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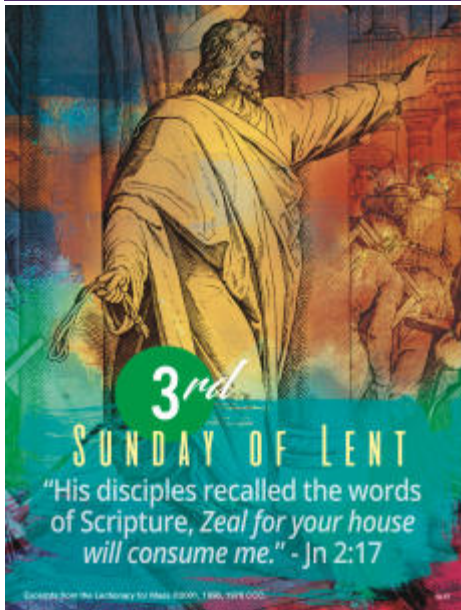
MARCH 7, 2021
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PRE)

Sunday, March 7 we will gather again for PRE in classroom instruction. Students are asked to bring their textbook with them to class. Please continue to hold PRE parents and catechists in prayer.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AT FANCY FARM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (FFES)

Tuesday, **March 9** at 6:00 PM. Call FFES at 270-674-4820 to RSVP.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EASTER EGG HUNT

The Knights of Columbus Council #1418 will sponsor a Drive-thru Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 3rd at 1:00 PM** at the St. Jerome Parish Hall (Formerly the Knights of Columbus Building). Participants are to stay in their vehicles and a bag of candy filled eggs will be handed to the driver. Prizes will also be awarded. Hope to see you then!

INFORMATION FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Prayer Cards at Church Entrances: You will find at all the entrances the names of people preparing for the sacraments in our church family, Our 2nd graders for Reconciliation and Eucharist, our 9th graders for Confirmation and our candidates for becoming Catholic in our RCIA process. Please take a prayer card from each group and make a commitment to pray for them. It is so encouraging if you let them know you are praying for them by name.

SAINT JEROME LENTEN ALMSGIVING PROJECT

THIRD WEEK OF LENT SUSTAINABILITY IN EL SALVADOR Drought has become a big problem across El Salvador, making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families. But new farming techniques—and a new generation of young farmers—are making a difference. What would you do if your livelihood was threatened? How can you support young people in your community and around the world? Make a donation of loose change to support our brothers and sisters across the globe in El Salvador and other countries who lack the basic necessities of life. Thank you for your generosity to Catholic Relief Services **Operation Rice Bowl** this Lent.



MOWING SEASON IS UPON US!

Please clean off the graves, especially Christmas flowers/decorations. Artificial flowers that are worn or faded should be removed. During this time, please keep in mind that artificial flowers should be placed in vases that are on the monuments, as a saddle mount arrangement, or in a basket hanging from a shepherd's hook. The shepherd's hook should be placed where the flowers are hanging over the monument. Thank you for doing your part to help maintain the cemetery.

RCIA

As we begin the third stage of the RCIA process, we join the entire faith community of Saint Jerome Church in our annual Lenten journey. Please hold our Elect for Baptism, Mark Gibson, and candidates for full communion, Nia Jacob, Grant Cherry and Lisa Adams in prayer as they prepare for entrance into the Catholic Way of Life. The session on **Monday, March 8** will cover "What is a Scrutiny and Eucharistic Adoration".



Welcome Visitors ... We are delighted to have you visit with us here at St. Jerome Catholic Church. We hope your visit with us has been a happy and faith-filled experience.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost. ©LPi



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION SCHEDULE

***Sacrament of Eucharist:** Formation Session at home with Parent and Child, Week of March 7th — Chapter 6 in Eucharist book.

***Sacrament of Confirmation:** Class #3 ... Please read Session 5 & 6 before class. Parent and Sponsors please guide them in being prepared for the session on **Sunday, March 7 from 2:00—4:00 PM** in St. John Bosco Hall. Please bring your Confirmation textbook.



***Saturday, March 27—Class of 2021**
Senior Reverse Progressive Dinner Party at the Parish Hall. **RSVP to Shanda by March 20.**

“SAVE-A-SEAT” AT MASS

Use the online program (link below) called "Save-A-Seat" to reserve a space to attend Mass at St. Jerome. There are 140 spaces available for each Mass.

<https://pastorstoolbox.com/save-a-seat/f6f9910e-b649-4d58-a0a9-5cf7c1ba189c>.

You will receive a confirmation email and within it is a place where you can cancel if you are unable to attend after reserving. Or you may call the Parish Office and they can cancel for you.

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Parish Registration

If you have just moved into our community or have changed your address, please call the parish office to update your information.

Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.)

For adults, youth, and children (over age 6) who have a desire to learn more about the Catholic faith. Weekly sessions are held for adults. You may contact the parish office or Sister Martha Keller.

Funerals

The funeral Mass replaces the regularly scheduled weekday Mass.

Sacraments

Contact the Parish Office for information about Baptism, Reconciliation, Communion, Confirmation, Matrimony.

The Diocese of Owensboro requires couples to make arrangements at least six months in advance of the desired date of Marriage. You must be 19 years of age or have graduated from 12th grade for at least one year.

Hospital Visits

Please call the Parish Office or have someone call for you if you are admitted to the hospital and would like a priest to visit. When you are admitted, please let the hospital know which parish you belong to.

Parish Religious Education (PRE)

Classes for Kindergarten—11th grade are held on Sundays from 9:00-10:10 am. 12th grade will meet September thru December on Wednesdays from 6:00—7:00 pm.

STEWARDSHIP

MAYFIELD-GRAVES COUNTY NEEDLINE AND FOOD PANTRY

Item needed this week is **canned meat**. Place donations in back of church and they will be picked up. Thanks to everyone for their donations.

Collection Sunday, FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Adult	\$7,880.00
Children	\$8.00
Young Adult	\$5.00
Loose	\$534.00
WeShare	\$11,591.35
Total	\$20,018.35
YTD Budget	\$409,780.00
YTD Actual	\$390,565.88



We extend our prayers & sympathy to the family of Harold Russelburg. He passed away on March 1.

PARISH FAMILY PRAYER PARTNER

This month of March, whether you are Irish or not consider remembering your family prayer partner by dropping them a card in the mail or surprise them around the feast of Saint Patrick (March 17) with an Irish treat. Remember to hold their intentions in prayer.



LENT

*Stations of the Cross: March 17, 24 @ 6 PM in Church.

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: March 17, 24 @ 6:30 PM; Saturdays @ 3:30 PM; or by appointment

*TAIZE Prayer: March 22 @ 6:30 PM in church

*Holy Thursday Mass: April 1 @ 7 PM

*Good Friday Service: April 2 @ 5 PM and 7 PM

*Holy Saturday Mass: April 3 @ 8 PM

*Easter Sunday Mass: April 4 at 7 AM, 9 AM and 11 AM

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

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Thank you to those who are participating in Spiritual Adoption program, your commitment to pray daily for a child who is in danger of being aborted is invaluable. It is still open to others who would like to part of this prayer ministry in 2021. You may keep the same name or choose another one. Contact the parish office if interested or you may also sign up online by filling out the form under the Socials Concerns tab.

—Aleigha Jane baby girl by Rebecca Thomason



A Reminder

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Please remember to pray daily for your Spiritually Adopted Baby and the baby's mother and father.

During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God but in the world to come it is hoped that you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend eternal happiness with them.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Parishioners: Vayda Bollenbecker and Family, David & GERALYNN Carbine, Eugene Willett, Donnie & Pearl Stahr, David Redden, Joey & Sue Elder, Jerry Skinner, Jackie Langham, Elmer Elliott, Mary Beth Paschall, Mark Elder, Scott Elder, Ursula Thompson, Will Dee Stahr, Code & Shirley Rowe, Philip Elder Sr., Dorothy Hobbs, Algene & Debbie Wilson, Pat Walsh, Allen Cissell, Susan Crenshaw, W. Dewey Hobbs, Pat Carrico, Wayne & Ruth Ann Higdon, Sara Elliott, David Thompson, Andrea Kemp, Joyce Wilson, Lydia Hobbs, Dorothy Elliott, Dennis Tharp, Jackie Ballard, Teresa (David) Hobbs, Joe Elliott, Larry & Delores Wilson, Clay Willett, Jane Toon, Brenda Goatley, James & Dottie Wilson, Norris McNutt, Eugene Ellegood, Danny & Theresa Thompson, Helen Lockett, Elizabeth Nelson, Angela Hayden.

Non-Parishioners: Frank Redden, Philip Elder II, Marilyn Miller, Kelly Walker, Ronnie Reed, Ruthie Ellegood, Charlie Crider, Mark Barnett, Robin Evans, C.W. & Brenda Jackson, Grant Hosman, Nick Smith, Charles Hokanson, Sandy Willett Morrow, Karla Ray, Carolyn Ramsey, Bobby Galloway, Wayne Viniard, Ricky King, Johnny & Phyllis Walker, Ricky Walker, Daniel Hayden, Katie Harms, Noreen Foster, Ellen Mortensen, Cheryl Ayers, Dorothy & Robert Pierceall, Mary Brame, Kye Thomason, Owen Coombs, Joe & Denise Scott, Florence Vessels, Joash Hall, Cecilia Burnett, Eric Ritzie, Amanda Dunlap, Bobbie Edds, Elaine Hinkebein, Lisa P. Nelson, Robert Toon, Ray Willett, Tim Krystn Thomason, Ryan Ballard, Dustin Turska, Cliff Aucter, Tina Elder Via, Peggy Adams, Tracey Hargrove, Stephanie H. Dunn, Cody Carrico, Belinda Rucker, Bobby Hobbs, Dorothy Elder, Phillip & Karen Carr, Leon & Vicki Elder, Sue Farris, Betty Ballard, Mark Wilson (Liz's son), Seth Karlson, Michael Curtis Hobbs, Jeanette Hobbs Farrell.

The doctors, nurses, essential workers, the homebound, those in the hospital, assisted living & nursing homes. Pray for our enemies.

Pray for all men and women serving in the armed forces, especially Nathaniel Brown, David Michael Clifton, Adam Curtsinger, Nicholas Watts-Fernandez, Autumn Goatley, Logan Johnson, Jarred Lutz, Michael McGrath, Luke Nimmo, Josh & Sarah Thompson, Tanner Webster, Brittany Willett, and Thomas Wilson.

SAINT JEROME PRAYER LINE / EMAIL REQUEST

To submit a prayer request to those who are praying for the needs of others daily, please send your intention to SaintJeromePrayerRequests@gmail.com

4 LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

With our world in such constant turmoil and conflict, it makes such good sense to return to the simple directives given in the Ten Commandments. God's unassuming guidelines provide the perfect recipe for ordering our relationships with God, others, and even ourselves. But yet, we are so quick to glance beyond them and even remove them from public view because we foolishly believe we can create something better. Arrogance runs far deeper in the members of our society than we can ever imagine. Lent is a perfect time to call ourselves back to our foundations and the basic relationships that comprise our lives. It is also a time to remember that Jesus is the true sign of God's presence. Everything he says and does, including his suffering and death, is a sign of the God who sent him. The anger we witness when Jesus exhorts those in the temple to stop making his Father's house a marketplace can equally be seen in his anger and frustration over humanity's constant mission to turn God's creation into a secular world. We have a lot of work to do for sure. ©LPi

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. John of God, Religious

Tuesday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Savings

Time Begins ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Parents Just Don't Understand

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — he's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

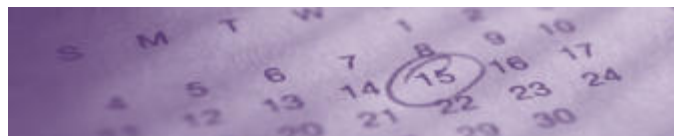
In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 7, 2021

- 8:00 AM Mass [John, Rose & Michael Pendel (d)]
- 9:00 AM PRE for K-11th
- 10:30 AM Mass [Mary Beth Rohrer (d)]
- 2:00 PM Sacrament of Confirmation Class #3 @ St. John Bosco Hall
- 5:30 PM Rosary at the Grotto



Monday, March 8, 2021

- 8:00 AM No Mass or Word & Communion
- 6:00 PM RCIA

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

- 8:00 AM Mass [Dillon Hunt (d)]
- 6:00 PM FFES Kindergarten Registration

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

- 8:00 AM Mass [Bernard & Wilma, Billy, Danny, Neil Hobbs; Craig Mayfield (d)]
- 9:00 AM Quilting
- 1:00 PM Irvin Cash funeral visitation in Church
- 2:30 PM Irvin Cash funeral
- 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross
- 6:30 PM Confession

Thursday, March 11, 2021

- 8:00 AM Mass [Fr. Delma Clemons (d)]
- 6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Training @ St. Benedict Hall

Friday, March 12, 2021

- 8:00 AM Mass [Joyce Ballard (d)]

Saturday, March 13, 2021

- 3:30 PM Confession
- 5:00 PM Mass [Leon & Mary Teresa Toon (d)]



Sunday, March 14, 2021

Daylight Savings Time Begins

- 8:00 AM Mass [Bud & Dot Ivie (d)]
- 9:00 AM PRE for K-11th
- 10:30 AM Mass [Our Parish Family]
- 5:30 PM Rosary at the Grotto



HOUR OF PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7

- Sun: Susan Newhouse
- Mon: Leo & Jeanette Pendel
- Tues: Betty Jean Redden
- Wed: Sam Reddick
- Thurs: Dempsey & Janie Ringo
- Fri: Evelyn Spraggs
- Sat: Dennis & Peggy Tharp



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