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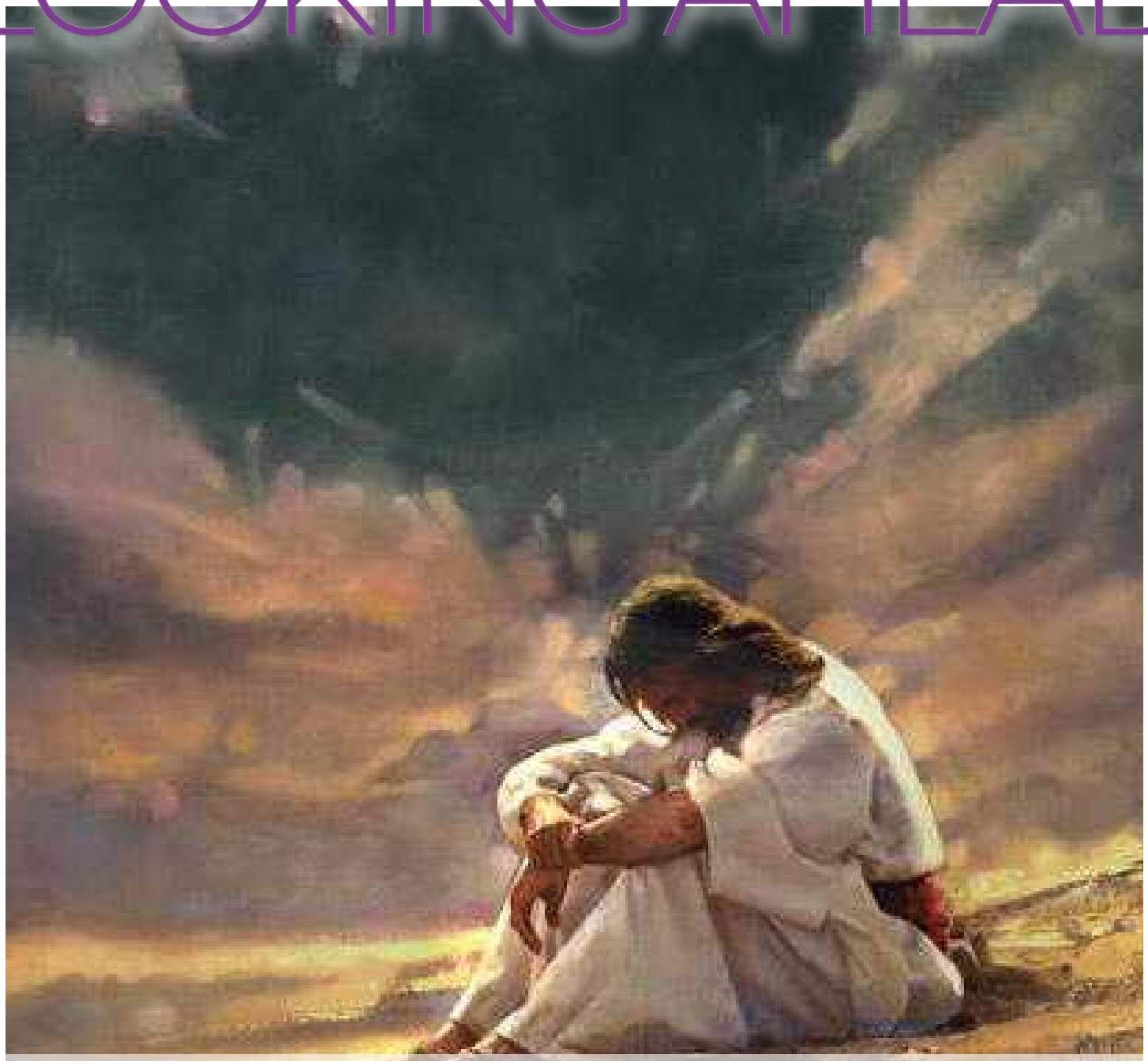
LOOKING AHEAD



SPEAKER: SR. CHARLOTTE

Lent's Invitation: A Call to Holiness - Personally and Communally | March 30

Parish Life

CONTEMPLATIVE SILENT RETREAT

April 2nd from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm in the Church

Parish Life

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

"It is written, One does not live on bread alone."

Lk 4:1-13

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 5 - 11

SAT - 5

First Saturday Mass
9:00 am | Church | English
Mass Intention for Carol J. Schall Moritz †

Sacrament of Reconciliation
3:00 - 4:30 pm | Confessional

Holy Mass
5:00 pm | Church | English
Mass Intention for Victoria & Bill Jeanis †

SUN - 6

Holy Mass
8:00 am | Church | English
Mass Intention for Hugh Flowers †

PSR | Pre-K - 6th Grade
9:15 - 10:15 am | In the Church then the Classrooms

Coffee & Christ
9:15 - 10:15 am | Faith Formation Room
Book of Revelation - Topic: The Violence of Revelation

Holy Mass
10:30 am | Church | English
Mass Intention for Albert Moritz †

Holy Mass
2:00 pm | Church | Spanish
Mass Intention for Taney County Parish Family (Living)

MON - 7

Daily Mass
9:00 am | Church
Mass Intention for Vern Degenhardt †

TUES - 8

Daily Mass
9:00 am | Church
Mass Intention for Paul Aymond Jr. †

Adoration
9:30 am - 3:00 pm | Chapel

The Chosen Season 2 - Viewing
10:00 - Noon | Faith Formation Room

Centering Prayer
3:00 - 4:30 pm | Heritage Room

Music Practice
4:30 - 5:30 pm | Music Room

MARCH 5 - 11

WED - 9

Stitchers
9:00 - 12:00 pm | Heritage Room

Adoration
1:00 - 5:00 pm | Chapel

Daily Mass
5:30 pm | Church | English

Mass Intention for Ann Parascondola †

RCIA
6:30 - 8:00 pm | Heritage Room

Young Disciples | Confirmation Class 7th & Above
6:30 - 7:45 pm | Faith Formation Room

Young Disciples | Confirmed
6:30 - 7:45 pm | Confirmation Classroom

THUR - 10

Daily Mass
9:00 am | Church | English

Mass Intention for Tomas Danilo Ramirez (Birthday)

Adoration
9:30 - 7:00 pm | Chapel

FRI - 11

Group Spiritual Companionship
10:00 - 11:00 am | Heritage Room

Soup and Stations hosted by the Music Ministry (Taizé)
5:30 - 7:00 pm | Faith Formation Room & Church

SAT - 12

Women's Welcome Team Meeting w/Potluck
8:30 - 11:30 am | Faith Formation Room

..... PARISH LIFE .....

For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. | 1 Corinthians 12:12

New Adoration Hours!

Adoration on Wednesday will now begin two hours earlier in the day at 1:00 pm.

If you would like to sign up as an Adorer for the two new hours either 1-2 pm or 2-3 pm on Wednesday, please click here and sign up at the bottom of the page.

Looking to commit to an Adoration hour? Here are the available time slots:

Tuesday: 10-11, 11-12, 12-1
Wednesday: 1-2, 2-3
Thursday: 12-1, 4-5, 6-7

Click here to sign up!

Have you missed your Parish Family?
Are Thursday afternoons free for you?

OLL Train leaves the Station
Thursday, March 3rd at 1:00 pm
Hop Abroad – Don't Miss Out on the Fun
Lower-level Classroom

You are invited to a Social Afternoon twice a month to play OLL's version of Mexican Train, coming together as our Parish Family. What!!! You know nothing about Mexican Train? We'll teach you! It's a game played with number dominoes. The object of the game is to play all the dominoes from his or her hand onto one or more chains, or "trains", emanating from a central hub or "station". The game's most popular name comes from a special open train that belongs to all players. **Click here for OLL Train rules.**

Hop aboard OLL's Train on the first and third Thursdays of the month starting on Thursday, March 3rd at 1:00 pm and we will play about 2 hours in a lower-level classroom. Open to ALL parishioners and if you have a non-Catholic friend that you would like to invite, please do so!

We will play a minimum of 4 to a maximum of 8 people to a table depending upon the turnout, masks are not required, and if you are more comfortable wearing a mask please do so. It is a free social event to have fun and comradery. Bring snacks to share with your table and you may bring your own beverage.

Collections Through:
February 27, 2022

Envelopes:	$30,848.38
Plate:	$6,121.25
Green Envelopes:	$3,866.00
Total:	$40,835.63

Hey Deacon!

What does the Church teach about 'just wars'?

With the current uprising war or warlike conduct of Russia against Ukraine, it makes sense to revisit the Catholic teaching on if and when going to war is ever justified.

The Catholic Church has always emphasized peace over violence. Many examples are cited throughout Scripture. There is a presumption that binds all Christians that we should do no harm to our neighbors. How we treat our enemy is the greatest example of our love for our neighbor. However, the Church acknowledges special circumstances where evil and injustice exist that provoke a response which requires a legitimate defense.

As early as the fifth century, St. Augustine of Hippo was considering the moral consequences of war. He was one of the first to articulate a philosophical statement on war and justice, known as the Just War doctrine. St. Augustine laid the groundwork for the just war theory but he also did so with caution. Writing in 418 A.D., St. Augustine said; "Peace should be the object of your desire; war should be waged only as a necessity…in order that peace may be obtained." Since that time, the Church has used his teachings as a basis for determining when just force is necessary to protect the innocent.

Over the centuries, the Church has developed this doctrine. The Second Vatican Council represents Augustine's classical account placing much greater emphasis on the avoidance of war and offering a very forceful condemnation of the use of contemporary weapons of mass destruction (Gaudium et spes, 80).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (2309) provides the following criteria in order for a war to be considered just:

- **the damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations must be lasting, grave, and certain;**
- **all other means of putting an end to it must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective;**
- **there must be serious prospects of success;**
- **the use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated. The power of modern means of destruction weighs very heavily in evaluating this condition.**

The Church is one of the greatest forces of peace in the world, which is why she is so careful when weighing these monumental decisions. The avoidance of war is always the number one objective. However, the Church recognizes there is evil in this world that refuses a doctrine of peace.

Lenten Opportunities

More Information can be found at
OLLBranson.com/Bulletins

Other Events & Opportunities

The Chosen Season 2
- Tuesdays from 10 - Noon

Coffee and Christ
- Sunday Mornings from 9:15 - 10:15 am

Special Mass Times
- Ash Wednesday
- Palm Sunday
- Holy Thursday
- Good Friday
- Easter Sunday

Lent's Invitation: A Call to Holiness - Personally and Communally
- Speaker: Sr. Charlotte Flarlong SSND
- 2 Sessions on March 30 at 2:00 pm or 6:30 pm

Seder Meal
- April 10 from Noon to 2 pm

Synod on Syondality Listening Sessions
- Watch for details!

Prayer

Adoration
- Anytime in front of the Tabernacle
- Scheduled Hour in front of the Exposed Blessed Sacrament

Simple Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross
- Fridays from 5:30 to 7 pm

Communal Penance Service
- March 20 from 4 - 5 pm

Contemplative Silent Retreat
- April 2 from 10 am - 3 pm

RCIA Retreat
- April 9 from 9 am - 3 pm

Fasting

Not Just About Food
- In addition to the traditional forms, try fasting from social media, technology, gossip, and excessive screen time. Fasting reminds us of our hunger for God.
- Fasting is a sacrifice oriented towards the worship of God and not ourselves.
- It opens us up and allows us to let God and the Church tell us what is best for us.

Required Days of Fasting
- Individuals between the ages of 18 and 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by having only one full meal and two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Required Days of Abstaining
- All over the age of 14 must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent.

Almsgiving

Special Second Collections:

Women & Children's Center in Hayti, MO
- Donations can be made at any time, please indicate for this purpose.

Chuck-a-Buck Collection for Our Lady Cares
- 3rd Sunday of the Month

The Catholic Relief Services
- March 27, 2022

Holy Land
- April 15, 2022 (Good Friday)

March & April

Important Dates | PSR & Young Disciples

Pancake Dinner & Ash Wednesday Mass

- March 2 | Youth Pre-K to 12th
  - Pancake Dinner at 6:00 pm
    - Faith Formation Room
  - Mass and Ashes at 7:00 pm
    - In the Church

Simple Soup & Stations of the Cross

- March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8 (Fridays of Lent)
  - Simple Soup Supper at 5:30 pm
    - Faith Formation Room
  - Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm
    - In the Church

Sunday PSR Classes

- March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 24 | Pre-K to 6th Grade
  - Sundays 9:15 am – 10:15 am
    - April 24th will be the last classroom meeting

Wednesday Youth Nights

- March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 20, 27
  - 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm

Parish Reconciliation Service

- March 20 at 4:00 pm
  - In the Church

DYC

- March 26

First Communion Retreat

- April 3 from 11:45 am to 1:30 pm
  - Church and Classrooms

Seder Meal | All Parishioners Welcome

- April 10 at 11:45 am
  - Parish Center
  - Youth Pre-K to 12th, Families & All Parishioners Welcome

Holy Week

- April 14 to April 17

May, June, & July

Important Dates

PSR & Young Disciples

May Crowning

- May 1st
  - Following the 8:00 am Mass (9:15)
  - In the Church

First Communion

- May 14 at 5:00 pm Mass
- May 15 at 8:00 am, 10:30 am and 2:00 pm Masses

Steubenville Retreat

- Friday, July 8 through July 10
  - Retreat held on MSU Campus
  - Staying in a hotel in Springfield

Join Lenten Challenge Texts

Click the button above to join the Lenten challenge text group!

This series contains 25 text messages, each with a daily challenge to help turn your focus to what is important this Lenten season. These texts will be delivered on weekdays beginning March 7th.

CLICK HERE TO JOIN

Coffee & Christ

Topic this Week:
Book of Revelation
Images of Christ in Revelation

Sunday Mornings
9:15 - 10:15 am
Faith Formation Room

Tuesdays starting February 22nd
10:00 am | Faith Formation Room

Click here to join!

DIOCESAN NEWS

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another. | Proverbs 27:17

thriving together

worldwide marriage encounter

How well can your marriage withstand the storms of this life? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is an opportunity to strengthen the foundation of your marriage. Grounded in the love of Jesus Christ, the weekend will provide you the tools and the time necessary to go deeper into the Sacrament so that you can live more intimately and responsibly as a couple of God.

March 18-20, 2022
Congregation of the Mother of the Redeemer in Carthage, MO

For more information, or to register for a weekend: www.wwme.org,
Call/Email Kim Brayman at
(417) 866-0841/kbrayman@dioscg.org

Click here to Request Application Packet

JOB OPENING FOR DIOCESAN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau seeks qualified applicants to fill a position working in collaboration with the Diocesan Director of Youth Formation to develop and implement diocesan policies and programs related to Youth and Young Adult Ministry that will promote the three priorities of the diocesan Mutually Shared Vision: 'Growing in Holiness, Forming Intentional Disciples, and Being Sent to Witness."

Applicant must be a practicing Roman Catholic. Employment or volunteer experience in youth or campus ministry at a parish, university, Catholic school, or diocese is required. Degree in Pastoral Ministry, Theology, Catechesis, Catholic Education or other related degree is preferred but not required.

This is a full-time, exempt position. Evening and weekend hours, as well as extensive travel driving across the diocese will be required. Compensation includes a competitive salary, excellent health benefits, and retirement plan based on diocesan guidelines.

To request an application packet, including a detailed job description, please contact Jan Smith at The Catholic Center, jansmith@dioscg.org, or call (417) 866-0841.

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Thank you!

COMMUNITY LIFE

If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. | 1 Corinthians 12:26

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Red Cross Blood Drive

The next blood drive is scheduled for **March 25th** from 12 noon to 5:00pm at Our Lady of the Lake Parish Center, 202 Vaughn Drive Branson Mo. 65616.

59 - units collected at the January 21, 2021 drive.
37 - drives successfully completed since Nov. 2015.
1875 - units of blood have been collected since Nov. 2015.
GO TO – www.redcrossblood.org zip code 65616 to schedule appointment

Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast after the 8am and 10:30am masses on Sunday March 13th.

So set your clocks forward and bring your appetites! Come and join us in the St. Joseph Hall in the Parish Center for breakfast and fellowship.

Hope to see you there!

Interested in becoming a Knight?

Contact the church office for contact information, or go online @ https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html

K of C Food Drive Update

As of 3/3/22 Our Lady of the Lake has donated over 1300 lbs of food to the Salvation Army Food Pantry for the Fraternal year 7/1/21 - 6/30/22.

Just a reminder that for every 1000 lbs of food donated,
K of C donate $100 to the pantry.

With around 500 families in the parish, if each family donated an additional 1.5 lbs of food, we could hit 2000 lbs of food donated for this year.

Can you help us hit 2000 lbs this year? Just place your donations in the "Blue Bin" next to the O.L.L. information desk in the Gathering Space.

Immaculate Conception Catholic School in Springfield, MO, Seeking Elementary School Principal

The successful applicant would be an individual with demonstrated skill in spiritual, academic, and advancement leadership for the 2022-2023 school year.

Immaculate Conception has 507 students in K-8th grades and 56 preschoolers, all taught by 38 teachers.

Applicants for this position must be practicing Catholics in good standing and understand the mission and ministry of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau.

To download and submit an application, go to:

ic-parish.org/About-Us/IC-School

before the deadline of March 30, 2022.

RESOURCES

Our Parish COMMUNITY

Click here for a Weekly Reflection

Why did God choose these people, make them great, free them, settle them, and provide them with abundant harvests? Because they were good? No! Because God is good. They earned nothing, deserved nothing. It was all gift.

Dear Padre,

Click here for a Q & A

My fourteen-year-old daughter is very thin. She says giving up food during Lent is proof that she honors God. How can I convince her God doesn't want her to starve herself? Is there anything else she can do for Lent?

Haga clic aquí para el boletín en español

Vamos a Misa
Jesús te espera

Click here to Make a Prayer Request

How can we pray for you? Your prayer request will be sent to Our Lady of the Lake's email prayer chain.

Click here for Mass Times & Reconciliation

Click here to Contact Parish Staff

Click here for Daily Mass Readings

Dt 26:4-10
Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Rom 10:8-13
Lk 4:1-13

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