Third Sunday of Lent  
March 15, 2020

Masses This Week:

**Monday** March 16th
8:05 a.m. -- +Kathy Breer
12:10 p.m. – Personal Intention

**Tuesday** March 17th
12:10 p.m. – Personal Intention
5:15 p.m. -- +Julius Suppes

**Wednesday** March 18th
8:05 a.m. -- +Sil Weber
12:10 p.m. – Personal Intention

**Thursday** March 19th
12:10 p.m. – Personal Intention
5:15 p.m. -- Kevin Conley & Katy Lorson Conley

**Friday** March 20th
8:05 a.m. – Lydia Ahlers
12:10 p.m. – Personal Intentions

**Saturday** March 21st
5:00 p.m. -- +Charles Mauer
6:30 p.m. -- +Margaret Saucier

**Sunday** March 22nd
8:00 a.m. -- +Mary Urban
9:30 a.m. -- +Roberta Peters
11:00 a.m. – People of St. Mary's Parish
6:00 p.m. – Personal Intention

**CONFessions**

Monday, March 16th at 8:45 am
Thursday, March 19th at 5:45 pm
Friday, March 20th at 12:45 pm
Saturday, March 21st at 4:00 pm

**LAST WEEK’S OFFERINGS:**

Sunday, March 8th: $19,054.00
March to date: $37,743.00
Needed Weekly: $18,423.00
Needed for Month: $79,835.00

**MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

*PLEASE PRAY* for Roger Thull, Shelly Klein, and 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.

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**Events This Week:**

**Sunday** March 15th
Parish Lenten Mission/3 pm/St. Elizabeth’s C.Y.O./7–8 pm/Youth Center

**Monday** March 16th
SHJSHS Council of Education/5:30 pm/Library
Faith Formation/7 pm/Meeting Room #1

**Tuesday** March 17th
Soldiers of Christ/6:30 pm/Church
R.C.I.A./7 pm/Meeting Room #2

**Wednesday** March 18th
SMGS Stations of the Cross/1 pm/Church
Parish Choir Practice/5:45 pm/Church
P.R.E./6:45-8 pm

**Thursday** March 19th
Bible Study/9 am/Meeting Room #1
Finance Council/6:30 pm/Meeting Room #1
Cub Scouts/6:30 pm/Parish Hall

**Friday** March 20th
Stations of the Cross/5:45 pm/Church
K of C Fish Fry/5:30–7:30 pm/Parish Hall

**Saturday** March 21st
Women’s Rosary Group/7:30 am/Church
SHJSHS Charity Auction/5 pm/gym

**Sunday** March 22nd
Tri-Parish Lenten Mission/3 pm/St. Elizabeth’s No C.Y.O.

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This past week we took our renovation plans to the Diocesan Art & Architecture committee for final approval. We presented the finalized plans, and presented how our capital campaign was going. They made a couple of slight recommendations, but did not require that anything be changed. With that they gave us approval to move forward with the bidding process for the project. Six general contractors were selected, two having a presence here in Salina. They were invited to offer a bid, given access to the plans, told of preferred local vendors and service providers, and were given the parameters of when their bids were due which is by April 8th. They were also informed of a mandatory pre-bid meeting on March 26th so all bidders are fully informed of the existing building conditions and scope of work. We are exceedingly hopeful that we will receive several very competitive bids from the contractors we have selected.

*Please keep the renovation project in your prayers as this is a very important part of the process.* Be looking for another insert in the bulletin next week with more details about the renovation.

Peace & Prayers,

Fr. Kevin
**Parish News**

_The City-wide Parish Mission_ this year will once again be the parish priests of Salina giving talks on three of the Sundays of Lent. All of the talks will be held at St. Elizabeth's Church this year on Sundays, March 15, March 22, and March 29 beginning at 3 pm. Each Sunday one of them will speak on the Gifts of the Spirit.

**Communal Anointing of the Sick** We will have a communal celebration of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on Sunday, March 22nd beginning at 1:00 pm in the church. We encourage those who are elderly, and feel the burden of years, to avail themselves of this sacrament. In addition, we encourage those who have chronic illnesses that have diminished their overall health, or those who are seriously ill with other health issues such as cancer, Parkinson’s, diabetes, heart disease, etc., to make use of this sacrament. Family members of the person who is receiving the anointing are certainly encouraged to come and join in the prayers for their loved one. **There will not be a Mass with this.**

**Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry** will be Friday, March 20th from 5:30-7:30 pm in the parish hall. Menu includes fish, roasted red potatoes, coleslaw, and mac & cheese. **Proceeds will go toward the church renovation fund.**

**Special Collection:**

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Please give generously to this collection. To learn more go to: www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

**School News**

**Fast Cash Calendar Winners:**

- $20 – Sunday, March 8 – Brenda Mai
- $20 – Tuesday, March 10 – Kay Potter
- $20 – Thursday, March 12 – Mary Ann Gourley

**37th Annual SHJSHS Charity Auction** will be held next Saturday, March 21st beginning at 5 pm. All seats are reserved at tickets are $50/person. Ticket price includes dinner, beverages, live auction and post-auction dance with The Blades. For more info go to www.sacredheartknights.org or stop by the SHJSHS Development Office at 234 E Cloud.

**Please take time to read the insert in this bulletin.** Bishop Vincke has come out with a directive regarding the Covid-19 Coronavirus. We will be following his instructions and implementing them, effective immediately, here at St. Mary's and at all parishes within our Diocese. We should all be willing to take all of the precautions we can and do our part in preventing the spread of this pandemic.

**Match Madness** is on Thursday, March 19 from 7 am until 7 pm at the Salina Fieldhouse. Please consider a donation to one of the following charities: St. Mary’s Church Endowment, St. Mary’s Grade School Endowment, SHJSHS Endowment, or Catholic Charities. Due to some generous donors, all donations will be matched up to 50%. Your donations will help make a difference today and long into the future!!

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**DIOCESAN & CITY HAPPENINGS**

**The BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL** supports the many ministries of the Diocese, including education and formation for youth and adults, family life, education of seminarians, and clergy education. You should have received information by mail this past week on how you can contribute to the appeal. The goal which has been set by the Diocese for our parish is $97,000. So far we have pledges of $81,490 from 81 individual donors. Thank you for your generosity and your willingness to give.

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS CONFERENCE:** Mark your calendars for Friday, March 27th. The Office of Family Life and NFP will sponsor this conference at St. Elizabeth’s in Salina. Guest speakers will be Sharon Witzell from Wichita Diocese who will speak about the book “Dreams for your Grandchildren” by Allen Hunt; and Marilyn Henry, from the Catholic Grandparents Association who will speak about passing on the faith and keeping prayer at the heart of family life. There is no cost to register, however a free-will offering will be collected. The day will also feature Mass and a light Lenten lunch. Register by calling 827-8746 or online at: www.salinadiocese.org/family-life. Registration deadline for the event is March 20th.

**The CREIGHTON MODEL SYSTEM** is a natural, safe, effective, and Church-approved method for achieving or avoiding pregnancy, overcoming infertility, and monitoring reproductive health. Introductory sessions are offered monthly by Dr. Maria Rapp, FCP. Classes will be held at Chiropractic Wellness Center, 1130 E Cloud St. The sessions are at 7 pm, they are free, and last approximately 1 hour. The next session will be Thursday, March 19th. For more info, please contact Maria at 827-7779, or email: back2000@aol.com.

**WOMEN’S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE** will be held on Saturday, March 28th from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm at St. Thomas More Parish Center in Manhattan, KS. Registration deadline is March 22nd. For more information or to register call 785-776-5151 or go to: http://bit.ly/20WomConf.

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**CARE PACKAGES FOR THE TROOPS:** The Diocese of Salina invites you to participate in an optional Lenten giving opportunity. Fr. Charles Awotwi, a priest of our Diocese, is currently serving in the US Army as a military chaplain in the Middle East. He has requested our assistance with sending care packages for the 1,500 troops in his unit. Should you choose to participate, you will also be responsible for any costs incurred (items included in the box, shipping, etc.). Items needed are: snacks, candy, pop-tarts, nuts, cookies, hand lotion, microwave popcorn, jerky, body wash, toothbrushes & toothpaste, wipes, etc. Please also include a personal card or letter to our soldiers and let them know of your prayers and support.

Directions for sending packages:
*Go to the Post Office and pick up a Flat-Rate Priority box. The boxes are free; however there is a shipping fee of $15 for a medium box or $20 for a large box.
*Fill out a Customs Form at the Post Office. They will ask you what you are sending and its approximate value. You can generalize the items and estimate the value.
*The packages should be addressed to: CH (CPT) Charles K. Awotwi, HHC 87th CSSB, APO AE 09330

**WORLDWIDE FERTILITY CARE WEEK is March 22–28.**

Do you think contraception is your ONLY option? We believe that it is our responsibility to let you know about the natural procreative choices that are available to you. You may not receive this information from your health care provider, family, or friends because it is often confused with outdated methods of family planning that were unreliable and required the woman to have regular cycles. So...when you think that contraception is your only option...the Creighton Model Fertility Care System inspires us to embark on new paths to authentic freedom. For more information, visit salinafertilitycare.org today!

**VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)** in partnership with the IRS offers free tax prep services to low- and moderate-income individuals and families to help them avoid costly income tax preparation fees and ensure eligible tax credits. Walk-ins only. No appt. necessary. Stop by 1458 S Santa Fe on Mondays from 10 am-3:30 pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-5:30 pm; and Saturdays from 9 am-1:30 pm.