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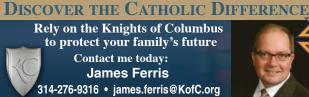
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First Saturday of each month:8:00 a.m. Tuesday7:00 a.m.

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FROM THE RECTOR - Quinquagesima

Love and sacrifice are beautifully wedded to each other when Christ mounts the Cross. Throughout His public ministry, the Son endeavored by word and deed to make manifest the Father's love for His chosen people. God offered Himself time and again and was rejected time and again through the sinfulness of the people and their refusal to be obedient to the covenant. The Father never abandoned us because of the love He bears us and in the fullness of time the gift of His Son is the definitive manifestation of that love He has towards us. For His part, the Son is obedient to the work and will of His Father including the gift of His broken body and the shedding of His precious blood. Like His Father, the Son embraces the cross because He loves us. As it is for Christ, so it must be for us. With joy, confidence, and peace we must embrace our daily crosses and the motivation for our joyous embrace must be the love shown to us by God that we desire to return. Simply put: if we accept God's love and return that love to Him, the most concrete manifestation of this love is the Cross. What greater gift of love could you offer than to give your life as ransom for others. Embrace your daily crosses, pray for the opportunity to sacrifice, and truly love others as God loves you.

SEASON OF LENT

During Lent, in addition to the times already published, confessions will be heard before the 7 am Masses on Tuesday and Thursday, beginning at 6 am. <u>These confession times will begin on Thursday, 12 March 2020</u>.

We will also have the morning of Confessions on Saturday, 14 March 2020 from 8:00 am until 11:00 am.

Stations of Cross will be celebrated each Friday of Lent at 7 pm. On the two First Fridays of Lent (5 March and 4 April) Stations will begin after the conclusion of Holy Mass.

Finally, the schedule for Holy Week has been determined and again will have the opportunity to celebrate each day of the Sacred Triduum. This information is shared early so that you might plan your schedules accordingly: HOLY THURSDAY @ 5:00 PM; GOOD FRIDAY @ 3PM; HOLY SATURDAY @ 4:30 PM.

All of this information will continue to be available both in the bulletin and online and sheets are available on the Oratory table in the vestibule that have all this information for our Lenten season.

"SHOW ME LIFE" PROLIFE ACTION DAY

Missouri State Capitol March 10, 2020

Support legislation to save the lives of unborn children. Join pro-lifers from across Missouri in Jefferson City on Tuesday, March 10th at the State Capitol. Registration begins at 10:00 am in the 1st floor rotunda and the rally starts at noon. You can register for one of our buses at http://www.easternregionmrl.org/actionday or call or email your name, address, city, zip, phone, email address and pick-up location to 314-434-4900 or mrl.eastern@yahoo.com. Registration deadline for bus transportation is March 2. Donations towards the cost of buses can be made online or will be collected that day. Wear RED for Life!

Bus #1 Pick up Locations	Departure	Return
Grasso Plaza – Affton	7:30 a.m.	6:20 p.m.
St. Paul Church – Fenton	7:50 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Union, MO Commuter	8:35 a.m.	5:15 p.m.
Lot/1stBaptist Church		

Bus #2 Pick up Locations	Departure	Return
Kohl's - Creve Coeur, MO	7:30 a.m.	5:45 p.m.
Hobby Lobby – Cave Springs	8:00 a.m.	5:15 p.m.
Wentzville – Walmart	8:30 a.m.	4:45 p.m.
Warrenton – Walmart	8:50 a.m.	4:15 p.m.

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Calling all Pro-Life Advocates! **40 Days for Life** will be holding our Spring Campaign starting Ash Wednesday February 26, 2020 and ending on Palm Sunday April 5, 2020. Join us for 40 days of Peaceful

Prayer, Hourly Vigil, Fasting, and Fellowship at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 317 Salem Place in Fairview Heights. We staff at least 2 people every hour for 12 hours a day for 40 days. Our hours will be 7am-7pm.

Pray with us in peaceful public witness. Let mothers know you care about them. Your church or organization can "Adopt A Day" and staff multiple hours or you can come on your own. Will you consider organizing "Adopt A Day" in your parish or assisting your Pro-Life Coordinator? Think about bringing your lay organization for an hour of prayer. You may sign up online and enter a password at: coalitionforlifestl.com to view and use the vigil calendar or contact: theresa@coalitionforlifestl.com/ 618-520-1255 or theresa@coalitionforlifestl.com/ 618-607.

The Pro-Life Coordinator for the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine is Aurora Miller who can be reached at aurora.1851@yahoo.com.

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PROLIFE OPPORTUNITY/COALITION FOR LIFE

The Oratory has been approved by Coalition for Life in their "Adopt a Day" Campaign to pray, fast and keep vigil on March 14th at the Fairview Heights Planned Parenthood. We will cover 12 hours that day with at least two people each hour. Join us in making this event and sacrifice memorable for the Oratory and your families during Lent. We are in immediate need of 2 -3 people to form a core group (along with Aurora Miller) to plan the information and sign up days of February 15/16 and February 22/23. If you are able to be part of the core group, please contact Aurora Miller at aurora. 1851@yahoo.com

LENTEN DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

In order to assist the faithful during the Lenten season, there will be a Day of Recollection for both the women and men of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine. The day begins with Holy Mass at 8:00 am concludes by 2:30 pm. The retreat is open to non-parishioners and everyone is encouraged to attend. The cost for the day is \$25 and includes lunch. Further information can be found on the Oratory table in the vestibule of Church.

- The Men's Day of Recollection 28 March 2020
- The Women's Day of Recollection 4 April 2020

HELP NEEDED!!!!!!!!

We are in need of volunteers to serve lunch and clean up after lunch for the upcoming Days of Recollection. For March 28th - we are in need of women to serve the Men's Day. For April 4th - we are in need of men to serve the Women's Day. If you would like to volunteer to assist and are able to do so, please contact Heather Stein heatherrstein@gmail.com. In advance, thank you for your generosity.

PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE

The Oratory has a Pilgrim Virgin statue of Our Lady of Fatima that travels from house to house every week. If your family would like to welcome Mary into your home for a week, please contact Heather at heather.r.stein@gmail.com.

FOSTERING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

I have been approached about the possibility of having Eucharistic Adoration at the Oratory. I am very excited about the possibilities that exist before us. As the community has continued to grow, we are now able (I believe) to move forward with increasing our devotional life. There are at least two possibilities before us. Option #1: A Holy Hour after the 11:30 am Mass on the First Sunday of the month. Option #2: Extended Eucharistic Adoration from the conclusion of Holy Mass on First Friday until to the evening Mass on First Friday. Option #2 provides a longer period of time for Adoration which I think would be spiritually profitable for the whole community.

In order for Option #2 to be viable there needs to be enough interest from the faithful to make sure that at least two people are present with Our Eucharistic Lord every half hour during the period of adoration.

In the coming weeks, a survey will be made available to the community to see in which direction we will be able to move. As you wait for the survey please prayerfully consider what time you might be able to make available to be with Our Eucharistic Lord.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (MARCH)

Catholic Women for Christ: Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding its annual conference on **Saturday, 7 March 2020**. For more information please visit: catholic women for christ.org.

SUNDAYS IN MARCH/MISSAL ASSISTANCE

- 26 February Ash Wednesday (p. 96)
- 1 March 1st Sunday of Lent (p. 105)
- 8 March -2^{nd} Sunday of Lent (p. 111)
- 15 March 3rd Sunday of Lent (p. 115)
- 19 March St. Joseph (p. 449)
- 22 Fourth Sunday of Lent (p. 120)
- 25 March Annunciation (p. 453)
- 29 March Passion Sunday (p. 125)

UP COMING EVENTS

- 23 February: Coffee Hour after the 11:30 am Holy Mass
- 26 February: Ash Wednesday
- 28 February: Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 pm
- 6 March: First Friday Confessions and Mass
- 6 March: Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 pm
- 7 March: First Saturday Confessions and Mass
- 8 March: Coffee Hour after the 8 am Holy Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, 25 February – *St. Matthias, Apostle* 7:00 am: Benedict A. Fowler

Wednesday, 26 February – *Ash Wednesday* 7:00 pm: Pro Populo

Thursday, 27 February – *Thursday after Ash Wednesday* 7:00 am: Joel Stein

Friday, 28 February – *Friday after Ash Wednesday* 12 Noon: Claire Barnard

SERVERS SCHEDULE

March 1st – First Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am: Joseph & Anthony Dixon
- 11:30 am: Austin Jackson, Cameron Ackerman, Philip Petrick, Simon Wisniewski, Luke Lavery

March 8th – Second Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am: John & Eli Colton
- 11:30 am: Cameron Ackerman, Lance Lavery, Sebastian Filla, Michael Turntine, Tommy Lattenzi

March 15th – **Third Sunday of Lent**

- 8:00 am: Joseph & Anthony Dixon
- 11:30 am: Ryan Lavery, Austin Jackson, Philip Petrick, Ben Armstrong, Peter Armstrong

March 22nd – Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am: Caleb & Eli Colton
- 11:30 am: Gregory Grizzle, Austin Jackson, Tommy Lattenzi, Simon Wisniewski, Sebastian Petrick

~ 02/16/2020 ~

<u>ACTUAL</u>

Weekly Collection Total \$ 3,493.47
Online Giving \$ 634.44
Total \$ 4,127.91
Year to Date Total \$ 187,062.73

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Ss. Gregory and Augustine, pray for us!