

FEBRUARY 21, 2021
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

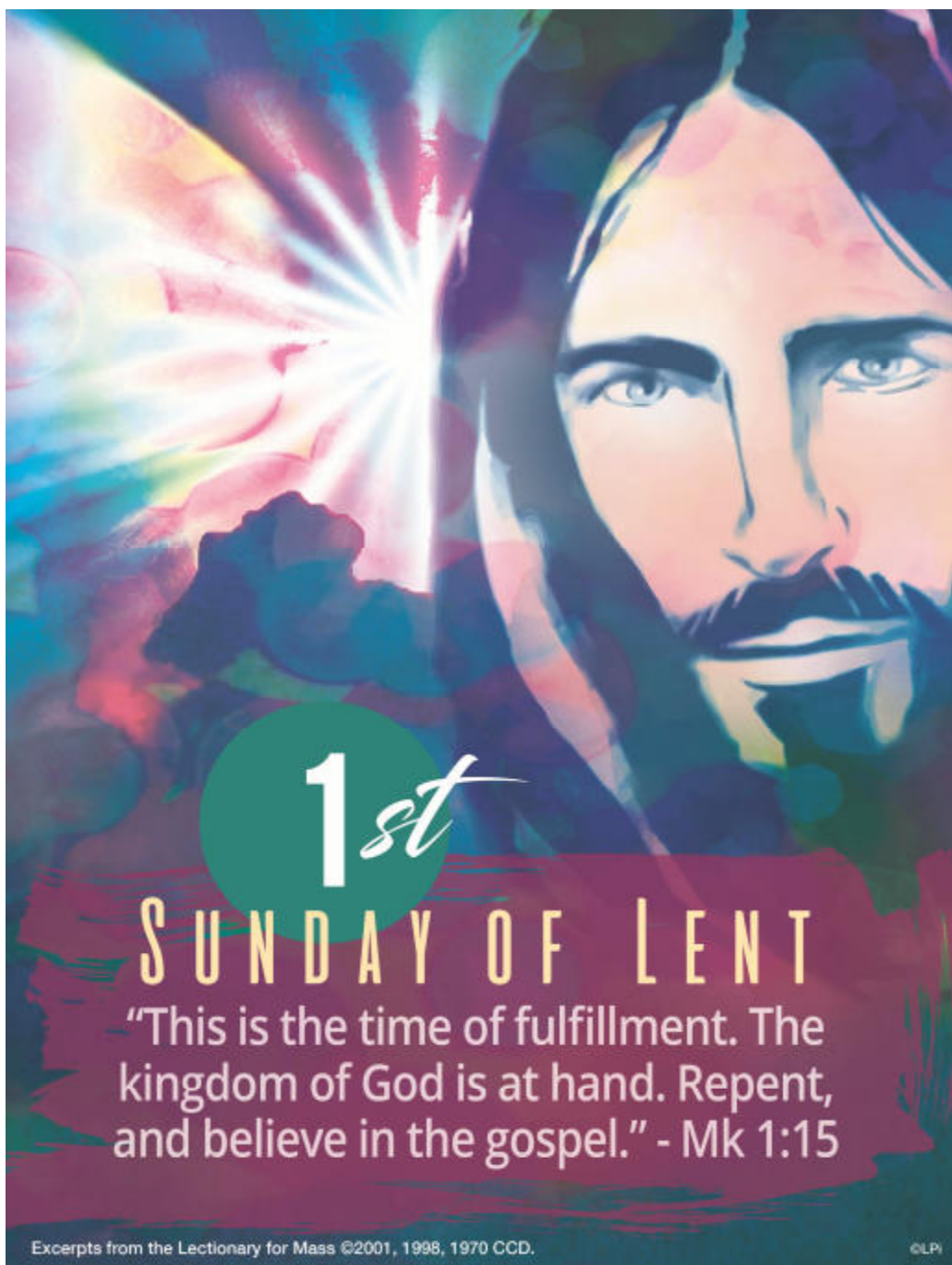
Saint Pius X

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St. Pius X Parish Mission Statement

- *We are called to continue the mission of Jesus.*
- *As a people we are called by virtue of our Baptism to minister to one another and to the world.*
- *As a parish we strive to form a loving community through ongoing formation, hospitality, worship and justice.*



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SUNDAY OF LENT
"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:15

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PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 9:00 am (pandemic schedule)
Must wear a mask. Social distancing.

NO DAILY MASS AT THIS TIME

Holyday: 8:10 am & 7:00 pm

ROSARY: Wednesday mornings at 7:45 am followed by Communion Service

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Confessions):
Saturday 3:30-4:15 pm or anytime by appointment.

NOVENA: NO NOVENA AT THIS TIME

BAPTISM: Call parish office regarding the Baptismal program.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE ILL...

Lisa Aldrich, Doug Blattman, Jackson Coleman, Beth Blessington-Conrad, Judy Fox, Mary Gibson, Mary Haggarty, Jan Marr, Linda McClain, Joyce McGough, Jim Morris, Kevin Pappert, Ed Pilarz, Marilyn Rieger, Lori Ritz, Curtis Ryan, Francis Ryan, Dolores Spini, Ann Vock and Bob Wagner.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 20, 2021

4:30 PM Myrtle Freschett/Schulz

Sunday, February 21, 2021

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!

COME TO CONFESSION

Our parish invites you to experience God's pardon and peace through the sacrament of reconciliation. During Lent, confession will be available in the churches throughout the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas on Wednesdays from 6-7 pm. Accommodations have been made to ensure social distancing. Experience God's pardon and peace. Come to Confession.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION THIS SUNDAY

Come to Adoration this Sunday! We will open the church at 12:00 noon and have a Holy Hour of Prayer at 3:00 to pray the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy together. We will also be adding times for you to come and have quiet time with the Lord during Lent. Those days will be on Monday's & Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 PM and Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 PM.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

Preparation for First Communion is beginning. Due to the pandemic we will not have weekly classes for children but will have 5 meetings for parents and children with materials to be worked on at home between meetings. The first meeting will be Sunday, February 14th, noon to 1:15pm. in the Glowacki Room. Parents and children will view a video about the Sacrament, go over the schedule of preparation, and receive materials to work on at home for the next two weeks. If you have a child in second grade or older who would like to prepare for First Communion in April, please contact Kathy O'Bryan at 913-709-1717 or kathleen@obryan.net. If your child participated in First Reconciliation in November, 2020, he or she is already on our class list.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Are you interested in learning about what being a member of the Knights of Columbus is about? If you join now, your first year membership is free! Please call Steve Abels, 913-579-2505.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS—DON'T FORGET!

It's hard to believe that Lent is almost upon us. Ash Wednesday is on February 17. While we can not, unfortunately have the soup suppers, we would like to have Stations on Friday evenings at 7:00 PM. **If your group is interested in hosting the stations one evening, please call Lou Anne in the parish office** and let her know which date you would like to host.

WOMEN'S CLUB

Are you interested in joining the St. Pius X Women's Club? Would you like more information about the different ladies circles? Please call the parish office or Marisa Snook. Marisa's phone number is 913-244-5732 or email marisa.r.snook@gmail.com.

*Find our bulletin on-line at
our parish website,
www.spxmission.org*

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

PROJECT CHRYSALIS MEETING 2/23/21 7:00 PM

Project Chrysalis is a ministry offering hope through Sacred Scripture and community to parents/grandparents who have lost a child or grandchild. While this ministry is not a bereavement group, our mission is to offer support and hope through scripture in a time of transformation. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday February 23 from 7:00- 8:15 p.m. in person in the St. Mark Room at Church of the Ascension, 9500 W. 127th St in Overland Park or online via Zoom. Deacon Bill Graveman will be our guest speaking on the dangers of seeking mediums and psychics. For more information and the Zoom link, contact Deacon Ken Billinger at 913-634-4210 or email kbillinger@archkck.org. The group is open to parents or grandparents who have lost a child.

MAKE VALENTINE'S DAY LAST ALL YEAR!

Attend a FertilityCare™ System (Creighton Model) Introductory Session! Sessions are offered monthly at a variety of area locations and long distance. This fulfills your marriage policy requirement, it's helpful for achieving and avoiding pregnancy, it has medical applications and it's better than IVF for infertility. Register online at www.fertilitycarekc.com, or call the FertilityCare™ Center of Kansas City at (816) 858-0198.

VALUE THEM BOTH PASSES THE KS LEGISLATURE!

Many thanks to all who prayed for the passage of the Value Them Both state constitutional amendment for life by the Kansas Legislature. This is the first of two steps needed to stop an unlimited and unregulated abortion industry in Kansas. A statewide vote of the people will now take place in August of 2022. An extensive educational effort explaining the grave need for Value Them Both will be needed to counter the disinformation already being spread by abortion advocates. Parishes will be crucial to this campaign. To learn more go to: www.valuethemboth.com

PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT

Need healing after an abortion? We offer Compassionate, Confidential and Free services. Our next Saturday retreat is on March 13th from 8:30am - 5:00pm, in KC, MO. Lunch and snacks provided. Please contact Ann Marie Alvey @ 913-621-2199 for further details.

RETREAT WITH THE HEART OF SAINT JOSEPH

Come and retreat with the heart of St. Joseph. On Saturday, March 20th, you are invited to encounter the overflowing love of the Father's heart as you reflect on the life of Saint Joseph. Take a day to step away from your pandemic routine, pressures, and worries. Take a day to enter into the Year of St. Joseph. Prairie Star Ranch is offering a one-day guided retreat entitled Cor : Retreat with the heart of St. Joseph. With options for both inperson retreatants as well as live-stream participation, we hope all can take advantage of this special event. The retreat includes a vigil Mass, powerful and dynamic meditations offered by the Holy Family School of Faith, lunch, and perhaps most importantly, time for greater prayer. To find our more, register, and review our COVID-19 precautions, visit our website at archkck.org/ranch

JP II NEWS

Open Enrollment – 2021-22

Open enrollment has begun! All information is posted on our website (www.johnpaul2opks.com) and our Facebook page. Call the School Office (913-432-6350) if you have any questions or need assistance with filling out the paperwork. We look forward to hearing from you!

PTO Chipotle Night - March 3rd

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 3rd! JP II's PTO is teaming up with Chipotle in Mission for a fundraiser! Order online, via the app, or in-person from 4 - 8 pm on March 3rd, using the Promo Code: 7F9QTVP. Increase your fundraising contribution by purchasing Chipotle SCRIP cards to use that evening!

Scholarships - Incoming Public School Students

Do you know a family that is currently enrolled in the public school system but might be interested in making a change to Catholic school? Contact Mrs. Yankovich at (913) 432-6350 for more details! Scholarships are offered through the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF), a ministry of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

Upcoming Events

3/11/2021

End of 3rd Quarter

3/12/2021 - 3/21/2021

NO SCHOOL (K-8)

SPRING BREAK

Child Care OPEN

3/22/2021

Classes Resume



PRAY FOR BURMA

Our Archdiocese has a vibrant Burmese Catholic community, and many of our brothers and sisters in Christ are concerned for family and friends of their homeland. On February 1, 2021, a military coup ousted democratically elected officials in Myanmar, also known as Burma. Thousands of Burmese have taken to the streets to peacefully protest. The military have begun to use live ammunition to disrupt protests and have declared a state of emergency for a year. **Pope Francis spoke of this coup** February 8 in his State of the World speech, *"In these days, my thoughts turn particularly to the people of Myanmar, to whom I express my affection and closeness," he said. "The path to democracy undertaken in recent years was brusquely interrupted by last week's coup d'état. This has led to the imprisonment of different political leaders, whom I hope will be promptly released as a sign of encouragement for a sincere dialogue aimed at the good of the country."* Please pray for a swift, safe, and peaceful return to the work of democracy. **Myanmar's Cardinal Charles Maung Bo** wrote on February 3, *"Peace is possible. Peace is the only way. Democracy is the only light to that path."* To read more of Cardinal Bo's statement you can go to <https://spotlight.licas.news/message-to-the-people-of-myanmar-and-our-internationalcommunities/index.html>

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES

FEBRUARY 27-28, 2021 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Lectors

4:30 PM Beth Vance
9:00 AM Janie Snead

Altar Servers

4:30 PM 1 volunteer (adult or youth)
9:00 AM 1 volunteer (adult or youth)

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30 PM Ann Marie Linder, Judy Shaw, Jeanne Wolken,
Debbie Kring
9:00 AM Marcia Fairclough, Rudy Pappert, Patty Mack,
Juanita Stiles

Hospitality Ministers

4:30 PM Cindy Frink, Wanda Vaughn
9:00 AM Sheila Egan, Joan Sheahan

Cantors

4:30 PM EJ Gardner-DiGiorgio
9:00 AM Kevin Smith

Readings for the week of February 21, 2021

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-9/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-4, 5-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15-19/Rom
8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Observances for the week of February 21, 2021

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent
Monday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Tuesday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY-INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Throughout history God has given His people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God's sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear the slate and take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God's covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE: 2021

	<u>2/7/21</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Offertory	\$ 12,185	\$ 56,440
Cap. Camp.	\$ 380	\$ 10,636

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS

	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Given-to-Date</u>
Total-to-Date	\$ 920,301	\$ 918,432
Loan Balance	\$ 0.00 !!	

EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP

The Unlikely Suspects

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikeliest suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

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Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel, Jesus spent forty days in the desert. Jesus stayed close to God, and he followed God's directions every day of his life. When Satan came to test Jesus he was ready. Jesus passed every test beautifully. He said "No" to temptation. When you write spelling words over and over, it is easier to remember them. If you are learning a new language, it helps to make flash cards to practice with. Once you memorize all your words, taking the test is pretty easy. The more you read the Bible and do what God asks in his word, the easier it will be for you to pass Satan's tests, too.

Prayer

God, help me to stay close to you so that I am ready for my tests.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus helping you remember Bible verses.

Mission for the Week

Memorize Proverbs 1:3, "You will learn what is right and honest and fair." Practice writing it and saying it every day, until you know this verse by heart.

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT
JESUS
DESERT

FORTY
SATAN
TESTED

ANIMALS
ANGELS
BELIEVE

E S Y T U O I G U F E
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NOW ENROLLING

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

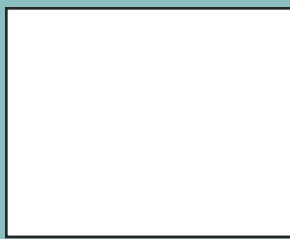


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