

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 7, 2010

Mass Intentions



Monday 8:30 a.m.	March 8 No Services
Tuesday 8:30 a.m.	March 9 † Etta Mae Derr
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	March 10 Special Intentions for Our Military Men & Women
Thursday 8:30 a.m.	March 11 Special Intentions for Bill Shipley
Friday 8:30 a.m.	March 12 † Barbara Pils
Saturday 3:00 p.m.	March 13 † Catherine "Lina" Cisneros
Sunday 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	March 14—Fourth Sunday of Lent † Lee & Christopher Smith For the People of the Parish

Please remember in prayer those who have died,
especially Betty Reynolds & Kathleen Kunz.
Grant them eternal rest and peace O Lord!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings for next week, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, are Joshua 5:9a, 10-12, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, and Luke 15:1-3, 11-32. Reflect on these readings and then listen to them as they are proclaimed at Mass. How do they speak to you?

VOCATION CRUCIFIX

Berry & Margaret Aldridge will have the Vocation Crucifix in their home this week. Please join them in praying for vocations.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

The Burning Bush and the Call of Moses— Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities.

BLESSED BE YOUR LENT

Blessed be the meek *He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.* Philippians 2:8

Too often meekness is equated to weakness. But one who is truly meek is humble. We need to humble ourselves to become disciples of Christ. We can find that humility in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Check the schedule below. Mark your calendars and plan to attend one of our Deanery Lenten Reconciliation Services.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Coronation of Our Lady	Monday, March 15
St. Matthew Apostle/St. Regis (The Service will be held at St. Regis Parish)	Tuesday, March 16
St. Bernadette Parish	Thursday, March 18
St. Catherine of Siena	Sunday, March 21
St. Sabina Parish	Monday, March 22

Plan to take advantage of one of these opportunities to go to Confession prior to Easter. All Services will be at 7:00 p.m.

THREE-MINUTE LITURGICAL CATECHESIS
by Lawrence E. Mick.

Article 21: Sharing the Peace of Christ con't

Putting the sign of peace within the Communion Rite serves a similar function. It reminds us that we dare not approach the altar of the Lord for Communion if we are not willing to be reconciled with the other members of Christ's body. Some people have complained that the sign of peace interrupts their preparation for Communion, but this suggests that they really don't understand the meaning of Communion. Communion unites us with every member of Christ's body. Anything that separates us from one another needs to be surrendered before we approach the table. The sign of peace gives us an opportunity to express our unity. This may mean reconciling with someone who is estranged from us, or it may simply mean reminding ourselves that we belong to one another. In both cases, we will be better prepared to enter into Communion with one another in Christ.

SILVER THREADS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 24 - We're going to the New Dinner Theatre for see "Cactus Flower." Sign up early if you plan to go.

Mar. 31 - Our monthly potluck has been moved to the 31st. Mark your calendars today! We're serving Corn Beef & Cabbage so plan the dish you bring around that. Lee Dresser, lead singer for the "Krazy Katz", will be our guest performer. Plan to join us.

If you haven't joined us at one of our potluck lunches lately, be sure to come this month. You'll have a good time and meet lots of new friends! For information about our group or activities call Thelma Smith at 388-3257. Check the Gathering Space for sign-up sheets!

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents wishing to bring their children to the waters of Baptism are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Our next session is scheduled for Sunday, March 21 at 1:00 p.m. Call Carol at Parish Office (816-763-0208) if you plan to attend.

SOUP & STATIONS

Our annual "Soup & Stations" is under way. Plan to come and share a light supper of soup at 6:00 p.m. and join in praying the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. each Friday of Lent. You are invited to make the Stations a part of your Lenten devotions

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

The Angel Food Ministries Network has a local site at Hickman Mills Community Christian Church, 5809 E. Red Bridge Road. This is a food co-op service where \$30 buys first quality items that stretch your food dollars. Go to www.angelfoodministries.org for monthly specials, order and pick-up schedules or call HMCC at 816-761-5441 for more information.

SMA WINTER WEATHER CLOSURE POLICY

The Snow Policy for the Parish follows the Hickman Mills School District (CSD #1) Policy. If they are closed - WE ARE CLOSED - including celebrations of Mass on weekday mornings and all morning and afternoon meetings and events. For evening meetings or events, a decision to cancel or not will be made by 3:00 p.m. and posted to our Closure Hotline - 816-763-0208 ext. 4.

NEED PRAYERS? WANT TO BE A PRAYER ANGEL?

E-mail Bonnie Davis at smaprayerangels@aol.com or call her at 816-353-3726

PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP THE SICK,
HOSPITALIZED, AND HOMEBOUND MEMBERS
OF OUR PARISH FAMILY IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS.
MAY THEY BE RESTORED TO FULL HEALTH.THIS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	March 8
9:00 a.m.	Rosary Group
	Small Faith Group
4:15 p.m.	St. James Soup Kitchen
Tuesday	March 9
9:00 a.m.	Small Faith Group
Wednesday	March 10
7:00 p.m.	Administrative Services Commission
Thursday	March 11
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	March 12
6:00 p.m.	Soup Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	March 13
9:30 a.m.	Parish Council Discernment
Sunday	February 14—Fourth Sunday of Lent
9:45 a.m.	Religious Ed.
All Masses:	Catholic Relief Services Collection

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The Mysterious One— Last Sunday we gathered with Peter, John and James at the mountain of Transfiguration and were summoned to listen to God's chosen Son. This week the scriptures draw us into the mystery of just who that God is. The first reading, perhaps one of the best known in the Bible, recounts the story of Moses and the burning bush, when the mysterious divine name is revealed. The responsorial psalm is a hymn extolling the attributes of God. Saint Paul and the Lord Jesus describe a God who judges and metes out punishment. No matter the lengths to which the scriptures go, we know that no amount of words will ever come close to capturing who God is. Our lives and our Lenten are really journeys toward that mysterious One who will one day welcome us into the heavenly home that awaits those who put their trust in God alone.

JESUS IN DISGUISE

Next weekend we will take up the annual Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection helps to fund six Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economies and create food sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking, and supply pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees. By helping the marginalized and impoverished, you give hope to *Jesus In Disguise*. Please give prayerful consideration to and be as generous as you can to next weekend's Catholic Relief Services Collection.

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE IN TURKEY

Fr. Ernie Davis of St. Therese Little Flower and Jude Huntz of the Human Rights Office invite you to join them on a pilgrimage November 2 to November 15, 2010. Visit Istanbul, Cappadocia, Tarsus, Antioch, Ephesus, Smyrna, Myra, Troy and more. Mass daily. Airfare from New York, transportation, hotels, breakfast and dinner, guide and entrance fees: \$2,496. For a brochure with full itinerary and details email Fr. Ernie Davis at edavis@sttheresekc.org:

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are a practicing Catholic over age 21 and have never been Confirmed, we would like to offer you the opportunity to celebrate this sacrament! Please contact Jeanne Marie at the Parish Office for more information!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he came out looking for fruit on it but did not find any. He said to the vinedresser, 'Cut it down.' But the vinedresser said, 'Leave it another year while I hoe around it and manure it; then perhaps it will bear fruit. If not, it shall be cut down.'" Luke 13:6-9

As the vinedresser cultivated the fig tree, we are all called to cultivate the talents of each other. The sobering truth is talents not used are lost to us and others.

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY. . .

needs volunteers for the Road to Recovery program who are willing to drive cancer patients in our community to and from their treatment appointments. To learn more about how you can get involved and help make a difference in someone's life, contact Megan Porter at 913-747-6021 or by email at megan.porter@cancer.org The Road to recovery program is richly rewarding, not only for the patient but also for you. Consider calling today!

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE & DINNER

St. Sabina Church in Belton will hold its annual St. Joseph table on Saturday & Sunday, March 20 & 21. The blessing of the table will take place after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday and a spaghetti dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Baked goods may be purchased after all Masses and Sunday afternoon. All proceeds are donated to their local food pantry to help those in need.

PRO-LIFE ACTION

A Pro-Life Action Day, sponsored by Missouri Right to Life, is scheduled for Tuesday, March 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the State Capital Bldg. in Jefferson City. There is a bus for those needing transportation. The bus fee will be approximately \$15, depending on how many are transported. For information about the bus, please contact Mary Earnstman at mrl-wr@att.net. For more information about the Pro-Life Action Day call 573-636-5110.

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED!

Community Assistance Council (CAC) currently has three routes in need of drivers. Can you help? The time commitment is about 1-2 hours one day a week, delivering meals to 8-10 homebound residents in south KC. Training is provided. All you need is a valid driver's license and current automobile insurance. CAC does request background checks for our drivers. If you would like to volunteer for this worthwhile cause, please call Pam Meek at 816-763-3277 ext. 108.

\$ FINANCIAL FIGURES \$

For the weekend of February 27 & 28

Weekly Parish Contribution	\$6,348.25
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This Month's Figures

February Contributions To Date	\$24,917.33
February Budgeted To Date	\$30,020.82
Balance	\$ -5,103.49