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#### MASSES

**WEEKDAY** 8:00 a.m.

**WEEKEND**Saturday Vigil - 5:00 p.m.
7:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

#### CONFESSIONS

**SATURDAY** 3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.





#### From the Pastor's Desk

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent 2023

Finally, the bulletin company comes through, and we can resume our communications. This Sunday's Gospel is Jesus raising his friend Lazarus. We know of Lazarus in another point in the Gospel, in the parable of the wealthy man who lived well in this life but ended up in hell. Lazarus was the poor man who sat outside ignored by him who was taken into heaven. In this Gospel, there are many interesting points to see how Christ uses this moment to bring about the revelation of his identity, mission, and presence.

For the sake of brevity, I will focus on a one particular aspect, Christ's prayer to God the Father. We know that the Father and Christ are one. Their communication is seamless and effortless. However, Christ openly expresses that he is praying for the sake of the people's understanding. This nuance expresses the priesthood of Christ, the priesthood that he is establishing within the hearts of the disciples. The prayer of any priest, whether done privately or openly, is always on behalf of their people. Cloistered religious orders do not just pray for their own intentions but pray perpetually for the good of the world.

In times of affliction, draught, and despair, we may run into the temptation on whether our prayers even matter. They do! We may not get as rapid a response as we'd like. We may be challenged in a way that we do not expect. We have to remember, as Christ displays in this moment, it is the will of the Father by which we achieve anything. We are worthy of nothing, but absolutely dependent on his grace. This understanding shouldn't make us fearful or sad, yet, inspire us to focus all the more on prayer and service. When we busy ourselves with aspiring to attain the intrinsic and immeasurable things, we receive all the gifts, graces, and benefits we need to live this life. To the world around us, it may not be attractive and prosperous. The wealth we are called to achieve is not measured by the wisdom and ideologies of mankind, but by God himself.

Happy Lent...

**FJP** 

**PLEASE NOTE:** With our new bulletin publisher, the bulletin submission deadline will change. Beginning on Monday March 20, items to be included in the bulletin, must be submitted on the Monday before, by 3 PM. Thank You!

Would your business be interested in supporting our parish, through bulletin advertising? Please contact the parish office for more information.

# Missionary Discipleship – The Theological Virtues

The Gospel story of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead is a beautiful account that teaches the power of faith, hope, and charity. These virtues are essential in allowing us to participate in the life of God. Christ states that he is the resurrection and the life and that those who have FAITH in Him will never die but will live forever. Those who HOPE in the Lord will not be disappointed but will look forward to eternal life with a fervent desire for heaven.

Hope enables us to trust in God's promises and to rely on His grace and not our own efforts. Finally, the story shows the LOVE Jesus had for His friend Lazarus. Jesus loves the Father perfectly and all His creation for the love of God. The theological virtues are infused by God into our souls to make us capable of acting as God's children and of meriting eternal life (CCC 1813). As we approach Holy Week, let us pray for a deeper awareness of these glorious virtues that are present in us when we are in the state of grace.



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July 15
August 19
September 16

February 18 March 18 April 15

October 21 November 18

May 20

December 16

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RESPECT LIFE APOSTOLATE



#### **Lenten Fish Fry (Dine in or Take Out)**

at St. John's Gildehaus Parish Center,
Villa Ridge, on Friday, March 31st.
Serving from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

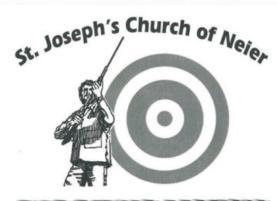
Menu: Fried cod or catfish, baked cod, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, stewed tomatoes, coleslaw, fruit cups, and apple or peach crisp.
Adults: \$15.00, children 6-12: \$5.00, under 6: free. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Council #8073. Proceeds to benefit St. John's School.
Everyone is welcome.

#### All You Can Eat Breakfast!

Today, Sunday March 26, 8 AM - NOON Immaculate Conception - Augusta

#### St. Vincent DePaul Church, Dutzow MO

Palm Sunday Dinner,
April 2, 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
The day includes a dine-in or carry-out chicken dinner, kids games, country store, a cash raffle and a quilt raffle. All are welcome to join us for the 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass.



#### SHOOTING MATCH

Sunday, April 2, 2023 12:00 p.m. to ?

- ♦ No Scopes
- + Factory Barrels Only
- No Ported Barrels
- Pot Shot Cards Available
- + Cross & Wheel

Prizes: Hams & a variety of meats

Lunch and Refreshments Available

West on Hwy. 50, 1 Mile Beyond Union, Missouri. Turn Left on Route UU to Church Grounds.

# Announcements



### Know a Neighbor who needs assistance?

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is here to help.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides clothes, shelter, utilities, food, medicine and more for people in need throughout the St. Louis region. Our personal, one-on-one approach gives people the help they need for today and frees them to see a better tomorrow.

Connect with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul by calling our helpline.

Local number: 636-583-5144, ext 5.



#### Bethel Easter Walk, March 31 - April 2 6 PM - 8:30 PM

An outdoor, walking theatre production of the life and last steps of Jesus Christ, including live animals and Roman Soldiers. This is a free event. Handicap access.

Guided tours begin every 15 minutes and take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

For more information 636-629-2978



Roman Catholic Foundation

Conversations about illness, death and dying are never easy. Whether death comes suddenly or comfortable discussing our dical wishes or end-oflife plans with our loved ones. However, being our final wishes are ollowed. It is important for you and your loved ones to understand the Church's teachings on cycle-of-life decisions. Advance planning on you part keeps your family from having to make these difficult decisions.

This free seminar is for people of all ages and life situations: singles, parents of young families, those caring for aging parents and those facing illness or death. There will be no solicitation at this event.

Plan with heart Invest for good.

#### THE CONVERSATION:

A Catholic Perspective on Cycle-of-Life Issues
PRESENTED BY THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

#### SATURDAY | APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. (lunch provided) St. Francis of Borgia Parish • Parish Hall 115 Cedar Street • Washington, MO 63090

#### TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Principles of Catholic Bioethics, Fr. Danald E Henke, D.Th.M
  - Ordinary & Extraordinary Means of Preserving Life - Quality of Life & the Dignity of the Human Person
- Advance Directives & Estate Planning,
   David Politte, J.D., Zick, Voss, Politte, Richardson & Brinker
- Charitable Legacy Planning,
   Michael Weisbrod, Roman Catholic Foundation
- Funeral & Cemetery Planning, Fr. Michael Boehm, St. Francis of Borgia Parish
  - Pastoral Care of the Sick & Dying - Anatomical Donation & Cremation

"Very well organized, well presented information that every person should hear"

-Judy Neary, St. Clare of Assisi parishioner

To register, please visit rcfstl.org/the-conversation or call 314 918 2892





#### STATONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent, 2:15 with school kids and 7 PM

In an effort to maintain a current list of those in need of our prayers during an illness, the list of those individuals will be eliminated, and a new list will be created, beginning April 1. Please contact the Parish Office to include an individual in the updated list. Thank you

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 2ND,

starting after 10 AM Mass \$5 per child, lunch included MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND Register by 3/24

https://bit.ly/23EggHunt



#### PLEASE NOTE! Upcoming early bulletin deadlines.

Submission deadlines are as follows for the upcoming weeks:

April 2, deadline to submit is Monday 3/27 at 9 AM

April 9, deadline to submit is Thursday 3/30 at 9 AM April 16, deadline to submit is Wednesday 4/6 at 9 AM

Thank you for helping us to maintain the printing schedule.

#### **PSR News**

Please pray for our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade as they prepare for their First Confession!

#### **UPCOMING DATES:**

March 29-Class 6:30-7:30 & First Reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade!!!

**April 5<sup>th</sup>-**No Class, as we prepare to participate in the Triduum,

**April 12th-**Class 6:30-7:30

Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>-First Communion, 11AM
April 19<sup>th</sup>-Class 6:30-7:30
April 26<sup>th</sup>-Last class for this school year,

6:30-7:30



Our Homemade Cinnamon Rolls

Dinner Rolls, Coffee, Juice & Milk

Easter Eggs Stand | Baked Goods Stand | Craft Stand Quilt-Fancy Work Stand | Cemetery Flowers Stand | Divine Mercy Signs

# Saturday, April 8, 2023

7:30 - 11:00 am SFB Grade School Cafeteria 2nd & Cedar Street, Washington, Missouri

# Register for the Atlendance Prize! To Order Your Easter Eggs call: Joan Unnerstall 636-239-7950 | Karen Kleekamp 636-390-2441 Orders Requested by April 1st! Spansored by St. Francis Borgia Ladies Sadality

Union Food Pantry drive is 2nd Sunday of every month. They are in need of Peanut Butter, 15-16 ounce size, jelly, pasta sauces and spaghetti. Thank you for your donations.

# Emma Reymer—1961 Armella Peirick—1963 William McGee, Sr.—1979 Roderick Allen—1985 Those who died March 27 Joseph Pisane—1918 John Carahar—1925 Helen Rucker—1949 Rosa Breitenbach—1970 Frank Clark—1997 Theresa Freeman—2007 Herbert Hoelscher, Sr.—2010 Dorothy Griffin—2015

# For the Faithfully Departed

Arthur Wagner—1978
Connie Overschmidt—1984
Helen Voss—1990
Frances Fees—1993
Emma Reymer—1961
Armella Peirick—1963
William McGee, Sr.—1979

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Those who died March 29
Joseph Hellmann—1909

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Edward Scharfenberg—1926
Bernard Obermark—1949
Glenn Grant—1967
William Woodson—2016

Those who died March 28 Olivia Rehagen—1960

**Those who died March 30** Arnold Greifeld—1918 Elisabeth Hoelscher—1940

Those who died March 31 Christopher Arand—1908 Mary Luebbert—1922 Frances Maune—1943 Kenneth Haney—1953 Frank Gable—1957

Those who died April 1
Hedwig Jacober—1911
Anthony Kramalowsky—1932
Dorothy Schultz—1937
Joseph Quigley—1988
Terence Kimminau—1996
Virginia Freise—2000
Adeline Pisane—2002
Mark Corum—2011

Those who died April 2
Aloys Schmitt—1918
Joseph Lenau—1929
Leo Peirick—1986
John Stallmann—2006
Thelma Ritter—2011
Celeste Klenke – 2018

#### For Those Battling Illness

Marisa Shollenberger All those with cancer Kirby Grgurich Kenny Lause Lisa Siddens Connie Hagedorn Dr. Jacob Lippert, DDS Brenda Smith Benny Hammer Peggy Lippert Courtney Smith Debbie Ahart Amy Hanneken Jacob McMullin Larry Smith Shari Hanneken Aaron Bailey Mercedes Mattingly Connie Sturman Barb Harley Rosa Bazan Betty Mechem Adam Sullentrup Deacon Jerry Becker Angie Haynes Paul Meyer Grady Thayer Agnes Hayward Nathan "Porky" Miller Adam Brockmiller Jenny Thomas Maddison Cook Marica Herbst Mary Moss Ervin Tobben Josh Dickinson Brandon Huels Patricia Noelke Herbert Tobben Tom Dierkes Josh Kachevas Luke Overschmidt Ronnie Tobben Gene Kelly Rachel Pautnam Kevin Finder Lisa Trentmann Rick Klenke Gilbert Flores **Brad Pelster** Pat Wade Tom & Karen Krimmel Dean Riegel Audrey Fuse Terry Westhoelter Alfred Laurel Theresa Graham Gilbert Riegel Helen Winistoerfer Sharon Shockley

Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen

#### For Those in the Armed Forces

Nathan J. Brune Hanna Hoeft
Chelsi Davis Trevor Kelly

Hanna Hoeft
Bradley Smith
Samuel Smith
Luke Stuesse

#### For Our Special Intentions

Immaculate Conception Parish extends its deepest sympathy to the family of

Larry Hellebusch, husband of Julia and father of Joan

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

# Parish Information

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, March 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:00 A.M. Pro Populo 10:00 A.M. Barbara Miller

Monday, March 27 8:00 A.M. Pat Simily

Tuesday, March 28 8:00 A.M. Ken Wagner

Wednesday, March 29 Deceased Priests 8:00 A.M.

Thursday, March 30 8:00 A.M. Tom Hoelscher

Friday, March 31 8:00 A.M. Jean Romeo

Saturday, April 1 First Saturday 8:00 A.M. Dinah Arand 5:00 P.M. Amy O'Dea

Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday 7:00 A.M. Pro Populo 10:00 A.M. Ywlle Rodrigues

#### April 1 & 2

Saturday April 1

5 P.M

Lector: L. Follis

Gift Bearers: Karen Guidry & Glenda Goodwin

Sunday, April 2

7 A.M.

Lector: R. Klenke

Gift Bearers: Bob & Kathy Arens

10 A.M.

Lector: L. Carter

Gift Bearers: Lauren Cartwright

Please note, a monthly gift bearer schedule is posted in the main vestibule of church. If you have volunteered and can't attend a Mass you are listed for, please find a substitute. Thank you

#### Sunday Collections

**Regular:** \$8,790 (116)Sunday, Online: \$2,912 (61)March \$293 Loose: 19 \$11,995 Total:

#### SCRIP Information

Hardee's 2022-2023 YTD IMO'S **Sales:** \$ 288.355 Johnny's **Profit:** \$ 10.847.41 Junie Moon Cafe Kohl's

Hawthorne Inn

Lowe's

McDonald's

MotoMart

Contact Parish Office 636-583-5144 or School Office 636-583-2641 with questions

Orange Leaf Panera Bread Amazon Pasta House Arby's Sonic Dairy Queen Taco Bell Dick's Sporting Target Goods T's Liquor FasTrip Walmart Great 8 Cinema White Rose Hagie's

#### **Upcoming Events**

Monday 03/27

St. Vincent DePaul Meeting 7 PM

Tuesday 03/28

Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 - 6PM Perpetual Help Devotions 6 PM

Wednesday 03/29

Quilting 8-12; 1-3

PSR

Thursday 03/30 Quilting 1-3 Choir Practice 7PM

Monday 04/03 WCU Meeting 7 PM

\*Union Food Pantry drive every 2nd Sunday

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