



# The Lourdes Day

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

February 2020

Raytown, Missouri

## Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day & World Day of the Sick

The Catholic Church marks the annual day on 11 February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The theme of this year's celebration is "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest," taken from Matthew's Gospel (11:28).

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Through this humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions and authorized the cult of Our Lady of Lourdes for the diocese. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907.

Post by [Franciscan Media](#)

The World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. People around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick on this day. Faith organisations mark this day especially to provide the sick with medicines, food, and spiritual guidance.

Pope Francis is urging the human warmth and personalised approach of Christ, the Good Samaritan, in healthcare professionals, workers and volunteers. He makes the call in his message for the 28<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick.

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2020/01/08/pope-francis-message-for-world-day-of-the-sick-2020/>

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Our New Year is off to a great start with as many as 60 rosaries being said each day for our Parish through the **Living Rosary**. It is not too late to commit to saying 1 decade each day throughout this year.

What a marvelous way to pray together! The sign-up book is in the Adoration Chapel.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day celebration will be February 9<sup>th</sup>**. Lourdes water will be available at both Masses for blessing ourselves. A special procession will take place immediately after the 11:00 Mass. All children, followed by the congregation, are invited to process around the inside of the church, behind the Monstrance, ending with the children placing yellow roses at Our Lady's grotto. Everyone is invited to a cake and dessert reception in the Parish Hall after both Masses. Join us in honoring Our Lady on her special Feast Day.

**Feed Your Faith** has begun again with a terrific DVD series on the **Prophets of the Bible**. The Old Testament prophets spoke with messages directly from God, not only for the people of their time, but also for ours. God speaks through His chosen prophets to call His people to repentance and exclusive devotion to Him. This rare and informative series is designed not only to help us better understand the prophetic books of the Bible, but to also draw us deeper into our own relationship with God. You won't want to miss this one!

Make a New Year's resolution to "feed your faith" by coming to the 6:00 pm Sacred Heart Devotions in the church, then share a meal with your faith family in the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m while watching the fascinating **Prophets of the Bible** DVD series. Optional group discussion follows. Everyone is welcome.

**AFF Library** is in the Parish Hall and open to all parishioners during every **Friendship Sunday** and every Wednesday night during **Feed Your Faith** - or anytime by making an appointment with Ellen Newman. We have rich faith-building materials that should be part of everyone's spiritual diet. A complete list of titles is on the wall in the back of church. Check out one of the titles to enjoy at home. This month we are featuring **Catholicism**, the first box DVD set made by Bishop Barron. This one will literally take your breath away, with its beauty, and reverence. Seeing this will undoubtedly renew your commitment to our Catholic faith. Everyone needs to see this one!

Anyone who has cassette players, DVD and CD players you are not using, please consider donating them to the AFF Library, so we can loan the materials with a player to our shut-ins too.

## **CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

**Catechesis of the Good Shephard** classes keep growing in attendance. Any child age 3 to 12 is encouraged to come. Classes begin at 9:10 a.m. every Sunday in both the church and Parish Hall. Montessori teaching principles are used to help children develop an informed and genuine relationship with God. The primary aim of Catechesis is to lead the child to an authentic, prayerful relationship with God.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council met two times in January with our Architect, John Freshnock. As lead by Fr. Holloway we identified key parishioner stakeholder groups, established a timeline of events, worked on a vision statement or mission statement and received an update from John covering his work up to that point.

First the timeline that encompasses 10 major events. Of these 10 events, 3 will involve an open invitation to the people from the Parish. There are 2 other opportunities for your involvement through the Stakeholder groups and the Stakeholder Point of Contact. It is the hope of Fr. Holloway and the entire Parish Council that you will take the time for your voice to be heard as we continue on our way to rebuilding our great Parish!

the meeting time for February 1<sup>st</sup> where John Freshnock will interview all key Stakeholder groups in the Parish Hall. You are free to attend any session, please contact one of the Points of Contact so that they may track your interest in attending at that time. The goal of this meeting is to allow John to get a sense of what is important to each group in preparation for the Charette Workshop on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The goal of the Charette Workshop is to focus on the development of the Master plan that John and his team will present in subsequent meetings. Due to the nature of this workshop only a selection from each Stakeholder group will be asked to participate. Participants in the Charette Workshop will be selected from the list of names that each Stakeholder Point of Contact has. In other words, if you wish to participate in the Charette Workshop, please provide your name to one of the 14 identified Stakeholder Points of Contact that was provided in last months insert. Contact Cathy Gordon in the office if you need to know who these stakeholder points of contact are. You can also sign up for the groups through her at the Parish office.

It is critical that your voice is heard! If you have any questions or concerns at all, feel free to email me at [Michael.sweetland@yahoo.com](mailto:Michael.sweetland@yahoo.com) and I will gladly help find the answer.

Thank you again and God Bless. Mike

## **PRO-LIFE**

OLL Pro-Life Ministry will meet February 3, 2020. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm. We will begin with prayer before discussing events, Everyone is welcome to join our meeting.

OLL Pro-Life Ministry will go to Planned Parenthood on February 8, 2020 at 7:00 am, located at 4401 W. 109th Street, Overland Park, Kansas. Parking is east of Plannd Parenthood driveway into the parking lot on the north. Everyone is welcome to join either at Planned Parenthood or for Mass at St Thomas More, 111822 Holmes Rd. Kansas City, MO 64131.

### **2020 Pennies for Life Collection**

OLL Pro-Life Annual Pennies for Life will again start on February 2, through February 26th.

Mother's Refuge will benefit from the kindness and generosity of people like those at Our Lady of Lourdes. These babies receive the gifts of life and love, and their mothers know God's great love for them. You are such a blessing to them!

You are invited to bring your saved pennies (other denominations accepted) to the church. There will be Valentine boxes located in the back of church, and the two doors on the south side.

Mother's Refuge mission is to shelter and educate homeless pregnant young women, by providing comprehensive services that empower them to make successful life decisions for themselves and their babies.

Currently the greatest need at Mother's Refuge is for operational expenses such as gas, sewer, security, gas for the van and car, salaries for houseparents who provide supervision 24 hours a day. Teaching the young mothers how to properly care for their babies. They provide a vital role in helping these young moms achieve self-sufficiency.

Abortion and racism are both symptoms of a fundamental human error. The error is thinking that when someone stands in the way of our wants we can justify getting that person out of our lives. Abortion and racism stem from the same poisonous root, selfishness. Alveda King.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** is peaceful, prayerful vigil

**THE REASON WE PRAY AND FAST:** We are storming the gates with our corporate prayers for the **ENDING** of abortion in our land. In love and unity we will stand on the sidewalk entreating our God for a

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breakthrough. No Matter the Cost, we will stand! May the enemy of our souls be defeated and the unborn saved from his wicked plans.

40 Days 4 Life begins Ash Wednesday February 26, 2020. This is a wonderful way of offering ourselves during lent to make sacrifices and supplications to God for the unborn and their mothers and fathers. God hears our prayers always.

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION ~ A Reminder**

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.*

Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

**Month 5:**

I am 5 months old now. I'm 12 inches long and I weigh about one pound. I'm really getting big and mommy can now feel me kick and move around! Hey! Someday maybe I'll play soccer! Keep praying for me.....

**Month 6:**

I'm 6 months old now. I just opened my eyes. Before today they were sealed shut for protection. I wonder what you look like. I can hear sounds too! It's great to have someone praying for me.

During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God but in the world to come it is hoped that you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend eternal happiness with them.

**MISC. CATHOLIC EVENTS OR INFO**



*FIRST SATURDAY COMMUNIONS OF REPARATION & TRIUMPH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY*

**Our Lady of Good Counsel**  
3934 Washington Street  
Kansas City, MO 64111

**Saturday, February 1, 2020**

**7:30 a.m.** Opportunity for Confession **8:10 a.m.** Meditation  
**8:30 am** Rosary **9 am** Divine Mercy Chaplin

*Praying of the Rosary and 15 Minutes of Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary following the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*

Our Lord Jesus said to Sister Lucia: *"My daughter, the motive is simple - there are 5 ways in which people offend and blaspheme against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Immaculate Heart of Mary."*

**CATHOLIC CURSILLO WEEKENDS**

**Thursday evening thru Sunday evening** Dates of our 2020 Cursillo Weekends

**Men's Wknd ~ February 20-23 or June 11-14**

**Women's Wknd ~ March 26-29, or June 25-28**

The weekends will be held at the Sister of Saint Francis Retreat Center, 2100 N Noland Road, Independence, MO.

Cursillo enables us to: Deepen our relationship with Christ; Grow in our understanding and appreciation for the Catholic faith; Share our faith with family, friends and others; Sustain a much deeper faith life for the rest of our lives. ***Come and see for yourself.***

Contact Judy 816-806-1997 or James Newkirk 816-807-7700,

or email [jknewkirk65@gmail.com](mailto:jknewkirk65@gmail.com) for more information.

**The Annual St. Therese Little Flower**

**Parish Mardi Gras Celebration** will be held on **Friday, February 21, 2020, 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm** at

Hillcrest Country Club, 8200 Hillcrest Road, Kansas City, MO 64138. Tickets may be purchased for \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door or tables for 10 may be purchased for \$250 which includes **great food, non-alcoholic**

**beverages, great entertainment, silent auction, and more.** Wine and beer will also be available. You don't want to miss this "Party With a Purpose". Additional information is available at [www.stlfkc.org](http://www.stlfkc.org) including online purchase of tickets and tables. Questions may be directed to Estelle Tunley at [etunley@stlfkc.org](mailto:etunley@stlfkc.org)

**"Coping with Life Alone" Peer-To-Peer Grief Support**

"Coping with Life Alone" is a Beginning Experience grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope.

Upcoming program dates and location:

Saturdays, February 22 through April 4 ~ 1:30 -3:30pm

Location: **St. Bernadette Church, Parish Hall,**

**9020 E 51st Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64133**

Contact Donna at 816-305-3760, for more information and registration.



*Presented by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet  
Serving our Dear Kansas City Neighbor for over 150  
Years*

Saturday, February 29, 2020

*Sisters of Selma: The March to Dismantle Racism Continues  
with Rosemary Flanigan, CSJ and Barbara Moore, CSJ  
who marched on Selma in March 1965*

St. Teresa's Academy  
5600 Main St. Kansas City, MO 64113

Join us as we mark the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the marches from Selma, Alabama to the state capital of Montgomery, that were part of the civil rights movement in 1965. Sisters Rosemary and Barbara will share how their experiences at Selma shaped their futures, as well as their fellow sisters', to be at the forefront of social justice issues. How far has our society come addressing racism, and where do we still need to go?

*Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Program 9-11 a.m. \$15 per session, breakfast included.*

**Register online at [Linger Over Breakfast](#)**

**TRUSTED SERVANTS**

The next Friendship Sunday will be February 9th with the Celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes after both the 8 am & 11 am masses. Refreshments will be provided.



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- Feb 01 ~ Anthony Ononye
- Feb 01 ~ Brian Riggs
- Feb 02 ~ Mary Ann Gensler
- Feb 03 ~ Gerald Sharkey
- Feb 04 ~ Gerald Lewis
- Feb 05 ~ Mindy Zagar
- Feb 06 ~ Juliet Enyeribe
- Feb 09 ~ Sis Stockman
- Feb 09 ~ Janice Inlow
- Feb 09 ~ Cynthia Troth
- Feb 11 ~ Kathleen Flanagan
- Feb 11 ~ Matthew Gammill
- Feb 12 ~ Connie Wenninghoff
- Feb 13 ~ Antonio Ozurumba
- Feb 15 ~ Ellen Newman
- Feb 17 ~ Coretta De Souza
- Feb 17 ~ Alan Sarabia
- Feb 17 ~ Isaac Caples
- Feb 18 ~ Thomas Hand
- Feb 18 ~ Mary Warren
- Feb 18 ~ Christopher Inlow
- Feb 20 ~ Tracy Okojie
- Feb 22 ~ Grancee Parker
- Feb 25 ~ Ashley Burke
- Feb 25 ~ Stephanie Steury
- Feb 29 ~ Evelyn Crews



- Feb 09 ~ Francis & Dorathy Okafor
- Feb 14 ~ Chip & Wanda Demoss

If the weather turns hazardous and any of you are afraid of driving in bad conditions I would rather you be safe than wind up hurting yourself or your vehicle.  
If you can safely attend Mass, please do so.  
Fr. Holloway



**A New Childrens Catholic Book Series**

**Introducing an exciting new series for young readers from the bestselling author Lisa M. Hendey!** The [Chime Travelers](#) series features fun-filled, time-travel adventures with a Catholic message that takes kids to long-ago times and faraway lands. Each book features prayers and a short bio to introduce children to a major saint's life and legend. Discussion questions about saints, sacraments, and Catholic life help children understand what they've learned through the stories.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> First Saturday @ Our Lady of Good Counsel 
<b>2</b> Presentation of the Lord Catechesis 9:10 am PSR 9:10 RCIA—12 pm NO Friendship Sunday <i>Pennies for Life            Collection begins</i>	<b>3</b>     Pro-Life Mtg 6:00 pm in PH	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  Sacred Heart/ Benediction 6:00 /6:20pm  Feed Your Faith 6:30 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> ProLife Planned Parenthood 7 am OPKS
<b>9</b> Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Celebration of Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day/Friendship Sunday  Catechesis 9:10 am PSR 9:10 RCIA—12 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <i>Feast Day of Our            Lady of Lourdes</i>  	<b>12</b>  Trusted Servant Luncheon/Mtg 12pm  Sacred Heart/ Benediction 6:00 /6:20pm  Feed Your Faith 6:30 pm	<b>13</b>     Adult Faith Mtg 6:30 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Catechesis 9:10 am PSR 9:10 RCIA—12 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>     Sacred Heart/ Benediction 6:00 /6:20pm  Feed Your Faith 6:30 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>     KOC Mouse Races 5:30 pm	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time Catechesis 9:10 am PSR 9:10 RCIA—12 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  	<b>26</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>  <i>Pennies for Life            Collection Ends</i>  Sacred Heart/ Benediction 6:00 /6:20pm  Feed Your Faith 6:30 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  Church TBA  