

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

— Psalm 23:1

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

FR. SEBASTIAN'S THOUGHTS

Dear Parishioners,

I bring you the blessings of this Holy Lenten season. As you all know, we are facing unprecedented challenge in responding to this corona outbreak and its attendant demands. You all have enough stories of your own adaptation to this scourge.

Following the pastoral letter from Bishop Braxton, we will be stopping mass but live-streaming it for you all to participate in faith. The first one will take place this Sunday by 8am via St Joseph Parish and St Patrick's Facebook pages simultaneously. Invite your family to join. Let us make it a faith-filled moment for everyone.

Your envelopes and collections can be mailed or dropped at the parish offices of St Joseph Rocher and St Patrick's Ruma which will be open all through the week. We appreciate your effort at this moment.

Finally, we are open to mailing or referring parents to online resources that can help them teach their kids more about their faith as you stay at home. This can also be an enriching moment for our faiths to grow and blossom. While we pray and ask for a God's grace at this time, let us not be drawn into despair or lose hope. God is still alive and at work in the lives of believers. You are all in my prayers. Happy feast of Sts Patrick and Joseph and May they continue to intercede for us.

Fr Sebastian CM

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

Mar.21	Charlene Imming
Mar.24	Stacy Melliore
Mar.25	Kyle Steibel & Cody Henry
Mar.26	Betty Bievenue & Sarah Pollard
Mar.29	Jeannie Sauer
Mar.29	Ben & Amanda Manning

OFFERINGS

Mar.15th 2020

Envelopes (50)	\$1500.00
Loose	\$52.00
First Offering	\$15.00
Easter Flowers.	\$105.00
Capt. Improvement	\$200.00
Total	\$1,872.00
Weekly Goal	\$1,700.00

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	8 am (P)	Parish Partnership family & Frank & Doris Koesterer Family
Sun.	11 am (C)	Rita (Toenjes) Helfrich Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Postponed for now

HAPPENINGS FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Sunday 8am Live streaming of Facebook

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kaylee Muertz	Robert Haudrich
Danny Steibel	Earl Kueker
The Neptune family	Trevor Lilienkamp
Lori Rees	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:

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

April 4th: First Communion Retreat has been moved to St. John's.

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

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.

Spring Fling ~~March 29th~~ Rescheduled for May 3rd. 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

Eucre Party April 3rd in the parish hall beginning at 7PM. If interested in playing contact Tom Havel @ 618-719-7103 or 282-2103. 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

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

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

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: stpatcatholicuma.weebly.com and St. Joe's: <http://www.stjoesldr.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.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

PRAY! Now is the time to pray for those who are sick, working in healthcare and the scientists who are working on a solution to the problem. May God and the Holy Spirit guide them and give them strength to power through this crazy time.