus billion people worshipping God in the Holy Mass. We will have Holy Mass for St. Joseph's Day at 8 am in the Extraordinary form. The Holy Mass for the Annunciation will also be in the Extraordinary Form on Saturday at 7 am.

We will start back up with our Bible study on the Gospel of St. John this week. We will meet on Wednesday evening at 7pm and Thursday afternoon at 1pm. If you haven't made it to one, you can still come. We are resuming with the ninth chapter.

Next Sunday at the 10 am Holy Mass, our 2nd graders will make their first Holy Communion. They have spent most of the year learning about confession and the Blessed Sacrament. I thought it would be good for us to recall a few of the things the kids have been learning. To receive Holy Communion worthily, you must be a baptized Catholic who is free from mortal sin and has fasted from all food and drink (except water) for one hour before Holy Communion. This includes all food—gum, mints, coffee, etc. The only exception to this rule is medicine. They are also taught that their 1st Holy Communion is not the apex of holiness, but a huge step forward that should increase with every Holy Communion. So, someone who has been receiving Holy Communion for 10 years should be that much more holy. St. John Vianney has this to say about the Most Holy Eucharist, "Without the Holy Eucharist there would be no happiness in this world; life would be insupportable. When we receive Holy Communion, we receive our joy and our happiness. The good God, wishing to give Himself to us in the Sacrament of His Love, gave us a vast and great desire, which He alone can satisfy. In the presence of this beautiful Sacrament, we are like a person dying of thirst by the side of a river — he would only need to bend his head; like a person still remaining poor; close to a great treasure — he need only stretch out his hand. He who communicates loses himself in God like a drop of water in the ocean. They can no more be separated." Please pray for our 2nd graders as they approach this important day in their spiritual lives.

May our holy Patron, St. Patrick, intercede for us. St. Joseph, protector of the family and the Church, pray for us.

Our Lady, Mother of the Most Holy Eucharist, pray for us.

Peace in Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Borkenhagen

PARISH NEWS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK—Moses asked, "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" YES!!! Yes, He is here with us always. Then St. Paul tells us, "And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts." I am often surprised and humbled as I see the good Lord working in the lives of our students, staff, parents, and families. This week He poured out yet another blessing to us as we have been approved for a nine year grant to hire a Resource Teacher!!! The grant, which comes from the Diocesan Holy Family Foundation, does decrease slightly each year. But we are excited that we will have a staff position to give our students and teachers more on-going support. The position and details of how to apply will be posted online at kansasteachingjobs.com, as well as the school and diocesan website, shortly after Spring Break. And of course anyone may contact the school if they're interested in more information.

St. Patrick and St. Joseph, Pray For Us

God Bless, *Emilio Aita*

RELICS OF ST. GIANNA VISITING WICHITA—

The Office of Faith Formation is teaming with the Office of Marriage and Family Life and the Office of Respect Life and Social Justice to bring Mr. Robert White of the St. Gianna Society to Wichita, along with relics of St. Gianna. This is an incredible opportunity to learn about a modern saint who gave her life for her unborn child. All events listed below are free and open to the public. Below is a schedule of where St. Gianna's relics will be visiting:

- ◆ Friday, March 31st—St. Gianna Clinic 2135 N. Ridge Road, Suite 400, Wichita; 4pm
- ◆ Friday, March 31st—Church of the Holy Spirit, Goddard; 6:30pm Mass, 7pm Stations, Intro and veneration of relics directly after
- ◆ Saturday, April 1st—Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Wichita; 9:30am Mass followed by talk and veneration
- ◆ Saturday, April 1st—St. James, Augusta; 5pm Mass with Bishop Kemme followed by talk and veneration
- ◆ Sunday, April 2nd—St. James, Augusta; 8am and 10:30am Mass followed by veneration

VOLUNTEER TO BE A CAMP BUDDY—

For the 28th Annual Holy Family Camp, a weeklong faith experience for persons with disabilities. It will be held June 12th—16th at Camp Hiawatha in north Wichita. Contact Christina at 316-269-3900 extension 170 for more details.

2017 Contribution Envelopes are in the Rectory. Please stop by during business hours to pick them up.

THIS LENT...Pray the Rosary & Chaplet daily with your parish community 30-minutes before the Holy Mass. If there is no Mass, it will be prayed at 7:30am. The intention is for an end to abortion and all sins against life and for the conversion of our nation back to God.

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.**

Stewarding our Gifts...

"GO IN PEACE, GLORIFYING THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE."

Third Sunday of Lent

We are halfway through Lent. The Israelites are in the desert. They are lost, tired, and just so thirsty!! They "grumbled" against Moses. How quickly they forgot it was Moses who led them out of slavery. We might feel this same way in our Lenten journey and life. We may be grumbling about feeling lost, tired, and just so thirsty! Like the Israelites, and like the Samaritan woman at the well, we become ungrateful of the gifts we have. Living the Stewardship way of life, a life of gratitude, reminds us that the things of this world will never satisfy that voracious thirst that lies within us. This thirst can only be quenched by God himself – the provider of the living water which wells up into eternal life. So stay the course! Remember that God has not abandoned us in the desert – He is truly in our midst. In doing so, we are stewarding the gift of gratitude!

Visit www.stpatricksparsons.org

For online bulletins/calendar information!

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

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| Sun Mar 19 | *RCIA Class –The Early Church; Church History | 9:15am-12pm |
| Mon Mar 20 | *Rosary in the Church *Parish Library Work Evening | 7:30am 6:30pm |
| Tue Mar 21 | *Rosary in the Church *Cursillo Group Meets | 5:30pm 5:30pm |
| Wed Mar 22 | *Rosary in the Church *Confessions/Spiritual Direction *Cursillo Group Meets *Bible Study—by Fr. Borkenhagen –St. John's Gospel Chapters 9-12 | 11:30am 5-6pm 5:15pm 7pm |
| Thur Mar 23 | *Rosary in the Church *Bible Study—by Fr. Borkenhagen –St. John's Gospel Chapters 9-12 *Theology on Tap—Kitchen Pass | 6:30am 1pm 6pm |
| Fri Mar 24 | *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 *Rosary in the Church *Stations of the Cross *Stations of the Cross *Soup and Bread Supper—Hall | 5:30am 6:30am 2:45pm 6pm 6:30pm |
| Sat Mar 25 | *Rosary in the Church *Latin Mass *Cursillo Group Meets—Hall *Confessions | 6:30am 7am 7:40am 3:30pm |
| Sun Mar 26 | *RCIA Class— –The Early Church; Church History *First Holy Communion *Men's Basketball | 9:15am-12pm 10am 8:30pm |



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ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

FYI—The Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Exemplification scheduled for March 25th in Parsons has been cancelled.

FORMED.ORG LENTEN CONTENT—"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). Logan on is even easier now: go to the parish website at www.stpatricksparsons.org and click on the FORMED banner in the center of the page!

Stewardship of Treasure

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:

March 11th–March 12th

NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$14,936.00

Altar Servers:

Mar 25—5pm B Chavez/Z Collins/B Brungardt
Mar 26—8am I Reitemeier/A Nibarger/C Buller
10am Dylan G/Wolgammott/Schibi/Farris/Dawson G

Extraordinary Ministers:

Mar 25—5pm Teresa Bogner
Mar 26—8am Max Dhooche
10am Tracy Holzem

Lector:

Mar 25—5pm Nick Pfeifer
Mar 26—8am Jeff Perez
10am First Holy Communicants

Offertory Gifts:

Mar 25—5pm Rick and Tammy Goodyear
Mar 26—8am John and Maggie Keene
10am First Holy Communicants

Ushers:

Mar 25—5pm T & B Westhoff/McKinney/Yanez
Mar 26—8am C & S Johnson/Crabtree/Simon
10am M & S Martin/Heppler/Schibi/Alexander

Money Counters:

Mar 25 & 26—Dan and Cheri Allen
Bob and Cathy Bartelli

IMMACULEE ILIBAGIZA, RWANDAN GENOCIDE SURVIVOR—

to Bring Message of Forgiveness and Hope to the Church of the Blessed Sacrament is hosting this event Friday evening (4pm-9pm) and Saturday morning (8:30-12:30) July 14th and 15th 2017. You may register online at www.Immaculee.com, call Blessed Sacrament Parish at 682-4557 or send in names and a check to Blessed Sacrament Parish, 124 N. Roosevelt, Wichita, Kansas 67208. Registration for one person is \$57.00 and for one person with a guest is \$76.00. We look forward to having you join us.