

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Safe Haven Sunday  
March 3, 2019**

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, March 4**

*Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/Mk 10:17-27*

**8:00 AM Mass** – Doyle & Gertrude Norris +

**Tuesday, March 5**

*Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31*

**8:00 AM Mass** – Betty Smith +

**Wednesday, March 6 – Ash Wednesday**

*Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/*

*2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18*

**8:00 AM Mass** – Francis & Marjorie Davis +

**6:00 PM Mass** – Kias Bernard +

**Thursday, March 7**

*Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25*

**8:00 AM Mass** – Arthur and Helen Roseler +

**Friday, March 8**

*Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15*

**8:00 AM Mass** – John Robertson +

**Saturday, March 9**

*Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32*

**8:00 AM Mass** – No special intention scheduled

**4:00 PM Mass** – Frances Sutera +

**Sunday, March 10**

*Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/*

*Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13*

**8:30 AM Mass** – People of the Parish

**11:30 AM Mass** – Henry & Roseann Muehlbach +

*Prayers and Sympathy to the family and friends of Lulu Young, who died last week. Lulu is the sister of Sadie Crail and Louisa McCartney. Please pray for Lulu and her family.*

Our Diocese is setting aside this weekend, **March 2-3**, as **Safe Haven Sunday** to give focused time and resources to address the harmfulness of pornography and other online threats to marriages, family life, and culture. Parents: Take a step to create a safe haven in your home by joining the **Equipped 7-Day Challenge: A digital Crash Course**, by texting **SECURE 66866** to receive 7 days of emailed digital tips. Today's awareness day is celebrated through prayer and a reflection within the context of the Mass. After Mass, each individual and family will be given a prayer card and the book, **Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture**. This book includes a unique 7 day text-to-opt-in program: **The Equipped 7-Day Challenge**. This challenge provides practical tips any caring adult can take to create safer digital environments for themselves and our young people. If you have any questions about this awareness weekend, please contact the **Office of Domestic Church & Discipleship**, at **816-714-2373** or [kcsjfamily.org/protectyourfamily](http://kcsjfamily.org/protectyourfamily).

Help is needed to prepare our Church for Lent. Please join us on **Tues., March 5**, at **6:30 PM**. Also, please bring sticks (branches) to be used in the large vases in the vestibule.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY INCOME**

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

	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Aged, Sick &amp; Poor</u>
Week 1	\$11,089.19	\$ 775.00
Week 2	\$ 6,860.85	\$ 130.00
Week 3	\$12,972.75	\$ 167.00
Week 4	\$21,696.40	\$ 655.00
Totals	\$52,619.19	\$1,727.00

**This Coming Week**

**Monday, March 4**

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

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

**Tuesday, March 5**

6:30 PM Prepare Church for Lent

7:00 PM Boy Scouts - Gym

**Wednesday, March 6 – Ash Wednesday**

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

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

7:00 PM Cathedral Choir Rehearsal - Church

**Thursday, March 7**

6:30 PM Cathedral Choir Rehearsal - Church

**Friday, March 8**

Open Door Kitchen staffed by Cathedral Parishioners

8:00 AM All School Mass

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

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM St. Augustine's Chamber Choir

Concert - Church

**Saturday, March 9**

2:30 PM Confessions

3:30 PM Rosary

4:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, March 10**

8:00 AM Rosary and Confessions

8:30 AM Mass

After Mass Coffee, Milk, & Donuts – Ruggle Hall

11:00 AM Confessions

11:30 AM Mass

2:00 PM Rite of Election - Church

7:00-8:30 PM Confirmation – Msgr. Dierkes Mtg Room

The **Altar Societies of Cathedral and St. Francis Xavier** invite **all ladies** of **Cathedral, St. Francis, and St. Mary** parishes to a **Day of Recollection** on **Thurs., March 14**, in the **St. Francis Parish Center**. **Father Stephen Hansen** will be our presenter. Check-in will begin at **9:00 AM**. The day will include **Mass** and **lunch**. Please **RSVP** by **Mon., March 11**, to our **Parish Office** at [pbokay@cathedralsj.org](mailto:pbokay@cathedralsj.org) or **232-7763**.

**Cathedral's Sewing & Craft Group** invites you to join them on **Wednesdays**, beginning **March 6, 9:00 AM-12:00 noon** in the **Rectory basement sewing room**. Bring a project to work on, or they will have projects to hand out. Please come if you like to sew, embroider, knit, crochet, or work on crafts!

The **incorrupt heart of St. Jean Vianney** will be at our Cathedral on **Tues., March 19**, as part of its national tour. The **Knights of Columbus** are hosting this tour and welcome this special opportunity to offer, for veneration, this relic of the patron of parish priests, whose holiness and integrity is a model for clergy and laity alike. **Mass** will be at **8:00 AM**. Immediately following Mass, the relic will be received in Church. **Veneration** will be throughout the day until **8:00 PM**. **Confession** will be made available throughout the day, with **Solemn Evening Vespers** beginning at **5:30 PM**. For more information about St. Jean Vianney and the relic tour, visit [www.kofc.org/vianney](http://www.kofc.org/vianney) or contact **Lorie Sage** at [sage@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:sage@diocesekcsj.org).

## *Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)*

**A Message from Father Hansen . . .** 151 years ago today, the Diocese of St. Joseph was created, and Fr. John Joseph Hogan was appointed its first Bishop (he'd be Ordained on September 13<sup>th</sup> of that year). The Cathedral church corner stone was laid on September 12<sup>th</sup> of 1869; 150 years ago, this year. Finally, the first Mass was offered here on Saint Patrick's Day, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1871. So many graces have been given at the Masses and in all the Sacraments, maybe especially Confession. But we know that the Holy Father, Pope Francis, just held a summit in Rome to address a dark spot in the Church universal, the abuse of minors. This dark spot, he rightly pointed out, is seen in families and all of society. Let us continue to pray for Pope Francis' lead on commitments to protecting and his lead on helping the family and society at large. Let us continue to pray that the Diocese, now KC-SJ since the merging of St. Joseph and Kansas City in 1956, continues to spread the light of the Gospel until the end of time.

One of the ways the light of the Gospel has been spread here is through our Cathedral School. Later, also the Early Childhood Center (ECC). This week, the diocesan representative signed a contract to take possession of the old cancer center on 9<sup>th</sup> and Rubidoux. We agreed, in the contract, to begin the renovation/construction of the building as the St. Gianna Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) by August 29<sup>th</sup>, and to use it as an ECEC for at least five years. As I write this, I think of a number of families that have either joined Cathedral Parish or become Catholic and joined Cathedral Parish because of the ECC. This moving into the old cancer center will assure the safety of the children in allowing approximately seven exits from the building which is required by the fire marshal (obviously not possible in the current ECC). The new ECEC will include an atrium, central room, allowing for education about the goodness of God through *The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*. The safety of the children will also be addressed in this current phase of upkeep/upgrade by preventing ice from falling off the Cathedral roof, through new roofs on the gym and the current ECC. We don't want the building damaged and we don't want children slipping on water on the gym floor. The kindergarten, music, and reading programs will move into the current ECC after the little ones are in the new ECEC. This phase of the renewing and the spread of the Gospel here in St. Joseph is something we'll all be able to be involved in. I thank the Finance Committee and the Parish Council for the 100% support of the phase. I thank, in advance, the family foundation that has offered a large gift. I thank all of you in advance, too! This place is the city of St. Joseph's icon; may she be safe, restored, and beautified to the grandeur her namesake would want! May she expand in speeding the Gospel with the special help of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

On the **Wednesday evenings of Lent** (beginning on **March 13 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. The schedule of speakers/topics will be:

**March 13 - Jared Samson (1<sup>st</sup> of 3 parts on the Mass)**

**March 20 – Fr. Joshua Barlett (Our Catholic Faith)**

**March 27 – Jared Samson (2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 parts on the Mass)**

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

**April 10 - Jared Samson (3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 parts on the Mass)**

***Stewardship Makes A Difference . .*** A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has stepped up in their expertise and have been helping Father Hansen and the Parish with all the necessities that have been going on. If you have a particular trade that might be beneficial, feel free to contact **Father Hansen**.

### **CHECK THIS OUT . . . The Good News of Cathedral**

- **Congratulations to Christopher Guldán** who was named this week's News-press Athlete of the Week!
- **Congratulations to Coach Adrienne Kastner Smith, Megan Sobetski**, Cathedral Class of '14, and the entire **Bishop LeBlond High School Dance Team**, who won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the State of MO Dance Competition and are now the State Champions!
- **Congratulations to Skylar Kline, Ryder Mattox, Ethan Stroud**, and **Anna Wise** who had featured roles in the recent production of "Wizard of Oz" at the Missouri Theater!
- **Many blessings on Benjamin Patrick Ueligger** who was baptized here at Cathedral last weekend!

### **Our School and ECC News**

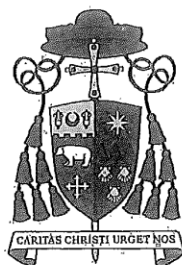
- Welcome back to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, **Mrs. Emily Hodapp**, who has returned from maternity leave!
- School will not have classes on **Friday, March 15**. Our teachers will be attending a **Diocesan Day of Moral Formation**. The ECC will be open that day.
- **Students in grades 4-8** will have the opportunity to take a **4 week spring elective course** on **April 5, April 12, April 26, and May 3, 1:30-3:00 PM**. We reach out to you for your time and talent, so that we can continue to provide such wonderful educational opportunities for our children. Your prep and class time may be recorded as volunteer hours. Some of the courses that we've offered in the past include: knitting, football, make-up, quilting, photography, cooking, CSI, dance, art, etiquette, and chess. If you are able/willing to teach a class, please contact **Mrs. Rebecca Evans** ASAP, [revans@cathedralsj.org](mailto:revans@cathedralsj.org) or **232-8486**.
- **Cathedral Cash Cards** may be purchased/ordered in the west vestibule after our **weekend Masses**, through the **School Office**, at [CathedralCash@cathedralsj.org](mailto:CathedralCash@cathedralsj.org), or **ScripNow**. **Thank you** for your ongoing participation!

On **Ash Wednesday**, Cathedral will have an **8:00 AM and 6:00 PM Mass**. **St. Mary Church** will have a **12 noon Mass**.

**Bishop LeBlond Theatre** presents a **dinner theatre event: "Murder's in the Heir"** to support the Bishop LeBlond Theatre Program, on **Sat., March 9**. Doors open at **5:30 PM** – Dinner to be served at **6:30 PM**. \$25/person; \$40/couple. Tables may also be reserved. To purchase tickets, stop by LB or contact [cottinger@bishopleblondhs.com](mailto:cottinger@bishopleblondhs.com) or **279-1629**.

The **Knights of Columbus Council #5067** will host their annual **Fish Fry** on **Fridays during Lent, 5:00-7:30 PM**, beginning **March 8**, at their **Council Hall, 1205 N. 49<sup>th</sup> 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 children age 12 and younger.

**Christ Episcopal Church's St. Augustine's Chamber Choir** will be at our Cathedral on **Friday, March 8** at **7:00 PM**. Encounter the dramatic last moments of Jesus Christ through choral music This choir is under the direction of **Marvin G. Byas IV** with our **Tom Smith** on organ and **Maxwell Hudson** on piano. Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$5.



Office of the Bishop

Safe Haven Sunday Letter 2019

Greetings in Christ!

Today's Gospel reading begins with Jesus telling his disciples a parable. He begins with two questions, "*Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?*"

This weekend we are celebrating Safe Haven Sunday throughout our diocese. I am addressing all the faithful of our diocese through this letter to raise awareness so that we can lead our young people away from a modern-day pit that so many are falling into today. This is my invitation to you: consider the serious responsibility that we all share to protect our children from harm. We live in a culture that contains many hazards to both the moral and spiritual health of our children. In recent years much has been done to make our schools and parishes safer for the children of our diocese.

Many of you are aware of our mandated safe-environment training, background checks, and ethical standards that have been in place and have made a profound impact on the culture in our diocese. And, this past week in Rome, a summit called by Pope Francis is sought to address greater change in the Church universal for safety, accountability, and healing.

While our schools have done much, many of our homes still have more to do. Technology, entertainment, and the internet have given us many good things. But, they also have a dark side. For the sake of this message being delivered at Holy Mass I will use the term "bad pictures." I think we all know just what I'm talking about and I think this is a very helpful term for parents to use to explain what this evil is, especially prior to first exposure. Perhaps you are already aware of the gravity of our current situation? Just in case, here are just a few alarming statistics.

This problem is now among the leading causes of divorce. In a 2018 report, 56 percent of U.S. divorces involved one party having "an obsessive interest in [these bad picture and video] websites."

The average age of first exposure to these bad pictures has dropped dramatically in the past decade. A study from last year revealed that 51 percent of male students and 32 percent of female students first viewed bad pictures or videos before age 13.

Increasingly, viewing bad videos is leading children to copy that behavior with other children. According to Heidi Olsen, an RN who practices nursing at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, the biggest age range of people committing indecent assaults against children are other children ages 11-15 years old. In a July 2018 article in which Heidi shared this new development, she comments on the cause of this phenomenon, "[Bad videos] are often a main factor, and sometimes the only factor, that influenced a child to act out in [this] harmful way," she wrote.

I realize that it is agonizing for most parents to even think of talking to young children about internet safety.

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*Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)*

Your children are growing up in a different world than you did—a world where a predatory industry is seeking to corrupt your children using tactics designed to hotwire their brains and cause addiction.

As parents this is your territory. You are the first educator, first responder, and first counselor for your children, especially in the area of chastity. Once children have Mobile devices with access to bad content it's not just looking at bad pictures that you'll need to prepare them to deal with. There are the social apps that can lead to real life harm, photo sharing that can lead children to engage in risky and degrading behavior, and more apps and settings than most parents will ever be able to figure out. It's a lot for a parent to handle.

However, when parents face this danger head-on by talking openly and with mercy and truth, kids don't have to face it alone.

As your bishop, may I suggest a few things that parents can do.

Develop trusting relationships with your kids. If you're not talking with your children about this, who will help them navigate their technology use and media consumption?

Nurture a life of virtue and prayer; pray as a family and encourage them to frequent the sacrament of confession. We have provided parishes with prayer cards and I encourage you to take them home.

Consider using monitoring and blocking software and pay close attention to what happens at school, friends' homes, anywhere that might have screens that you can't monitor.

Learn the facts about the dangers. Make a plan, pray, and make your plan a reality for the sake of your children and their future. We have partnered with Covenant Eyes to provide a free, easy-to-use 7-day educational program and a free month of access to their monitoring and blocking software. You will find the sign-up information on the prayer cards and, if your parish has provided them, a booklet called "Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting." If you have a smart phone, please take a moment to sign-up right now. It's ok to take out your phone in church for this important purpose. Simply text the word SECURE to 66866.

Finally, here's something all of us can do, even if we don't have children living at home. It is connected to one of the Priorities in our diocesan Mutually Shared Vision - "Healing our Family." We can follow Jesus' advice from today's Gospel and "*remove the wooden beam from*" our own eye. We can resolve to live our own discipleship in such a way that we can boldly speak about this sin with conviction in God's mercy and truth. We can pray and fast for those we know who are afflicted by this sin. We can draw close to Jesus for our own needs and receive his mercy and healing.

This is a battle we can win. In fact, it is a battle that has already been won by Jesus Christ, Our Savior. This is the Good News proclaimed so boldly by St. Paul in our second reading today - "*Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*"

Gratefully yours in Christ,

*+ James V. Johnston, Jr.*

Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr.  
Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph

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Time of Joy

Lent is a time of sacrifice and discipline, but it should not be a time of sadness. Instead it should be a season of great joy. The first Preface for the Mass in Lent clearly reminds us of this: For by your gracious gift each year your faithful await the sacred paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure.

As Christians we are stirring up our faith and love for God and each other so that, on Easter, we are ready to meet the risen Lord refreshed and restored.

**Fasting** is an important aspect of Lent. The Church provides Days of Fast and Abstinence as ways that we, as a Church, fast together. During Lent, those 18 years of age and older (those not yet 59), are required to fast on Ash Wednesday, March 6, and Good Friday, April 19. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken if needed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. However, liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

**Abstinence** is observed by all who are 14 years of age and older. We are required to abstain on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that, when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige one to abstain.

**Almsgiving** teaches us to separate ourselves from material possessions. By freely giving of our money and possessions, we learn to trust the Lord more deeply for our own daily needs.

**Please see the back for opportunities to pray and reflect during Lent.**

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**Our Lenten Schedule**

**Ash Wednesday**

Mass with distribution of ashes will be at 8:00AM and 6:00PM  
Confessions 7:20-7:50AM and 5:20-5:50PM

**Stations of the Cross**

Will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 12:00PM and 5:30PM  
"Good Friday" at 3:00PM  
Confessions on Good Friday 2:00-2:50PM and 30 minutes after Stations

**Weekday Masses**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:00AM  
Confessions 7:20-7:50AM  
St. Mary Wednesday Mass at 6:00PM followed by Potluck and Program  
Cathedral Confessions Wednesday, 5:20-5:50PM St. Mary Confessions 4:20-5:50PM

**Rosary**

Join other parishioners as we pray the Rosary 30 minutes before Mass during Lent.  
Saturdays at 3:30PM and Sundays

**Sunday Mass and Confessions**

Saturday Mass at 4:00pm Confessions 2:30-3:50PM  
Sunday 8:30AM Confessions 7:50-8:20AM  
Sunday 11:30AM Confessions 10:50-11:20AM

**Lenten Inserts**

Conversion of Heart, a series of 6 weekly bulletin inserts based on the Sunday Gospels.

**Easter Tridium**

Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00PM Confessions at 6:00-6:50PM  
Good Friday Service at 7:00PM Confessions at 6:00-6:50PM  
Holy Saturday Mass at 8:00PM Confessions at 7:20-7:50PM  
Easter Sunday Mass 8:30AM Confessions at 7:50-8:20AM  
Easter Sunday Mass 11:30AM Confessions at 10:50-11:20AM

**Easter Gift**

Book- Why I Love Being Catholic by Matthew Kelly

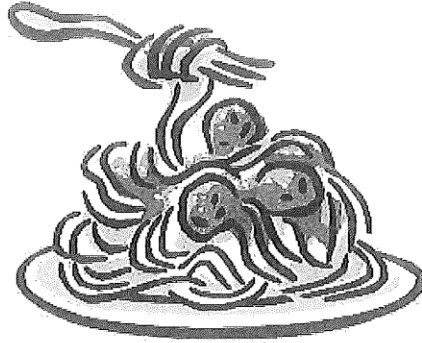
**Adoration**

During school hours contact Amy Roetto [amy\\_roetto@hotmail.com](mailto:amy_roetto@hotmail.com)

**CD'S**

Various topics are available to purchase for \$4.50.  
Please place your money in the Lighthouse CD display.

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## Calling all volunteers!

Our annual St. Joseph Day Dinner and Table is right around the corner. Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 19th from 4:00-8:00pm. It will be in Cathedral's Auditorium. We will have our traditional spaghetti and meatballs, bread sticks, salad, drinks and wine to purchase. It is a free will offering. The Table will have desserts and goodies to buy. All proceeds go to the Cathedral Food Pantry.

**With this in mind, we need your help!**

1. **Meatball and Spaghetti Sauce Makers** – On Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM in Cathedral's kitchen. Seasoned and unseasoned cooks are accepted. The more the merrier.
2. **Workers to set up for the dinner on Monday**, March 18<sup>th</sup>. We will begin at 8:30AM-noon in the gym decorating and getting everything ready for the big event.
3. **Workers needed for the event on Tuesday**, March 19th. We could use everyone's help this day. We will begin at 8:30AM. Please spare an hour or two with preparations before the event, during the event or after the event. Many positions available-no experience needed and no pay, but the rewards are great!
4. If you can't work, **bring a dessert or goodie for the Table**. The Blessing of the Table will be at 3:30PM. All are welcome to attend.
5. This year the incorrupt heart of St. Vianny will be visiting our Cathedral. Veneration will be 8:00AM Mass -8:00PM. Solemn Vespers with Bishop Johnston at 5:30PM. You may consider eating before or after your visit.  
**Contact: Kitty Spafford @ 232-7763 or [kspafford@cathedralsj.org](mailto:kspafford@cathedralsj.org)**