

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 7, 2019

I consider everything as a loss
because of the supreme good of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord. — *Philippians 3:8*

GOD'S ACTIONS NOW

When Jews celebrate the Passover, they always tell the story of the Exodus in present terms, as if they themselves experienced those events: when we were prisoners in Egypt; when God brought us out of slavery and through the waters of the sea. We would do well to follow their example and see the works of Jesus and his sacrifice as being in the present, as happening to us now. We believe that Christ's work, his teachings, and his sacrifice on the cross were not just for his followers in the past, but for all people at all times. When we think of this in our prayers, we become one in faith with that great cloud of witnesses, the saints. We have been striving through Lent to repent of our sins and failings, and to follow Jesus more closely. Today in the story of the woman caught in adultery, we see Jesus forgiving the woman, saving her from a horrible death, and urging her not to sin any more. This is new, and brings out something for which the law had not allowed— forgiveness. Of course one can sin no more if one is dead, caught in one's sins forever. But Jesus introduces the concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Mass Intentions



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Sat., April 06, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Thomas Pitre, Nick Sita, Huval Family, Diane Sharp, Guidry and Bolotte Family, Breaux Family, Amy Goff, Barrilleaux Family, Hotard Family, Terry Saux (L), Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Prayers for Baby (L), Pamilla Neubig (L)

Sun., April 07, 7:30 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., April 07, 9:15 a.m. Mary Jane Mehaffey, John Stahel Jr., Normi Miller, Andrew Danenhower (L), Craig Schiro (L), Priscilla Stahel (L), Deacon Jay Zimmer (L)

Sun., April 07, 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

Mon., April 08, 8:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule'

Tues., April 09, 8:00 a.m. For the Mission

Wed., April 10, 7:00 p.m. David Tucker

Thurs., April 11, 8:00 a.m. Jay Weil (L)

Fri., April 12, 8:00 a.m. Joseph Legnon

Sat., April 13, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Thomas Pitre, Nick Sita, Huval Family, Diane Sharp, Hotard Family, Bradley Family, Larry Boston (L), Gloria Huber (L), Don Huber (L), Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr. Prayers for Baby (L), Kadence Bovia (L)

Sun., April 14, 7:30 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., April 14, 9:15 a.m. Carol Pieri, Mary Jane Mehaffey, The Mehaffey Family (L), Normi Miller, Robert Howell (L), Deacon Jay Zimmer (L), Barbara Lafontaine (L)

Sun., April 14, 11:00 a.m. Bob Pecunia

We welcome all newcomers to St. John's Church and invite you to register as members of our parish family. Please complete a "Parishioner Form" located in back of church and drop it in the collection basket. A member of St. John's Church will contact you to assist you with registration.

PRAYER LIST

Helen Lafleur

Ruth Christie

Edie Stump

Carolyn Pierre

Wilma Ferran

Pam Addotto

Freddie Addotto

Tuck Tucker

Michael Estrada

James Michael Cole

Louise Cashmere

Ethel Istre

Rhonda Taylor

Rolland Golden

Ruthi Olson

John Gavin

Scott St. Romain

Pappy Pelloat

Please remember these parishioners and friends in your prayers. May they be touched by the healing hand of the Lord and restored soon to the full active life of our community and their families.

Weekly Collections

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Envelopes	\$ 2,061.00
Loose	\$ 1,536.77
Bldg. and Preservation Fund	\$ 100.00
2 nd Coll. Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1,045.20

The candles burn in honor of:

<i>Sanctuary</i>	Jon Craig (L)
<i>Blessed Mother</i>	Gary Treuil
<i>St. Joseph</i>	Michael Stahel (L)
<i>St. Ann</i>	Mary Ann Treuil (L)

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

THE PARISH MISSION IS NOW!

We welcome Fr. George Knab, OMI, Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate from Belleville, Illinois who is preaching at all Masses this weekend to urge us to be renewed in the life of Christ by participating in special services that begin Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Penance will be offered on Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. and on the following day each hour on the hour from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A complete schedule is found in this week's bulletin.

THANK YOU for participating in the RICE BOWL.

Fifth Week of Lent *Encounter Ona*

We encounter Ona in Gaza, where despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

REMINDER!

The Northshore Food Bank truck will be in front of Church next weekend. Someone will be by the truck to accept the food.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Next weekend, many churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy, as we gratefully recall Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted him on that day used what was both handy and traditional, since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Succoth. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a *lulav*, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long, and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the *lulav*, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the *Hoshanot*, singing hymns of joy.

In other climates, Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches today, often brought from their own garden. In England, forsythia branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer pussy willows, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome, and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory even as we prepare to commemorate his passion?

HOLY TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lords Supper at 7:00 p.m., followed by Adoration until 10:00 p.m. in Odilo Hall

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 p.m. - Passion of the Lord, Veneration of the Cross, followed by Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES:

7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Holy Week Monday and Wednesday morning Mass times are as usual.

The office will be closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday. We will reopen on Tuesday.

TICKET ON SALE NOW!

Our Spring Dance will be on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. ADMISSION \$ 25.00 per couple. Entertainment will be by the Blenderz Band. Reserve your table today. Please contact Robert and Jean Schultz at 504-669-1327 or 504-909-1662. Tickets are now being sold in the parish office.

The Ladies **ALTAR SOCIETY** is asking for donations to help defray the cost of flowers for the Easter season. Your donations may be placed in the box at the back of Church. There is a book where the names of loved ones may be recorded, and they will be remembered during masses this Easter season.



MONTHLY CALENDAR

The month of April's calendar is posted on the bulletin board on the church porch. In order for the calendar to be accurate as possible, each ministry must submit in writing, (hand written or email), information to Joy A MONTH in advance. Please use the email on the front of the bulletin. Any questions please call the office.

This year the Knights of Columbus are having their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20th in Odilo Hall at 9:00 a.m. It is free for all children age groups 0-3, 4-6 and 7-9. **THERE WILL BE JUICE, COOKIES AND PRIZES FOR ALL WHO ATTEND. Parents, grandparents, kids and grandkids are all welcome!**

There's only one more Knights of Columbus Fish Fry this Lent. Please make an effort to try a delicious fish dinner for \$9.00 a plate, dine in or take out to support your local K.C. Council.

EPHESIANS: DISCOVER YOUR INHERITANCE

By Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith

St. John's next Adult Bible Study will begin on May 2nd and 3rd through June 20th and 21st. You choose to attend Thursday or Friday. Registration forms are in a flyer box on the church porch. The registration deadline is Tuesday, April 16th at 9:00 a.m.

SUPPER AND SUBSTANCE

The highlight of Super and Substance is the testimony (often quite humorous) given by a married couple on the "trials and tribulations" in their family life, and how they achieved understanding, peace, and a greater love for one another. Get more details on the event from the flyers on the church porch.

"UNPLANNED"

There is an excellent movie, entitled "Unplanned" which is a powerful movie on respect for life. I hope to see the movie. I have been told it is a powerful movie that tells the story of the transformation of Abby Johnson from one of the leading abortion activist to one of the leading pro-life activist. It gives a good glimpse of the inner workings of Planned Parenthood. It is a reminder of our need to pray for a greater respect for all human life and to pray for all those who have been affected by abortion. It is rated R due to the topic and has a few bloody scenes. It is being shown locally.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND THURSDAY OF MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. IN ODILO HALL

CATCH FIRE YOUTH GROUP MEETS THE FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 6 - 7:30 P.M. IN ODILO HALL.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES EVERY SUNDAY, NOON UNTIL 1:15 IN LIBRARY

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, REVELATION, 7:30 PM IN LIBRARY
EVERY THURSDAY MEN'S GROUP MEETS AT 7:30 PM IN LIBRARY