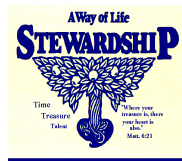


DATE: MARCH 20, 2005
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
 MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF: March 21, 2005

MON, 8:00 AM Alice Thompson
 TUES, 8:00 AM The Children of the Parish
 WED, 8:00 AM Dorothy Bust Price
 THURS, 7:00 PM The People of the Parish
 FRI, 7:00 PM Good Friday Services
 SAT, 7:00 PM The People of the Parish
 SUN, 8:00 AM Paul Joseph & Mary Lake Casey
 10:00 AM Minnie Allen



ENVELOPES\$3,446.00
LOOSE.....\$188.00
CHILDREN(2) ... \$3.00
VOTIVE LIGHTS.....\$34.00
Holy Land \$5.00
Catholic Relief \$40.00
ST. VINCENT DEPAUL.\$101.87

FOR THE WEEK OF: March 13, 2005

NEEDED for Expenses \$2300.00
RECEIVED: \$3,634.00

P S R HOLY WEEK, NO CLASSES

For your Lenten practice the Church will be open on Wednesday evening from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM for Adoration.

On Holy Thursday it is the custom of the church to be with Christ during His time at the "altar of repose". Our times are from after Mass until Midnight. A sign-up sheet is in the back of church to ensure that someone is with Him.

PENANCE SERVICES

St. Joseph Church, Bonne Terre
Monday, March 21st 7:00 PM

EXTRA CONFESSION TIME

St. James Church
Wednesday, March 23rd 11:00 AM- Noon
 (Starts and Stops Promptly)

CHICKEN AND BEEF DINNER
SUNDAY, APRIL 3
At the K. C. Hall in Old Mines.

READINGS:

Monday: Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3,13-14 Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a,5-6ab,15,17 Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34 Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8,11-14 Ps 116:12-13,15-16bc,17-18
 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15,17,25 Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9
 Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday: Gn 1:1-2 Ps 104:1-2,5-6,10,12-14,24,35 Ps 33:4-7,12-13
NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 10:34a,37-43 Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9 Mt 28:1-10

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
LENTEN FISH FRY
K. C. Hall in Old Mines
Friday, MARCH 25, 2005
Serving From 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM
WHITING – COD– CATFISH - SHRIMP

QUILT BINGO

St. James Church will be hosting a Quilt Bingo on Sunday, April 24, 2005 in the Parish Hall. Mark your calendars now and come play Bingo with us.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society

The love of our neighbors is a safe and rather accurate measure of our love of God. Easter Joy to our membership, their families and friends. A special Easter Joy to the children of our parish that bring their donations of canned goods each week.

Please check the website of the **Office of Laity & Family Life www.stlcatholics.org** for information on the following ministries: Marriage Enrichment, Marriage Preparation, Bereavement Grief Ministry, Christian Parenting, Evangelization, Inactive Catholics Outreach, Lay Ministry, Natural Family Planning, Parish Councils, Separated, Divorced and Widowed Ministry, and Small Church Communities.

Catholic Family Counseling, A United Way agency, is the recognized marriage, family and individual counseling service of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Offices in Festus and Perryville, Missouri. 1-800-652-8056

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASSES

Holy Thursday.....7:00 PM
Good Friday.....7:00 PM
Holy Saturday.....7:00 PM
Easter Sunday8:00 AM
10:00 AM

May the power of God's love, which raised Jesus from the dead, fill your heart with Easter Joy.

GOOD NEWS John Craghan,Th.D.,S.S.L.
 Passion (Palm) Sunday
 Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14--27:66

In the face of violence, the human tendency is to strike back. If we are put down by stronger opponents, we retaliate; if we are innocent victims of prejudice, we lash out. Today's readings discourage revenge and urge that, even in the face of pain and frustration, we arm ourselves with compassion.

The passage from Isaiah describes the prophet as a servant obedient to God's Word, but not all obeyed the call of Isaiah. This refusal led to frequent humiliations (beating, plucking of the beard, buffets, spitting). Yet the servant did not react with violence. Rather, he continued to hope that God would support him in his trial and utterly vindicate him.

Jesus' attitude toward violence is clear in the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus calls blest those who are insulted and persecuted because of him (Matthew 5:11). At the time of his arrest, Jesus practices what he preached on the mountain. Jesus rejects the use of violence to save himself. He could have called down legions of angels, but he did not. Matthew explains Jesus' strategy for combating violence: the force of truth.

In the scene of the mockery by the soldiers, Matthew highlights the escalating violence. Rather than strike back, Jesus teaches that the purpose of power is to serve others. "Just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28).

The uses of violence are many in our modern society. Some are subtle, such as refusing to speak when we have been hurt by friends or family. In the world, we witness the escalation of violence. We take it for granted that only violence can overcome violence. Bigger and better arms and better planned strategy appear to be the only reasonable response.

Jesus urges us to review our ways of violence. Jesus' way is one of patience, endurance, and even death if necessary. Jesus' message is to arm yourself with compassion, not violence.

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DRIVERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
SATURDAY: Aaron East
SUNDAY: Robert Coleman



GIFT BEARERS
 7:00 Mr. & Mrs. James Harvey
 8:00 Mr. & Mrs. James Harrelson
 10:00 Mr. & Mrs. John Hochstatter



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