

SUNDAY BULLETIN MARCH 2, 2025
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness. Rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS
CONFESSIONS HEARD 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS

Tuesday, March 4 —St. Casimir

7:30 AM—Abby Quinn Boies and Margaret Veach+

Wednesday, March 5—Ash Wednesday Day of Fast & Abstinence

8:15 AM—Bill Hinkebein+

6:00 PM—Delbert Thompson+

Thursday, March 6—Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:30 AM—Frank Ockenfels+

Friday, March 7—Sts. Perpetua and Felicity First Friday

8:15 AM—Don Tomasek+

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass ending at 4:30 pm

5:00 PM—Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 8—St. John of God

7:30 AM—Father Michael Joseph Walkert+

5:00 PM—Jim Alford+ (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sunday, March 9—First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM— People of the Parish

10:00 AM— Art Haynes, Jr. +

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Scripture Readings
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:4-7

I Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

UPCOMING DATES

March 5—Ash Wednesday, Day of Fast and Abstinence

March 7—First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ending at 4:30 pm with **Stations of the Cross beginning at 5:00**

March 27—Consecration to St. Joseph study begins

DIOCESAN OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH IS COMMITTED TO COMBATING SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH. IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE, OR IF YOU *OBSERVE OR SUSPECT* SEXUAL ABUSE:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18) and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911 and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, 816-812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, at 816-392-0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

“ LORD, IT IS GOOD TO GIVE THANKS TO YOU.”

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

March 4: St. Casimir

Casimir, born of kings and in line to be a king himself, was filled with exceptional values and learning by a great teacher, John Dlugosz. Even his critics could not say that his conscientious objection indicated softness. As a teenager, Casimir lived a highly disciplined, even severe life, sleeping on the ground, spending a great part of the night in prayer and dedicating himself to lifelong celibacy.

When nobles in Hungary became dissatisfied with their king, they prevailed upon Casimir's father, the king of Poland, to send his son to take over the country. Casimir obeyed his father, as many young men over the centuries have obeyed their governments. The army he was supposed to lead was clearly outnumbered by the "enemy"; some of his troops were deserting because they were not paid. At the advice of his officers, Casimir decided to return home.

His father was irked at the failure of his plans, and confined his 15-year-old son for three months. The lad made up his mind never again to become involved in the wars of his day, and no amount of persuasion could change his mind. He returned to prayer and study, maintaining his decision to remain celibate even under pressure to marry the emperor's daughter.

He reigned briefly as king of Poland during his father's absence. He died of lung trouble at 25 while visiting Lithuania, of which he was also Grand Duke. He was buried in Vilnius, Lithuania.

March 7: Saints Perpetua and Felicity

"When my father in his affection for me was trying to turn me from my purpose by arguments and thus weaken my faith, I said to him, 'Do you see this vessel—water pot or whatever it may be? Can it be called by any other name than what it is?' 'No,' he replied. 'So also I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am—a Christian.'"

So writes Perpetua: young, beautiful, well-educated, a noblewoman of Carthage in North Africa, mother of an infant son and chronicler of the persecution of the Christians by Emperor Septimius Severus. Perpetua's mother was a Christian and her father a pagan. He continually pleaded with her to deny her faith. She refused and was imprisoned at 22.

In her diary, Perpetua describes her period of captivity: "What a day of horror! Terrible heat, owing to the crowds! Rough treatment by the soldiers! To crown all, I was tormented with anxiety for my baby.... Such anxieties I suffered for many days, but I obtained leave for my baby to remain in the prison with me, and being relieved of my trouble and

anxiety for him, I at once recovered my health, and my prison became a palace to me and I would rather have been there than anywhere else."

Despite threats of persecution and death, Perpetua, Felicity—a slave woman and expectant mother—and three companions, Revocatus, Secundulus and Saturninus, refused to renounce their Christian faith. For their unwillingness, all were sent to the public games in the amphitheater. There Perpetua and Felicity were beheaded, and the others killed by beasts. Felicity gave birth to a daughter a few days before the games commenced.

March 8: St. John of God

Having given up active Christian belief while a soldier, John was 40 before the depth of his sinfulness began to dawn on him. He decided to give the rest of his life to God's service, and headed at once for Africa where he hoped to free captive Christians and, possibly, be martyred.

He was soon advised that his desire for martyrdom was not spiritually well based, and returned to Spain and the relatively prosaic activity of a religious goods store. Yet he was still not settled. Moved initially by a sermon of Saint John of Avila, he one day engaged in a public beating of himself, begging mercy and wildly repenting for his past life.

Committed to a mental hospital for these actions, John was visited by Saint John, who advised him to be more actively involved in tending to the needs of others rather than in enduring personal hardships. John gained peace of heart, and shortly after left the hospital to begin work among the poor.

He established a house where he wisely tended to the needs of the sick poor, at first doing his own begging. But, excited by the saint's great work and inspired by his devotion, many people began to back him up with money and provisions. Among them were the archbishop and marquis of Tarifa.

Behind John's outward acts of total concern and love for Christ's sick poor was a deep interior prayer life which was reflected in his spirit of humility. These qualities attracted helpers who, 20 years after John's death, formed the Brothers Hospitallers, now a worldwide religious order.

John became ill after 10 years of service, but tried to disguise his ill health. He began to put the hospital's administrative work into order and appointed a leader for his helpers. He died under the care of a spiritual friend and admirer, Lady Ana Ossorio.

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KNIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES MARCH 8-9		
Mass Time	Position	Knight(s)
Sat. 5pm	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Graham Randolph Evan Randolph
Sun. 8am	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Dominic Robinson Cason Bonderer
Sun. 10am	M.C. Thurifer Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2 Cross Bearer Torch Torch	Jameson Marshall Jackson Reeter Rowdy Miller Cameron Williams Eli Gratton Harry Goad Jack Cooper

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CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

Coming this Spring, a study of St. Joseph. Information flyers available on the table in the back of church. More information to follow.

MEETINGS

Knights of Columbus, Monday, March 3 at 7:00pm

Altar Society, Thursday, March 13 at 10:00 am, KofC Hall. Hostesses are Maureen Erwin and Cindy Alford

BISHOP HOGAN NEWS

The teachers have been busy doing 3rd quarter assessments and analyzing students' progress. The results of the assessments direct our instruction for the final quarter of the year. Third quarter ends March 7.

Bishop Hogan will play in the Southwest Elementary Basketball Tournament this week. The first games for us are Tuesday at 5:00 BH boys vs Braymer and 7:15 BH girls vs Braymer.

Bishop Hogan is blessed to be eligible to receive the **MoScholars** funds (Through the Bright Future Fund) for the 2025-2026 school year. MOScholars is a state-funded scholarship program, designed to support families who wish to enroll their children in private schools, including our Catholic school community. These scholarships are available for qualifying students based on eligibility criteria. Our upcoming kindergarten or first grade students are eligible to apply. We have sent information out to the parents to complete an application, so we hope to have several that qualify.

The state of Missouri allows any individual or business to **re-direct up to half of what they owe in state income tax** to an education fund. **The Bright Futures Fund** provides Catholic school scholarships to qualifying families, funded with tax dollars you have to pay anyway. If you would like to donate, you can go to BrightFuturesFund.org and click "Reserve your NO tax credits here!"

May God's light shine through you!
Pam Brobst, Principal

LECTOR SCHEDULE MARCH 9	
Mass Time	Lector
Sun. 8am	Steve Palmer
Sun. 10am	Melanie Warren

LENTEN FISH FRIES

The annual Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fries will be held on March 7, 21, 28 and April 4 at Bishop Hogan Memorial School. This year we will be offering dine-in for those who wish to come to the school cafeteria and enjoy their meal and a drive-through for those who wish to take their dinner home. Serving will run from 5:00 - 7:00pm each evening. The menu will include fish, chips, mac and cheese, green beans, Cole slaw, and cookie. Cost for adults is \$13.00 and \$6 for children 12 years of age and younger. Mark your calendars! Your continued support is greatly appreciated! Tell your friends and please come join us.

CONCERT IN THE CHURCH

On Sunday, March 30, at 3pm, there will be a free concert in the church featuring music on the harp, violin, and cello. Doug Rioth, who was the harpist for the San Francisco Symphony for 40 years, will perform several pieces on the harp. For some of those pieces he will be joined by Fr. Koster on the violin and parishioner Zeb Yoko on the cello. We hope you can join us for this afternoon of music in our beautiful church.



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