

Palm Sunday March 25, 2018

Masses This Week:

Monday	March 26
8:05 a.m. -- +Lynette Stramel 12:10 p.m. – Personal Intention	
Tuesday	March 27
12:10 p.m. – Personal Intention 5:15 p.m. – Poor Souls in Purgatory	
Wednesday	March 28
8:05 a.m. -- +Guise Tran Dong Hon 12:10 p.m. – Personal Intention	
Holy Thursday	March 29
7:00 p.m. – Mass of the Lord’s Supper	
Friday	March 30
12:10 p.m. – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion 7:00 p.m. – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion	
Saturday	March 31
8:00 p.m. – People of St. Mary’s Parish	
Sunday	April 1
8:00 a.m. -- +Maria Bui Thi Thin 9:30 a.m. -- +Bill Grevas 11:00 a.m. -- +Wilfred Dieker	

CONFESSIONS

Monday, March 26th at 8:30 am
Communal Penance Services:
 Sunday, March 25th – 3:30 pm at S H Cathedral
 Monday, March 26th – 7:00 pm at St. Mary’s
 Wednesday, March 28th – 7:00 pm at St. Elizabeth’s

LAST WEEK’S OFFERINGS

Sunday, March 18 th :	\$14,821.00
March to date:	\$53,046.00
Needed weekly:	\$17,500.00
Needed for month:	\$78,833.00

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

PLEASE PRAY for Charley Rhein, Clara Finan, Gerri Greene, Mary Ann Sahlfeld, John Zimmerman, all those who are disabled, in rest homes and hospitals, and service personnel serving overseas. (Names will be on this list for 1 month and then removed unless notified otherwise.)

Events Happening This Week:

Sunday	March 25
Lenten Parish Mission/3 pm/Sacred Heart Cathedral C.Y.O./6:00-7:30 pm/Youth Center	
Monday	March 26
Faithful Families/9 am/Meeting Room #1 Spiritual Reading Group/12 noon/ St. Elizabeth’s SM Grade School Council of Education/5:30 pm/Mtg. Room A Communal Penance Service/7 pm/Church	
Tuesday	March 27
SM Grade School Science Fair/6 pm/All Purpose Room	
Wednesday	March 28
Lenten Apologetics Brown-bag Lunch/12 noon/Mtg. Room #1 SHJSHS 7-12 Vocal Concert/7 pm/Mariamante at Marymount	
Thursday	March 29
Bible Study/9 am/Meeting Room #1 SMGS Lenten Service/2:15 pm/Church	
Sunday	April 1
No C.Y.O. meeting	

Notes from the Pastor:

My first year of seminary was quiet a mind stretching experience. I learned all sorts of things about my religion and faith that I had never known before. Preparing for my first Lent at Conception Seminary College was no different. One of the Monks told us about how in some old Benedictine monasteries in Europe after all the festivities on the Tuesday evening before Ash Wednesday, the whole community would gather together in their chapel and each carrying a lighted candle would process outside into a nearby field or forested area. The Abbot or Prior would dig a hole with a shovel and then each of the monks would file by and speak or sing an Alleluia into the hole. After all had completed the ritual the hole was filled back in, the Alleluia had been buried for Lent and of course it was not sung again throughout the whole season. Late on Holy Saturday night the community would all once again process to the hole and dig it open. They would then solemnly process into their monastery church for the Great Easter Vigil. At the Gospel of course the organ would gloriously scream out the tune and the monks would sing a triumphant ALLELUIA, with great rejoicing. Like Christ, the Alleluia had risen from the grave. We didn’t bury the Alleluia at Conception, but we certainly sang it with gusto at the Easter Vigil at 4:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Morning. My first Easter Vigil at Conception Seminary was an experience to remember and it colored the way I would celebrate Easter from then on. Before, Christmas was always the highest feast in my life, from that day forward Easter had taken its rightful place of highest solemnity. I love the Easter Vigil, the ringing of the bells, singing of the Gloria and Alleluia and all the other triumphant songs fills my heart with joy. I hope it will yours, too.

Peace and Prayers, Fr. Kevin

PARISH NEWS



EASTER FLOWERS: When using the envelope in your packet to donate for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, please be sure to PRINT the name(s) clearly in the space provided on the outside of the envelope. The deadline for donations is Monday, March 26th.

LECTORS & EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF

COMMUNION: A sign-up sheet is in the Ministries Room for the Holy Week Services. **USHERS** are also needed for the Good Friday services. Servers, Cross Bearers, and Musicians will all be assigned. **We also have a sign-up sheet for Easter Sunday Masses.** Please volunteer as you can for any of these. Thanks!



FOOTWASHING ON HOLY

THURSDAY: One part of the Holy Thursday Mass is the washing of feet reminding us of what Jesus did for his disciples as a model of humility and service. If any

parishioner would like to participate by having their feet washed, please contact the parish office via email or phone. The foot washing takes place immediately after the homily.

REMINDER: The parish nursery will not be open on Easter Sunday. **Adult and youth volunteers are always needed** to help with the nursery on Sunday mornings during the 9:30 am Mass. Contact Melissa Goetz at 825-5685 if interested in volunteering.

EARLY DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN: Due to the schedule for Holy Week and Easter, the deadline for items to be included in the Easter weekend bulletin will be Monday, March 26th at 3:30 pm.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR EASTER WEEKEND: Saturday evening (March 31) there will be only one Mass at 8:00 pm. On Sunday (April 1), the Masses will be at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am.

TRAVELING FOR EASTER? Go to www.masstimes.org to find Mass times and church locations nationwide and around the world.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS for 2017 are available upon request for tax purposes. Please contact Kathy at the parish office at kathy@stmsalina.org to have yours mailed to you. Please allow a few days to prepare your statement.

LENTEN PARISH MISSION:

THE CITY-WIDE PARISH MISSION this year will be the parish priests of Salina giving talks on Sunday afternoons 3:00-4:00pm in the Cathedral. The dates, speakers and topics are as follows:
March 25 – Fr. Justin Palmer - Sacrament of Confession (this talk will be for 30 minutes. The Communal Confession Service will begin at 3:30pm.)

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE is well-known as a "home-away-from-home" for families of critically ill children seeking treatment in various major cities. Pull-tabs from aluminum cans are recycled to earn money to help provide the comfort of home to these families. A large container has been placed in the Ministries Room in our Church if you would like to save and donate to this worthy cause. A local family will benefit from your generosity. Thank you!

E-BULLETIN & PARISH UPDATES: Now you can sign up to have the bulletin sent to your inbox each week. Keep up to date with parish events, volunteer opportunities, etc. Simply visit stmsalina.org/ebulletin to sign up. For more information, contact Bob Schroeder at 827-5575 or bob@stmsalina.org.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK! Keep up to date with events and activities in our parish, as well as view daily inspirational quotes and the Saint of the Day. Simply "like" our page: www.facebook.com/stmsalina

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Do you need prayers? We are here to help. Send prayer requests/intentions, or volunteer by contacting Bob Schroeder at the parish office (827-5575) or bob@stmsalina.org.

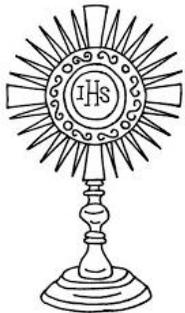
SCHOOL NEWS

KINDERGARTEN PARENT MEETING for incoming kindergarten students for 2018-19 will be held on Tuesday, March 27th at 7:00 pm at the school. This meeting is for parents only.

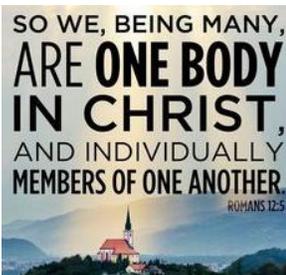
HOLY THURSDAY PRAYER SERVICE: St. Mary's Grade School students will have a special service on Thursday, March 29th at 2:15 pm in the church, followed by a procession back to the Grade School. All are welcome and invited to attend.

AROUND THE CITY & THE DIOCESE

SALINA CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of the AMERICAS COURT 1972 is offering a college scholarship to a senior girl who is a parishioner of one of the three Salina parishes. Contact your school counselor or Margaret Robertson at 820-1821. Submission deadline is April 13.



JOIN OTHERS in PRAYER AND ADORATION on Sunday, March 25th to pray for a new bishop. On the last Sunday of each month at 6:00 pm you are invited to join others to pray that our diocese will be blessed with a holy, loving, capable new bishop, and that we will all work together under his guidance as true disciples in the vineyard of the Lord. All are invited and most welcome to join!



DIOCESAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNUAL APPEAL: Thank you to all who gave to the Annual Appeal. The public phase is ending soon, but the need is ongoing and your gift can still be made through Dec. 31, 2018. Please prayerfully

consider a gift to the CCAA and make a difference in our Diocese. You can make a gift online at salinadiocese.org

MEMORIAL MASS: Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Salina will host a Memorial Mass for those who have lost a child (at any age – before or after birth), on Thursday, May 10th at 10:30 am at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan, KS. If you would like to participate in this Mass, please notify the parish office by March 26th and you will receive a personal invitation. Please submit your name, address, the name of the child, along with their birthday and year of death. If you would like to submit 1 or 2 photos of your child, please scan and email them to wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org. If you have questions, please contact the Family Life Office at 827-8746.

DISCOVER CAMP – An Extraordinary Experience for Extraordinary Girls – sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph, will be held June 14-16 at their Motherhouse in Concordia, KS. This camp is for Catholic girls entering 6th, 7th & 8th grades. Registration deadline is May 25th and is limited to 36 campers. For more information or if you have questions please call Sister Anna Marie at 785-554-3829 or email her at annacsj@csjkansas.org.

AROUND THE CITY & THE DIOCESE



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! SALINA DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE will be held on Saturday, August 11th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, in Hays, KS. Please attend and bring your sons

who are of jr high or high school age. Speakers will include Archbishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M. Cap, who is originally from Concordia, KS and currently shepherds the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and John Martignoni, who hosts the EWTN OpenLine radio program of Bible apologetics. To register or for more info, go to www.salinadiocese.org/family-life or call 827-8746. Registration begins April 2nd.

SALINA DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE "Be Not Afraid", will be Saturday, August 18th, at the Courtyard Marriot in Junction City, KS. Featuring best-selling author and Catholic radio host Hallie Lord. Registration fee is \$25. For more information email flaxsista3@gmail.com.



What does Star Wars have to do with the Holy Spirit?

Watch apologist Karlo Broussard of Catholic Answers as he considers our faith in light of themes from the Star Wars movies, offering evidence to show that the Holy Spirit is a Person, not an impersonal "force."

Log in to Formed.com and enter our parish code: ZDN9YW to learn more!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Reconciliation:

Monday, March 26th at 8:30 am

Communal Penance Services:

Sunday, March 25th – 3:30 pm at S H Cathedral

Monday, March 26th – 7:00 pm at St. Mary's

Wednesday, March 28th – 7:00 pm at St. Elizabeth's

Holy Week Services:

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 pm

Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 pm

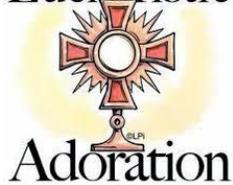
Easter Sunday Masses at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

VIETNAMESE CONFESSION & MASS:

Vietnamese Confession at 2 pm on Easter Sunday

Vietnamese Mass at 4:00 pm on Easter Sunday

Eucharistic



Adoration

THE PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL at St. Elizabeth's will be closed for the Triduum beginning at 5:00 pm on Holy Thursday. It will reopen on Easter Sunday at 12:00 noon. This closing is required by Church law and will enable us to participate fully in the

services of our parishes, help increase awareness of Jesus' death and burial, and heighten our communal joy at His resurrection. May you have a prayerful Holy Week and a glorious Easter!!



Holy Week

HOLY THURSDAY EXPOSITION: After the Mass of the Last Supper (at 7:00 pm) on Holy Thursday, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 10:00 pm. All are invited to spend some time in prayer this evening. Also, we invite people to spend time in prayer throughout the Triduum.

OPERATION RICE

BOWL: Please remember to bring your Rice Bowls to the Holy Thursday Mass. Thank you for remembering the poor throughout the world during this Lenten Season. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Church and your donations will be forwarded on through the Diocese.



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND:

Pope Francis has asked us to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection which brings help to Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic School, and offer religious education. This collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest, and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crises, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's church and your donations will be forwarded on through the Diocese.