

Father Ben Nwosu celebrated Mass for The Second Sunday of Lent at 4:00 PM February 24th, 2024. There were 50 in attendance.

**Contributions received in February:**

<b>Offertory Collection:</b>	\$	<b>5,548</b>
<b>Other:</b>	\$	<b>149</b>
<b>Building Fund:</b>	\$	
<b>Monthly Budgeted:</b>	\$	<b>5,083</b>
		<b>+614</b>

**Monday March 4**

Jesus and Coffee meets 10 AM at McCarty Center

**Friday March 8**

Lunch served at 12:00  
Stations of the Cross 1:00 followed by Adoration

**Saturday March 23**

Palm Sunday Service

**Sunday March 31**

Reconciliation 9:30-9:50  
Easter Mass 10:00 AM

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT CELEBRATED MARCH 9, 2024**

3:30 pm - Rosary  
3:40 pm – 3:55 Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:00pm – Eucharist  
**\*VOCATIONS**

Please pray for our Parishioners residing in Hermitage Nursing & Rehabilitation Center: Sally Fleenor and Franz Hallatschek.



**MARCH PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Dave and Diana Robinson, Kathi Kessinger, Phil Rotert, Mary Berry, Roger Riley, Ed Camp, Jimmie Lee Farmer, Rodney Schaefer, Cliff Brooks, JoAnn Mertz, Father Dan, Jeremy Hulsof, and Alice Wepplo, sister of Margaret Hastings*

**PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN IN HARMS WAY**



*Matthew Bialek, Alex Eisinger, Logan Eldred, Mark Holm, Michael Greenleaf, David Murphy, Houston Noah, Caitlin Schaefer, Addie Schaefer and Faith Schaefer.*

*The Feb. 2024 Lenten issue of "Word Among Us" is available in the basket in Miller Hall. Please pick yours up and consider picking one up for our homebound members.*

**Bishop McKnight's March prayer intention for our Local Church**

For those preparing for reception of the Easter sacraments this year; may our whole Church be renewed and invigorated by the celebrations of baptism, confirmation and First Holy Communion.





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**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT CELEBRATED MARCH 2ND AT 4:00 PM**

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, & Thurs, 8:30a.m.– 1:30p.m.  
Wed. By Appointment  
Pastor: Father Benjamin Nwosu  
bnwosu@diojeffcity.org  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:40 – 3:55 p.m.  
Rosary: 3:30 p.m. Eucharist: 4:00 p.m.  
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**ST BERNADETTE CHURCH IS A CENTER OF CHARITY WHERE WE PRAY, GROW, LOVE, AND LEARN TO LIVE LIKE JESUS CHRIST**

*"Even the most tragic and painful experiences risk not having a quiet place where they can be kept. Everything has to be exposed, shown off, fed to the gossip-mill of the moment. But the Lord says to us: Enter into the secret, return to the center of yourself. Precisely there, where so many fears, feelings of guilt and sin are lurking, precisely there the Lord has descended in order to heal and cleanse you. Let us enter into our inner chamber: there the Lord dwells, there our frailty is accepted and we are loved unconditionally."*

*Pope Francis*



The Preston Fire Department has announced that they will host the popular Fish Fries this year during Lent. An agreement was made to use the facilities of St. Bernadette Catholic Church. The fish dinners will be held on Fridays through the 40 days of Lent and will be **Drive-Thru** only. Service begins at 4:00 PM and ends at 6:00 PM Mark your calendars now to come out and enjoy the great fish and side dishes.

*Rice Bowls and flower donation envelopes* have been placed on the table at the back of the sanctuary . Please pick one up as you leave Mass and return on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Fridays through Lent** the Parish Council is hosting a light lunch starting at 12:00 followed by Stations of the Cross at 1:00 and immediately after Stations there will be an hour of adoration.

*The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.*

Psalms 19:8

God's commandments provide us with the road map to live our lives as obedient disciples, seeking his mercy to purify our hearts to be a temple of the Holy Spirit.



### How Firm a Foundation



The Sisters in Christ from St. Bernadette's will be serving brunch and then share in a program encouraging us to grow in ourselves, our families and, most importantly, our faith.

Come join the Sisters in Christ ladies at Pomme de Terre United Methodist Church at 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., on Saturday, March 23, 2024.



### Reflection for John 2:13-25

Today's Gospel gets our attention immediately. Jesus has just arrived in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. He immediately goes to the temple. When he arrived at the temple, the situation he found there infuriated Him. Yes, there were many people in the temple. However, most of there were not there to pray. There were an astounding number of money changers and also people selling animals for sacrifice!

Jesus absolutely "lost" it! He took a length of cord, made a whip and began driving all these people out of the temple! They were desecrating this beautiful and sacred temple. How dare they? The temple was built and dedicated to be a place for prayer and worship. It was not built to be a marketplace! Jesus was infuriated! Yet he also was saddened

that the people would desecrate such a holy, beautiful and sacred place.

Today may be a day to ask ourselves: what and where are our sacred places? What are the places that are sacred to us? It might be a church, a forest, the mountains, the ocean or simply a swing in our backyard or a special chair in our house. We all need sacred places in our lives. These sacred places enable us to experience and open ourselves to God's presence in the beauty, the silence, the peace – be that in nature, the quiet space in your house or a church.

Sacred places and spaces help to ground us in God. And thus, we may experience God's presence in that place more intensely and more tangibly. A sacred place as well as a sacred activity (such as simply sitting quietly in a chair) also may help us open ourselves more deeply to God's presence, word and grace.

*St. Bernadette Pray for us!*