



The Lourdes Day

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

April 2020

Raytown, Missouri



Holy Week Schedule



All services at St Bernadette

Palms Blessed ~ Can be distributed when we gather again

Holy Thursday at 7 pm **Good Friday** at 7 pm

Holy Saturday at 7 pm

(no lighting of fire Paschal Candle lit at beginning without procession readings shortened no baptisms or reception of candidates received into Church)

Easter Sunday 8 am

LIMITED TO ONLY 4 PEOPLE INVITED BY PRIEST AND THE SISTERS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Let us pray for one another!

Fr Dave

ALL Masses will be streamed live on Fr. Dave's Facebook page, also, one hour later posted on YouTube.

Go to YouTube.com search for St. Bernadette Catholic Church, Kansas City, MO

Or use the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8-sOevX9Jxn8Sjr5WiC4bw>

You may mail your contribution or contribute electronically, please continue to do so. Contributions may also be received via text or from a smart phone.

To Donate Text \$ amount to 844-901-1648 or go to ollraytown.com



WORD ON FIRE from BISHOP BARRON

Friends, in an effort to continue the practice of our faith in these trying times, when many parishes have closed due to restrictions around the coronavirus, we invite you to join us online for daily Mass from Bishop Barron's chapel, celebrated either by Bishop Barron himself or by Fr. Steve Grunow, CEO of Word on Fire.

The video will be posted on link below at **8:15am ET** each day.

Finally, please continue to pray for all those affected by the coronavirus.

<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

ADORATION CHAPEL

We were blessed to have the adoration chapel until the stay at home order by our county mandated staying home for many due to the covid-19. We are so blessed to have every one of our adoration members and are looking forward to the time when our perpetual adoration can resume our normal schedule. Until then, it would be wonderful and a great benefit during this tragic time if everyone would keep up their holy hours at home.

If you have a computer, you can experience a virtual adoration chapel from various places of the world at <https://virtualadoration.home.blog/>. Also see Father Scott Brossart on Facebook with Mass, Divine Office, Rosary, Retreat Talks, Adoration, and more. Let us keep each other and the world in prayer!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Thanks to all who are participating in the **Living Rosary**. Our parish is greatly blessed.

We have the perfect solution for your spiritual growth during Lent. Every Wednesday evening come to the church for the **Rosary** at 5:30 pm, then stay for **Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus** and **Benediction** at 6:00 pm. **Feed Your Faith** follows in the Parish Hall at 6:30 pm with dinner and an informative DVD series, including a group discussion. Beginning in April, our DVD study is the Book of **Revelation**. Join us!

Don't forget the **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 **Catholicism**, the original series by Bishop Barron. It is more than excellent. We are still hoping for donations of cassette players, DVD and CD players to loan out with these materials to our shut-ins.

Our Lady of Lourdes is planning a **Consecration to Mary** on May 28. In preparation, Mother Julia will be holding classes during the month of May.

Watch Bulletin for further information or call Mother to sign up.

ARTS AND ENVIRONMENT

When we enter the Church on the 5th Sunday of Lent, parishioners will experience a swath of purple covering up all the statues, images, and most importantly, the Crucifix.

But why go through such lengths to cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven?

First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images.

And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.

The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Update:

Lent and the covid-19 have given us new opportunities with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. We moved our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes online. This means the main presentation can be given with the hopes that the children's work will continue at home through an art response, journaling, looking up the passages in the Bible, making one's own prayer cards, and further meditating on the scripture presented at the class. We are most grateful to the parents for helping us make the online classes possible, and the help that they can give the children during this most unusual time. Some online resources for parents are: Praying with our Children: and a Prayer Corner for Home. <https://www.cgsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/Preparing-a-Prayer-Space-at-Home-2020.pdf> and Biweekly podcasts <https://cgsusa.podbean.com/e/praying-with-our-children/>. Augustine's Institute program, Formed, has now become free during this time of the covid-19 and has great formation and fun for the whole family at formed.org.

FUNDRAISING

OLL Fundraising Committee

Setting a date for any meeting or event is not possible at this time, but that does not stop us from thinking and sharing our ideas. At this time we have two ideas in the works...

The Community of Saints – FUN! Raiser

So that we may join in community, explore the lives of our saints, and to share everything we do at Our Lady of Lourdes, we are planning an event in which every ministry or group and even groups outside of OLL, can create a display of their patron or chosen saint. We are encouraging everyone to include information about the work they do. Each group will also be asked to provide a little taste of food or drink. This is being planned for a Sunday afternoon after the 11 am Mass.

OLL Celebrates Community – Fund Raiser

This was planned as a summer event to bring our parish members together with members of our community. So far it includes a garage sale, live band, muscle car show, ministry booths, and food concession with hot dogs and French fries. We are looking for more ideas to make this a huge celebration. Since it can only be a date after the Coronavirus has been gotten under control we can celebrate beating the virus too!

Please share any ideas you might have with Katei Gross at katei@richardgross.net or Connie Wood at conniemariewood@yahoo.com.

PRO LIFE

OLL Pro-Life Ministry will not be meeting in April due to the COVID-19 hopefully in May we will start meeting again, God Willing! We just ask that we all stay safe and pray for an end to this virus and all will be well. Pray for those out of work and all the victims of this virus and their families, including our health care workers, police, firefighters, and our military. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Have Mercy on us!

We will not go to Planned Parenthood to pray to end abortion on April 11, 2020. We will still continue to pray from our homes to end abortion. God bless you for your support.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The Spring 40 Days for Life campaign in Overland Park, as all over the world, is being discontinued. Please continue to pray for all those that are seeking abortions, because the clinics will remain open. They are considered essential to women's health care.

Please also pray, as I know you have been, for all those effected by COVID-19, physically, psychologically, financially and spiritually. Pray for God to heal our world so we can once again gather as believers to life each other up in worship. I never thought I would be able to celebrate Easter with my Parish family. May God's love and mercy be with all of you.

Hebrews 12:3 "Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard: Healing the Pain of Abortion One Weekend at a Time. April 24-26, there will be a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in Kansas City to help post-abortive men and women find healing through God's grace and forgiveness. If you or someone you know may be interested, please call Teresa O'Donnell (816) 679-4973 or email rvkcmo@gmail.com for further information and registration, or visit our website at Rachel's Vineyard Kansas City.

As a Parish we can offer prayers for those whom God is calling to attend these retreats. Understandably, it takes a lot of courage on their part to come, and sometimes even after sending in the registration anxiety causes them to back out as the time of the retreat draws near.

So please pray for everyone who stands in need of these retreats...there are so many people who are suffering and they do not know where to turn. If you would please consider offering a small prayer for them each day, perhaps a Memorare or a Hail Mary, that would be very much appreciated.

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 8:

Thank you for praying for me. I am 8 months old now. I've got long fingernails and I'm busy getting ready for my birthday. I can't wait to see my Mom and Dad. Thanks to you and your prayers, I'll see them soon.

During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known 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.

PARISHIONER MESSAGES

As we near the end of this Lenten season, we leave the dessert of our heart, entering the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord who brings us life anew. Our redeemer lives and so shall we return to the ordinary. Yet our hearts yearn for more urging for the EXTRA-ordinary. In this time of social distancing accept the invitation to escape and hear God speak to you. Turn off the noise of the world and receive the blessing. Enter into the silence of HIS Sacred Heart that burns with great love for you. Draw closer until your heart beats with HIS heart.

God bless you always. Don't waste another moment.

From a loving parishioner

The one positive thing I have noticed during this time is how nice people are. I noticed it at stores at during the Christmas rush too. Kansas City people continue to be considerate and polite. Even with empty shelves, and longer check-out lines, I have noticed sincere kindness and thoughtfulness as people push their full carts around the stores. I have had uplifting conversations with people in check-out lines that I may not have had time to talk to when lines were shorter. One man, whose barber shop had to be closed now, was very upbeat about this opportunity to spend more time with his family, and hopeful people will hear this wake-up call from God and come back to Him. He said his wife and kids have started a Monday night Bible study, which they plan to continue even after normal life resumes. The internet, too, has been a lifesaver during this time, keeping us connected. The kids still go to school, people continue to work from home, we can even "go" to Mass. We have the time now to get some of those project done we never seem to have time for. I think, too, many of us were feeling over extended, and too busy with meetings and commitments, so our gracious God, just made everything stop, giving us more time for Him and our families. God is so good!

From a loving parishioner

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS OR INFO

Friends,

We know that these are difficult times, so we wanted to create something just for you to help keep your heart set on things above. That's why I'm excited to announce our new Facebook LIVE Series, **The Life You Were Made For**. Each week, I'll sit down with one of many amazing guests to have a conversation about how we can make the most of this time and claim the new life God is drawing us into.

The show will be airing live on Facebook on my page <https://www.facebook.com/reallifecatholic?> and EWTN's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ewtnonline/?>

I can't wait for you to follow along, ask us questions in the comments, and join the conversation.

Chris Stefanick

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 AT 8 P.M. ET

Pat Lencioni on The Most Important Organization in the World (Family!)

Pat Lencioni is one of the most sought-after business consultants in the world and author of multiple books, including, "The Five Dysfunctions of a Team" and "The Three Big Questions for a Frantic Family."

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 AT 8 P.M. ET

Jimmy Wahlberg on How to Healthily Cope with Your Emotions

Jimmy Wahlberg is a producer and writer. Like his brothers, he recovered from his tough upbringing on the streets of Boston to become the executive director of the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 AT 8 P.M. ET

Dom Rosso on How to Cope with Fear

Dom Rosso is a retired SEAL Team Six. He has been on over 300 combat missions and has become an expert on how to manage your fears.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 AT 8 P.M. ET

Elizabeth Zelasko on Making Sacred Space in Your Home

Elizabeth Zelasko is a Colorado-based artist, iconographer, and sister of Chris Stefanick. She works with Catholic publishers and institutions, creating commissioned pieces and gives talks on the theological aspects and material processes of writing a traditional icon.

DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER ~ Monday April 27th is the fourth annual Diocesan Day of Prayer in Atonement and for the Healing of All Those Harmed by Sexual Abuse.

For details, <https://kcsjatholic.org/office/divine-worship/>

From the Office of the Vicar General—Chancellor

The Catholic Key has suspended publication for the time being and information and articles will be available on social media and the diocesan website at kcsjatholic.org. A number of factors contributed to this decision, such as parishioners being unable to receive issues at their parish churches where there is no public Mass, the increased circulation costs occasioned by the COVID-19 virus, and the desire to minimize the number of individuals at the chancery offices.

DATE NIGHT ~ Thursday, May 7th, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Date Night begins with a happy hour, appetizers, & a brief talk on faith, marriage, and family. Then couples go finish their date together alone. Date Night is a School of Love event. Locations will be changing each month, so please check the website for the most current location at www.schooloflovekc.com/date-night.



Dear Friends,

This has been a Lent like we would never have imagined. It has begun to be a true experience of the desert, as so many people have even been unable to go to Mass and receive our Lord in Holy Communion. Those of you who find yourself in a place where you can still go to Mass, please remember in your prayers and in your Holy Communion all those who cannot do so.

Soon it will be Holy Week. We must unite ourselves, interiorly and simply, to our Lord. We give him the homage of our hearts, knowing that, as is said in the Mass, "it is our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God."

The saving mysteries that took place during this week two thousand years ago were for our sake and for our salvation. Trust that the Lord does not abandon his flock, he will never do that, *for he cannot deny himself* (2 Tim 2:13).

We continue to persevere in faith, hope, and love.

We remain united in Jesus and Mary,

Rev. Sebastian White, O.P.

Editor-in-Chief of Magnificat

During this challenging time, many of the faithful are unable to attend Mass. We are honored to provide complimentary access to our online versions of MAGNIFICAT and MagnifiKid! to help people pray from home.

Go to <https://us.magnificat.net/free> or
<https://us.magnificat.net/flipbook/KID/sample/>



Dear Devotee to Our Lady of Fatima,

It is with great sadness that I announce to you the cancellation of our First Saturday Devotions for April 2020 at St Robert Bellarmine. As we are all very aware the Covid-19 virus is exceptionally dangerous especially to certain members of the population. A majority of the regular attendees at our devotions fall into this most vulnerable category. We take this action with this in mind as well as an abundance of caution.

To find the complete explanation of how to observe the First Saturday devotions during this unique and trying time, click on this link: [The First Saturday Devotion - Our Lady's Blue Army - World Apostolate of Fatima U.S.A.](#)

As more information becomes available it will be sent to you Immaculate Heart of Mary PRAY FOR US

Thank you

Today marks the beginning of **Child Abuse Prevention Month**. During this unprecedented time with the COVID-19 crisis, it is still very important that we observe this month. One way we can do that is to pray for the children/youth that have been abused and for those who currently face or are at risk of abuse or neglect. I received the following information from the USCCB on prayer opportunities for all of us.

Tomorrow - Thursday, April 2nd at 2pm - Bishop Knestout of the Diocese of Richmond, joined by the lay faithful, will recite the Luminous Mysteries. You can join in this time of prayer through the Diocesan Twitter account (@RichmondDiocese) or on the diocesan webpage: <https://richmonddiocese.org/livestream/>.

Friday, April 3rd at 11am - the Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection will commemorate Child Abuse Prevention Month with a Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, with special intentions for victims and survivors of sexual abuse. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory of the Archdiocese of Washington and live streamed via:

USCCB Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/usccb/posts/10157152955177285>

Archdiocese of Washington: <https://www.facebook.com/adw.org/posts/3245631122121772>



April 13 ~ Dan & Teri Boos
 April 14 ~ Thomas & Doris Mauer
 April 16 ~ Charles & Mary Haley
 April 19 ~ Bryan & Melinda Woolworth
 April 21 ~ Arlon & Mary Meisner
 April 22 ~ Tom & Sandra Ward
 April 23 ~ Gerald & Ruth Lewis



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Apr 01 ~ Joan Olson
 Apr 01 ~ Jacqueline Solis
 Apr 02 ~ Robert Fliss
 Apr 02 ~ Hugo Reyes
 Apr 06 ~ Michael Enyeribe
 Apr 07 ~ Kenneth Sulzen
 Apr 08 ~ Katei Gross
 Apr 08 ~ Anselam Ibekwe
 Apr 12 ~ Zita Schump
 Apr 13 ~ Albert Nitz
 Apr 13 ~ Susan Boone
 Apr 14 ~ Robert Stevens
 Apr 17 ~ Jalayne Miller
 Apr 18 ~ Sarah Schump
 Apr 19 ~ Brett Zagar
 Apr 19 ~ Teri Boos
 Apr 19 ~ Anna Mangiapanello
 Apr 21 ~ Bryan Woolworth
 Apr 23 ~ Mary Alonzo
 Apr 23 ~ Dominic Herndon
 Apr 24 ~ Helen Forristal
 Apr 26 ~ Alex Landaverne
 Apr 27 ~ John Kimminau
 Apr 28 ~ Kimberly Wareham
 Apr 29 ~ Chibugo Ogo Odinigwe
 Apr 30 ~ Stephen Conard
 Apr 30 ~ Joseph Hollo
 Apr 30 ~ Jonathan Hollo
 Apr 30 ~ Erin Woolworth

APRIL

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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