

**3rd Sunday of Lent
March 24, 2019**

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 25

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

8:00 AM Mass – William Bolan +

Tuesday, March 26

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

8:00 AM Mass – Bill Snider +

Wednesday, March 27

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

6:00 PM Mass will be at St. Mary Church

Thursday, March 28

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

8:00 AM Mass – No special intention scheduled +

Friday, March 29

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

8:00 AM Mass – Basil Hoehn +

Saturday, March 30

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

8:00 AM Mass – Kias Bernard +

4:00 PM Mass – John Smith +

Sunday, March 31

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

8:30 AM Mass – People of the Parish

11:30 AM Mass – Irene Hainline +

Prayers and Sympathy to the family and friends of our homebound parishioner, William Brinton, who died last week. Please pray for Bill and his family.

Spend an hour (on a weekday), praying before the **Blessed Sacrament** for our school children or your own intentions. Sign up for Adoration at <http://signup.com/go/vaVOXnM> or contact **Amy Roetto** at amy_roetto@hotmail.com or **816-787-0235**.

At this weekend's Masses, we will have the collection for **Easter Flowers** for our **Cathedral**. Please use the special envelope for **March 24** that is in your contribution box, or use an envelope of your own (marked "Flowers"). Your assistance in making Cathedral beautiful for Easter is greatly appreciated!

Next weekend, **March 31**, the **second collection** will be for **Cathedral's utilities/heat system upgrade**. The second collection also will be for **Catholic Relief**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next weekend, please give generously to the collection and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY INCOME

Monthly Budget Goal \$76,166 (included \$4000 for reserve)

	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Aged, Sick & Poor</u>
Week 1	\$ 9,954.25	\$ 869.00
Week 2	\$16,760.51	\$ 438.00
Week 3	<u>\$22,533.09</u>	<u>\$ 296.00</u>
Total	\$49,247.85	\$1,603.00

This Coming Week

Monday, March 25

9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry – Rectory Basement

4:30 PM Ravenous Ravens Night–Hunan Restaurant

6:00-6:50 PM School of Religion – Ruggle Hall

Tuesday, March 26

7:00 PM Scouts - Gym

Wednesday, March 27

9:00 AM-12:00 PM Sewing Group – Rectory Basement

9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry - Rectory Basement

5:20-5:50 PM. Confessions – Church

5:30-7:00 PM Preschool Round Up – ECC Building

Thursday, March 28

8:00 AM All School Mass

9:30 AM Parish Staff Mtg – Msgr. Dierkes Mtg Rm

7:00 PM Cathedral Choir Rehearsal – Ruggle Hall

Friday, March 29

9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry - Rectory Basement

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross – Church

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross – Church

7:00 PM Gr. 4-8 Spring Musical-Scottish Rite Temple

Saturday, March 30

2:30 PM Confessions

3:30 PM Rosary

4:00 PM Mass

7:00 PM Gr. 4-8 Spring Musical-Scottish Rite Temple

Sunday, March 31

8:00 AM Rosary and Confessions

8:30 AM Mass

After Mass Coffee, Milk, & Donuts – Ruggle Hall

11:00 AM Rosary and Confessions

11:30 AM Mass

The **8th graders** are taking orders for **Strawberry Hill Povitica** to help fund their annual **mystery trip** and **Noyes Home service project**. The loaves are \$21.99 each and come in a variety of flavors. Stop by their table in the **west vestibule** after Mass this weekend and next weekend to sample the delicious Povitica. These would be a wonderful addition to your Easter meal celebration! The Povitica will be available for pick up from the school on **Tues., April 16**, or delivered by your favorite 8th grader!

On the **Wednesday evenings of Lent (through April 10)**, **St. Mary Church** will have a **6:00 PM Mass**, followed by a **pot luck dinner** and **Lenten program**. All **Cathedral Parishioners** are encouraged to attend. We will not have a **6:00 PM Mass** at Cathedral during Lent. Program speakers:

March 27 – Jared Samson (2nd of 3 parts on the Mass)

April 3 - Dr. Ed Kammerer (The Two Thieves)

April 10 - Jared Samson (3rd of 3 parts on the Mass)

As a gentle reminder, please lock your cars while on campus for Masses, Adoration, School and ECC drop off/pick ups, and other Cathedral business.

Stewardship Makes A Difference . . .

Do you have a trade or certification that could help us acquire and maintain our buildings and grounds? Bring your expertise to the table on **Tuesday, April 2nd at 5:30 PM** in the **Msgr. Dierkes Meeting Room**.

Vicar's Verba . . . The Nicene Creed we pray during Mass is a Catholic summation of our faith – directly from Sacred Scripture, compiled at the Council of Nicaea, Circa. 325 AD. It was the First Council of the Catholic Church and was shortly after Christianity was decreed legal by the Emperor Constantine under the Edict of Milan, 313 AD.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, (Deuteronomy 6:4; Mark 12:29, 32)
The Father, (Matthew 5:48, 6:9; Mark 14:36; Luke 23:46; John 5:18)
Almighty, (Job 37:23; Matthew 26:64)
Maker of heaven and earth, (Genesis 1:1, 14:9; Acts of the Apostles 4:24; Revelation 10:6)
Of all things visible and invisible, (Colossians 1:16)
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, (Acts of the Apostles 2:36, 15:11, 16:31; Romans 5:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:28; 2 Thessalonians 3:18)
The Only Begotten Son of God, (John 1:14, 18; 3:16,18)
Born of the Father before all ages. (Luke 1:35, John 1:1-3)
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father, (Hebrews 1:3)
Through Him all things were made. (Hebrews 1:3)
For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, (John 3:13)
And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. (Matthew 1:18 – 25; Luke 1:35)
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, (Matthew 27:26; Mark 15:15; Luke 23:24; John 19:16)
He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)
He ascended into heaven, (Luke 24:51; Acts of the Apostles 1:9 – 10)
And is seated at the right hand of the Father. (Mark 16:19; Colossians 3:1)
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, (Romans 14:19; 2 Timothy 4:1)
And His kingdom will have no end. (Luke 1:33)
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, (John 14:26, 16:7-11; Acts of the Apostles 2:17; 2 Corinthians 3:6)
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, (John 14:16; Romans 16:27; 2 Timothy 4:18)
Who has spoken through the prophets. (Hebrews 1:1; 1 Peter 1:10 – 11)
I believe in One, (John 17:21; Romans 12:5)
Holy, (John 17:17, 19; Ephesians 5:25 – 27)
Catholic, (Matthew 28:19)
And Apostolic Church, (Matthew 28:20)
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins, (Acts of the Apostles 2:38, 22:16)
And I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, (Acts of the Apostles 24:15; Romans 6:5; 2 Corinthians 4:14)
And the life of the world to come. (John 3:16, 5:29; Jude 1:21)
Amen. (Psalm 106:48; 2 Corinthians 1:20)
Scott Hahn, *The Creed: Professing the Faith through the Ages* (London: Darton, Longman & Todd Ltd, 2017), 183-185.

God bless,
Fr. Becker

The Catholic young adult group for St. Joseph, *Coram Deo*, is meeting on **Wed., March 27**, in **Our Lady of Guadalupe's Bartlett Room**, at **6:10 PM**, for **"Wednesdays with the Word"**. All young adults (ages 22-35) are invited to attend.

CHECK THIS OUT . . . The Good News of Cathedral

- **Congratulations to Brett and Jackie Ketter Johnson**, Cathedral Class of '02, on the birth of their third son, **Zack Richard Johnson**, on **March 12!**
- **Congratulations to Brandon and Katie Houts Lorenz**, current Cathedral parents and LB Class of 04, on the birth of their third daughter, **Marin Claire**, on **March 15!**
- **Congratulations to Lucy Evans** on receiving the St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Kindness Award at Mass last week!
- **Congratulations to Adam Reardon**, Cathedral Class of '15 and Cathedral Troop 47, on achieving his Eagle Scout Award!

Our School and ECC News

- **Thank you** to all who came to our last **Ravenous Ravens Night at Pizza Shoppe**. We earned \$160 for our school! All are invited to join us for food, fellowship, and fun at **Hunan Restaurant (409 N. 36th Street)** at our next **Ravenous Ravens Night**, this **Monday, March 25**, beginning at **4:30 PM**.
- All are invited to our annual **Grade 4-8 Cathedral Spring Musical on Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30**, at **7:00 PM**. This year, the musical is *The Sound of Music*. The musical will be at the **Scottish Rite Temple at 6th and Robidoux**. Free will offering, but donation of \$5 is suggested. A special **thank you** to **Mrs. Allison Stewart** and the students for all their hard work!
- Let **Cathedral Cash** help you get ready for your **Easter celebration and spring activities!** **Cathedral Cash** can be purchased/ordered in the **west vestibule** after our **weekend Masses**, by contacting our school at **232-8486** or **CathedralCash@cathedralsj.org**, or you may order online at **www.shopwithscrip.com**.

The **Knights of Columbus Council 5067** will host their annual **Fish Fry on Fridays during Lent, 5:00-7:30 PM**, at their **Council Hall, 1205 N. 49th Terr.** Menu includes Fried Catfish or Shrimp Alfredo Fettuccini with cheesy potatoes, coleslaw, rolls, tea and water. Drive-thru is available. Prices: \$10/adult, \$5/child age 12 and younger.

SFX Knights of Columbus Council 15126 will host Lenten Dinners from **5:00-7:00 PM** at **St. Francis Xavier Parish Center** on **April 5** – Baked Tilapia, Cheesy Hash Browns & Green Beans. Cost: \$10/adult, \$5 for children under 12; \$25 for members of an immediate family.

St. James Holy Name Society - Knights of Columbus will host their **Lenten Fish Fries on March 29**, from **5:30-7:30 PM**, in **St. James Church Basement**. Adults: \$10, children under 12: \$5. They will be a 50/50 drawing and raffle.

Please join fellow Catholic physicians in the St. Joseph area for a **Lenten Reflection** sponsored by the **Catholic Medical Association, St. Raphael Guild**. The reflection will be held on **Saturday, April 6** at the **Abbey of Our Lady of Ephesus (8005 NW 316th Street, Gower, MO.)** A Lenten reflection will be offered at **10:00AM**, Mass at **11:00 AM**, and refreshments served after Mass. The Lenten Reflection is free and open to all Catholic physicians and their spouses. Contact **Dr. Nick Bartulica** at **nick.bartulica@mymlc.com** to RSVP.

Conversion of Heart

Lenten Reflections on Mercy and Forgiveness

Week 3

READINGS: *Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12; Luke 13:1-9*

We must work toward our salvation

Not forgiving someone is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die. Holding a grudge against those who have wronged you only destroys you on the inside. It does nothing to create peace.

That's why Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, / for they will be called

sons of God" (Mt 5:9). God's mercy is given as a reward for those who pursue it with diligence. We must work to cultivate peace if we desire to see it flourish in our families, communities, nations, and especially within our own selves.

In today's Gospel reading, we see how this truth is manifested in the fig tree.

"Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it" (Lk 13:8).

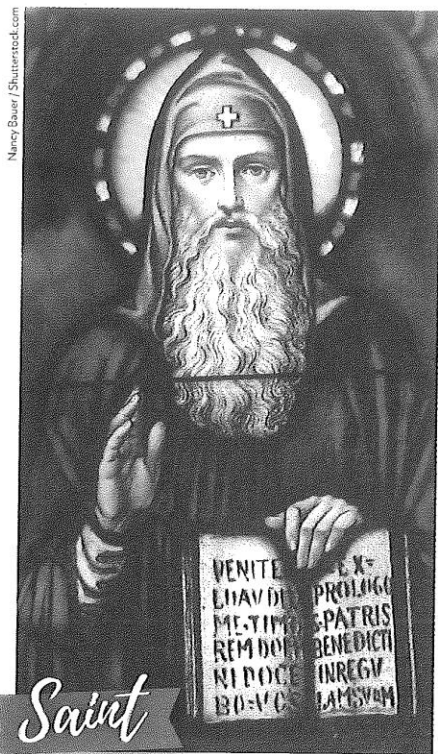
It was surrounded by the untilled and unproductive soil, much like those who withhold forgiveness are surrounded by unrest, anxiety, and spiritual inactivity. We feel worthless in such a state, and as such we risk being unproductive, unhealthy, and ultimately destroyed.

However, the good farmer, here representing God, provides us with hope. He tills our soil and fertilizes our souls with mercy. His forgiveness gives us another chance for spiritual survival, but only if we are able to bear good fruit as a result. Our good fruit, then, is the mercy we show to others, which leads us to being known as the true sons and daughters of the God of peace.

For Reflection

- › Has God tilled the landscape of your soul so that it can bear fruit abundantly?
- › Have you helped him weed out the vices that keep your soul from thriving as it should?
- › Have you helped others by tending to their spiritual growth in service to them?





Saint

Prayer and work

Benedict was a man of silence and constant reflection. He was also a man who knew how to work! He helped form the Benedictines, a Catholic religious order whose motto is *ora et labora* (“pray and work”). Benedict knew that in order to show God how much he loved him, he would need to work diligently in both his prayer life as well as through manual labor. He understood St. Paul’s words that we must “pray without ceasing” (1 Thes 5:17) and “work quietly” (2 Thes 3:12). Indeed, St. Benedict was given God’s reward of mercy for having persevered in prayer and for acquiring a work ethic that was marked by the spiritual worth of every one of his daily tasks.

“The saints are like the stars. In his providence Christ conceals them in a hidden place that they may not shine before others when they might wish to do so. Yet they are always ready to exchange the quiet of contemplation for the works of mercy as soon as they perceive in their heart the invitation of Christ.”

- ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA



How to bear GOOD FRUIT

Live the corporal works of mercy — feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, ransom the captive, bury the dead — and the spiritual works of mercy — instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, admonish the sinners, bear patiently those who wrong us, forgive offenses, comfort the afflicted, pray for the living and the dead.

Family Activity

The more you know ...

One of the best ways to be diligent in our zeal for holiness is to make it fun. Sometime this week, gather your family members and distribute notecards. On each notecard, write down as many quiz questions each person can about the Catholic faith along with the answers. Then, put them all in a box and take turns picking them out and answering them one-by-one until all of the cards have been answered.

“Called to beatitude but wounded by sin, man stands in need of salvation from God. Divine help comes to him in Christ through the law that guides him and the grace that sustains him” (1949).

Catechism Chat

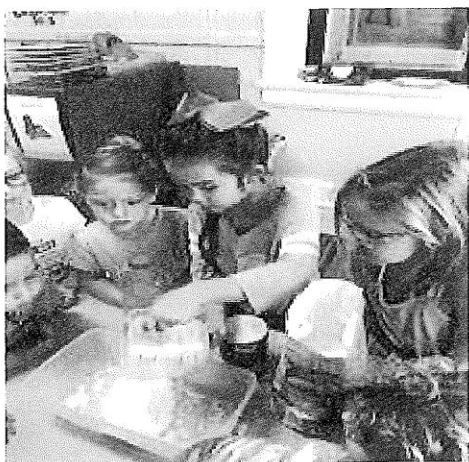


Lord, I have not worked as hard as I should at knowing, loving, and serving you. Please renew me with the zeal, energy, and order I need to pursue you with all of my heart, all of my soul, and all of my mind. I am yours; may I acquire the work ethic needed to achieve eternal life with you in heaven.

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

YOU ARE INVITED!

Cathedral Preschool Round Up!



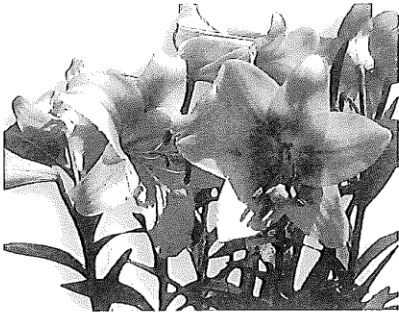
Where: 519 North 10th St.

When: Wednesday, March 27th

Time: 5:30-7:00 PM

Come see the classrooms, meet the teachers, ask questions, and see the exciting changes being made!

If you have any questions please contact
Jocelyn Winter at 816-233-9794



The St. Anne Altar Society
presents to you our second
annual:

Easter Lily Sale

Easter Lilies are now available to purchase! These plants can be purchased to take home, given as a gift, or as a memorial in honor of a loved one to be displayed in Church. If purchased for your home, you can even *plant* your lily! Directions for planting will be provided with your lily.

The lilies will have 4 -6 beautiful blooms, and are in a 6 inch pot, with a festive foil covering. The cost is \$12 per plant.

Please fill out the order form on the back side. You may put the order form along with payment in the collection at Mass, take it to the parish office, or even sent to school with a student. Orders are due by Friday, April 5, 2019.

Pick-up will be after Masses on the weekend of Palm Sunday, April 13-14. Please specify on your order form what your Mass preference is for pick-up.

HAPPY EASTER! ~ ST. ANNE ALTAR SOCIETY

Please fill out the form below and place the **FORM AND PAYMENT** in collection basket, take it to the parish office, or send to school with a student by Friday, April 5.

Section A: Home Purchase

Name	Phone Number	Quantity	Preferred Mass Pick-up Time (April 13-14)	Total Cost (\$12 each)

Section B: Memorial Purchase

(To be purchased in honor of a deceased loved one; will be used to decorate the Church for Easter)

Your Name	Phone Number	Quantity	In honor of:	Total Cost: (\$12 Each)

Total from both sections: _____

Office Use Only: Total Amount: _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Initials _____