

The Pastor's Corner

The term "spring cleaning" is one that is a rather intriguing seasonal phenomenon. Each year, when the warm weather hits, suddenly many of us find ourselves cleaning things out- almost like clockwork. We've been couped up all winter long, and we are consumed with this desire to tidy up, to throw things out, and to start to make sure things look spic and span throughout our homes, garages, and maybe even at work as well.



In the Gospel for this weekend, we hear of Jesus doing something unexpected- being seized with so much zeal and passion that he is driving out moneychangers and salesmen from the temple area. We can imagine a very vivid and chaotic scene, and it almost seems that the Gospel is portraying a side of Jesus that we can't even begin to imagine. Isn't Jesus supposed to be a "nice" guy, and preach good news, even to the moneychangers and tax collectors? Isn't He supposed to be gentle and kind even to these mislead souls?

This real side of Jesus, that sometimes we forget about, hates and despises iniquity- which is symbolized by the salesmen and moneychangers. He does not want impurity, self-centeredness, distraction, or pretentiousness to be in the temple- nor does He want them in our hearts. These salesmen and moneychangers knew well how corrupt their hearts were- and Jesus made them even more acutely aware of their shortcomings. He is zealous for the temple and our souls- and we should be too. He did some spring cleaning- and He wants us to do that for our souls.

Zeal for God's house- and our souls- consumes Jesus. May we too be so consumed with zeal for our Church, our faith, and our souls, that we too look to make them new, and give them that long-needed spring cleaning as we throw out sin and apathy and look to life, virtue and zeal for our faith.

-Fr. Belken

Readings for Next Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

Eph 2:4-10

Jn 3:14-21

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TUESDAYS ON TABOR

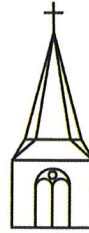
Adoration at St. Denis Parish

from 7:30-10:00pm on Tuesdays

Confession from 7:30-8:00pm

Come away from the busyness and rest a while with our Lord!

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT · MARCH 3, 2024



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3rd Sunday of Lent
March 3-9, 2024
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Mass Schedule					
Sat.	Mar	2	4PM	Marvin & Lillian Westrich	Thu. Mar 7 7AM No Mass
Sun.	Mar	3	8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri. Mar 8 7AM No Mass
Mon.	Mar	4	No Mass		Sat. Mar 9 4PM Liv/Dec mbrs of Lawrence & Clara Heuring
Tue.	Mar	5	6PM	Melvin Glastetter	Sun. Mar 10 8:30AM Parish Family
Wed.	Mar	6	7AM	Robert & Emma Gaines	

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. MAR 3-Margaret Heuring, MAR 10-Coonie Essner, MAR 17-Mary B. Glastetter, MAR 24-Terri Stuckey, MAR 31-Norma Seyer.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

February 25, 2024: Loose \$263, Envelopes \$2272, Total: \$2535.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3rd, ST. LAWRENCE LADIES SODALITY BROWN BAG FUNDRAISER. Price is \$12 for chicken and dumplings, slaw, green beans, a roll, and cookie. Please spread the word!!

SUNDAY, MARCH 3rd, SCOTT CITY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION DINNER. The Scott City Knights of Columbus 6420 will hold their religious appreciation dinner Sunday, March 3rd 2024. Happy Hour at 4:30PM and meal at 5:30PM. All members and families are invited along with any widows of members are invited to attend. For a proper food count, we ask that you RSVP to Gary 573-576-6451.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8th, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Travis & Jenny Estes

Derek & Kelly Felter, Danny Joe & Connie Glastetter, Jacob & Kaitlyn Glastetter, Jason & Elizabeth Glastetter.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9th, PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION HIGH SCHOOL MASS AND SUNDAY, MARCH 10th, PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION YOUTH MASS.

FRIDAY'S OF LENT SCHEDULE. Stations of the Cross at St. Denis at 1PM and 6:30PM at St. Lawrence.

LENTEN FISH FRY. It is once again time for the Scott City Knights of Columbus to hold their Lenten fish fry's. They will be every Friday and ending on Friday, March 22nd. Serving will be from 4:30-7PM in their upper hall located at 28745 US-61 Scott City, MO 63780. Menu will be fried fish, fried chicken, shrimp, hushpuppies, french fries, slaw, and baked beans along with tea and water. Prices: Adult \$13, Children ages 6-11: \$7 and 5 and under free. All carryout's will be \$13. St. Lawrence Parish is scheduled to work March 15th.

Lector & Communion Distributor :	Sat. Mar 9 4PM	Gwen Essner/Pat Moore
Organist/Cantor:	Sat. Mar 9 4PM	Krista Kluesner
Gift Bearers:	Sat. Mar 9 4PM	Paxton Beck/Noah Vetter/Charleigh DeShaney
Servers:	Sat. Mar 9 4PM	Mady Johnson/Macy Burger/Blaire Riley
Ushers:	Sat. Mar 9 4PM	Colton Vetter/Noah Vetter/Paxton Beck/Volunteer

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sun. Mar 10 8:30AM	Cindy Glueck
Organist/Cantor:	Sun. Mar 10 8:30AM	Krista Kluesner
Gift Bearers:	Sun. Mar 10 8:30AM	PSR Children's Mass
Servers:	Sun. Mar 10 8:30AM	PSR Children's Mass
Ushers:	Sun. Mar 10 8:30AM	PSR Children's Mass

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER. Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are our upcoming Spring, Summer, and Fall 2024 experiences. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to www.me.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

3/15/2024 - 3/17/2024, Cape Girardeau, MO

4/5/2024 - 4/7/2024, St. Peters, MO

8/2/2024 - 8/4/2024, St. Peters, MO

9/27/2024 - 9/29/2024, St. Peters, MO

10/11/2024 - 10/13/2024, Springfield, IL

ADVANCE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY. It is All-You-Can Eat Fish/Chicken Dinner with sides, including mac & cheese, baked beans, hush puppies, fries, and slaw at Advance KC Hall. Dine-in or carry-out. Serving from 5-7PM. Adults \$12, all children 15 and under eat FREE with a paid adult plate.

ST. LAWRENCE WEBSITE. The new St. Lawrence website is stlnh.org. Checkout the website and all its capabilities. Let us know what you think.

ORAN JAYCEES FISH FRY. Every Friday during the Lenten season from 5-7PM. Pond raised catfish \$16, all you can eat. \$14 carry out.

TEACHER POSITION OPENING. St. Francis Xavier in Sikeston is looking for a full-time elementary teacher for the 2024-25 school year. It would be helpful if the person preferred the upper middle grades, but not necessary. We may have to move teachers around to make things work. A practicing Catholic would be a definite bonus, since we need help teaching religion classes. We have applications available in the school office or they can email at barnessfx@yahoo.com for more information. The school phone number is 573-471-0841.