Adult Education Notes

- Today God delivers to Moses and the Israelites the Ten Commandments. One question for us-you; Do we ever think about how much our-your sins have contributed to the sufferings of Jesus? Remember He saw all past sins committed (from Adam the first), present sins being committed (us now), and future sins that would be committed (to the last person born). The weight of all those were his cross.
- When we turn away from sin and turn towards Christ, something in our heart changes, and it changes for the better. When we place Christ in the center of our hearts, we become more compassionate and loving. We begin to discover our purpose in God's divine plan. Jesus rejoices when we turn away from evil and run towards Him. At times, we fall short when we are overwhelmed with daily trials and temptations. Instead of looking at these trials and temptations as difficulties, may we open our eyes to see them as opportunities for us to grow in holiness. -Catholic Daily
- Pray Psalm 19 again and think on how the Ten Commandments truly govern your life. "The law of the Lord is perfect...the precepts of the Lord are right...". Sit with this for even five minutes and see how you can use this Lent to follow them more closely.
- The Gospel gives us the famous words that got Jesus in trouble and were used against him at his trial. "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." Zeal is a noun meaning great energy or enthusiasm for a cause or an objective. Jesus was defending his father's house, the temple, which was being desecrated in his eyes. The Temple, as he said, is a house of prayer to honor God and not to use for selfish gain. If you were there, what would your reaction be?
- How's your Lent going? Keeping up with your penance and sacrifices? How about your prayers? Fr. Mike Schmitze from The Bible in a Year says, "The hardest day to pray is the day after you don't." But don't give up, just pick up where you left off and keep pushing forward. Your reward will be great!!

Vocation Ministry

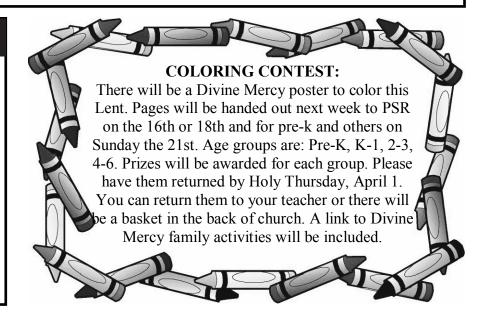
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"We proclaim Christ crucified."

Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life.

Contact the Vocation Office at (573) 238-2089 or email: sjsavocations@gmail.com.

Vocation Crucifix March 7th - 20th Polly Mungle



"Love is never defeated."

St. John Paul II -

Hospitality

Next week's Fellowship Sunday will be hosted by the Adult Ed Team. *Thank you!*



Please join Bishop Rice on March 27 via Livestream at 9am on FB @CCSOMO or

@DioceseofSpringfieldCapeGirardeau in lieu of Bishop's Walk to pray, raise funds, and awareness of the work of Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri. Thank you for being our partner in ministry!

Living Lent as a Family 4-PART SERIES ON FORMED

This Lent, we want to help all families live out this holy season! For four consecutive Thursdays, we are bringing in couples to talk about how they live Lent as a family. We hope these discussions can help you and your family draw closer to Christ this Lent!

Get grounded! This 4-Part series is ideal for Catholic families looking for practical ways to better align their busy schedules with the liturgical calendar of the Church. Lent is a perfect season to start!

The website is formed.org and type in our Parish name: St.John's Leopold and when asked to sign up enter the code— O92R6C



NOVENA: The Feast of the Solemnity of St. Joseph is March 19th. Since this is the year of St. Joseph you can get a plenary indulgence by praying it. It is customary to pray his Novena starting this Wednesday, March 10th. Novena prayer cards are in back of church in the Year of St. Joseph prayer pack.

Sjsa_youth is available to you for community service all year long. Contact Kyla 225-0608 if you are in need.

Prayer for the Third Sunday of Lent

God of the vineyard, give us reverence for life in Creation.

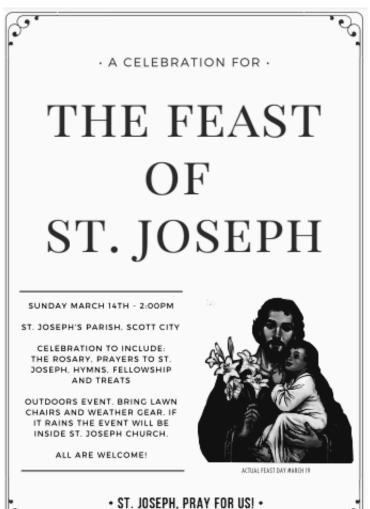
Show us your beauty in the promise of eternal Spring.

Form us in your likeness,

and give us a heart for the grace and patience of gardening, that we might nurture the life you entrust to us.

Amen.





Annual Spring Dinner

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Scott City, MO will be hosting a Spring Dinner on Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021. The Dinner will be CURBSIDE ONLY from 10:30 am-1:00 pm. Menu: Fried Chicken, Chicken and Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Slaw and Dessert. Meals are \$10 each.