



## PASTOR MESSAGE

+ *JOURNEY WITH CHRIST* +

Dear Friends in Christ,

Throughout Lent, it is evident that our "Journey With Christ" takes us to various places. Our Scripture readings speak of actual places so we can go ahead and put ourselves in the story and see what it means for us.

On the First Sunday of Lent, the Spirit led Jesus into the desert for 40 days and nights, to be tempted by the devil. That is the origin of our Lenten observance, going into the desert for 40 days so that we can prepare ourselves for the glorious Solemnity of Easter. The desert is hard, hot, dry, arid, rugged, and it tests our will, but just think of the new life that will come when we emerge from the desert at Easter Time.

The Second Sunday of Lent, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up the mountain and it was there that our Lord was transfigured. In the midst of our desert journey, we get a glimpse of glory. Even though the desert road may be long and hard, there is hope and that is what allows us to persevere.

This past week, we paused in our Lenten journey to remember Saint Joseph, a just and upright man. He is a great example for all of us on this Lenten journey.

This coming Monday, March 25, we will journey to the house of Mary where the archangel will announce with great joy that Mary has been found worthy to be the mother of God's only Son.

There is a lot to reflect on in this early part of Lent. Pray that we will be strengthened and renewed as we Journey With Christ.

God Bless, Father David

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism**-Parents who wish to have their child baptized please contact the Parish Office for information and appointment.

**Matrimony**-A six month preparation process is required. Please contact the Parish priest for information regarding scheduling and preparation.

**Anointing of the Sick**-Please contact the Parish Office to inform them of anyone in the hospital or homebound in need of communion or anointing.

**Holy Orders**-Contact the office of Vocations in the Chancery, 785-827-8746.

For the safety and the healing of children the Diocese of Salina provides an **Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline. 785-825-0865** along with an [emailreportabuse@salinadiocese.org](mailto:emailreportabuse@salinadiocese.org). Calls/emails will be answered by the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator. All calls/emails are confidential with the following exception: Any allegation of child abuse concerning those who currently are minors, must be reported to the Kansas Protection Report Center(1-800-922-5330) as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy.

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF NORTH CENTRAL KANSAS

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### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

#### MASSES:

Sat. Eve.: 6:00 pm

Sun. Morn.: 7:00 am & 9:00 am

Tues., Wed., Fri.: 7:15am

#### CONFESSIONS:

Sat.: 2:00 – 3:00 pm or by appointment

Staff:

Secretary-Lori Adam-[olph@olphconcordia.org](mailto:olph@olphconcordia.org)

Bookkeeper/Liturgy-Glenda Schreiber-[music@olphconcordia.org](mailto:music@olphconcordia.org)

DRE/Family Life/Fertility Care-Lindy Meyer-[relig-ioused@olphconcordia.org](mailto:relig-ioused@olphconcordia.org)



### SAINT GEORGE

#### MASSES:

First & Third Sat. Eve.: 4:00 pm



### SAINT EDWARD

#### MASSES:

Fifth Sat. Eve.: 4:00 pm

Sun. Morn.: 11:00 am

Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 8:00 am

Wed.: 6:30 pm

Father Henry Baxa: Retired in residence

Deacon Steve Heiman-[stedward6810@nckcn.com](mailto:stedward6810@nckcn.com)

DRE-Tynan Dowell-[tynandowell@gmail.com](mailto:tynandowell@gmail.com)

Parish Council: Nick Hansen, Chairman

Knights of Columbus-Chris Pachta, Grand Knight

K of C Field Agent, Adam B. Bruna-[adam.bruna@kofc.org](mailto:adam.bruna@kofc.org)



### SAINT ISIDORE

#### MASSES:

Second & Fourth Sat. Eve.: 4:00 pm

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreats:** When we remember and mourn our losses, we free our souls to move beyond the pain. Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and remember, mourn, and be set free. **Rachel's Vineyard Retreats: Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time. Next retreat: May 17-19, 2019. 1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383) [rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org](mailto:rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org). Confidential.**

**Lent Program:** We will meet Sunday evenings of Lent at 7pm in the RE Center going through the Wild Goose program which uses video presentation and small group discussion. Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating God's love and transforming power. This is a love that has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and that leads us to our Heavenly Father. As you walk through this series, pray for the Spirit to breathe life into your heart. This program is great for teens and adults. Contact Lindy Meyer at 614-0831 or [familylife@olphconcordia.org](mailto:familylife@olphconcordia.org) for more information.

**Discover Camp, June 13-15, 2019** at Nazareth Motherhouse, Concordia, KS. Mark your calendar now then go to the website: [www.csjkansas.org](http://www.csjkansas.org)-to Menu, click on Discover Camp, and another click will get you to the application form. It is for girls going into the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. We have limited capacity of 36. For further information: Sr. Anna Marie Broxterman, [annacsj@csjkansas.org](mailto:annacsj@csjkansas.org) or 785-554-3829.

Child sex trafficking is a growing concern across urban, suburban and rural communities in the U.S. It transcends racial, ethnic, gender, and socio-economic boundaries. **Learn what is happening in your community, in your state. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. VISIT: [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org).**

Next week, our parishes will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds for this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and **help Jesus in disguise.**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 24, 2019

**Parish Mission: Catholic Communities of North Central Kansas: "To recognize that we are ALL one Body in Christ and to help one another get to heaven by serving God in ALL we do."**

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Parish Council: Amy Jackson, Chairperson    Knights of Columbus: Joe Reedy, Grand Knight    K of C Field Agent, Adam Bruna  
 Finance Council: John Strait, Chairperson    Altar Society: Sue Peltier, President

**Weekly Contributions: \$4,381.00**

**MASSES:**

Monday Mar. 25-NO MASS    7:45am: ADORATION

Tuesday Mar. 26-7:15am:+Dorothy Tremblay

Wednesday Mar. 27-7:15am:-Carol Goodson

Thursday Mar. 28-NO MASS

Friday Mar. 29-7:15am:+Mary Frances Cailteux

Saturday Mar. 30-6:00pm:+Leonard Reedy

Sunday Mar. 31-7:00am:For Our Parish  
 9:00am:+Walter F. Hendrickson

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

**Saturday, March 30, 6:00pm**

**Servers:** Keely & Braxton Kindel

**Readers:** Betty Wondra

**Cantor:** Sr. Betty Suther

**Musician:** Judy Reedy

**EMHC:** Jolene H., Marge W., Diane P.

**Greeters:** Charlene L., Deanna Link

**Ushers:** ANYONE

**Please pray for:** Sr. Therese Blecha, Alice Boschek, Jesse Copple, Leland Cote, Mary Dibbell, Lydia Feldhauser, Louise Forman, Joe Jaster, Dr. Paul Jaster, Kolbie Kalivoda, Richard Loeffler, Barbara Longenecker, Judy Miles, Ingrid Nelson, Knox Ngo, Joe Pellant, Virginia Schmitt, Debra Rupert Sjolander, Leo Strunk, Debbie Thoman, all who are ill, lonely, disabled, in homes and hospitals; and **service personnel serving overseas:** Cliff Caron.

**News:**

**Call to Share:** Here is an update on the campaign. We have reached 60% if our targeted goal of \$35,000.00. We have had 39 individuals or families pledge \$21,260.00. At some point in your life, one of these ministries will serve you, or someone you love, so please consider making a gift or pledge.

**Knights of Columbus:** The Knights of Columbus council 1142, Concordia are once again promoting ‘**40 CANS FOR LENT**’. Please join with us and help support the needy in our parish. All items received will be donated to Helping Hands at the Manna House of Prayer to assist them in providing food and other items to the needy. Thank you for participating with the Knights.

**K of C:** The Knights of Columbus will once again be having their Fish Fry during Lent. The first one will be March 8 from 5:30-7pm in the Parish Hall and they will be every Friday through Lent. Hope to see you there.

**Cemetery tractor:** I want to begin by thanking Pete Breault for his many years of service to the cemetery and board. Pete generously took care of cemetery needs with his own tractor by donating his time and resources. Now that Pete has retired, the cemetery board has decided to purchase their own tractor. The tractor will have a pull behind mower and bucket for varied uses. The total cost of the tractor is \$23,860. If you would like to make a donation please contact the parish office.

The **NOTRE DAME SCHOLARSHIP TRUST**(NDST) is accepting 2019 scholarship applications from OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP graduating seniors and college students. The scholarships are awarded primarily based on the student’s involvement in church and community activities during and after high school years. The NDST scholarship applications can be obtained from Lindy Meyer, Youth Minister for OLPH parish, picked up at the OLPH parish office, or from any NDST Board Member. The application deadline is April 10, 2019.

The Office of Family Life will be hosting a Memorial Mass for those who have lost a child at any age, either before or after birth on Thursday, May 9th, at 10:30am at St. Mary Queen of Angels Parish, Russell, KS. If you would like to participate in this Mass, please call the office at 785-827-8746 #24. If you would like to submit 1 or 2 photos of your child please scan and email them to wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org (please include their name, birthday and year of death). If you have any questions, please contact the office at 785-827-8746.

**LOST:** Airbake 10 x 15 sheet cake pan. Cake was brought to K of C Fish Fry March 2. Please return to OLPH office. Vicki Demars

## St. George

## St. Edward

## St. Isidore

**Monthly Contributions: \$**

**Weekly Contributions: \$2,316.00**

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**MASSES:**

Saturday Mar. 23-St. I.-4:00pm:+Vince Baxa

Monday Mar. 25-NO MASS

Tuesday Mar. 26-8:00am:+Linda Splichal

Wednesday Mar. 27-6:30pm:+Pauline Baxa

Thursday Mar. 28-8:00am:+John & Pauline Vishnefske

**Adoration: 8am-1pm**

Friday Mar. 29-8:00am:-Charles Homoloc

Saturday Mar. 30-4:00pm:+Ernest Blecha

Sunday Mar. 31-11:00am:+Catharine Pachta

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

**Saturday, March 30, 4:00pm St. Edward**

Servers: Brenna, Keaton, & Teagan Reeves

Readers: Rosemary Burt

Cantor: Annette Coonrod

Musician: Cherish Reeves

EMHC: Rosemary Burt, Keith Sells

Greeters: Bruce & JoDee Ball, Brad & Jill Boyer

Ushers: Bruce & JoDee Ball, Brad & Jill Boyer

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Mar. 24-Penance Service/5pm St. Edward

Mar. 25-St. Edward Parish Council/7pm

Mar. 27-Stations of the Cross Munden/7pm

Mar. 29-Stations of the Cross Belleville/7pm

Mar. 31-CYO/SHC

Mar. 31-Catholic Relief Services Collection

Apr. 1 –Evening Prayer & Stations/7pm

Apr. 1-8-Fr. David on vacation

**Sunday, March 31, 11:00am St. Edward**

Avery Stindt, Elijah Field, Kennison Isaacson

Wendy Popelka

Jacob Wilber

Marcia Blecha

Mike Baxa, James Popelka

Jeff & Kori Field, Chad & Lora Gieber

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**Please pray for:** Rylan Angell, Joe Baker, Ruth Barry, Fred Baxa, Gladys Baxa, Sr. Therese Blecha, Larry Bowman, Asher Bowen, June Boyer, Lance Crowder, Elwin Danielson, Tammy (Vizner) Freisen, Ken Hammerbacher, Brandon Hansen, Melba Hansen, Ruth Heyka, Steve Husband, Jerry Kopsa, Pam Lahodny, Gary Lapo, Celine Larson, Mary McConniel, Jenna Pachta, Ellie Pachta, Joe Pachta, Roger Rizek, Wanda Schuler, Calvin Seybold, Karen Splichal, Garrett Splichal, Isabella Voelker, Theresa Waite, Marti Wilber, and all who are ill, lonely, disabled, in rest homes and hospitals; and **service personnel serving overseas:** Lennie Baxa, Cliff Caron, Matt Cole, Rusty Jeardoe, Dr. Jeff Lewis, Lee Loy, James McMullen, Brandy Moravek, Chris Spafford, and Chris Splichal.

**K of C #2609: Knight of the month:** Daryl Rieke **Family of the Month:** Nick & Julie Hansen

**Next meeting** is the 1st Wednesday, April 3rd.

**April 17th, 3rd Wednesday Adoration 7-10pm.**

**Many Thanks** to the K of C and the individuals who donated money to the orphanage in Jalisco, Mexico. I ask for your prayers for the children and for all of those young people and adults who will be traveling on this mission trip. —Karen Carter

**Birthday Blessings:** Mar. 25-Tim Gottschalk; Mar. 27-Adam Allison, Kathryn Hartung; Mar. 28-Greg Richardson; Mar. 29-Bev Lapo; Mar. 30-Zane Gieber, Mason Isaacson; Mar. 31-Curtis Hansen, Carol Levendofsky, Deanna Morris, Cindy Splichal. **Anniversaries:** Adam & Cyrie Bruna.

Are you ready for Lenten Study? Wednesday night Bible study group will be watching lessons from the RCIA class. Come and learn more about your Catholic faith. Wednesday night at 7pm in the parish rectory. Call Chris Wilber for more information at 785-527-2041.

**Donkey Basketball** in Courtland on March 26 at 7pm. Meal from 5-7pm. Proceeds go to Pike Valley after Prom.

In the interest of being transparent, it is with great sadness that we will be releasing the names of all clergy who have served within the Salina Diocese who have substantiated claims of abuse against minors in our March 29 *Register*. A Listening Session with Bishop Vincke and Fr. Christopher Popravak, O.F.M. will be scheduled within the diocese soon. Details on the Listening Session will be included in the March 29 *Register*. Please keep all involved in your prayers.

**2019 Men’s Conference on-line registration begins April 1.** The speakers will be Pete Burak & Peter Herbeck. The conference will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2019, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays, Kansas.