



The Lourdes Day

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

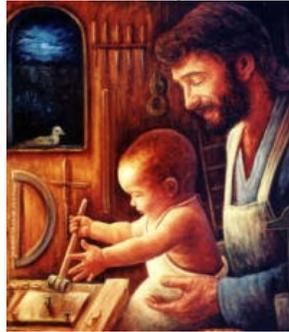
March 2020

Raytown, Missouri



Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. Joseph was an ordinary manual laborer although descended from the royal house of David. In the designs of Providence he was destined to become the spouse of the Mother of God. His high privilege is expressed in a single phrase, "Foster-father of Jesus." About him Sacred Scripture has little more to say than that he was a just man—an expression which indicates how faithfully he fulfilled his high trust of protecting and guarding God's greatest treasures upon earth, Jesus and Mary.



The darkest hours of his life may well have been those when he first learned of Mary's pregnancy; but precisely in this time of trial Joseph showed himself great. His suffering, which likewise formed a part of the work of the redemption, was not without great providential import: Joseph was to be, for all times, the trustworthy witness of the Messiah's virgin birth. After this, he modestly retires into the background of holy Scripture.

Of St. Joseph's death the Bible tells us nothing. There are indications, however, that he died before the beginning of Christ's public life. His was the most beautiful death that one could have, in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Humbly and unknown, he passed his years at Nazareth, silent and almost forgotten he remained in the background through centuries of Church history. Only in more recent times has he been accorded greater honor. Liturgical veneration of St. Joseph began in the fifteenth century, fostered by Sts. Brigid of Sweden and Bernadine of Siena. St. Teresa, too, did much to further his cult.

At present there are two major feasts in his honor. On March 19 our veneration is directed to him personally and to his part in the work of redemption, while on May 1 we honor him as the patron of workmen throughout the world and as our guide in the difficult matter of establishing equitable norms regarding obligations and rights in the social order.

—Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Living Rosary has gotten our year off to a great start. We can already see some of the benefits of 40-50 being said each day for our parish: plans are taking shape with the architect for needed parish improvements, we are

Seeing more new faces at Masses, Adoration, Wednesday Devotions and "Feed Your Faith", plus attendance at PSR and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd continue to increase. Anyone can join our parish family in this powerful prayer for intercession to the patroness of Our Lady of Lourdes. Just say 1 decade of the Rosary each day throughout this year. The sign-up book is at the Adoration table.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and PSR classes are held every Sunday for children from ages 3 to 12 years. See Mother Julia to sign up or call the office. You can reach out to Deacon Richard to sign up for RCIA classes if you are interested in becoming Catholic. See the front page of the bulletin.

Feed Your Faith: Wednesday nights are becoming the perfect mid-week spiritual boost. We now have the **Rosary** being said at 5:20 pm in the church, before our **Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction**. **Feed Your Faith** then begins at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall with a hot meal, and an informative DVD series, followed by group discussion. Right now, we are showing the **Prophets of the Bible**. We learn from these the expert teachers how these Old Testament books speak of God's great love for us. Our next series will be a study of the book of Revelation. "Give Up" cooking on Wednesdays during Lent. Come straight from work to Feed Your Faith and body.

Another great idea for Lent is to join us in saying the Angelis, Rosary and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy every weekday at Noon in the Adoration Chapel. If you cannot join us please consider being with us in spirit and say this prayer in the privacy of your own home or work place at noon.

AFF Library is open in the Parish Hall during every **Friendship Sunday** and every Wednesday night during **Feed Your Faith**. This month we are featuring the DVD series **An Introduction to the Theology of the Body**. Since most of us have not read Pope John Paul II's beautiful Encyclical, Christopher West does a marvelous job of explaining the Pope's insights on how perfectly we are made by our Heavenly Father. Every parent, and every human being needs to see this one! Our library is accepting donations of cassette players, DVD or CD players to loan out with the materials to our shut-ins.

God Bless you All from the Adult Faith Formation Committee

ARTS AND ENVIRONMENT

Thank you to everyone who helped with cleaning and decorating the Church for the Christmas season. The prayer poinsettias not only added to the beauty of the Sanctuary, but also were truly a means of prayer, as both the Christmas Eve and Christmas day Masses were for the intentions that were with each poinsettia.

Easter season has come upon us now. Please watch the bulletin for information about cleaning, decorating and the lilies.

Cindy Sweetland.

May the spirit of Christmas remain in our hearts for the rest of the coming year.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Update:

Classes are held every Sunday for children from ages 3 to 12. If you have a child or grandchild in that age bracket and would like for them to have a better relationship with Jesus contact Mother Julia at 816-353-2177 to sign up or call the office at 816-353-2380.

PSR Update:

Hello from PSR – We are so happy to announce that Sister Gemma has joined our PSR group! We are so blessed to have her and she is always happy to share her vast knowledge of our Catholic Faith with the children. We have 7 kiddos who come to class every Sunday and we have the best discussions! Deacon Joe, Sister Gemma and I all agree that these kiddos are so smart and we learn something from them every Sunday when we have discussions! Please ask your kiddos about our class and the discussions we have...they are pretty great!!!

Dean Joe, Sister Gemma and Mindy

CHURCH COUNCIL

In February we had a couple gatherings with the parish stakeholders and John Freshnoe and his team from WSKF Architech firm. Many different ideas or possibilities were discussed for the Our Lady of Lourdes campus. They were all good ideas but no final decisions have been made. Further discussions are needed in the near future to come up with the best plan to present to the Diocese. There will be a Town Hall meeting March 29 that is open to anyone in the Parish for a review of the Master Plan.

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 and I will gladly help find the answer.

Thank you again and God Bless. Mike

FUNDRAISING

The Following are two upcoming Events for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

The Community of Saints

Sunday, May 3rd from 12:30 pm – 3:00pm

Join us in the Parish Hall to learn more about our faith and each other!

Parish Committees or individual groups will select a Saint to promote with information and/or displays on their lives and how they support us with their prayers and devotions. This will also give groups an opportunity to share and explain their activities and many ministries. Plus each group will offer a small taste of food or drink to share that represents the saint or country of their origin or ministry. This should be no more than can fill a muffin cup. At this time the following saints have been adopted:

Ireland, St. Patrick – Mary Ann Gensler

Poland, St. Pope John Paul the Great – Connie Wood

America, St. Tekekwitha – Katei Gross

Rome, St. Cecilia – OLL Choir

Hurry and sign up before your favorite saint is taken.

Call Katei Gross at 816-547-0016 or email to

katei@richardgross.net

OLL Celebrates Community ~July 9, 10 and 11

Muscle cars, garage sale, music, hot dogs and French fries! Who else but Our Lady of Lourdes could put all of this together in a spirit of community and friendship. Help us welcome our neighbors and show them everything that is exciting at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Join us to plan this awesome celebration of community. Come strengthen friendships while you find new ones as we make Our Lady of Lourdes shine. Call Katei Gross at 816-547-0016 or email to katei@richardgross.net

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our fish fries are back Fridays during Lent. February 28th, March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, & April 3rd, 2020



Come and enjoy a great meal with fried and baked fish, fried shrimp, vegetables, potatoes, salads, and bread. The menu changes every week so come and see what we are serving.

Where: 5101 Blue Ridge Cutoff, KCMO **When:** 4:30 to 7:30

Cost: Adults-\$12.00 **5 & Under Free Children** 6 - 12:\$6.00

All meals are all you care to eat (Dine In Only)

To go dinners are available.

PRO LIFE

OLL Pro-Life Ministry will meet **March 2, 2020**. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 6:00 P.M. 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 March 14, 2020 at 7:00 A.M. located at 4401 W. 109th Street, Overland Park, Kansas. Parking is east of Planned Parenthood driveway into the parking lot on the north. Everyone is welcome to join at Planned Parenthood or for 8:15 A.M. Mass at St. Thomas More, 111822 Holmes Rd. Kansas City, Mo. 64131.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: is a 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 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 for 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.

Our Lady of Lourdes will adopt a day for the prayer vigil sometime in March. We will be asking St. Bernadette's and Our Lady of Coronation to help us. If you are interested in participating by praying in front of the abortion clinic please **contact Priscilla Moran at 816-322-2007**. If you are unable to participate in going to the abortion clinic to pray, then we ask you to be our prayer warriors. Say rosaries, novena's and making penance and sacrifices, and going to Mass for the unborn child, the mothers and fathers and all those participating in the abortion. God is counting on YOU! Those interested in doing 40 Days for Life the address is 4840 College Blvd. Overland Park, Kansas.

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 7:

Thank you for praying for me. I am 7 months old now. I am growing every day. I'm between 14 and 17 inches long and weigh about 4 1/2 pounds. I move around a lot but it's getting crowded in here! Sometimes I even get the hiccups!

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.

MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE - WESTERN REGION

Pro-life Action Day ~ Tuesday March 10, 2020
Starts under the Dome ~ Jefferson City, Mo.

Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. - Rally at 12 Noon. Missouri State Capital - 1st Floor Rotunda.

Come to Jefferson City for Pro-Life Action Day to lobby your legislators and encourage them to pass pro-life legislation.

Join Noon Rally to receive encouragement from our guest speakers. Special Guest Speaker - The Honorable John Ashcroft. You will be inspired by John Ashcroft's enthusiasm for Life and his work through the years to protect our first unalienable right!

SACRAMENTAL INFO

Join both Deacon Richard and Deacon Joe in the Parish Hall either **February 23 or March 1 at 12:30 pm**. for information about sacrament preparations. If those dates or time do not work for you please reach out to the parish office by using one of the contacts below.

office @ 816-353-2380 or office@ollraytown.com

Father Dave Holloway ~ daveusn2003@yahoo.com

Deacon Richard Gross ~ richard@richardgross.net

Deacon Joe Zagar ~ deaconjoezagar@gmail.com

The sacraments are “efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us” ([CCC 1131](#)). In other words, a sacrament is a sacred and visible sign that is instituted by Jesus to give us grace, an undeserved gift from God. (See also [CCC 1084](#)). Christ was present at the inception of all of the sacraments, which He instituted 2,000 years ago. Christ is also present every time each sacrament is celebrated. The Catholic Church has all of the seven sacraments instituted by Christ, which include Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that “the seven sacraments touch all the stages and all important moments of the Christian life” ([CCC 1210](#)).

TRAIN CLUB

The club had both HO and N scale modules set up at the Overland Park Convention Center in December as part of the Great Train Expo. We just completed a 5 day show at the Indian Creek Library in Olathe from 15-19 January. We will also have a small display set up in Lawrence on February 8th and 9th at the Crown Toyota (3400 South Iowa Street) as part of the Lawrence Model Railroad Club's show. Some members of the club traveled to Lincoln, NE in the middle of February to participate in a weekend show there.

TRUSTED SERVANTS

Friendship Sunday Celebration: Join other parishioners next Sunday, March 1st for some fellowship and food after the 11 am mass only. There are refreshments being provided, but welcome anyone to bring finger foods, snacks, or your favorite dish to share with others. This is the perfect time to make a new parish friend or meet someone new.

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS OR INFO

ST. ANN'S LENTEN FISH DINNERS

St. Ann's Church will have their Famous Fish Dinners every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) – **February 28 to April 3, 2020**, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. St. Ann's is located at the corner of Cedar and Lexington in Independence, two blocks north of 24 Highway and Huttig. The menu includes boiled shrimp, fried shrimp, whole catfish, catfish fillets, baked beer batter cod fillets, French fries, boiled potatoes, coleslaw, hush puppies and combread. Drinks are included with dinner. Dinner prices range from \$9.50 to \$11.50. A fish sandwich with fries is \$5.00. Ala carte items may be purchased separately. Desserts are available and sold separately by the Altar Society.

Call 816-252-1160 for more information.



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

Coronation of Our Lady
13000 Bennington
Grandview, MO 64030

Saturday, March 7, 2020
7:30 a.m. *Opportunity for Confession*
8 am Mass

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."

The Catholic Retirement Program

Monday, **March 16th**. 6:00 p.m. St. Mark's Catholic Church. Independence, MO.

St. Mark's Catholic Church is happy to announce another event in its sequence of informative and educational life-planning seminars. All are invited and encouraged to attend The Catholic Retirement Program, a seminar designed for Catholics who want solutions to retirement concerns and questions such as, "How do I avoid long term care costs?" "How can I create a guaranteed income stream during my retirement years?" "How do I establish

a legacy gift to my parish or a charity?" "Can I leave money for my children and grandchildren without tax implications?" If you're between the ages of 45-70 this program will be helpful and of interest.

Make plans now to attend this beneficial session given by Luke T. Henry, FICF. Luke is an MDRT-level Assistant General Agent for the Knights of Columbus Mahon Agency. A 20-year veteran of the banking and insurance sector, Luke brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, especially in the area of retirement planning, long term care, and protection of income in the event of disability. Mr. Henry's presentation will provide guidance for: protecting assets, guarding against financial, economy downsides, and personal risks, and establishing financial legacies for future generations.

This is not a sales presentation. A light complimentary meal, reference material, and a book on retirement planning will be provided for all attendees.

Please RSVP to Jim Riesselman by Thursday, March 12, 2020. Phone/Text: 1-816-803-3800.
E-Mail: james.riesselman@kofc.org.

Dining to Donate with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Jasper's Restaurant is once again sponsoring Dining to Donate for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. It will be held Wednesday, March 25, 2020. Jasper's will donate twenty percent of all lunch & dinner sales to benefit the good works of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Enjoy a delicious meal at Jasper's with your friends and family and help the sisters at the same time.

Reservations encouraged. Contact Jasper's at (816) 941-6600, or jasperskc.com.



CATHOLIC CURSILLO WEEKENDS

Thursday evening thru Sunday evening Dates of our 2020 Cursillo Weekends

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 for more information.

God Bless!

March 30: Chanting the Good Friday Intercessions Workshop

Fr. Turner will present a workshop open to priests, deacons and cantors on Chanting the Good Friday Intercessions. Training will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City from 7-8:30 pm. Please bring your own copy of the Good Friday intercessions for the training.

Contact the Office of Divine Worship to reserve your spot!

Spirit Fire Live is holding the Spirit Fire Global Conference on Abuse and Faith. This is a comprehensive review of child sexual abuse in the context of global issues and societal influences and of paradigms by which families and organizations damaged by abuse heal. It is only available online and is 100% free. The link to register is below:

May 1-6, 2020 <https://spiritfirelive.org/>



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Mar 01 ~ Mary Haley
- Mar 01 ~ Rebecca Lynch
- Mar 01 ~ Andrea Blackman
- Mar 02 ~ Richard Gross
- Mar 03 ~ Stephanie Gordon
- Mar 05 ~ Vianey Contreras
- Mar 07 ~ Stephen Sommer
- Mar 08 ~ Luu Tran
- Mar 09 ~ Sharon Derkits
- Mar 11 ~ Robert Johnson
- Mar 12 ~ Margaret Campbell
- Mar 13 ~ Don Merker
- Mar 15 ~ Marge Brooks
- Mar 15 ~ Elfriede Jass
- Mar 15 ~ Victor Ugbaja
- Mar 15 ~ Ron Vest
- Mar 16 ~ Pat Kilgore
- Mar 17 ~ Gregory Walters
- Mar 18 ~ Ron Ferguson
- Mar 18 ~ Diane Dunn
- Mar 19 ~ Tom O'Brien
- Mar 19 ~ Mary Haake
- Mar 21 ~ Tom Brooks
- Mar 21 ~ Jeffrey Thomas
- Mar 21 ~ Jennifer Enyeribe
- Mar 21 ~ Peter Ward
- Mar 22 ~ Nancy Sarabia
- Mar 22 ~ Nancy Sarabia
- Mar 23 ~ James Westhusing
- Mar 23 ~ Nell Westhusing
- Mar 23 ~ Sigrid Koop
- Mar 24 ~ Dorothy Hauck
- Mar 24 ~ Ifeona Ude
- Mar 25 ~ David Witte
- Mar 27 ~ Ava Loyola
- Mar 29 ~ Carolyn Kovac
- Mar 30 ~ Theresa Hall
- Mar 30 ~ Richard Boone



Daylight Savings Time Begins March 8th

WHAT IS DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME?

Daylight Saving Time (DST) is the practice of moving the clocks forward one hour from Standard Time during the summer months, and changing them back again in the fall. The general idea is that this allows us all to make better use of natural daylight.



- March 03 ~ Harold & Connie Wenninghoff
- March 07 ~ David & Lisa Witte
- March 26 ~ Sidney & Patricia Rufty
- March 27 ~ Deacon Richard & Katei Gross

March

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 First Sunday of Lent Friendship Sunday After 11 am mass Sacramental Info Mtg 12:30 pm PH	2 Pro-Life Mtg 6:00 pm in PH RCC Pentecost Hispanic Benediction 6:30—7:30 pm	3	4 Lenten Mass 10:00 am Rosary 5:20 pm Sacred Heart/ Benediction 6:00 /6:20pm Feed Your Faith 6:30 pm	5 Cursillo Group 5:30 pm Adult Faith Mtg 6:30 pm	6 Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 4:30—7:30pm Stations of the Cross 6 pm	7 First Saturday @ Coronation of Our Lady 
8 Second Sunday of Lent Catechesis 9:10 am PSR 9:10 RCIA—12 pm 	9 RCC Pentecost Hispanic Benediction 6:30—7:30 pm	10	11 Lenten Mass 10:00 am Trusted Servant Luncheon/Mtg 12pm Rosary 5:20 pm Sacred Heart/ Benediction 6:00 /6:20pm Feed Your Faith 6:30 pm	12 Cursillo Group 5:30 pm	13 Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 4:30—7:30pm Stations of the Cross 6 pm	14 ProLife Planned Parenthood 7 am OPKS
15 Third Sunday of Lent Catechesis 9:10 am PSR 9:10 RCIA—12 pm	16 Reconciliation Serv 6:30 pm	17 	18 Lenten Mass 10:00 am Rosary 5:20 pm Sacred Heart/ Benediction 6:00 /6:20pm Feed Your Faith 6:30 pm	19 Solemnity of St. Joseph  Cursillo Group 5:30 pm	20 Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 4:30—7:30pm Stations of the Cross 6 pm	21
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