



“YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD, YOUR GOD, TO THE TEST.”

LUKE 4:12

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RELYING ON GOD

Face it, the last couple of years have worn us all down. Sometimes we don't know how to pray, or we don't seem to find the words we want. It is easy to falter and waver. Lent is a time to get back to the basics. There is much hope and strength in our readings as we begin our Lenten journey. The letter to the Romans tells us today that “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,” and this is an idea we hear throughout the scriptures. Psalm 91 shows us exactly how to cry for help, “Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.” In Deuteronomy, Moses teaches the people to bring their firstfruit offerings to God, and put their faith and trust in God, and Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that we find our life in the word of God.

GOOD ZEAL AND TEMPTATIONS

In the chapter of Luke preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was baptized in the Jordan and began his adult ministry. Immediately afterward he was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tested. While this might seem almost surreal as we imagine the devil taking Jesus from place to place, it is really much more simple and common than that. For many of us, as we strive to live our lives, we deal with many temptations. Sometimes it is a matter of having the zeal and desire, but not the practical experience or knowledge to carry out a goal. Other times, we are afraid to ask for the assistance that we need to carry a project through to completion. Or we might think that we deserve more, or that our results should be happening more quickly. Our egos can be destructive.

KNOWING YOUR TOUCHSTONES

When Jesus found himself tested by the devil, he was given several different scenarios. The devil brought up situations that he knew could specifically test Jesus, but similar situations would test any of us. Physical hunger is a real need, and many of us might yearn for success, or better paying jobs, or power, or the like. The difference is that when Jesus was tempted, he had some strong “touchstones” to hold onto, secure answers to lead him. He went to simple, basic scriptures that he could call upon in his time of need. For many, one of those basics would be Jeremiah, “I know the plans I have in mind for you—plans for peace and not disaster.” For another it might be the Beatitudes or the twenty-third Psalm. Whatever it may be, have ready those touchstones, those “go to” prayers or phrases that you can hold onto during the times when you are sorely tested in your life. Let those stones be your firm foundation.

TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:4–10

Psalm 91:1–2, 10–11, 12–13, 14–15

Romans 10:8–13

Luke 4:1–13

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 6, 2022

Mass Intentions For the Week

TUESDAY, March 8

Saint John of God, Religious

5:15 pm Alex Soerries†

WEDNESDAY, March 9

Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

7:00 am Phyllis Yoder †

THURSDAY, March 10

7:00 am Larry & Bert Kloeppel †

FRIDAY, March 11

7:00 am Danny Crane †

8:30 am Chris Kastler †

SATURDAY, March 12

4:30 pm St. Mary's Parish Family

SUNDAY, March 13

8:00 am Michael Rosewicz †

10:00 am Marion Pat R. Mina †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: -Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19;
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8;
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;
Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1];
Lk 9:28b-36



**Saturday
March 12th**

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This Week in Our Parish

MONDAY, March 7

10 am & 6 pm—Men's Bible Study (mr 1)

10 am—Women's Bible Study (mr 2)

11:00am-3:00 pm—Priest's Day of Recollection

6 pm—Women's Bible Study (Panera Bread)

6:30-8:00 pm—RCIA (mr 2)

WEDNESDAY, March 9

7:00-8:30 pm—Choir Practice (church)

THURSDAY, March 10

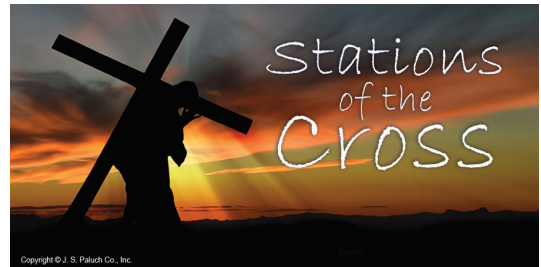
7:30 am-7:00 pm—Adoration (church)

7:00 pm-8:30 pm—Knights of Columbus (pc)

SUNDAY, March 13

Coffee & Donuts following each Mass

7:00-8:30 pm—HS Scavenger Hunt (St. Peter)



During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday at 7:00 pm. This devotion is a wonderful family prayer that takes less than thirty minutes.

February Income Report

February Income	Week 3 (14th-20th)	February Budget	Still Needed / Estimated Expense
Weekly Envelopes & ACH	27,322.50 (includes an annual donation)	70,083.34	Needed 2,856.84
Plate	176.50	666.67	Needed 324.17
Maintenance Estimated	2,278.14	3,000.00	Needed 759.36
Utilities Estimated	3,075.00	4,100.00	Needed 1,025.00

Saint Mary's Catholic Church



1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Good Friday. (The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration on one's 59th birthday.
3. On Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other smaller meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on Good Friday, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

Please Pray For...

Annette Taylor	Joycelynn Straw
	Jimmy McKell
Larry Buehler	Waylon Campbell
Christy Fortino Meier	Mary Lou Teeter
Josh Lordemann	Jason Yost
Percy Blinzler	Judy Bashor
Shirley Chandler	Doris Sweeney
Scott Grigsby	Victoria Even
Lawrence &	Susan Filosa
Patricia Williams	Dorothy Lowry
Debbie Randall	Mary Lou Timpe
Judy Clarkson	Tracey Straub
Henry Schluter	Joanne Bauni
Frank Slawinski	Melissa Plant
Jennifer McKeough	Doug Glynn
Scottie Black	Sharon Reeve
Brenda Glynn	Nancy Roark
Doloris Sonntag	Sara Metts
Ann &	Charlie Bunnell
Susan Koeppen	Kamron McKeough
Richard Wilson	Mike Tettamble Jr. & Sr.
George Grimm	Katie Wilson
Luke Babcock	Dick Graue
Pat &	Ryan McShane
Jari Rusnack	Jamie Wilson
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Joyce Steuber	Irene Marshall
Sharon Stribling	Verle Gilbert
Susan Jones	Maureen McKeough

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Lent Offers A Time For Growth

Many of us know our IQ (intelligence quotient), but what about our SQ (spiritual quotient)?

Lent is a good time to think about the quality of your spiritual life. Do you think about God often... or rarely? Do you pray often... or occasionally? How well do you know the Bible? The Commandments? The Beatitudes? The lives of biblical heroes and heroines?

During Lent, commit to spending more time in prayer. Also consider selecting a book of the Bible or a particular Bible character to study in-depth during this period.

Some people give up particular items or habits during Lent. If used wisely, this discipline can help you abandon things that have been interfering with your relationship with God.

Here are some opportunities offered by the parish to help you have a fruitful Lent:

Attend Daily Mass or at least one extra Mass a week

Wednesday, Thursday or Friday at 7:00 am

Tuesday at 5:15 pm

Friday at 8:30 am (school Mass)

Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:00-4:00 pm

Joplin Lenten Reconciliation Service
 (to be announced)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays—7:30 am until 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00 pm



Next up.....

High School Youth Group Sunday

March 13th ... 7:00-8:30 pm

SCAVENGER HUNT on the grounds of St. Peter's

Meet in the church basement. Bring a friend!

Masking remains recommended at St. Mary's

You no longer have to wear a mask if you have been vaccinated.

The Sign of Peace will be reinstated in a safe way at this time.

All weekend Ministers will be reintroduced **with masks**.

Donations will continue to be placed at the baptismal font and south exits.

This Weekend's Ministry Schedule March 5-6

4:30 Mass

Altar Servers

Josie Sears

Volunteer

Eucharistic Minister

Joan Merrill

Tracey Welch

Lector

Carol Page

Mary Ann Soerries

Usher

Scott Black

Steve Pokojski

Dan Sears

Volunteer

Organist

Fran Cook

Cantor

Mark Timpe

8:00 Mass

Altar Servers

Samantha Lone

Scott Lone

Eucharistic Minister

Bob Schroer

Fred Wheeler

Lector

Bob Schroer

Volunteer

Usher

Gregory Parrigon

Kasey Pliler

Craig Winters

Volunteer

Organist

Brian Hilsabeck

Cantor

Terry Wachter

10:00 Mass

Altar Servers

Alivia Childers

Sara Maksoud

Eucharistic Minister

Heather Anderson

Volunteer

Lector

Susan Pinjuv

Frank Veer

Usher

Rick Kenkel

Steve Williams

Volunteer

Volunteer

Organist

Brian Hilsabeck

Cantor

Lisa Olliges

NOTE: Eucharistic Ministers will need to hand sanitize and wear a mask.

**For all in grades
7-12**

**We will be attending
the one in Carthage**



2022 *Diocesan Youth*
CONFERENCE

Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR
Sat., MARCH 26
Carthage
Congregation of the Mother of the Redeemer Monastery
with music leader Josh Blakesley

Katie Prejean McGrady
Sun., MARCH 27
West Plains
West Plains Civic Center
with music leader Josh Blakesley

Sister Josephine Garrett
Sat., APRIL 2
Cape Girardeau
St. Vincent de Paul Parish
with music leader Mary Kate Westrich

Josh Blakesley
Mary Kate Westrich

FOR ALL YOUTH IN 7TH-12TH GRADE!

Chosen Broken Forgiven Decision

Registration is \$30 per person, per conference date.
For more info, scan the QR Code, visit dioscg.org/DYC, or contact your parish youth leader.



St. Mary's Council #14096 – Become a Knight

Our goal is to ask every male parishioner to join the Knights of Columbus (KOC). Some have joined the KOC after attaining the eligible age of 18. If you want to make a difference in your life, our Parish and the Catholic community become a Knight. Father McGivney's (our founder in 1882) visions for every Knight are: **Change** a man's life, **Deepen** and enrich his faith, **Strengthen** his family, and **Build** better lives for those, who desperately need help. The pamphlet on "**The 24-hour Knight**" details how by **just committing 24 hours a year** as a Knight; you will make a positive difference.

Catholic gentlemen take advantage of the opportunity to join our fellowship of Faith, Charity and Service. If you are interested in joining or have questions, call or text Denny Desmond (membership director) at 483-0053.

Become a part of this great KOC fellowship...become a Knight



JACS return to school: Guidance for Return to School information may be found on the JACS website:
<https://www.jacss.org/about/covid-19/> Please see the information under **Updated COVID Guidance—Jan. 2022**

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, Parents/ Guardians will be notified of JACS closings via School Messenger.

March 18th will be an early dismissal for Parent teacher conferences.

JACS Spring Break will be March 21st through March 25th, 2022

JACS Enrollment

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year will be starting soon. If you are currently not a part of our JACS Family, please take an opportunity to learn more about our quality schools and opportunities. Check out our website and contact Marla Testerman, Admissions Coordinator at mtesterman@jacss.org or at (417) 624-5003

Mercy Meals

Need a meal? McAuley Catholic and St. Peter's Middle School students prepare **Mercy Meals** for those in need. If you know someone who may need a meal or if you yourself need a meal, please contact the development office at development@jacss.org to make arrangements for a meal. Students have made a number of homemade meals for individuals and families in need.

JACS Auction Donations

The annual auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 30. And we are seeking items to include in baskets or as live auction items. Items include:

- * Kitchen and cooking items
- * Children's toys and books
- * Branson activities or timeshare
- * Movie night at home
- * Car care
- * Golfing related items
- * KC Chiefs, KC Royals and St. Louis Cardinals items

Or check out our Amazon Wish List

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/2OVCP9Z6A2TVP/guest-view>

If you would like to donate, please contact auctionadmin@jacss.org or call 417-624-5003 ext. 207.

McAuley Basketball

Congratulations to the McAuley girls' basketball team and Coach Mike Howard for all their hard work and dedication this season. The team placed 2nd in the district!

Congratulations to the McAuley boys' basketball team and Coach Tony Witt for all their hard work and dedication this season. The team played in the semi- finals!

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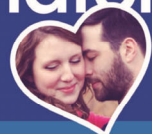
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