

March 18, 2018  
**Fifth Sunday  
 Of Lent**



**Scripture Readings**

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:3-15;  
 Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

“I will be their God and they shall be my people.” -  
 JEREMIAH 31:33

What does it mean to be God’s people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world, just as God cares for us.

**Liturgical Assignments for  
 March 24/25**

	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Communion Minister</b>
4:30 p.m.	Dave Stevenson	Susan Przybylski
8:00 a.m.	John Keys	Debbie Gach
11:00 a.m.	Shane McDonald	Shane McDonald

**Altar Servers**

4:30 p.m.	Kanon Sumpter, Kohen Sumpter
8:00 a.m.	Gary Elder, Austin Barnes
11:00 a.m.	Ethan Cox, Carson Walsh

Weekday School Servers

**Money Counters:** Mike Lynch, Sharon Lynch

**Sacrificial Offerings to God**

<b>March 10/11</b>		\$8,894.00
Envelopes		
Plate		338.75
Votives		70.00
Catholic Relief Services	Not in budget	419.00
Misc.		0
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$9,302.75

*Average Weekly Offertory  
 Needed* **\$14,360.00**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend the second collection will go to the repair/utility fund.



**Triduum Schedule**

MAR 29 - Holy Thursday – 7PM

MAR 30 - **Good Friday – 3PM – Confessions following**

MAR 31 - Holy Saturday – 8PM



Note: There will be no 8PM Mass at St. Patrick’s Church on Easter Sunday evening.

Congratulations to **Elijah Clyde Teschner**, son of Zach and Carissa Teschner, who was baptized here last weekend.

**Ed Helsel, Sr.** passed away on MAR 1<sup>st</sup> and **Miss Ann Uhlschmidt** passed away on MAR 8<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for the repose of their souls and the consolation of their loved ones.

Thank you to the Holy Name Society and St. James Knights of Columbus for donating \$1,530.00 from the second fish fry to our Restoration Fund.

**Easter Memorials - \$15.** Please clearly print the name of your loved one (For:) along with your name (From:) on your memorial envelope and drop in the collection basket or send to the parish office. Deadline is March 20.



Note: Donations to Easter memorials go toward the flowers used to decorate the altar for the Easter season. Remaining donations are put in our operating fund.

Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood of **Rev. Donald Sturm** –March 22.

**Stations of the Cross – 5:30PM, Fridays during Lent**  
**The Tenth Station – Jesus is Stripped of His Garments**



It seems that every step to Calvary brought You fresh humiliation, my Jesus. How Your sensitive nature recoiled at being stripped before a crowd of people. You desired to leave this life as You entered it - completely detached from all the comforts of this world. You want me to know without a doubt that you loved me with an unselfish love. Your love for me caused You nothing but pain and sorrow. You gave everything and received nothing in return. Why do I find it so hard to be detached?

In your loving mind, dear Jesus, did You look up to the Father as You stood there on that windy hill, shivering from cold and shame and trembling from fear, and ask Him to have mercy on those who would violate their purity and make love a mockery? Did you ask forgiveness for those whose greed would make them lie, cheat and steal for a few pieces of cold silver?

Forgive us all, dear Jesus. Look upon the world with pity, for mankind has lost its way and the principles of this world make lust a fun game and luxury a necessity. Detachment has become merely another hardship of the poor and obedience the fault of the weak. Have mercy on us and grant the people of this day the courage to see and know themselves and the light to change.

Stations of the Cross – Mother Angelica

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES**

Sunday, March 18	NO RCIA CCD – 9:30AM, School Coffee & Donuts -1:30PM, MMHall Confirmation at Co-Cathedral-2PM
Mon.	OFFICE CLOSED Legion of Mary – 8:30AM, C. Erk Rm
Tues.	Holy Hour/Confessions – 6PM
Wed.	Rosary/Chaplet – 6PM McTeachers Night – 5-8PM
Thur.	
Fri.	Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament – 9AM to 11AM Office Closed Stations of the Cross – 5:30PM
Sat.	Cleaning of the Church – 10AM
Sunday, March 25	NO RCIA CCD – 9:30AM, School Coffee & Donuts -1:30PM, MMHall

**Fish & Loaves Endowment Challenge Grant**

Our parish has pledged \$5000 to the diocesan held St. James School Endowment Fund. An anonymous donor has agreed to match this amount. If anyone is willing to donate toward the \$5000 we have to pay before May 1<sup>st</sup>, please send to the parish office or put in the collection basket in a clearly marked envelope.

**St. James Scholarships to LeBlond High School**

To apply for a scholarship your family must be a registered, tithing, active member of St. James Parish. Applications (available in the parish office) must be turned in by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Several parish organizations and private donors give each year to this scholarship program. If you are able to support the scholarship, please send your donation to the parish office or in the collection basket in a clearly marked envelope before May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Bishop LeBlond Trivia Night – SAT, MAR 24<sup>th</sup>**

Doors open at 6:30PM. First question drops at 7PM. Gather a team of up to 8 or come as an individual or couple and we will find you a team. \$25 per player. Refreshments provided, bring your own snacks. Sign up online at [www.bishopleblond.com](http://www.bishopleblond.com) or pay at the door.

Our **Altar Society** has agreed to sell food/snacks for the upcoming auctions at the Tom & Mary Alice Bingaman estate on the weekends of APR 6-7 & 13-14. If you can help please contact the parish office.

They are also in need of volunteers to help spring clean our church on SAT, MAR 24<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. Call Kathy Bravo at 248-1324 with questions.

**Divine Mercy Novena**

The Chapel of the Holy Rosary (Mir House) at 3pm starting on Good Friday, MAR 30-APR 8

**Bishop Johnston** will celebrate a Mass on St. Joseph’s Day, MON, MAR 19 at Co-Cathedral at 6PM. They are also having a spaghetti dinner and St. Joseph’s Table on that day from 4 to 8PM.

**Tax Statements:** It’s tax time again. If you would like a contribution statement for 2017, please call the parish office. No statement will be sent unless you request it. Plan ahead and allow time for your statement to be ready.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse: 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or [JeniferValenti@att.net](mailto:JeniferValenti@att.net), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816-392-0011 or [chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Monday, March 19**

**St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 8 a.m. – *Philip Zuptich* ✚

**Tuesday, March 20**

**Lenten Weekday**

8 a.m. – *Rose Ann Sachse* (Rev. Suarez)  
 10 a.m. – Living Community – *Miss Ann Uhlschmidt* ✚

**Wednesday, March 21**

**Lenten Weekday**

8 a.m. – *Bennie & Mary Borkowski* ✚ (Rev. Suarez)

**Thursday, March 22**

**Lenten Weekday**

8 a.m. – *Rose Rohrer* ✚ (Rev. Suarez)

**Friday, March 23**

**St. Turbius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**

8 a.m. – *Fred Gacek* (Rev. Harkins)

**Saturday, March 24**

**Vigil Mass**

4:30 p.m. – *Dec’d Members of Murray/Korte Families* ✚  
 (Rev. Harkins)

**Sunday, March 25**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

8 a.m. - *Dec’d Members of Robert & Katy Pitts Family* ✚  
 (Rev. Harkins)  
 11 a.m. – *St. James School Class of ‘46* (Rev. Harkins)  
 12:30 p.m. – **Palm Sunday** - Latin Mass  
*Pro Populo* - (Rev. Harkins)

*(A cross indicates that the Mass intention is for a deceased loved one.)*