

# Fifth Sunday of Lent: St. Isidore, St. Vincent Ferrer, St. John Baptist de la Salle

## MASS INTENTIONS—April 1<sup>st</sup>—April 9<sup>th</sup>

**Saturday—5pm** David George (Lisa Harriger)

**Sunday— 8am** +Gladys LaForge  
(Jolene Smith & Phyllis Pracht)

**10am** People of St. Patrick's Parish

**Monday—7am** +Christine O'Brien Clagett  
(Charlotte Stottmann)

**Tuesday—8am** Cindy Dhooghe (Marilyn Ray)

**Wednesday—12:05pm** Sleiman & Megan Monsour  
(Diane Salyers)

**Thursday—8am** John Schibi (Sonja Schibi)

**First Friday—8am** +Kathleen Hills (Keith & Leslie Keller)

Next Weekends Intentions:

**Saturday—5pm** +Vera VanMieghem

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

**10am** Scott & Nikkii Rosenstiel Family



Eternal Rest Grant Unto him, O Lord:  
**Norman C. Ritz**, husband of Ilene Ritz. And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon him. May he Rest in Peace. Amen.

## THE CATHOLIC SIDE

Praised Be Jesus Christ!

The first ten steps of this article are published below. Check back here next week for steps 11-21.

### 21 STEPS TO A STRONGER MARRIAGE:

"FRANCISCAN WAY" — SPRING 2016

By Emily Stimpson

**1. Pray together.** "Pray as a couple every day—even on the phone if your spouse is traveling," Says Billings. "It can be just a short little prayer, but this makes you stronger as a couple. It is also a way to be tuned into what's going on in your spouse's heart. What they're worrying about or thinking about will come out in prayer."

**2. Say, "I love you," every day.** "This is one of the best habits for your marriage that you can develop," advises Silva. "It's the first thing I say to my wife in the morning and the last thing I say to her at night, even if she's sleeping and can't hear it."

**3. Keep dating each other.** "Just because you're married and you have kids doesn't mean your social life is over," notes Kerekes. "You still need to spend quality time alone together, or even out with friends. Getting out of the house for a date isn't always possible with sitters or finances, but you can have dates in, too. Rather than spend your evenings in separate rooms, on separate computers, or separate phones, unplug—everything except your TV. Snuggle on the couch with popcorn, a glass of wine, and a good movie. Or, pull out a deck of cards or a board game. Schedule it on the calendar if necessary."

**4. Don't greet your spouse with complaints.** "In our house, the rule is that my wife and I spend the first 10-15 minutes when I get home from work talking about what went well that day and what's going on for dinner," Silva explains. "We don't pounce on the other person with complaints or talk about the troubles of the day right away. This puts us both in a better frame of mind to tackle whatever problems from the day we do need to deal with."

**5. Know each other's love languages.** "You need to understand what makes your spouse feel loved," Billings says. "For me, that's time and listening. Acts of service are great, but when my husband doesn't take the time to listen to me, I don't feel loved. His is touch. Without touch, he doesn't feel loved. When outside circumstances start to pull you away from one another, knowing how the other experiences love enables you to get back to the heart of loving them."

**6. Put your spouse first.** "Even though we all learned to share in kindergarten, we are still selfish beings," says Kerekes. "We want what we want when we want it. But a happily functioning family can't be selfish. Always ask yourself, what would your spouse like? Whether it's what to eat for dinner, what movie to watch, or what dessert you share at a restaurant, let your spouse choose. Having a happy spouse makes you a happy spouse."

**7. Never lie to each other.** "Be committed to the truth, regardless of how much it hurts," says Silva. "We have to be willing to hear the truth, from both our spouse and ourselves. If we can be truthful in our words and bodily actions, with our spouse and with our kids, our marriage will be much stronger. That's what also allows us the time for forgiveness, repentance, and change."

**8. Prune regularly.** Explains Billings, "My husband and I love gardening and have a vineyard. We've learned a lot about life and marriage from that vineyard. For example, our vineyard requires pruning. You have to cut back healthy vines so that the other grapes can get the sunlight and nutrients they need. Too many branches will cause a low harvest, and the grapes won't taste as good as they could. Marriage is like that, too. If we let too many limbs grow up around us, if we take on too many activities or let too many outside influences pull at us, we get into trouble. We sometimes have to do pruning and cut back on activities, even good wholesome activities, to make sure we have the time and energy we need to grow as a couple."

**9. Watch the clock.** "Never discuss difficult problems or finances after 9:00 p.m.," says Silva. "Nothing good happens when you're tired. Schedule a time to talk about big issues or problems when you won't be exhausted."

**10. Build strong friendships with others.** "A lot of couples go into marriage thinking, 'We only need each other,'" says Silva. "But that's false. You also need family, friends, and a spiritual family, plus mentors who can model a healthy marriage for you and who have no problem looking at you and saying, 'You're being an idiot. Repent.'"

May our holy patron, St. Patrick, intercede for us. St. Joseph, protector of the church and Family, pray for us.

Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us  
Peace in Jesus and Mary,

*Fr. Borkenhagen*

## PARISH NEWS

**HOLY FAMILY CAMP**—Volunteers are needed for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Holy Family Camp June 12<sup>th</sup>—16<sup>th</sup> at Camp Hiawatha in north Wichita. This is a week long faith experience for persons with disabilities. Go to <http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/disabilities/documents/6893-holy-family-camp-2017-volunteer-application/file> or Contact Christina at 316-269-3900 x.170 for more details.

**PALM SUNDAY RETREAT WITH BISHOP KEMME**—The Spiritual Life Center is honored to welcome Bishop Carl A. Kemme to lead the annual Palm Sunday retreat from Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>—Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Retreatants will begin Holy Week and their final preparations for Easter as guided by our primary teacher of the Faith—the Bishop of our Diocese. Additionally, there will be time for group and individual prayer, solitude, rest, Stations of the Cross, Mass and Reconciliation. Registration is \$165 or \$138 for a couple. Scholarships are available. Please register at [www.SLCWichita.org](http://www.SLCWichita.org) or call (316)744-0167.

**TWO FREE TICKETS!!!**—Interested in attending the above retreat? Stop by the Rectory and pick up two free tickets! All you have to do is drive to the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita.

**IN SEARCH OF**—St. Patrick's is currently taking bids on mowing Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Bids are due by April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please submit them to the Rectory office in person or by mail: 1807 Stevens Ave.

**St. Vincent de Paul** is asking for donations of Braum's large paper grocery bags with handles. They may be dropped off at St. Vincent's weekdays from 10am-12pm and 2-4pm. or Saturdays 10am-12pm.

**EASTER LILIES**—Don't forget drop your flower contribution envelope in the collection basket so we can honor your loved one(s) this Easter!

**PRAYER AND ACTION 2017**—a summer mission experience through the Office of Faith Formation for the Catholic Diocese of Wichita will take place July 9<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> in Parsons. This program is for high schoolers who have completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade by summer. Registration is now open. Contact the office at OFF@CatholicDioceseofWichita.org.

**PRAYER AND ACTION WORK SITES**—Do you have work inside or outside of your home that you aren't able to do? Fill out a Work Site Form (this was a bulletin insert a couple weeks ago) for the prayer and action group that will be at St. Patrick's July 9<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. Some examples of jobs are fixing/building fence, lawn care, painting, cleaning, etc.

**TOTUS TUUS HOST FAMILIES NEEDED**—St. Patrick's Parish will be hosting Totus Tuus June 24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Housing for two young men and two young women is needed. If you are interested in hosting please contact the Rectory at 421-6762.

## SPEND ONE HOUR WITH OUR LORD!

Adorers are needed for the following hours:

**Wed 3-4am, Thur 9-10am,  
Thur 11am-12pm, Sat 2-3am,  
Sat 10-11pm, Sun 12-1am.**

## Stewarding our Gifts...

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

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. Psalm 130 captures the theme of today's readings. The first reading from the prophet Ezekiel foretells the day of resurrection for the Israelites. Paul's letter to the Romans explains that as Christian stewards, we must not live in the flesh, but in the Spirit of God, who has redeemed us. And finally, in the Gospel of John, we have the vivid retelling of the raising of Lazarus. In all of today's readings, we are reminded that God has the power to overcome sin and death and raise us out of the grave. Our bodies are plagued by sin, but like Lazarus, we have hope that God will call each of us by name, beckoning us into eternal life with Him. We must be grateful for His grace and for the hope it provides, and we must live a life that is deserving of such redemption.

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

Sun Apr 2	*RCIA Class —Church History	9:15am-12pm
	*Fr. McElwee to hear Confessions during both Masses	8/10am
	*Marquette Method of NFP —Instructor Jackie Gorman; Parish Hall	2pm
Mon Apr 3	*Rosary in the Church	6:30am
	*School Council Meeting	6:45pm
	*Ultreya—Parish Hall	7pm
Tue Apr 4	*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
	*Cursillo Group Meets	5:30pm
	*Parish Council Meeting—Hall	6:30pm
Wed Apr 5	*Rosary in the Church	11:30am
	*Confessions/Spiritual Direction	5-6pm
	*Cursillo Group Meets	5:15pm
	*K-5 Family Night—Parish Hall	5:30pm
	*CYM Meeting	7pm
	*Bible Study—by Fr. Borkenhagen —St. John's Gospel Chapters 18-21	7pm
Thur Apr 6	*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
	*Bible Study—by Fr. Borkenhagen —St. John's Gospel Chapters 18-21	1pm
	*Theology on Tap—Kitchen Pass	6:30pm
Fri Apr 7	*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
	*First Friday Mass	8am
	*Stations of the Cross	2:45pm
	*Stations of the Cross	6pm
	*Soup and Bread Supper—Hall	6:30pm
Sat April 8	*Rosary in the Church	6:30am
	*Latin Mass	7am
	*Cursillo Group Meets—Hall	7:40am
	*Church Cleaning	8am
	*Confessions	3:30pm
Sun Apr 9	*RCIA Class— —Holy Week Preparations!!!	9:15am-12pm
	*Men's Basketball	8:30pm

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## Stewardship of Treasure

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:**

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

NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$14,322.71

### Altar Servers:

April 8—5pm K Nance/Ka Waun/C O'Hara

April 9—8am M Bogner/A Nibarger/E Wheat

10am Wolgamott/B Brungardt/L Forbes/O Fees

### Extraordinary Ministers:

April 8—5pm Vicki Templeton

April 9—8am Tom O'Hara

10am Harry Heppler

### Lector:

April 8—5pm Steve Ramsey

April 9—8am John Schibi

10am Daniel Schibi

### Offertory Gifts:

April 8—5pm Brian and Julie McIntosh

April 9—8am Jeff Perez and Jim Simon

10am Vincent and Mary Schibi

### Ushers:

April 8—5pm M & J Carson/T & B Westhoff

April 9—8am C & S Johnson/Crabtree/Simon

10am V & M Schibi/L Schibi/J Alexander

### Money Counters:

April 8 & 9—Gary and Judy Harris

David and Jane Dick