



The Lourdes Day

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

May 2020

Raytown, Missouri



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ADORATION CHAPEL

Our Adoration Chapel continues to be suspended during this time of the covid-19. The stay at home order for Jackson County has been extended to May 15th. We will let you know as soon as we know when the suspension is lifted.

Until then, our prayers continue at home or virtually on the computer with <https://virtualadoration.home.blog/>. Father Scott Brossart, the SOLT priest who says Mass at OLL on some Sundays, is continuing to have daily Masses, prayers, and spiritual talks available on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/padrescottsolt?epa=SEARCH_BOX.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

"The Adult Faith Formation of Our Lady of Lourdes has been blessed with being able to have meetings and classes on-line. God never shuts a door without opening a window. We are grateful that Zoom has been our window. **PSR** and **Catechesis** classes have continued to meet on-line, but will be ending for the summer on May 10th. **Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus** and **Feed Your Faith** has been able to continue via Zoom, too, every Wednesday evening. Those who have not previously joined us can easily do so by sending an e-mail to sister-sinjesusthelord@gmail.com. The Sisters will send you an e-mail invite. Just click on the link in that e-mail, and follow the prompts to be connected to the rest of the Feed Your Faith group. We begin each Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm. From now through Pentecost we will showing a DVD on the Holy Spirit, called *The Wild Goose*. This is a wonderful night to grow in faith and see some of our OLL family.

Every May we, as individuals, and as a parish, renew our Consecration to The Blessed Mother. Our Consecration celebration will be on May 28th, beginning with Mass (either at the church or on-line), then we recite our Consecration prayer together. This is a powerful devotion to our Holy Mother, our Parish Patron. Watch the Bulletin for further details. To prepare for this, Mother Julia is holding on-line classes beginning May 3. Please call her to sign-up (816-353-2177)."

ARTS AND ENVIRONMENT

Attention all the "GARDEN ANGELS"

Have you thought about coming up to the church to spend some time gardening in your assigned area?

Or how about signing up for one of the spots available?

This is the perfect time for our Garden Angels to do some gardening. If possible get the young ones out to get involved too. Out of the 15 garden areas around the Church, parish hall, and rectory, there are 6 up for adoption. Maybe 7, if one area is divided (11a and 11b). Everybody but one person is taking the same area as last year.

The areas needing a GARDEN ANGEL volunteer are:

Garden 5: Right of Church, SW corner (rt of sidewalk)

Garden 7: South side of Church between the 2 entrances.

Garden 8: SE corner of the Church (right of the entrance)

Garden 9: West Front of parish hall (left of the door).

Garden 10: West Front of the PH (right of the entrance)

Garden 11a: North of rectory (between fence & deck).

Garden 11b: NE corner of the rectory (next to back deck)

Contact Cindy Sweetland at 816-356-2299

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Hello from PSR!! It's been an adjustment this month to the quarantine and doing classes on Zoom but it's been fun!!! Thank you to the kiddos for joining in and even though it's not the same as meeting in person we still had a lot of laughs and smiles 😊 Even though the kids let us know that they have definitely missed having donuts during class!!! We plan on having one last class before summer break after our quarantine is over and it will be a party of sorts. We plan on providing pizza for the kids and we are asking that they bring a treat to share with others....a sweet treat and or a drink is appreciated.

Please look for more info. Later on the date and time.

We pray that you and your families have stayed healthy during this trying time.

We miss you all and look forward to seeing you again soon!!!

In Christ through Mary,
Mindy, Deacon Joe & Sister Gemma



Here is a picture of our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd class for the Liturgy of the Light on Easter Sunday. Both classes were present giving us a total of 16 students. We are grateful to the parents who graciously set up Zoom so their children could continue these classes.

We continue our classes online via Zoom. Our last day for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be on May 10th. Traditionally, the last lesson for the year in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a celebration of Pentecost. We have had a good year thanks to the parents and to everyone's support in the parish. We will spend the summer months making materials needed for Fall classes and, God willing, teacher training.

Please prayerfully consider helping with preparing the materials and classrooms either by donating your time and talent or making donations of materials. If interested, please call (816-353-2177) or email the sisters (sistersinjesusthelord@gmail.com).

Please spread the word to all your friends about our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes. The plan is to have all three levels by next Fall – Level 1 ages 3-6; Level 2 ages 6-9; and Level 3 ages 9-12. Sign up early while space is available!

CHURCH COUNCIL

In order to follow the 'distancing' orders the Council began to meet by using the zoom program on our own home computers. It seems to be working out good.

At the last Council meeting it was decided to move the '**Town Hall**' meeting to announce our plan again since the pandemic requirements have been extended.

Tentatively we will announce the plan on
24May after the 11am mass.



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/>

FUNDRAISING

The Committee has several events ready to be planned but with the Stay-At-Home Deadline extended we must again postpone planning. We would work on them through email except they are dependent on good weather. It is therefore best to wait and see how long before we can truly, safely gather large groups of people together. I know many events and performances have been cancelled for the 2020 season. We must plan with our attendees safety the number one consideration.

Praying for patience and good health for everyone.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Annual Memorial Wreath Sale that the Knights have been hosting has been cancelled due to the restrictions.

PRO LIFE

OLL Pro-life Ministry meeting will meet on May 4, 2020. We will Meet through ZOOM video link, all are welcome to join, just let Sister Damiana Maria know and she will send you the ZOOM link to join our meeting. We will start at 6:00 P.M. with prayer and then discuss the events that will be coming up.

OLL Pro-Life Ministry due to uncertain times that we are in will not be going to Planned Parenthood to pray. We can make sacrifices, penance, and pray in our home for the unborn children, their parents, the doctors and staff assisting at Planned Parenthood and asking for God's Mercy for them and the whole world for an end to abortion, and the conversion of sinners.

Continued ~ PRO LIFE

MOTHER'S DAY

Due to the uncertain time due to the COVID-19 we may not have Mother's Day carnations to sell this year or our Mother/Baby Shower. We will have the Mother/Baby Shower once we are able to come back to church. Please keep praying for an end to all the illness.

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 9:

It's my Birthday Thank you so much for all your prayers. Because you prayer for me, I got the best of all gifts - LIFE!

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.

SACRAMENTAL INFO

Celebration of the **Sacraments of Initiation**:

Since there were no initiation sacraments at the Easter Vigil this year in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, these options remain: a) if pandemic restrictions become more adequately lifted to phase two of the US government directed Opening Up America Again gating criteria threshold guidelines and the possibility of gathering of up to fifty persons who are asymptomatic, no temperature, socially distanced, etc., according to the CDC guidelines, the bishop grants permission to celebrate the initiation of the elect by Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at a Pentecost Vigil Mass on May 30, 2020; or b) for gathering of ten or fewer persons present, the priest may celebrate the initiation rites on any available Sunday in Easter Time.

Funeral rites may be celebrated through May 15, 2020, according to the *Order of Christian Funerals* with only ten persons (who are asymptomatic, no temperature, socially distanced, etc., according to CDC criteria) present and, for Kansas City, North Kansas City and Jackson County, with the notifi-

cation form previously transmitted on March 25, 2020, to priests, liturgists and business managers **MUST** still be sent to Fr Charles Rowe, Vicar General for Pastoral Affairs, the reporting remaining in effect.

INDIVIDUAL Confessions heard in **confessional boxes/confined rooms remain suspended** due to the requirements of combating the coronavirus following the direction of both the Apostolic Penitentiary (See: Note from the Apostolic Penitentiary on the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the current pandemic) and USCCB (See: The Care of Souls and the Forgiveness of Sins During This Pandemic). **Individual confessions may be celebrated** in a well-ventilated area which can provide for social distancing and the confidentiality of the confession. The sacrament of Reconciliation should be celebrated inside the church or spaces of church or parish school buildings which have been prepared for the worthy celebration of the sacrament. As you are able, provide for the anonymity of the penitent if that is possible and desired as an option. Spaces for confession should minimize the likelihood of multiple people touching surfaces which the next penitent might contact.

Visit the Diocesan website for more detailed information.

<https://kcsjatholic.org/>

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS OR INFO

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.

OUTPACE POVERTY ~ It's not too late to join the 'Our Lady of Lourdes Raytown team' for this OUTPACE for POVERTY race at: <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/outpace/team/OurLadyofLourdesRaytown>

Sure, it is more fun to get out to Run/Walk with family or friends but a **virtual 5 K** is what it has come to during this pandemic. Let's raise some money for Catholic Charities who are helping the increased number of families in need due to Covid-19. Consider contributing if you are not the Running type and help to support the participants.

Go to the Link above and donate under the **Our Lady of Lourdes team**. For help in registering or donating contact Nancy Butters nbutters@ccharities.com or 816-659-8266 or visit www.outpacepoverty.org.

*The virtual race will run from May 1-May 31.
The registration fee of \$25 includes a t-shirt.*

**May 16-17: 'Fishers of Men'
Tomorrow's Priest Collection**

*Invest in our seminarians as they become
tomorrow's priests*

A message from our Bishop:

The people of our Diocese have experienced many trials and tribulations during this global pandemic. Social distancing requirements have kept us from attending Mass and other liturgical celebrations. These difficult days have been a reminder of how important the sacraments are to our faith, and how critical it is to have priests who are able to provide us with those sacraments.

This year we had twenty-four young men in seminary studies for our Diocese. We will be ordaining three of those men as transitional deacons this year, and hopefully ordain them to the priesthood a year from now. They are eager to serve our communities, and for that I am thankful. We also have dozens of men who are actively discerning a call to the priesthood.

The cost of seminary education is among the largest expenses we have as a Diocese, but also one of the greatest investments we can make. **With tuition, room, board and other expenses, the cost of educating each seminarian is about \$42,000 per year.** When you multiply that amount by the number of seminarians we have it creates an **annual expense of roughly a million dollars for seminary education every year.**

Each year the Diocese takes up a special collection, the 'Tomorrow's Priest' fund, which is essential to offsetting this expense. **I am grateful for all your past generosity with this collection.** I recognize that these are uncertain times for so many people whose work hours have been cut or whose businesses have been struggling. Times like these provide us with an opportunity to grow in trust of the Lord, who is eager to provide a shepherd's care for us. **Any amount you might be able to provide in this moment would be of great help.**

I keep you all consistently in my prayer, and may God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ James V. Johnston, Jr.



Reparation on the first Saturdays." She came expressly to request this devotion when she appeared to Sister Lucia on December 10, 1925, in Pontevedra, Spain, where she was preparing to start her religious life.

The Practice of the First Saturday Devotion During the Corona Pandemic

As we are receiving many questions about the upcoming First Saturday in April and its Devotions, here is a quick synopsis from our National Coordinator, Deacon Bob Ellis. For further information, please do not hesitate to email relis@bluearmy.com or 920-371-1931.

How are we to practice the First Saturday Devotion if there are no Masses on the first Saturday of April and possibly beyond?

1. This presents no obstacle to the praying of the rosary and spending fifteen minutes keeping Our Lady company.
2. Since Jesus told Lucia that the confession could be within eight days or even longer still, our confessions can be made whenever possible as long as we make the intention.
3. Actual reception of Holy Communion will, of course, be impossible. Since heaven never demands what is impossible for us, a Spiritual Communion will be accepted until such time as Masses resume.

There are four elements of a Spiritual Communion:

1. Make an act of faith. The key here is to express to the Lord: our faith in his merciful love and his real presence in the Eucharist. ...
2. Make an act of love. O Lord God, I love you above all things. ...
3. Express our desire to receive him.
4. Invite Jesus to come into our hearts spiritually.

Here are two examples for your consideration:

St. Alphonsus aria de' Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things, and I desire Thee in my soul. Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though Thou wert already there, I embrace Thee and unite myself wholly to Thee; permit not that I should ever be separated from Thee. Amen.

EWTN: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Thank you and GOD BLESS YOU! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us! Saints Francisco and Jacinta, pray for us!

A SHRED-IT will be sponsored Saturday, May 30, at McGilley Sheil, 47th & Blue Ridge Blvd.
from 9 am—Noon



May 05 ~ Owen & Cathy Gordon

May 11 ~ Don & Joann Merker

May 21 ~ Stephen & Stephanie Hollo

May 22 ~ Matthew & Christina Zimmer

May 23 ~ John & Judy Hromek

May 28 ~ Brian & Julie Meisner



MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 01 ~ Jane Kerle

May 03 ~ James Ononye

May 03 ~ John Inlow

May 04 ~ Sheila Zegers

May 05 ~ Carole Surber

May 05 ~ Lynne Conrick

May 06 ~ Sally Ruisinger

May 06 ~ Marelise Walters

May 07 ~ Jocelyn Webb

May 09 ~ Gaylene Mosbauer

May 09 ~ Justin Bowen

May 09 ~ Jeremiah Fris

May 11 ~ Sherri Williamson

May 12 ~ Joanne Sage

May 13 ~ Jesse Brown

May 14 ~ Stephanie Ward

May 14 ~ Camila Caples

May 17 ~ Kenneth Jr Paul-Ohia

May 17 ~ Kelvin Paul-Ohia

May 17 ~ Desmond Paul-Ohia

May 17 ~ Divine Paul-Ohia

May 18 ~ Brendan Kenny

May 20 ~ Samantha Miller

May 22 ~ John Ward

May 24 ~ Cody Smith

May 24 ~ Conner Smith

May 26 ~ Molly Brooks

May 26 ~ Hayley Walters

May 29 ~ Ferris Antone

May 30 ~ Ann Monaco

May 30 ~ Renee Grindel

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the [Month of May](#), no. 1).

As a reminder this is the prayer for Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.