

Our Lady of Lourdes

Diocese of Covington's Latin Mass Parish

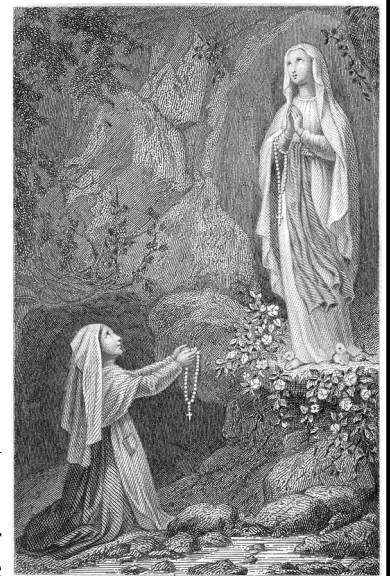
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"I do not promise you happiness in this life, only in the next"



DEAR PARISHIONERS, *Praised be Jesus Christ!* In Kansas, there is a wide-open stretch of land between Emporia and Wichita on the Kansas Turnpike. I used to work right in the middle of that land. Where was I working? What you can find anywhere? McDonalds. It was the only civilization for miles and miles. Where it was could be considered a desert like the desert in the Gospel. That "desert" in Kansas, which seemingly is not worth anything, for it looks so barren, is in fact where the world is nourished and strengthened. That area is considered the bread-basket of the world. Through the trials of wind, rain, and occasionally burning of the prairie, the soil becomes rich and able to sustain a great abundance of food for others. So it is with going through the desert sometimes in life. Sometimes we have to be beaten down by the rain, the wind, and even burned if you will. Out of going through the desert, we become stronger, ready for the fight, ready to endure, and ready for battle. And that is precisely why our Lord entered the desert. He entered to be tested and strengthened for the battle for souls in His mission to save us. The Lord is like us in all ways but sin. In the desert He is tempted just like us. He is tempted to fulfill His every desire and whim by turning the rock into bread. This can be considered the temptation to lust. It says to get all you can and don't worry about the consequences. It says to not worry about how your actions affect others, and even yourself. With lust, there is the temptation to only focus on things of the world, and forget about Heaven. In giving up things we become more like Christ



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Baptism and Marriages

All Sacraments at Our Lady of Lourdes are performed according to the *usus antiquior* of the Roman Rite, with the 1962 liturgical books being normative. Contact the pastor for any sacramental needs.

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Mass Calendar & Intentions

SUNDAY	March 9: First Sunday of Lent
7:00 AM	Joseph Downes
(Union) 7:00 AM	Greg & Julia Brueggemann family
9:30 AM	Ed & Jenny Miller and family
11:30 AM	Pro Populo
MONDAY	March 10: Feria of Lent
6:30 AM	Cherish Torres
12:10 PM	Dominic Berling
TUESDAY	March 11: Feria of Lent
6:30 AM	Joseph Gallivan
12:10 PM	Timothy Evans
WEDNESDAY	March 12: Ember Wednesday of Lent
6:30 AM	(+) Eric Lord
12:10 PM	Christ is King Action Ministries
(Union) 7:00 PM	(+) Richard & Martha Brueggemann
THURSDAY	March 13: Feria of Lent
6:30 AM	(+) Willis Ochs
12:10 PM	(+) Gerald Scheper
FRIDAY	March 14: Ember Friday of Lent
6:30 AM	Sr. Concepcion of the Holy Angels
12:10 PM	Maryann Scheper
SATURDAY	March 15: Ember Saturday of Lent
9:00 AM	(+) Irene Ryan Scapin



First Sunday of Lent

March 9th, 2025

who emptied Himself by becoming man to dwell among us. We unite ourselves more fully to those who do not have much. It helps us not give into the world & focus on the importance of gaining Heaven.

In the temptation for wealth and comfort, all the Lord has to do is bow down to the devil and He will receive anything He wishes. He will receive all the kingdoms of the world. But, He has to give up His principles. He has to give up practicing the Faith for some worldly achievement. He has to avoid standing up for what is right, and avoid discomforts. Just like our Lord, we must not bow down and worship the devil. We must say no to his allurement and traps to abandon the Faith. Our Faith is our hope and our strength. It has overcome the world. Without living the Faith, we may gain the world, but we lose our souls.

Sometimes we can desire power and glory, to be great in the eyes of the world. We can fall into the third temptation to thinking that I have to be great in the eyes of the world to be important. This is the temptation the Lord experiences by the devil tempting Him to throw Himself off the mountain and let His angels catch Him. The temptation is to think that if we are not powerful in the eyes of the world, if we don't do grand things, we are worthless. However, as St. Theresa says, it is the small things that matter, doing small things with great love. It is living out the Faith each & every day in all situations, big and small. Each one of us is called to sanctify the world around us. We do that one situation at a time.

So once the Lord overcame these temptations, which can be summarized in the temptation to lust, wealth, and power/glorify, He was ready for His mission. He went to do battle and He became fruitful, just like the plains of Kansas. So, if the Lord sends you trials, thank Him and ask Him for the grace to persevere. While enduring them, think of the phrase in St. Paul, "I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me". In doing so, you will become triumphant and fruitful. May every mouth proclaim Christ as Lord and believe and follow Him, enduring all kinds of trials and suffering for His sake, like He endured His trials and suffering for our sake. May you have a fruitful and consoling Lent on your journey with the Lord.

God bless you, Fr. Matt

Weekly Financial Report Week of Sunday March 2, 2025

Sunday Collection:	
Checks	\$4410.00
Cash & Coin	\$811.00
Online & Other Donations	\$150.00
Candles	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$5471.00
Weekly Budgetary Needs	\$4,208

ST. JOSEPH NOVENA PRAYERS

(MARCH 10-18)



☉ **GLORIOUS ST. JOSEPH**, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to thee do we raise our hearts and hands to implore thy powerful intercession in obtaining from the benign Heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special intentions that have been committed to us.

☉ **GUARDIAN OF THE WORD INCARNATE**, we feel animated with confidence that thy prayers on our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

(Then the following V. & R. are to be said seven times in honor of the seven joys and sorrows of St. Joseph.)

- V. O glorious St. Joseph, through the love thou dost bear to Jesus Christ, and for the glory of His name,
R. Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.

Let us pray.

☉ **GLORIOUS ST. JOSEPH**, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, and charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine will. Be my guide, father, and model through life, that I may merit to die as thou didst in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

*St. Joseph, friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for us.
St. Joseph, Spouse of the Mother of God, pray for us.
St. Joseph, Protector of Holy Church, pray for us.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS prayed on Fridays in Lent at 6:30 pm with Benediction following. Confessions heard at 5:30pm, and also after Stations as needed.



- † Catechism class on Monday evenings at 6:30pm.
- † The annual St. Joseph & St. Patrick celebration/potluck will take place at OLOL next Sunday, March 16th, following the 11:30am Mass. Please come & bring a hearty dish to share.
- † Extra Mass times for the Wednesdays of Lent: Father will say a 6:30am Mass at OLOL, as well as a 7pm Mass at Holy Family Oratory, with confessions offered before Holy Mass.
- † The blessing of religious items will now take place after the 3rd Saturday Mass at OLOL each month. This will replace the blessing that occurred on the first Saturdays.

"Say frequently and from your heart, 'O holy will of God, I love thee; the food of my Jesus was to do the will of the eternal Father; it shall be my food also ever to do His will.' Do not let the devil frighten you. Keep yourself hidden in God, and nothing can hurt you. Never neglect prayer. Be strong and constant. Courage! God wishes to make a saint of you."

— St Paul of the Cross

To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, or form-fitting clothing of any sort. Please wear dresses and skirts that fall below the knee when sitting even with leggings (around mid-calf). With due regard to time and circumstance, all are encouraged to wear decorous attire befitting sacred and divine worship.