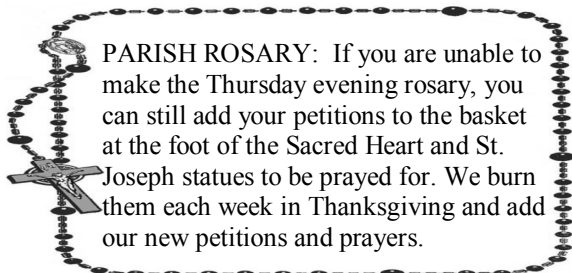


Adult Education Notes

- ✠ Today we talk leprosy. First reading tells the seriousness of the disease. Those with leprosy could not be near another person much less touch them. It was thought to be a punishment from God for serious wrongdoing - serious sin against Him.
- ✠ In the Responsorial Psalm it talks of confessing to the Lord to take away the "guilt of my sin". Make me clean as I turn to you in my trouble.
- ✠ In the Gospel, we hear of the leper who asked to be made clean. When Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, it was probably the first time he had EVER been touched! That contact was just as compassionate as Jesus curing him. Sickness and suffering can be powerful occasions to experience goodness and tenderness from another. The leper may not have approached Jesus at all if he hadn't had the leprosy. He saw Jesus's compassion and was drawn to Him. Jesus knew his suffering and "willed him to be made clean".
- ✠ Just as sin is our leprosy, we need to draw close to Jesus thru His healing power in confession so we can be made clean and Jesus "will it". "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean." (same verse used on our signs). Mark 1:40
- ✠ Faith asks; God gives. We may not suffer from leprosy, but where our faith in God's love for us has grown weak, let us pray with the leper to be healed. (Magnificat)

SJ-SA Youth Scoop

- ◇ **8th graders:** Welcome to attend all YG events now!
- ◇ **Feb 14:** 6-8 pm, Praise & Worship Adoration & YG meeting @ St.A
- ◇ **Feb 28:** 6-8 pm, YG @ St.A
- ◇ **DYC:** PARENTS must register online by February 14. Contact Kyla if needed
- ◇ A parishioner had this to say about the 8th grade young men who served at the Bishop's meet and greet: *They will be a great blessing and addition to our Youth Group in the years ahead!* Thank you Carson Castile, Drew Engelen, and Garrett Brown



PARISH ROSARY: If you are unable to make the Thursday evening rosary, you can still add your petitions to the basket at the foot of the Sacred Heart and St. Joseph statues to be prayed for. We burn them each week in Thanksgiving and add our new petitions and prayers.



GETTING READY FOR LENT:

Here are a few ways to engage yourself this Lenten season in study and prayer:

- Bishop Barron's "Lenten Reflections" booklet complete with his version of the Stations of the Cross in back of church.
- Scott Hahn is hosting a free virtual Scripture study this Lent—sign up now to watch Parousia: The Bible and the Mass. Get ready to uncover how and why all of God's action, in creation and redemption, is ordered to the Mass. You'll see the Mass in a whole new light. Just go to StPaulCenter.com/mass.
- Franciscanmedia.org has a wonderful 2 minute Pause+Pray that gives you a small reflection, short prayer, and action for the day to get you thinking and moving forward in faith.
- Hallow's Pray40. Prayers for every day of Lent. Plus a whole lot more. See other bulletin insert.
- Pray with the Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy and the Beatitudes by doing an act of Faith, Hope, or Charity inspired by them. (Example: Pray for the homeless one day and sleep without your pillow that night. Ex: Blessed are the Peacemakers and take a step toward someone who has hurt you.) The effort will give you a sense of humility.

St. John's PCCW will be collecting baby items for Mothers House in Hayti, Mo.

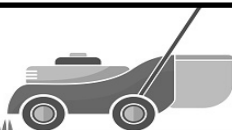
DCCW has shared that Sister Sharon of Mothers House is in need of the following:

- Clothes for children ages newborn to six years, both boys and girls.
- Pampers and pull ups all ages
- Cribs, crib sheets, Blankets
- Small Bibs
- Anything for newborns -- they will need highchairs, small beds, potty chairs, strollers, and sleeping bags.



The PCCW will be collecting items from now until the third Sunday of February. Large and small items may be placed in the Hutchings garage (white building behind ball diamond) behind the grade school. Smaller items may be left in the vestibule for collection. For information please call Marian Hutchings, 573 238 3644. or the parish office.

ACCEPTING BIDS



St. Anthony Parish is now accepting bids for the lawn mowing contract for the 2021 season. You can find blank mowing contracts in the vestibule of St. Anthony Church. All bids must be sealed and turned in to Fr. Coon by March 9. If you have any questions about the scope of work/mowing, please contact Alfred VanGennip at 573-450-6600.

Eucharistic Adoration



St. Joseph Parish in Advance will have All-Day Adoration each Friday during Lent after the 9 am Mass.

3rd Sunday breakfast: The Knights Of Columbus in Scott City will hold their 3rd Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, Feb 21st at their hall from 7:30-10:30 am. Dine in, Carry Out or Curb side pick up available. Menu is homemade pork sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, biscuits and gravy and pancakes. All for your good will donation. We are also taking orders for sausage. To order call Gary, 573-576-6451. It will be available for pick up during the breakfast hours.

Lenten Discussion: Into the Breach

In the past two decades, more than 14 million Catholics have left the faith. In the face of these losses, Catholic men are called to put aside any hesitation to live a life of mission. Christ calls us to a life of continued formation so that, with grace, we can seriously engage the war for our souls.

*You are invited to join Father Rick Jones on the Tuesdays of Lent (from 6:30pm – 8:00pm in Church) to be part of a video discussion of **Into the Breach**, the pastoral letter of Bishop Thomas Olmsted.*

Through group discussion, you will learn how to be stronger fathers, better husbands, caring brothers and men fit for the breach.

To reserve your copy of the booklet, call the parish office of St. Vincent de Paul at 573-335-7667. Or, to get a e-copy of the booklet, go to: www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/faith/into-the-breach/340-into-the-breach-booklet.pdf

GIRL AND BOY SCOUTS, LITTLE FLOWERS GIRL CLUB AND AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRL CLUB APPLICATIONS

If any scouts are working on their badges or medals, please continue to work on them as we will have a ceremony, either with Bishop Rice or your Pastor handing out the awards around the first of May. A decision on the date will be determined at a later date and you will be notified.

Deadline for applicants is March 31, 2021.

For all scouting applications and inquiry, please contact Mary Ann Henneke at 573-335-3899 or email: maryann@ccmin.org

Lenten Fish Fries: Knights Of Columbus in Scott City will be hosting their Lenten Fish Fries starting February 19th and up to and including March 26th. They will serve from 4:30-7:00 pm. It will be curbside pick up only this year due to the COVID restrictions. \$11.00 per meal and you can choose between Fish and sides or Chicken and sides. Sides are hushpuppies, french fries, baked beans, mac n cheese and of course Kelso famous slaw.