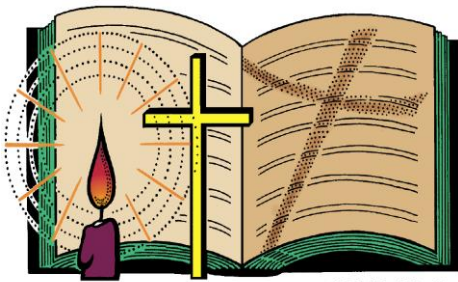


**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 12, 2017**

Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death
and brought life and immortality
to light through the gospel.
~ 2 Timothy 1:10b



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THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION

"We used to be such good friends. How is it that you've moved so far away?" one man asked another. "Perhaps," the other replied, "you have moved away. By standing still." This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God's will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life's difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering—or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God's will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalms — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Charles Nicholson	Home
Edith Bolder	Home
Mable Allen Reed	Senior Living Center
Marguerite Hamilton	Home
Jeanette Hamilton Evans	Home
Eddie Jennings	Home
Inell Hunter	Home
John Martinez, Jr.	Home
Margaret G. Jones	Home
Martha Melton	Benton House Center
Bertha Beatty	Home
Marcheita Bush	Home
Betty Givens	Home
Mary Brown	Home
Johnny Chambers	Home
Bob Motley	Home
Lorna Lewis	Home
Carlos Nix	Home
Delores Bazy	Home
Georgia Willoughby	Myers Nursing Home
Lavel McCullough	Home
Rosa Birch	Home
Sandra Cloyd	Home
Kevin Brown	Son of Vera Brown
Jackie Countee	Home
Jacob Armstrong	Home
Dewey Dickinson	Home
Terese Chambers	Home

FAMILY MEMBERS: Please inform our Pastor, Fr. Tom, when a loved-one is home bound or has been hospitalized. Call 816-471-3696 or email: stmonica1616kc@hotmail.com

MARCH 19TH ASSIGNMENTS

SERVERS Coordinator: V. Ammons*
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. All Servers

LECTORS Coordinator, Rose Palmer*
8:00 a.m. Angela Curry, Everette Curry
10:00 a.m. Melba Myers, Robin Richardson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Coordinator, Dianna Miller*
8:00 a.m. Mary Graham, Maxine Harvey,
Christine Johnson, Elaine Johnson
10:00 p.m. Shirley Thaw, Linda Williams,
Patricia Williams, Ronald Green, Deborah Buckley, Diane Charity, Jenise Comer, Bernadette Cook, Angela Curry, Sharon Dunmore

USHERS: E. Burtin*, J. Gillis* Coordinators
8:00 a.m. G.L. Blankinship, Elaine Johnson, Hargett Hayes,
10:00 a.m. Team A: Jan Wallace, Chaunceyette Mize, Phaedra Lombard, Mary Alexander, Stephanie Yeager, Sharon Dunmore

WELCOME: Jamika Unoke

COUNTERS: TEAM 3
Coordinator, Burnetta Burtin

MEETINGS – DATES - TIMES

SUNDAY ~ 11:30 a.m. St. Monica Building
~ Sunday School 1st & 3rd Sun.
~ 1st Communion, Every Sunday*
~ Jr Youth Group 2nd & 4th Sun.
(Ferguson Hall/Lower Level)
~ Senior Youth Group, 1st & 3rd Sun
~ Confirmation Class, 2nd & 4th Sun
~ RCIA Class (Small Chapel)

Health Ministry 2nd Sunday 11:30 a.m.
Ushers Ministry 4th Sunday 11:30 a.m.

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER

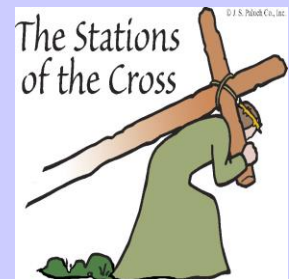
3rd Degree Knights 1st Sat. 1:00 p.m.
4th Degree Knights 1st Sat. 11:45 a.m.
Fr. Constantine Ct. 1st Sun. 9:00 a.m.
Ladies of Grace 4th Sun 2:00 p.m.
Jr. Daughters 2nd Sat 2:00 p.m.
Jr. Knights 1st Sun 4:00 p.m.

MONDAY ~ 9:00 A.M. MASS

WEDNESDAY –

9:00 A.M. ~ Communion Service
6:00 P.M. ~ Prayer Service

FRIDAY – 6:00 P.M. (Sanctuary)



Followed by a 'simple supper' in Ferguson Hall

SATURDAY

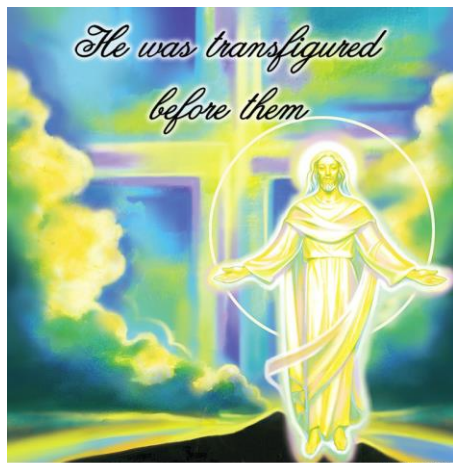
9:00 A.M. ~ Men's Breakfast & Bible Study Class
~ Women's Breakfast & Bible Study Class

3rd SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:
HEALTH & WELLNESS TEAM
Ferguson Hall



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TODAY'S GOSPEL — *Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scouting Sunday
- Friday: St. Patrick; Abstinence
- Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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SPECIAL CHURCH EVENTS

- 17th Stations of the Cross
- 19th Fellowship Reception Day
- 24th Stations of the Cross
- 31st Stations of the Cross

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Blessed Sacrament was not reserved in church buildings in the first centuries of the church. In those early years, of course, people met in borrowed "house churches," gathering on the Lord's Day for community, apostolic teaching, the breaking of the bread, and the prayers, as Acts of the Apostles tells us. Dispersed, people went their way into the workaday world until the next assembly. Weighing down their hearts was the absence of brothers and sisters, not only the sick, but those imprisoned for the faith. No wonder they developed a way of extending the food of the Holy Table to them.

Forty years ago, every altar boy in training heard about Saint Tarcisus. He was a twelve-year-old boy at the time of intense persecution in fourth-century Rome. His community had begun to convey the consecrated bread from their Eucharist to those condemned to death or awaiting trial. Normally deacons did this, but on one occasion, it was necessary to send the boy to bear the holy mysteries to the prison. The legend says that he was an athlete, and was detained on the way by some playmates who wanted him to join in their game. When he refused, they demanded to know what he was carrying. The situation went from bad to worse, and he was badly beaten and died of his injuries. A hundred years later, a pope called him a second St. Stephen. In the nineteenth century, Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman of England wrote a novel in which he expanded the story and popularized it. By then, no one seemed to notice that this twelve-year-old was actually touching and ministering the Eucharist, unthinkable until recently. Scholars say the story rings true: the first reason for setting some Eucharistic bread aside was not adoration, but Communion of the sick.

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FROM FATHER'S DESK



Greetings on this Second Sunday of Lent! How are you doing so far this Lent? Have you entered into Lent with your sacrificial offering, your giving?

Our scripture readings still have us back at the 'beginning' in the Book of Genesis. In our first reading God tells Abram (we know him as Abraham) to leave his homeland, the only thing he has ever known, and go to an unknown land. If you do this, says the Lord, if you make this great sacrifice I promise to give you more land, more animals, more descendants than you could possibly imagine. Well, we know the rest of the story. Imagine the sacrifices that many of our parents and grandparents made as they crossed oceans, country borders, and state lines to make a new home for themselves, for their family, for their posterity. Ponder the sacrifices they made as they traversed into the unknown. Any type of change in our lives is a challenge. For most of us, God is not asking us to completely uproot ourselves like Abraham, or even our ancestors. However, God is asking us to make changes that will help us become a better person. What does that change look like for you? What sacrifice is necessary for that change to occur? This is not the type of sacrifice like giving up candy or pop for 6 weeks. The type of sacrifice here is the same type of sacrifice that was made by Abraham, like our ancestors. This type of sacrifice is long lasting; one that would have lasting results in our life. Are you willing to make that kind of sacrifice? For the past two Sundays I have given you a quote about sacrifice. So, let's keep it going: *Sacrifice is truly the crowning test of the gospel. Men are tried and tested in this mortal probation to see if they will put first in their lives the kingdom of God.* ~Ezra Taft Benson

Make it a great Lent; make the most of your sacrifice

Fr. Tom



APRIL 12TH

Ferguson Hall

Reservations are required to prepare for this meal.

Sign-up will begin next Sunday.

DONATION: \$8.00

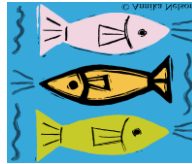
Report Child Abuse – Call the Missouri Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline, 800-361-2665, or the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, 816-812-2500

Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday - NOON



DCCW - LENTEN PROJECT
 Ash Wednesday, March 1st, was the start of our **Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW)** project for this quarter. As in the past, the St. Monica Altar & Rosary Society will be collecting personal hygiene items, for women and children, living in shelters, after fleeing abusive situations.

This formerly was called the “**Shoebbox Project**”, It is no longer necessary to put your items in a “shoebbox.” All of the items received, will be divided amongst four agencies. **Toothpaste & toothbrushes, combs & hair brushes, shampoo, soap, deodorants, etc.** - all will be. Appreciated. A special bin will be placed in the vestibule.



FRIDAY - FISH FRY

- ST LOUIS PARISH, 5930 SWOPE PARKWAY, K.C.MO 64130 MARCH 17TH

- ST. TERESE PARISH, 5814 EUCLID, K.C.MO 64130 MARCH 17TH

STATIONS OF CROSS 6:00 P.M.

DATE	FRIDAY	LEADING GROUPS
March 17 th	3 RD	Hospitality, Counting Teams, Men and Women Bible Study
March 24 th	4 TH	Altar & Rosary Society, Health Ministry, Lectors, Stewardship Committee
March 31 st	5 TH	Knights, Ladies, Junior Knights and Junior Daughters and Africa Rising
April 07 th	6 TH	Parish Council, Finance Council, Leaders of Parish Organizations and Committees

APRIL 29, 2017

“INTERNATIONAL FLAIR OF FASHION”
 “SAVE-THE-DATE”

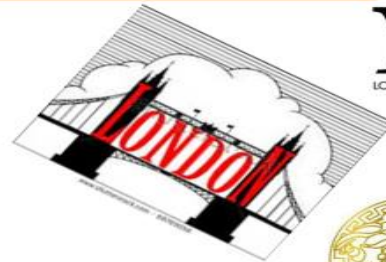
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- St. Monica Catholic Church
- 3rd Annual Fashion Show
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