

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Newsletter

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March Mass Readings

March 02

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7

1 Cor 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

March 09

First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10

Rom 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

March 16

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

Phil 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28-36

March 23

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9

March 30

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9, 10-12

2 Cor 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



LENT STARTS

ASH WEDNESDAY



WHAT IS LENT?

Ash Wednesday begins the 40 days before Easter Catholics call Lent. We practice prayer, fasting, and sacrifice.

WHAT ARE FASTING AND ABSTINENCE?



Fasting

Catholics who are 18-58 years old are required to keep a limited fast: a single, normal meal & 2 snacks.

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday



Abstinence

Catholics 14 years & older are required to abstain from eating meat and fowl.

Ash Wednesday & Fridays of Lent



Do I have to give up something for Lent?

No. Giving something up is a beneficial custom. You can give up something you enjoy, engage in physical or spiritual acts of mercy for others, pray, fast, abstain, go to confession, and other acts expressing repentance in general.

WHEN DOES HOLY WEEK BEGIN?



Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on **Palm Sunday** begins Holy Week.



HOLY TRIDUUM STARTS

with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday when Jesus celebrated the first Mass, AND LENT OFFICIALLY ENDS.



Good Friday marks the anniversary of the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ on the cross.



HOLY SATURDAY

Our Lord lay in the tomb Holy Saturday before his resurrection.




EASTER SUNDAY

the Resurrection of Christ, is the greatest holy day of the Christian year!



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5 THINGS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT St. Patrick

- 1 He wasn't Irish: Patrick was captured by Irish pirates and brought to Ireland from Scotland in the early 5th Century.
- 2 Experienced a (mystical) vision of the Irish asking him to teach them about Christ.
- 3 Having become a Bishop, he was sent back to Ireland. He preached first to the members of the royal family, and soon his audiences grew. He used the druid rituals as evangelizing tools.
- 4 He used a Shamrock to explain the Trinity because the Irish had a love for nature.
- 5 Instituted what is known as the Croagh Patrick Hike, where he prayed that Ireland would always keep her Christian Faith. To this day, young and old hikers follow that famous route in pilgrimage.

HAPPY *St. Patrick's* DAY! 

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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH Financial Report JANUARY 2025

RECEIPTS:	
Collections	14,136.00
Second Collections	5,003.50
Fund Raisers	37,000.00
Cemeteries Funds	475.00
Other Income	3,970.85
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$60,585.35
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Salaries & Benefits	22,640.27
Rectory, Church & Offices	7,459.24
Budgeted Committees	200.90
Contributions/Aid	1,650.00
Scholarships	- 0 -
Second Collections	7,988.00
Cemeteries Expenses	450.67
Other Expenses	33.58
Diocesan Assessment	2,185.83
Parish Support-Seminarians	353.67
Capital Expenditures	- 0 -
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$42,962.16
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:	\$17,623.19



Remember, this is our parish newsletter and our way to connect with each other. If you have news you would like to share, please email me at stjosephnews14@gmail.com.

MARCH



BIRTHDAYS

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|----|--------------------|----|--------------------|
| 01 | Hunter Henning | 21 | Corina Jones |
| 02 | Marilyn Carter | 21 | Kyle Koenig |
| 02 | Thomas Rosetti | 22 | Regina Bunting |
| 03 | Deborah Pyland | 22 | Kristopher Kline |
| 05 | Anthony Sanders | 24 | Tristen Saffold |
| 05 | Joe Strode | 25 | Donna Ernst |
| 10 | Bridget Noriega | 25 | Mary Shannon Fikes |
| 13 | Jackie Lain | 25 | Mary Miskell |
| 14 | Eleanor Caan | 26 | Catherine Wynn |
| 14 | Robin Campbell | 27 | Deborah Cochran |
| 14 | Melissa Raymundo | 27 | Amber Dedman |
| 15 | Lynn Castleberry | 29 | Mary Allyson Ernst |
| 15 | Jodi Raines Dennis | 30 | Trudy Pascale |
| 18 | Venesa Velazquez | 30 | Adam Smith |
| 19 | Katelyn Blanchard | | |
| 20 | Shawn Noriega | | |
| 21 | Brady Dean | | |

- 05 Ronny & Angelique Ford
 27 Douglas & Elizabeth Langlois
 31 James & Wendy Ruggeri



Marriage Prayer

Lord, help us *remember* when we *first* met and the strong *love* that grew between us. Help us work that love into *practical* things so *nothing* can divide us. We ask for words both *kind* and *loving*, and for *hearts* always ready to ask for *forgiveness* as well as to *forgive*. Dear Lord, we put our marriage into *your hands*.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Court Our Lady of Victory, #564

January 26, 2025



The regular meeting of Court Our Lady of Victory #564 was called to order by Regent Connie Boutwell on Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 12:30pm. Regent Boutwell prayed a beautiful prayer for all of us to begin the new year, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Silent roll call of officers showed all present. A quorum of members present. Minutes from December 14, 2024 were approved as read. Recording Secretary Betty Peden acknowledged that we had received several thank you cards. Vice Regent Kathryn Brickey reminded all members that the CDA magazine *Share* was available on line.

Circle of Love Chairman Reports

- **Spiritual Enhancement.** Chairman Judy Erstine stated the theme was the word JOY. **J** stood for our journey in life, **O** for the many opportunities we have and **Y** is what we are yearning for, for our world to become better for all mankind. Report attached.
- **Quality of Life:** Co-chairman Angelique Ford gave the card report. Twelve Christmas baskets for our housebound were delivered by Angelique, Kathryn Brickey and a little Elf, Eli Ford.
 - Co-chairman Angelique Ford for Gretchen Zell gave an update on Land of Lights on December 19. The March for Life held in Little Rock on January 19, The Pennies for Life collection was held in conjunction with the March for Life, \$431 dollars have been collected. Symposium on Human Trafficking and Pornography was held on January 25 at Christ the King Catholic Church.
 - Wendy Ruggeri reported applications for the National Education contest are due soon. The regular Easter Egg Hunt has been scheduled for Saturday, April 12.

Unfinished Business:

- Kathryn Brickey presented changes to the Standing Rules. Motion passed to accept changes.

New Business

- The State Convention will be held on April 4-6 in Little Rock and the following items will be supplied by our Court: 3 door prizes (volunteers: Wendy Ruggeri, Kathryn Brickey and Trudy Pascale): 3 silent auction items (volunteers; Angelique Ford, Gretchen Zell and Judy Erstine). Volunteers will work on the preparation of tote bags Friday night.
- Regent Boutwell stated that if anyone wanted to donate to the Los Angeles fires disaster California State CDA has a QR code set up on their Facebook page we can use. If individuals want to personally donate, they should go to the CA State CDA page or the Red Cross website for information.

State Officer Report: Regent Boutwell stated that Our Lady of Victory Court was established one hundred years ago. She lamented for the first time **ever** our Court would not be represented on State Board. Sad. Please make hotel reservation soon for convention. The charity for convention is DOLR Task Force Against Human Trafficking and Pornography. Donations will be accepted. A special Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Theresa on Friday night at 6 PM.

Announcements

- Thank you goes to Judy Erstine and Trudy Pascale for providing a delicious lunch
- Reminder: Super Bowl Sunday is February 9. CDA will be providing Soup, Crackers and Dessert to be purchased after Mass on February 8 and 9.
- Door prize was won by Gretchen Zell. Attendance was won by Wendy Ruggeri.

Closing Prayer was for all priest and for members of Catholic Daughters. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 by Regent Boutwell. The next meeting will be February 23,2025. Next Social Chairs Deb York and Mary Ann Kizer.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Court Our Lady of Victory, #564

February 23, 2025



The regular meeting of Court Our Lady of Victory #564 was called to order by Regent Connie Boutwell on Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 12:30pm. Regent Boutwell led a Decade of the Rosary for Pope Francis, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Silent roll call of officers showed all present. A quorum of members present. Minutes from January 26, 2025 were approved as read. Treasurer Donna Smith provided the Treasurer report.

Circle of Love Chairman Reports

- **Spiritual Enhancement.** Chairman Judy Erstine related the story of St. Agatha, virgin and martyr, who remained faithful through many persecutions. Report attached.
- **Quality of Life:** Co-chairman Angelique Ford stated that she had sent twelve “thinking of you” cards to our housebound members. Also, several new blankets were presented to us from the Area Agency and in turn we donated them to The Blossoms in White Hall. Report attached.
- Co-chairman Angelique Ford for Gretchen Zell stated that the final amount collected for Birthright Pennies for Life was \$451. Reminder to all members to turn in all volunteer hours to enable us to retain our non-profit status.
- **Education and Youth.** Wendy Ruggeri reported that there has not been any participation in the National Education contest. Regent Boutwell made a suggestion that we change our scholarship requirements so that we could use the money set aside for this project.
The regular Easter Egg Hunt has been scheduled for Saturday, April 12. Reminder to Members to take the plastic eggs home with them and stuff them with individually wrapped candy.
- **Membership:** Deb Pyland shared with members that the Knights of Columbus had purchased a book by Pope Francis entitled *A Gift of Joy and Hope* for church members. She suggested that as a project for CDA that we consider the purchase of a book for church members entitled *Holy Moments*. A motion was made by Angelique Ford to purchase these books. Motion passed. Also shown in the *Share* magazine this time is Lent 2025 booklets that are available for Daily Reflections, Prayers and Actions for members that would be interested. Price \$5.00.

Unfinished Business:

- Regent Boutwell requested a report from the Special Committee for Charity and Disaster Fund. Chair Mary Ann Kizer stated that the committee had not yet met.

New Business:

- Regent Boutwell stated the local Court Medallions are now available. (5 officer’s medallions for \$100.00) The motion was made and approved to purchase them before convention.
- The State Convention will be held on April 4-6 in Little Rock and all registrations must be made by March 11th. We have four delegates and eight alternates available to attend. A motion was made that our Court pay for meals and registration fees for the delegates and alternates attending. Motion was seconded and passed. Mary Ann Kizer’s meals and registration fee would be paid by state court since she is a National Director and a Past State Regent.
- The Knights of Columbus will be hosting “Friday Night Fish Fry” starting Friday, March 7. We need volunteers to provide cakes (approximately 20) for each Friday night during Lent. Please use the sign-up sheet to volunteer for this project.
- **State Officer Report.** Please sign up for Registration and Meals for convention since the deadline is March 11, 2025.

Announcements

- Thank you goes to Mary Ann Kizer, Deb York and Mary Shannon Fikes for providing a delicious lunch. March 31 is the 5th Sunday and the Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Sunday Potluck.

Door Prizes were won by Judy Erstine and Angelique Ford. Attendance was won by Wendy Ruggeri. Closing Prayer was for all priest and for members of Catholic Daughters. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 by Regent Boutwell. The next meeting will be March 23, 2025. Next Social Chair; Vicki Turchi.



Knights of Columbus Council 1153



The February monthly meeting of Council 1153 of the Knights of Columbus was held on February 3rd at the KC Hall. Thirteen members were present.

Grant Knight Richard Burleigh reported that an exemplification was held on February 3rd to initiate our newest member, Tai Pham. Welcome Tai and we hope that you will be able to participate in our meetings and events!

On Thursday, January 30th, Grand Knight Richard Burleigh, Treasurer Greg Mattics, and Financial Secretary Leonard Zell presented a \$500 check to the director of the “Hope of the Delta” organization. This local organization provides services and aid to pregnant women and new mothers. An additional donation of \$100 will be sent for this organization through the “Aid and Support After Pregnancy” program from the Supreme Office of the Knights of Columbus.

Richard also reported on preparations for the upcoming Lenten Fish Fries. The first fish fry will be held on Friday March 7th and will be held on each Friday of Lent, except for Good Friday. We will serve from 5 pm to 7 pm each night and prices will be \$16 for adults and \$10 for children. Banners advertising the fish fry’s will be set up in White Hall, Watson Chapel, and in front of Pope Furniture in Pine Bluff. Our thanks to Adam Smith, David Smith, and Leonard Zell on designing and procuring the banners. Tickets for the fish fry’s may be purchased in advance at the Church Office, but tickets will also be sold at the door. This is the Knights’ biggest fundraiser and is a great community event as well. Please join us each Friday for the best catfish and fixings around and invite your friends and co-workers!

Don Stringer, Faith Director, thanked everyone for their participation at the KC mass during January. The monthly KC masses rotate between the 5:00 mass and 11:00 mass on the last weekend of each month, with the March KC mass being held on Sunday, March 30th at 11:00 am. Members should contact Don to volunteer to lead the rosary, serve as Eucharistic ministers, lector, or as gift bearers for future KC masses. Don also contacted Father Andreas at St. Peter’s and scheduled the distribution of the Eucharistic devotion books at the 9:00 am and 11:00 am masses on February 16th.

Larry Miller, our Community Director, reported on orders for tickets and flyers for the Fish Frys. Arkansas Printing completed the work and was very generous to our organization. We encourage our fellow parish members to see them for any of their printing or promotional needs. They are also our source for our great looking blue shirts! Larry has also recorded radio ads for the fish fry’s that will be air during the week and the day of our fish fry’s.

District Deputy Greg Mattics and Grand Knight Burleigh reported on our new insurance agent, Mr. Scott Willis. Scott has been invited to attend our March meeting, so please plan to attend that meeting to greet him and set up a time to review your Knights insurance coverage. Scott can be contacted at (337)802-9909 or scott.willis@kofc.org.

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 3rd at 6:00 pm in the KC Hall at 3600 South Main Street. All members are encouraged to attend.

All Catholic men are encouraged to consider membership in the Knights of Columbus. Our order serves our community, our parish, and our Church and provides fellowship and goodwill.

Respectfully,
David Henning, Recorder

Description of the Sacramental Windows Behind the Altar

Submitted By: Sandra Taylor



Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick: In his epistle, James says, “Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven” (Jas. 5:14–15). Even if the Sacrament through the ministry of the priest, results in no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives graces and forgiveness from Jesus and also the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace, strengthening and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.

Symbols:

Rainbow: The rainbow reminds us of Jesus and the hope He brings. It symbolizes new beginnings, triumph over death and God’s unwavering presence in every season. Its arch structure looks like a bridge and symbolizes Jesus linking us to God. The rainbow’s beautiful colors represent a kaleidoscope of holiness and the Healing power given to Priest by Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Olive Branches: The Olive branches symbolize the common use of olive oil for the Blessed Oil of the Sick used by the Priest. It is used in this Sacrament to represent Jesus’ healing grace and the Holy Spirits’ gifts of comfort and peace.

Red Candle: The red candle is a symbol that Jesus is present with the Priest when he anoints the sick or the dying person. It is Christ who is the Light of the World and by lighting the candles it shows Christ is present.

DID YOU KNOW?

St. Joseph is sometimes called the "silent man" because none of his words are recorded in Scripture

There are 2 feast days celebrating St. Joseph

March 19 celebrates Joseph personally and his role in raising Jesus

May 1 celebrates St. Joseph the Worker, patron of workers throughout the world

Solemnity of St. Joseph
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary



IMAGE FROM ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, MISSISSAUGA

Where does the tradition of St. Joseph's Table come from?

According to legend, centuries ago a famine struck Sicily. The residents of Sicily prayed to St. Joseph, foster-father of Jesus, and asked for his intercession. Their prayers were answered.

When the famine ended, a special feast of thanksgiving was held in commemoration of St. Joseph. This celebration became tradition. Wealthy families made preparations and invited the less fortunate over to share in a meal.



IMAGE FROM ST. MARY'S PARISH, NOBLETON



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St. Joseph is the patron saint of Canada

St. Patrick's Day, March 17



St Patrick Prayer!

As I arise today, may the strength of God pilot me, the power of God uphold me, the wisdom of God guide me. May the eye of God look before me, the ear of God hear me, the word of God speak for me.

May the hand of God protect me, the way of God lie before me, the shield of God defend me, the host of God save me. May Christ shield me today.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit, Christ when I stand, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

Amen

Saint Patrick pray for us!

Lent

T G P W Z P C B E G W P P Y I R T V J P
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Abstinence

Ash Wednesday

Atonement for Sin

Fall of Man

Fasting

Forty

Good Friday

Holy Saturday

Holy Thursday

Holy Week

Lent

Mortification

Palm Sunday

Passion Sunday

Passiontide

Penance

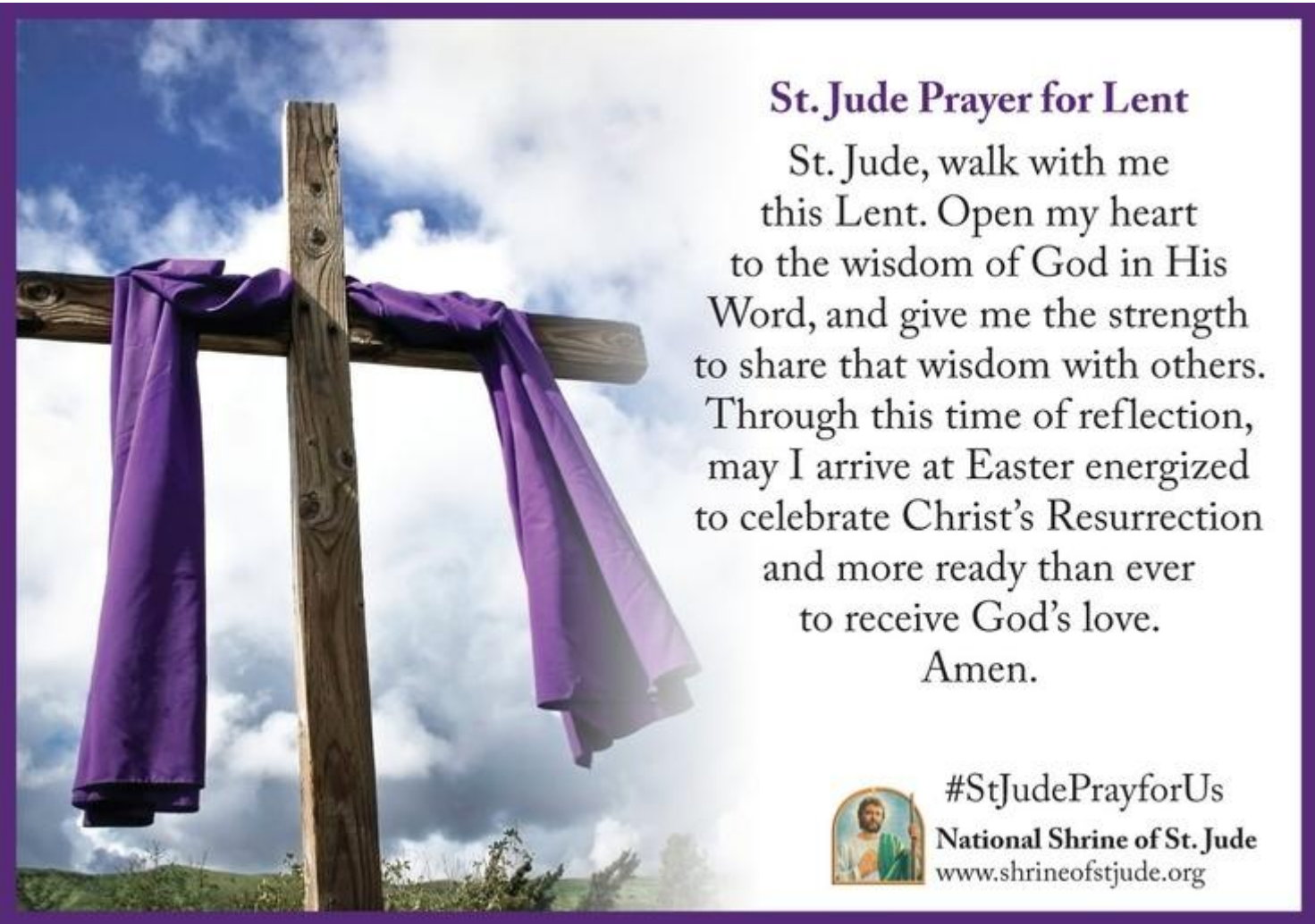
Prayer

Quinquagesima

Septuagesima

Sexagesima

Triduum Sacrum



St. Jude Prayer for Lent

St. Jude, walk with me this Lent. Open my heart to the wisdom of God in His Word, and give me the strength to share that wisdom with others. Through this time of reflection, may I arrive at Easter energized to celebrate Christ's Resurrection and more ready than ever to receive God's love.

Amen.



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