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Baptisms: By appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 2:30-3:30p.m. or by appointment

Weddings: Six months advance notice

### Mass Schedule:

Weekday Mass: Tues: 6:00 PM; Wed. & Fri: 8:00 AM; Thurs. 7:00 AM

Saturday: 7:30 AM; Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

## February 22nd, 2015

**Lenten Prayer:** *When I cried to the Lord, he heard my voice; he rescued me from those who attack me. Entrust your cares to the Lord, and he will support you. PS 55*

**The Parish theme for Lent 2015 is LET US PRAY - OREMUS.** In order for us to be more devoted in our prayer life, Fr. Arul is guiding sessions on Prayer called "OREMUS", authored by Fr. Mark Topus every Friday evening. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be at 6:00 PM followed by OREMUS at 6:30-7:30 PM in the church. You may join us even if you had not previously signed up.

**FREE BABYSITTING:** Cindy Hemman and family have graciously volunteered to babysit for the Friday evening Oremus sessions during Lent so young couples can attend. Call her at 336-3630 if you would like to bring your children with you to Church.

**Additional Lenten Devotions** include Stations of the Cross to be held every Friday at 2:00 PM. Starting this weekend, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a Lenten Bulletin Insert each weekend which features a Family Activity, along with other Lenten insights and Prayers. **Be sure to do this week's Family Activity and continue this all during Lent.** Use small pieces of paper to list your Prayer Person, then place in a bowl. We will gather them at the end of Lent and Fr. Arul will pray for them, then burn them in the Holy Saturday Evening fire. **Get the whole family involved!**

**Adult Choir Practice will be every Tuesday at 7 PM** from now until Easter, unless otherwise notified.

## The First Sunday of Lent

**Lenten Regulations:** All Catholics are obliged to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent, if health allows. Fasting (1 larger meal, 2 smaller meals, no eating between meals) is required only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Church also asks that all Catholics do some sort of Lenten fasting. Fasting is the limiting of food intake by eating less, or eating plainer, less tasty foods, all for the building of God's Kingdom - beginning with you - in unity with all the Catholics of the world, and especially Jesus.

**"Even the Pope goes to Confession" -Pope Francis.**

Join Pope Francis and millions of Catholics around the world this Lent and "make your appointment with Jesus". Kansas Catholic Churches are open for Confession **every Wednesday of Lent** from 6-7 PM (also 2:30-3:30 PM every Saturday at SPPC).

**RCIA -** As we begin the Lenten season please keep our RCIA Catechumens in prayer: Chelsey McGhee, Rebecca Karnowski, Jessica Weaver and Tammy Haverkamp, who will be confirming her faith in the Sacrament of Confirmation. On March 1<sup>st</sup> they will celebrate the Rite of Election where they come before Archbishop Naumann and sign their intent of joining the Church. They will be coming into full communion with the Church receiving the sacraments during Holy Saturday Evening Mass.

**Enhance your Spiritual Journey during Lent** on your smartphone, computer or tablet. Go to [archkck.org](http://archkck.org), to table at right, to tab labeled **Digital Media Center**. This will open to a wealth of daily audio & video reflections, Lenten prayers, Scripture readings, even News Service. Make this your daily Lenten habit.





## Masses for Feb 23 to March 1

### The First Sunday of Lent

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb 23 – St Polycarp</b> 7:00 AM – Communion Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb 24 - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Lent</b> 6:00 PM – Jason Nolte 11:00 AM – Life Care – Fr Arul
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb 25 – 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of Lent</b> 8:00 AM – L/D Cyril & Frances Stallbaumer Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb 26 – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Lent</b> 7:00 AM – Members of Seneca & St Benedict Mutual Fire Ins Co.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb 27 – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of Lent</b> 8:00 AM – L/D Ben & Mary Faith Dalinghaus Family 2:00 PM – Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM – Divine Chaplet of Mercy 6:30 PM – Oremus “Let us Pray”
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb 28- 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Lent</b> 7:30 AM – Jackie Olberding 4:00 PM - L/D Gilbert & Bobbie Osterhaus Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 1 – Second Sunday of Lent</b> 7:00 AM - For the Parish 9:00 AM – Stephanie Huerter (Anniv) 11:00 AM – Lillis Haverkamp (Anniv)



**Weekday Servers:** Tues 6PM, Thurs 7AM, Sat 7:30 AM Jacob & Dalton Hermesch  
**Servers:** Wed & Friday 8:00 AM SPPS Students

<u>Sat 4PM</u>	<u>Sun 7 AM</u>	<u>9 AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
Chris Schmitz	Braden Bramhall	Peter Ganstrom	Wyatt Rusche
Caitlin Schmitz	Roland Voracek	Nathan Deters	Landen Baker
Miles Stueve	Myiah Schmelzle	Garrett Bennett	Kinsey Scott
Damon Koch	Angela Sudbeck	Hailey Wurtz	Adrienne Koehler

#### Assistants at The Eucharist for Feb 28 & March 1

	<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<u>4:00 PM</u>	Gary Niehues *Gina Ronnebaum	Lori Carlson Donna Miller	Katie Wassenberg Marilyn Ronnebaum	Eileen Love	Terry Nordhus
<u>7:00 AM</u>	Logan Haverkamp *Janie Bramhall	Quincy Haverkamp Rick Henry	Myra Runnebaum Joan Henry		
<u>9:00 AM</u>	Ashley Carlson *Galen Niehues	Michelle Kohake Mikeal Sperfslage	Mikayla Peterson Micah Meyer	Adult Choir	Owen Zinke
<u>11:00 AM</u>	Taylor Rusche * Richard Gress	Kyle Rethman Cara Baker	Jake Reitz Rhonda Sperfslage	Alan Lierz	Janet Kramer

**ROSARY LEADERS:** 4:00 PM Bob Niehues 9:00 AM Jim Henry



The Lenten Companion, a lavender pamphlet for teens, had been placed in the Narthex by mistake - they were intended for our CCD students. If you would like to return your copy, please bring to the parish office.

Families of Children, please pick up the Protecting Families Toolkit on Narthex table. A DVD is also available on the Narthex table.

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> (set clocks forward 1 hr). The Saturday evening Mass change to 5:00 PM will begin on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

SPPS Preschool - SPPS is taking pre-registrations for the 2015-2016 preschool classes offering the following sessions: MWF (4-5 yr olds), morning session 8AM to 11AM; afternoon session 12PM to 3PM. T/TH (3-4 yr olds), morning session, 8AM-11AM. (an afternoon session will be added on T/TH if necessary). An open house for new families will be held in April. For more info or to pre-register, please call the school office at 336-2727.

Troop 71 Boy Scouts would like to thank everyone for supporting our local troop by attending their annual pancake breakfast. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank You: Marie Cleland would like to thank everyone who helped her in any way after her house fire.

The Call to Share Appeal target for our Parish is \$30,046.00. To date, we have 143 pledges amounting to \$21,031.00 (71%). Thank you for your support.

Adoration Chapel: Adorers are needed for Thursdays 11 AM-12 & Fridays 6-7 PM. If you are willing to take an hour, please call Sue at 336-2297.

#### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

Sat/Sun Feb 21 & 22 - Engaged Weekend  
Wed Feb 25 - Confessions in Church 6:00-7:00 PM  
Fri Feb 27<sup>th</sup> - Stations of the Cross 2 PM  
Fri Feb 27 - Divine Mercy Chaplet 6 PM  
Fri Feb 27 - OREMUS Session #2 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM  
Sat Mar 14 - Confession time changes to 3:30 - 4:30  
Sat Mar 14 - Sat evening Mass changes to 5:00 PM

#### SCHOOL NEWS:

Mon Feb 23 - OTL Scholars Bowl at Troy 4:00  
Wed Feb 25 - Early Dismissal - Staff Development  
Fri Feb 27 - Spring Pictures & Class Pictures

#### CCD AND YOUTH NOTES:

NCYC NEWS!!!! - To High School students who are interested in attending NCYC, please come to an informational meeting today Sun, Feb 22 at 1 PM in the Parish Hall. NCYC will be in Indianapolis in November.

CAMP KATERI/TEKAKWITHA registration is still open. Several camp dates are available. This Camp offers both recreational and spiritual experiences including: horseback riding, hiking, canoeing, Catholic prayer experiences, Bible studies, Mass and many more experiences. Scholarships are available thru both the Archdiocese and our Church. Don't let cost keep your child away from this experience. For more information, please call Shannon at 294-1328.

The 2015 Baileyville Benefit is THIS weekend, at Nemaha Central High School. Please come and support this worthy cause for Max Hammes, Graham Fleury Blakeley & Karsyn Aylward. Food and BB/VB all day both days. The auction is Sunday at approx 6:00 PM after the championship basketball game.

World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia will be held on Sept 22-25, 2015. For registration information go www.worldmeeting2015.org. Early registrations are encouraged. A great opportunity to be with the Pope!

CONTRIBUTIONS for week of 2-9-15 thru 2-15-15. Weekly Budget is \$15,000.

2-9 to 2-15-15	Envelopes	\$ 6,753.25
Church	Plate	\$ 464.80
School		\$ 723.00
Ash Wednesday		\$ 15.00
	Thank You!!	\$ 7,956.05

Your Parish donation may now be given by swiping your credit card. A secured credit card swipe machine is located by the priests' sacristy door in the Narthex. An automatic receipt will be generated for each transaction.

Using Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is the simplest way to take care of your weekly/monthly donation to the Church. Applications for EFT are on the table in the Narthex, or you may get one in the Parish office.

#### OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

**\*\*Holy Family School of Faith** - Spring 2015 Scripture Study is ongoing for the next three Thursdays (until March 12) at 7 PM at Sacred Heart Church, Sabetha.  
**\*\*SENECA BLOOD DRIVE** is on Fri. Feb 27 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Call 785-336-3360 for appt.  
**\*\*2015 Lenten Dinners** at St. Dominic/Holton March 6 & March 20; St Francis Xavier/Mayettha, Feb 27, Mar 13, March 27. All are at 5-7PM. Free will offering.  
**\*\*Praying the Liturgy of the Hours, Why and How;** Fri eve to Sun noon, Feb. 27 to March 1 @ Conception. Call 660-994-2809 or [guests@conception.edu](mailto:guests@conception.edu).

#### Important Parish Information:

[prayerchainspp@gmail.com](mailto:prayerchainspp@gmail.com) - For Prayer Requests. Or call Dana at 336-0008. Please leave a message.  
[sppweserve@yahoo.com](mailto:sppweserve@yahoo.com) - Email for Mass Ministry changes, or you may call or text Sheryl at 336-1380.  
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The First Week of Lent

# REPENT

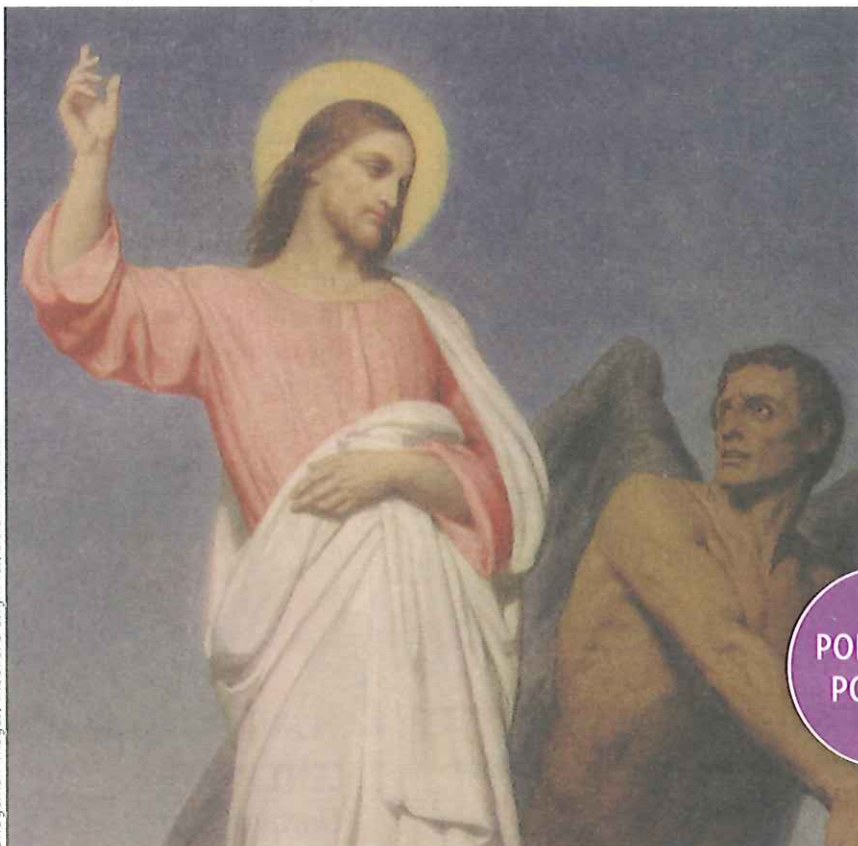
Meditations for the  
Season of Lent

## AND BELIEVE

### Jesus in the Desert

Mark 1:12-15

*Before Jesus began his ministry, the Spirit drove him out into the desert. After 40 days he emerged to announce that the kingdom of God was at hand and to encourage the people to “repent, and believe in the gospel.” As we begin the season of Lent, we, too, enter into our own desert as part of our renewal of heart.*



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Today's Gospel contains two key events of the beginning of Jesus's ministry. First, he went out into the desert for 40 days, where he was tempted by Satan and ministered to by angels. Next, after the death of John the Baptist, Jesus announced that the “time of fulfillment” was at hand, and he began his preaching and teaching. What lesson lies here for us? While Lent is a time of service to others, it must also be a time of preparation and renewal of self. We cannot give what we do not have. Just as Jesus had to spend time in the desert, so we, too, need to take time to allow God to show us where we need to change and give us the conviction to act on those changes.

#### POINTS TO PONDER

- What will I do this Lent as an outward sign of my repentance?
- What would I like to accomplish spiritually over the next six weeks?
- What is one thing I will do daily during this Lenten season?

“As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus’ thirst.... ‘Repent and believe,’ Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor — he knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you.”

— Attributed to Blessed Teresa of Calcutta





## CATHOLIC INSIGHTS

# 40 days in the desert

Why did Jesus spend 40 days in the desert before beginning his ministry? The number 40 has a special meaning in Scripture and is symbolic of preparation before a major life change. Moses spent 40 days fasting and praying on Mount Zion when he received the Ten Commandments (Exodus 34:28). An Israelite patrol spent 40 days spying on the land of Canaan before reporting back to Moses and Aaron

(Numbers 13:25). And the entire Israelite people spent 40 years wandering in the desert before gaining access to the Promised Land (Numbers 14:34). Jesus likewise spent 40 days before leaving his old life as the son of the carpenter to bring new life to the entire world.

## FamilyActivity

### Family Calvary Stones

The days of Lent have traditionally been used as a spiritual pilgrimage, in which we symbolically travel with Jesus to his death on the cross. To help emphasize the idea of Lent as a journey, collect 40 small stones, one for each day of the season. (These are sometimes available at craft stores.) Each night at dinner, pray for one person and write his or her name with a marker on one of the pebbles. Collect the stones in a small bowl, and during Holy Week use them to make a "mound" of prayer that holds up a crucifix.



## CatechismCONNECTION

"The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice.<sup>1</sup> These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works)."

—Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1438

<sup>1</sup> cf. SC 109-110; CIC, cann. 1249-1253; CCEO, cann. 880-883



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## SIGNS OF THE SEASON

By Any Other Name

The word "Lent" has a specific religious connotation today, but originally it was used to mean "spring." It derived from the Germanic root word for "long," because in spring the days begin to get longer. In Latin-based languages, the word for the season derives from the term *quadragesima*, meaning "fortieth," indicating the fortieth day before Easter. In other parts of the world, the name means "a time of fasting."



## LENT PRAYER

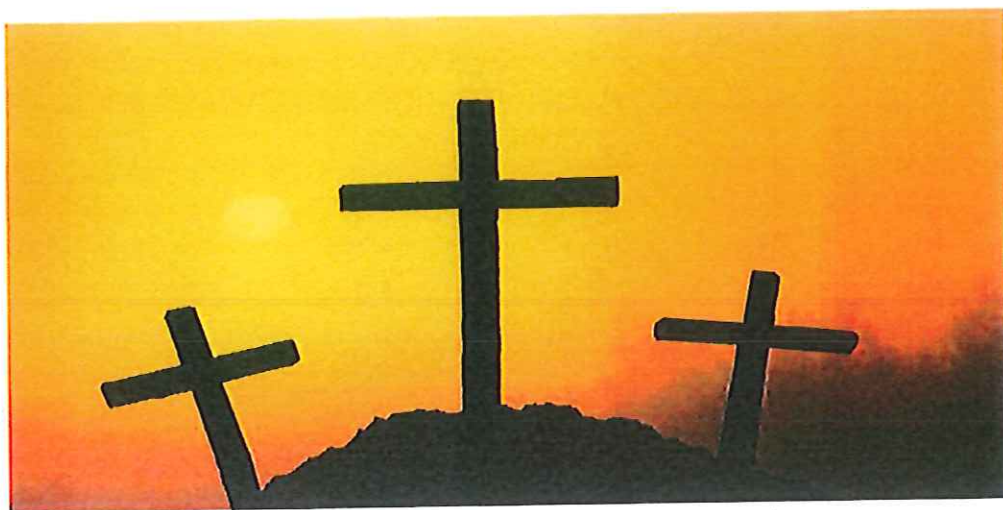
*Unto to you,  
I cry, my God!*

"Repent, and believe in the gospel."

— Mark 1:15

*Lord, help us see today and  
all of its stresses in the light of  
your eternal love.*





# LENT 2015

## “LET US PRAY”

Fr. Arul Carasala is offering 8 sessions on OREMUS for Lent to help us pray. It is a program authored by Fr. Mark Topus.

Date: Every Friday starting on 2/20/2015

Program: 6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Followed by 6.30– 7.30Pm: Oremus session  
(30 minutes presentation & 30 minutes sharing )

Location: Sts. Peter and Paul Church

Sessions are free of cost. Please register by 02/16/2015 at the parish office 336-2128 or at the sign up sheet in the Narthex of the Church.





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