

Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

— Romans 5:8

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

FR. SEBASTIAN'S THOUGHTS

In the first reading of today (Exodus 17: 3-7), the people of Israel cried out to God in their thirst and God instructed Moses to go the opposite of what they were longing for - Rock, and get water. Sometimes in life, the solution to our challenges can come from the unlikeliest of sources. In the second reading (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8), St Paul reminds us Christ died for us even when it seemed improbable due to our sins. He took the risk and paid the ultimate price even when he knew we were sinners. He did not run a background check before climbing the cross. He did it out of love.

The Gospel reading of today reminds us of that unbounded love of Jesus which took him to a hostile territory to preach the Gospel and show God's love. He encountered this woman at the well, shared the message of God's love with her and she realized that she realized that she did not need her previous husbands or even her water jar. She left all and became a disciple. No one encounters Christ and remains the same. Something has to give way. What are we willing to give up for Christ during this Lenten season?

Finally, we are still praying and taking the necessary precautions regarding the corona virus pandemic. As we stated last week, there will be no exchange of the sign of peace and the sharing from the cup of chalice during communion. We will also suspend the holy water at the entrance/exit of church. We are urged not to panic but to take necessary precautions and to pray for all those who are infected by this virus and their caregivers. Do Remain Blessed.

Fr Sebastian CM

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

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| Mar.15 | Brad Doering |
| Mar.19 | Annette Steibel |
| Mar.20 | Bill Deterding |
| Mar.20 | Raymond & Audrey Wiegard |
| Mar.21 | Charlene Imming |

OFFERINGS

Mar.8th 2020

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| Envelopes (47) | \$1145.00 |
| Loose | \$77.00 |
| Black & Indian Mission | \$102.00 |
| Easter Flowers. | \$171.00 |
| Total | \$1,494.00 |
| Weekly Goal | \$1,700.00 |

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

March 14th –March 22nd

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| Sat. | 6 pm (J) | Aaron, Lucille & Dale Roy |
| Sun. | 8 am (P) | Bonnie Rieso Family |
| Sun. | 11 am (C) | Rita (Toenjes) Helfrich Family & S. Florence Korte (B-Day) |
| Mon. | | NO MASS |
| Tues. | 4:10pm (C) | St. Patrick Parish Family |
| Wed. | 7:30am (J) | Ken Dauphin |
| Wed. | 4:10pm (C) | Fr. Richard Mohr Family |
| Thur. | 4:10pm (C) | St. Joseph Parish Family |
| Fri | 8:15am (C) | For Health Care Workers |
| Sat. | 4 pm (J) | Parish Partnership families |
| Sun. | 8 am (P) | Frank & Doris Koesterer Family |
| Sun. | 11am (C) | Rita (Toenjes) Helfrich Family |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 14th 6pm

B. Audrey
L. Leonard
S. Evan
G. Richard & Laura Mae
Chalice/Paten: Steve
Deterding Family

March 21st 6PM

B. Marie
L. James
S. Langston, Katie
G. Parish Council
Members
Chalice/Paten:

HAPPENINGS FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Sat: 6pm Mass @ St. Patrick

Sun: 8am Mass St. Joseph & 11am Mass @ Convent
Stations of the Cross @ St. Joseph 7pm

Tues: PSR 7:15am,

Wed. 10:30am R&R & Stations of the Cross St. Patrick 7pm

Thurs. Sts. Patrick & Joseph feast meal

Fri.: 6pm-9-pm The Mission desserts & Zip Rzeppa

Sat.: 11:30am -4pm Mission Lunch & Fr. Sal

Mass at St. Joseph 4pm

Sun: 8am Mass at St. Patrick & 11am Mass @ Convent
Bible study @ 7pm St. Patrick's Hall

PRAYER REQUESTS

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| Jeanelle Dinan | Lori Rees |
| Kaylee Muertz | Robert Haudrich |
| Danny Steibel | Earl Kueker |
| The Neptune family | Trevor Lilienkamp |
| | Alvin Roscow |

All homebound, nursing home residents & cancer patients.
All names of the prayer list will be left on for 4 weeks. Please call the rectory if you would like them to remain on the list.

JUST A REMINDER:

Care Ministry: Please contact Lynne Gonzalez 618-284-7702 if you or a fellow parishioner are suffering from an injury, illness, or grief and would like a visit.

Someone in the Hospital? If someone from your family is in the hospital please give the parish office a call. The hospital does not call and let us know who has been admitted. When you let us know, the ladies who also go to the Red Bud Care Center during the week will bring Communion to the patients at the hospital.

The **Prayer Chain** is changing a bit. If you know of someone who is in need of emergency prayers please call Fr. Sebastian @ 284-2404, the rectory @ 284-3314 or Marie Henry 618-559-6511.

Religious Education: PSR class @7:15am. Doors open @7am. Ok kids, "Get your serve on!" We need servers, so anyone who is in 3rd-9th grade please help us out.

7th & 8th grade parents: Don't forget about your child's service and worship projects that are due March 31st. See your Confirmation packet for the details.

St. Joseph's Youth Ministry: We welcome anyone who is between the grades of 7th thru 12th. Call Jill for information about our group. 618-719-9344. **Jr. High Youth Ministry** grades 5&6.

PARTNERSHIP CORNER

St. Joseph:

Every Thursday Beginning Mar. 12th @ 6:30pm Choir Practice, We will be learning new songs for Easter, First Communion and Confirmation. Please join us won't you

March 19-21: THE MISSION See flier for info

If you are coming to the Feast meal on March 19th please bring a dish according to A-H: Dessert, I-P: Vegetable & Q-Z: Salad. Also we are looking for dessert makers for Friday evening, March 20th. You can drop them off or bring them with you to the hall.

March 28: First Communion Retreat has been moved to St. John's.

Spring Fling March 29th Meat Raffle/Craft Fair/Lunch Stand
Prairie du Rocher Legion If you would like to have a booth for the craft fair please contact Lisa Mueller @ 618-521-0266. We are looking for donations for chili for the lunch stand and workers. If you would like to help out please contact Lisa or Roger Henry @ 618-967-6348.

St. Patrick

Euchre Party April 3rd in the parish hall beginning at 7PM. If interested in playing contact Tom Havel @ 618-719-7103 or 282-2103 by February 3rd. Come out for a night of fun.

March 22 Bible Study: Workbooks have been purchased. 46 have registered to attend!!! St. Patrick's will cover ½ of the cost for the book.

Cost for participants will be \$12.50...payable first night of the program. If you and your spouse signed up, one workbook was purchased...you will have to share ☐

If you are unable to attend all of the sessions...DVDs are available online free of charge if you purchased a workbook.

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. James Church, Millstadt, IL is holding their Spring Quilt/Cash Bingo on Sunday, March 22, 2020 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the parish center. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Donate one canned good item for the Millstadt Food Pantry and receive one free bingo card per tally.

Prairie du Rocher American Legion:

March: 15 Euchre Tournament

March: 20th & 27th Fish Fry 4:30-8pm

Diocese of Belleville: Job Opening

Director of Facilities and Risk Management due to the retirement of Deacon Bill Johnson. To apply email humanresources@diobelle.org.

FROM PARISH COUNCIL

GET YOUR PARISH INFORMATION

Were you not able to attend Mass at St. Patrick's or St. Joseph's over the weekend? No worries. Check out both of our websites and get all your parish info.

St. Pat's: stpatcatholicroma.weebly.com and St. Joe's: <http://www.stjoespdr.org>. Bulletins are also available at St. Patrick's as you enter the stairwell of the house or through email and you can pick one up at St. Joseph's between the doors by the parish office. Plenty of opportunities to never miss parish news.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

St. Patrick's is asking our help in gathering SIX volunteers to have their feet washed and TWO servers on Holy Thursday night and two servers on Holy Saturday.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NOTES

Your generosity was most appreciated this year. Please don't forget to continue to donate to the capitol campaign fund. There is always something to fix in a 150 year old church and house.

We will be accepting advertisers for the 2020 bulletin year. The cost will be \$100.00 for the year. Please send ad information to email address of jsopdr@htc.net.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

GOT FORGIVENESS? There are several upcoming penance services: March 29th at the Ruma Convent 7pm, March 30th at St. John's in Red Bud & March 31st at 7pm St. Mary's Chester.

THANK YOU!

To Elms' Home Improvement for donating your time, skills and employees to finish Fr. Sebastian's garage.