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Baptisms: By appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:30p.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: 5:00 PM

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

March 15th, 2015



Lenten Prayer: As for me, I trust in the Lord. Let me be glad and rejoice in your mercy, for you have seen my affliction. Psalm 31: 7-8

DID YOU FIND TIME TO PRAY? We are half way through Lent and need to remind ourselves of our Parish theme for Lent 2015: LET US PRAY - OREMUS. Prayer helps us to reconnect with God. Please find time for personal prayer to seek the Lord for direction in your life. Our Parish also offers the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Friday at 6:00 PM, followed by OREMUS, in our Church.

Include the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 2:00 PM in your Lenten devotions; The "Repent" Lenten Bulletin Insert this weekend again features a Family Activity, along with other Lenten insights and Prayers. For this week's Family Activity, you will find why pretzels are the perfect food of Lent. In Repent, you will also discover why a purple cloak was placed on Jesus and why Father wears purple every day at Mass.

The Paper Drive is on Saturday, March 28th from 8:30 to 10:00. Bring all your papers and magazines to the Church parking lot for recycling.

Anyone wishing to donate an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please call the Seneca Florist at 336-6186.

Please donate your Lenten sacrifice on Palm Sunday weekend to help the Churches in the Middle East.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare or Rose Sunday

Laetare or Rose Sunday is traditionally celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent, midway through Lent, as a day to rejoice (*Laetare* means "Rejoice" in Latin), a day on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened for a day. Rose-colored vestments may be worn instead of purple, and flowers, which are normally forbidden during Lent, may be placed on the altars. The entrance antiphon tells us, "Be joyful, all who were in mourning".

Flowers on the Main Altar today are in loving memory of Leonard Wassenberg and Charles Gress from their families. Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in loving memory of Marvin Brinker from his family.

In Memoriam - The Rite of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, March 10th, 2015 for Theresa Heiman. Let us remember her and her loved ones in our prayers.

Thank You - The family of Theresa Heiman would like to thank the Altar Society Circles who donated food and the Funeral Committee ladies who organized and served the funeral meal for their loved ones.

Adult Choir Practice will NOT be held this Tues, March 17 but there will be practices on Tuesday, March 24 and March 31. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Call to Share to date: We have received 85% of our parish pledge of \$30,046.00. Total donation amounts to \$25,601.00. Thank you for your support.



Masses for Mar 16 to March 22

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Monday	Mar 16 – 4th Monday of Lent 7:00 AM – In Adoration Chapel – John Svoboda
Tuesday	Mar 17 - St Patrick 9:30 AM – Crestview – Anna L Hulsing 6:00 PM – Norma Melvin & Urban Haug
Wednesday	Mar 18 – St Cyril of Jerusalem 8:00 AM – Robert & Alma Vardy
Thursday	Mar 19 – St Joseph 6:00 PM – Joseph Carasala
Friday	Mar 20 – 4th Friday of Lent 8:00 AM – L/D Vincent & Eleanor Kohake Family 2:00 PM – Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM – Chaplet of Divine Mercy 6:30 PM – Oremus "Let us Pray"
Saturday	Mar 21- 4th Saturday in Lent 7:30 AM – Omer Haug (Anniv) 5:00 PM - Urban Haug (Anniv)
Sunday	March 22– Fifth Sunday of Lent 7:00 AM - L/D Art & Mercedes Becker Family 9:00 AM – Ray Huninghake (Anniv) 11:00 AM – For our Parish



Weekday Servers: Tues 6PM, Thurs 6PM, Sat 7:30 AM Garrett Bennett & Gavin Gudenkauf
Servers: Monday 7AM (Chapel), Wed & Friday 8:00 AM Cole & Zach Kramer

<u>Sat 5PM</u>	<u>Sun 7 AM</u>	<u>9 AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
Ty Noble	Riley Bontrager	Dalton Schmelzle	Cassidy Rethman
Cole Noble	Roland Voracek	Rachel Gudenkauf	Michelle Olberding
Taylor Hammes	Ben Feldkamp	Jonathan Stallbaumer	Kinsey Scott
Ashley M Hammes	Sydney Schmelzle	Carter Lutz	Landen Baker

Assistants at The Eucharist for Mar 21 & 22nd

	<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<u>5:00 PM</u>	Megan Olberding *Joe Kohake	Bob Niehues Donna Miller	Marilyn Ronnebaum Abby Kohake	Allison Hermes	Janet Kramer
<u>7:00 AM</u>	Logan Haverkamp *Tyler Heinen	Sheryl Heinen Randy Heinen	Quincy Haverkamp Ranee Bontrager	Stacy Rethman	Jan Rottinghaus
<u>9:00 AM</u>	Lydia Meyer * Shaylyn Stallbaumer	Mike Stallbaumer Jim Strathman	Shelly Schmelzle Micah Meyer	Greg Kohake	Owen Zinke
<u>11:00 AM</u>	Paula Rottinghaus *Jake Reitz	Jerry Rottinghaus Cara Baker	Michael Love Kyle Rethman	Eileen Love	Deb Rethman

ROSARY LEADERS: 5:00 PM Joe Kohake 9:00 AM Jim Henry

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 confessions are Sat. at 3:30 - 4:30 PM each week at our SPP Parish.

NEMAHA-MARSHALL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

DATE & TIME	LOCATION
Sunday, March 22 at 3:00 PM	Sacred Heart/Baileyville
Sunday, March 22 at 3:00 PM	St Gregorys/Marysville
Sunday, March 22 at 7:00 PM	St Marys/St Benedict
Sunday, March 22 at 7:00 PM	St Bedes/Kelly
Sunday March 29 at 3:00 PM	Sts Peter & Paul/Seneca
Sunday, March 29 at 7:00 PM	Sacred Heart/Sabetha
Sunday, March 29 at 7:00 PM	St Michaels/Axtell
Sunday, March 29 at 7:00 PM	St Patricks/Corning

Living in Love Everyday - a follow-up weekend will be Saturday March 21 from 9 AM-5:30 PM and Sunday, March 22 from 10 AM-3 PM in the St Peter & Paul Youth Center. This is open to anyone in the area who has made Living in Love. All are invited.

A Shot in the Dark in Concert! Songs of family and life from a Wetmore singer, songwriter and farmer. Also featuring recording artist, Fr. Kent O'Conner former Sacred Heart/Sabetha pastor. For spiritual Lenten reflection, come to this concert on Monday, March 23 at 7:00 PM in Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Be ready for an evening of entertainment and inspiration.

The 5th Grade Class of SPPS are having a Simple Lenten Breakfast in the Parish Hall on Friday, March 27 from 7:15 to 9:15 AM. Free will donation will be used to buy personal care products for the local food bank.

Enhance your Spiritual Journey during Lent on your smartphone, computer or tablet. Go to archkck.org to the table at right, to tab labeled Digital Media Center for DAILY audio & video Lenten reflections.

"Could you not spend one hour with me?" Matthew 26:40 The Adoration Chapel needs Adorers for Thursdays 11 AM-12 & Fridays 6-7 PM. If you are willing to take an hour, please call Sue at 336-2297.

SCHOOL & CCD - NO CLASSES/SPRING BREAK

SPPS PRESCHOOL: SPPS is taking pre-registrations for the 2015-2016 preschool classes offering the following sessions: MWF (4-5 yr olds), morning session 8 AM to 11 AM; afternoon session 12 PM to 3 PM. T/TH (3-4 yr olds), morning session, 8 AM-11 AM. (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.

Catholic Heart Work Camp Pork Chop Dinner Fund Raiser will be on Sunday April 12, from 10 AM to 1:30 PM. 12 oz pork chop meal - \$14.00. Hot dog meal \$3.00. Proceeds to help youth with transportation to CHWC. Tickets @ Heinen Tru-Value or at the door.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

Wed Mar 18 - Confessions in Church 6:00-7:00 PM
Sat Mar 21 - Sat Confession time: 3:30 - 4:30
Sat Mar 21 to Sun Mar 22 - "Living in Love Everyday" ` Mon Mar 23 - Wade Talley & Fr. Kent O'Conner concert
Fri Mar 27 - 5th grade Lenten breakfast 7:15-9:15
Sat Mar 28 - Paper Drive, 8:30-10AM school parking lot
Sun Apr 12 - CHWC Pork Chop Dinner 10:00 - 1:30
Sun Apr 26 - First Holy Communion 3:00 Mass

Please keep in your prayers the following couples to be married: Jason Feldkamp & Kylee Carlson (4-11), Dan Hinrickson & Erin Kohake (4-18), Brandon Christensen & Jillisa Strathman (4-25), Kyle Swanson & Kaitlin Heinen (5-9).

CONTRIBUTIONS for week of 3-2-15 thru 3-08-15.

3-2 to 3-8	Envelopes	\$ 8,369.25
Church	Plate	\$ 508.00
	EFT/ACH	\$ 5,530.00
School		\$ 708.00
	EFT/ACH	\$ 978.00
Leaven		\$ 20.00
Candles		\$ 298.00
Flowers		\$ 20.00
	Thank You!!	\$ 16,431.25

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.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

****St Patrick's Parish, Corning** pancake breakfast today March 15 from 7AM-1PM at the Corning Comm.Ctr.
****St Michael's Church in Axtell** St. Patrick's Day Soup Supper today, March 15, 5-8 PM.
****Bern Blood Drive** Wed March 18, 12 PM-6 PM
****Baileyville K of C** Fish Fry Fri March 20 5-8PM. Proceeds to go to NE KS Winter Youth Rally.
****Kelly K of C** Lenten Fish Fry - Fri. March 20 5-8 PM
****Axtell Community Fish Fry**, Friday March 20, 5-8 PM
****2015 Lenten Dinners** at St. Dominic/Holton March 20: St Francis Xavier/Mayetta March 27. Both are at 5-7
****Come to "Adore"** praise & worship music at Sacred Heart Parish Sabetha on Sunday, March 22nd from 6:00 to 7:00 PM featuring Wade Talley as vocalist.
****Centralia Booster Club** Fish & Frog Leg Fry Fri Mar 27
****A Spirituality of Imperfection** Fri Mar 27 at 7 PM to Sat Mar 28 at 4 PM Sophia Spirituality Center 913-360-6151 or www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.com.

REPENT

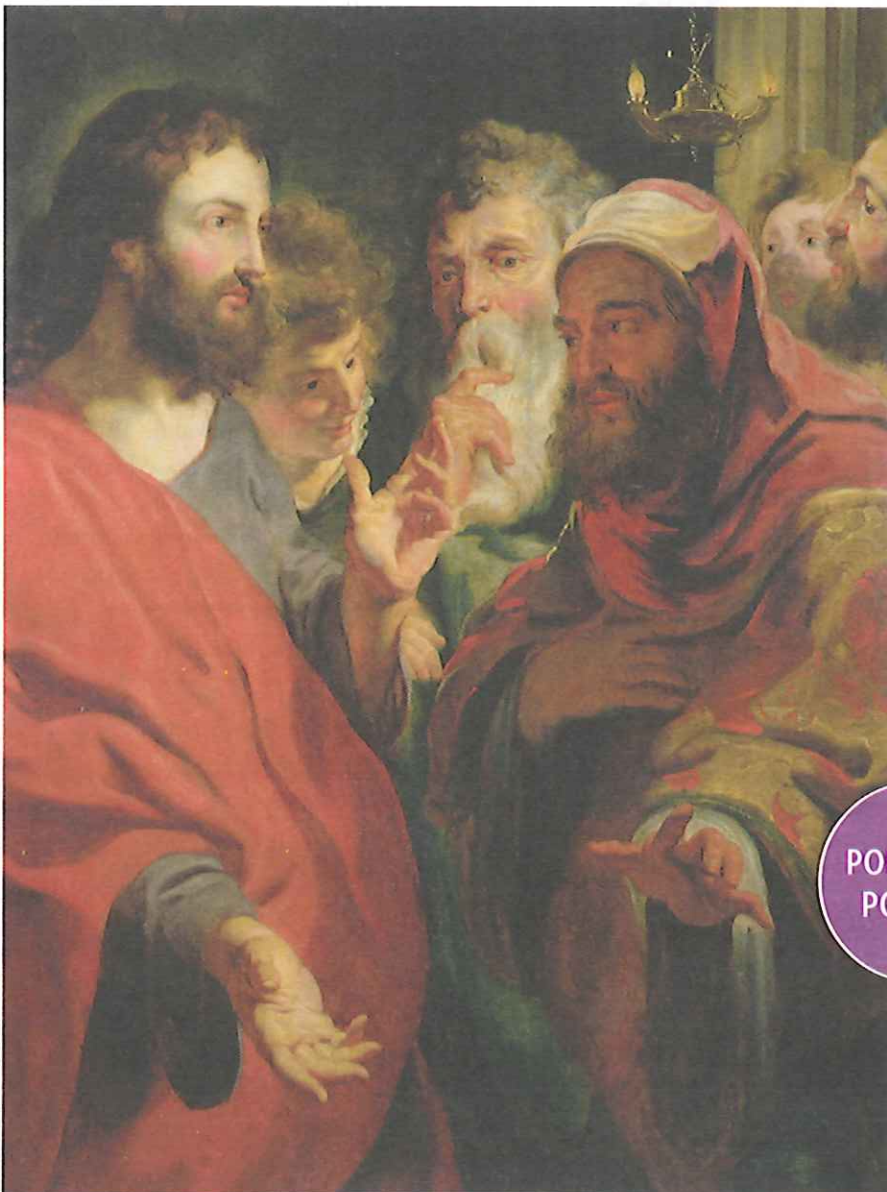
Meditations for the
Season of Lent

AND BELIEVE

The Name of the Son

John 3:14-21

The events that give rise to the teachings in today's Gospel begin a few verses before when the Pharisee Nicodemus comes to visit Jesus secretly in the night. Nicodemus has heard about Jesus and is curious, but he is also afraid. He wants to believe, but he isn't quite ready to make a public commitment.



The people of the Gospels aren't so very different from us. Nicodemus is intrigued by Jesus but unwilling to be seen publicly with him. How often have you learned that someone you've known for a long time is or was raised as a Catholic? This is particularly true of famous people who are afraid that making their faith public will harm their careers. Sometimes we fall victim to this same temptation, hiding our faith out of fear. While we fear that we may be mocked or made fun of for our faith, in some parts of the world today people are being killed for their Christian beliefs. Truly the words of John 3:16 (*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life"*) are at the very center of our faith. The season of Lent is the perfect reminder that we are called to let our faith show in our daily lives — with joy and fervor!

POINTS TO PONDER

- Do the people I work with, go to school with, and spend free time with know that I am Catholic?
- Who encourages me most in my faith? Who can I encourage?
- "But whoever lives the truth comes to the light" (Jn 3:21). How can I come more closely to the light of Jesus this Lent?

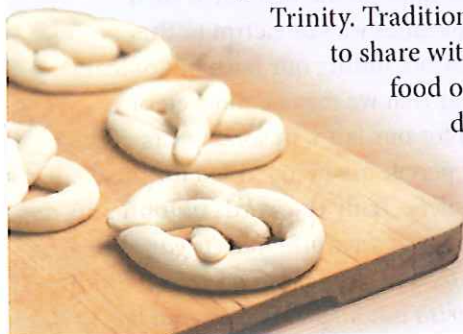
A Good Pharisee

Although the word “Pharisee” has come to have a negative connotation, not all Pharisees were wicked. Nicodemus, the curious Pharisee in today’s Gospel, was one of those who eventually followed Jesus. A member of the Sanhedrin, he defends Jesus when the chief priests are debating what to do with Jesus. And after the Crucifixion, along with Joseph of Arimathea, he brought about a hundred pounds of myrrh and aloe to anoint Jesus’ body. Tradition says that he was martyred for the Faith.

FamilyActivity

Pretzel Prayers

Once considered the official Catholic food of Lent, pretzels date back at least 1,400 years. Because fat, eggs, and milk were part of the Lenten abstinence, these little bites of bread made only with flour, salt, and water were invented. They were wrapped in the shape of arms crossed in prayer, and the three holes in the middle represented the Trinity. Traditionally, pretzels were the perfect food to share with people who were struggling for food or living on the streets because they didn’t spoil easily. Make your own pretzels as a family (find a recipe on the Internet), and share them with someone in need in your neighborhood or community.



LENT PRAYER

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

“No one who lights a lamp hides it away or places it [under a bushel basket], but on a lampstand so that those who enter might see the light.” — Luke 11:33

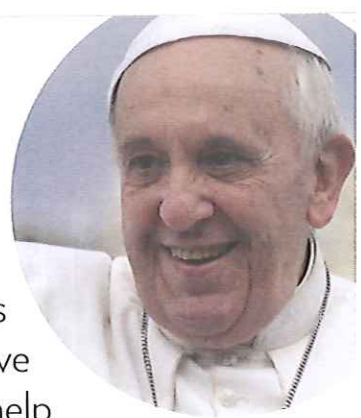
Lord, give me the courage to be a brave and bold witness to you in all that I say and do.



The liturgical color for Lent is purple, symbolizing pain, suffering, and mourning. But why purple? Purple was the most expensive color in biblical times. Extracted from a sea snail, it took as many as 12,000 shells to get enough dye to color a handkerchief. Because of the enormous cost, only the wealthiest wore purple garments. When soldiers mocked Jesus for being the “King of the Jews,” they put a purple robe on his shoulders to belittle his claim. Therefore, we use the color purple during Lent to remind us of the passion and death of the Lord.

“Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts.”

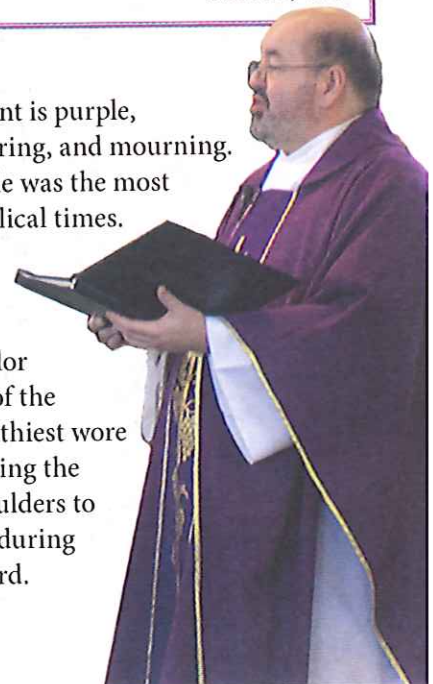
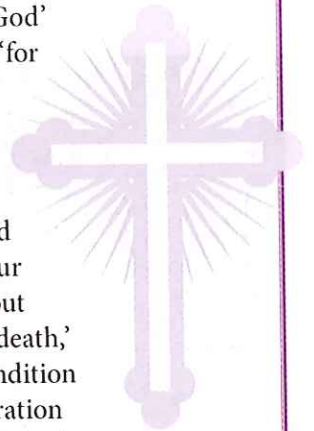
— Pope Francis, Lenten Message 2014,



Catechism CONNECTION

“By the grace of God’ Jesus tasted death ‘for every one’” (Heb 2:9). In his plan of salvation, God ordained that his Son should not only ‘die for our sins’ (1 Cor 15:3) but should also ‘taste death,’ experience the condition of death, the separation of his soul from his body, between the time he expired on the cross and the time he was raised from the dead.”

— Catechism of the Catholic Church, 624





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