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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 207 2022

This week, we begin preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. The word "Lent" comes from the Middle English word meaning springtime. Lent is the Church's spring or time for renewal and a reminder of the new life of baptism.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday (March 2) is an important day for Catholics. It opens the Lenten season of fasting and prayer. The wearing of ashes come from ancient traditions of public penance. Ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. They humble us and serve as a reminder about our fleeting life on Earth. And, as the priest marks our forehead with ashes, he may say, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," or "repent and believe in the Gospel." Although some like to wear the ashes throughout the day, it is acceptable to wash the forehead after the Mass.

Ash Wednesday obligations

Catholics, 18 to 59 years old, should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means eating only one regular meal during the day plus two smaller portions that do not equal a full meal. Nothing should be consumed between the meals.

Those whose health or ability to work may be jeopardized by fasting are excused. Additionally, anyone 14 and older must abstain from meat on these two days as well as each Friday.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

This past week turned out to be not what I thought it would be. The plan for the week was full of work and meetings. I awoke on Monday morning not feeling the greatest. It seemed as if I had a cold. By Tuesday, I seemed to be getting worse. To be safe I decided to get tested to ensure it was not Covid. The test did come back Negative. By Wednesday evening, I seemed to be getting better. Being sick is never fun and there is lots of catching up to be done now! On another note, this week we start Lent. Where has the time gone!...On Wednesday, we will begin with Ash Wednesday where we will be marked with the Sign of the Cross on our foreheads with ashes. This sign reminds us of the shortness of our lives and our need to turn away from sin and to live the Gospel. I encourage everyone to do Acts of Penance, love, and giving. May this Lent be for us ALL a time of coming closer to our Lord as we walk closely with Him.



ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022 **MASSES**

10:00 a.m. - St. John the Baptist

5:30 p.m. - Holy Family

7:15 p.m. - (Burmese) Holy Family



Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" - Luke 6:39-45

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 27

10:30 a.m. Frank A. Simonich†

Wednesday, March 2

Ash Wednesday

5:30 p.m. People of the Parish

7:15 p.m. Burmese Ash Wednesday Mass

Friday, March 4

8:00 a.m. Julia Cornish†

5:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross (Burmese)

Saturday, March 5

4:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, March 6

First Sunday of Lent

10:30 a.m. William Stockton†



PRAYER REQUESTS

Beatrice Arce, Rose Bartkoski, Steve Blaschke, Brisimitzakis Family, Christine Muelmaster Bruns, Susan Byrd, Frank Chavez, Leandro Cortez, James Cason, Elizabeth Curtin, Ann Crump, Savannah Crawford, Vincent Eskina, Gary & Sheila Esposito, Jane Ferbezar, Nick Gianfrancesco, Greg Golder, Teresa Grado, Gary Grindel, Joe Grindel, Fr. John Harmon, Janet Hart, John Hart, Jr., Diane Holton, Mary Ann Stimac-Huber, Roger & Nadyne Jackson, SPC Garrett Kilgore, Madeleine Glenn-Klein, Janice Labesky, Tim Lukavsky, John Jaramillo, Hrvoje Ljubicic family, Linda Macek, Walter Marnett, Charles Martynowicz, Karl McCarty, Ed Melnick, Fr. John Melnick, Julie Miller, David Mulich, Jack & Marcia Mudroch, Laurie Pfieler, Debra Robinette & Carla, R.J. Samuels, Stacy Taylor Scheelk, Richard Schutte, Paul "Cotton" Sedler, Raymond Simonich, Anthony Smarekar, Sr. Gloria Solomon, Jacob Strathman, Margaret Hotujec Supplee, Sharon Palcher Strayhall, Brad Torelli, Germaine Van Hoet, RoseAnn (Kaizar) Van Hoet, Richard Whitaker, Maribeth Willdermood, Martha Wolf-Holland, Louis Villegas, Angie Yadrach, Joe Zagar, Helen Zagar, and for the people of Ukraine.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Offering Envelopes 2/20/22, 10:30 a.m.:

Envelopes:	\$ 1,406.00
Plate:	85.00
Candle:	6.00
Fuel:	420.00
School Support:	50.00
Pew Rent:	30.00
Building Maintenance:	25.00
Memorial Donation-A. Yadrach (Lancaster, M.):	50.00
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:	\$ 2,072.00

Weekly Offering Envelopes 2/20/22, 12:15 p.m.:

Envelopes:	\$ 743.00
Plate:	231.00
Latin America:	5.00
School Support:	5.00
Fuel:	96.00
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:	\$ 1,080.00

2022 CALL TO SHARE APPEAL

Jesus reminds us that a good tree produces good fruit. Consider putting your love and generosity into action by supporting our Archbishop's Call to Share appeal today.

Our parish Target Goal is: \$14,000.00. As of February 23, 2022, Holy Family Church - Kansas City has raised 23 donations for a total of \$7,376.00. Don't forget to send in your donation or pledge. In-Pew envelopes are on the tables (not pews) at each entrance of the church.

St. John the Baptist Church, Catholic Men's Club, Lenten Shrimp Dinners. Mark your calendars for the annual shrimp dinners sponsored by St. John's Catholic Club. Two Friday dates are scheduled: March 4 and April 8, both begin at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Price is \$18 per person and the menu is jumbo shrimp, corn, potatoes, hush puppies, bread and salad. Beverages will be available for purchase. Book your tickets by calling the club at 913-371-9690 or contact Larry Steele at 913-956-2096.

APPLE STRUDEL ORDER FORM

Cost per apple strudel: \$15.00

The Holy Family Altar Society are now taking orders for Apple Strudels to enjoy this Easter!

of Apple Strudels: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____



Order Deadline: Monday, March 7, 2022

Make checks payable to: Holy Family Altar Society

Return this order form to:

Holy Family Church Parish Office, 515 Ohio Ave., KCK 66101 or place in the Sunday Collection basket.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Sachen Cannon at 913-396-1564, Susan Rezin at 913-334-5189, or the church office at 913-413-0022.

Pick-up Apple Strudels at the school on:

Saturday, April 9 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 10 (after Mass) 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Monetary donations are welcome to offset costs associated with making of the strudels.





APPEAL

My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up. Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies. I pray that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilising coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.

And now I would like to appeal to everyone, believers and non-believers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make next 2 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

Franciscus

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Burmese)

5:00 p.m. - Every Friday during Lent
Holy Family Church

Saturday evening Mass returns to Holy Family Church on March 5 at 4:00 p.m. Confessions are heard at 3:00 p.m. before the Mass. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to receive God's mercy during the Lenten season.

The Precepts of the Catholic Church are:

1. Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
2. Confession of serious sin at least once a year.
3. Reception of Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season.
4. Observance of the days of fast and abstinence.
5. Providing for the needs of the Church.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann and Bishop James V. Johnston will celebrate a special Mass with Anointing of the Sick and ritual blessing of the sick, in the manner done at Lourdes, France, on Saturday, **March 26, 2022 at 10:00 AM at Cure of Ars Parish**, 94th and Mission Road, Leawood, Kansas.

Mass will be preceded by the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 9:00 to 9:45 AM.

We encourage anyone who is sick, suffering, chronically ill, and their caregivers, to attend. All those attending will receive prayer cards and Lourdes water to take home. A short reception will be held after the Mass.

If possible, please send the names of those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick to maltakansascity@gmail.com or contact Doug Rivard at 913-620-1759.