

Father Ben Nwosu celebrated Mass for The Third Sunday of Lent at 4:00 PM March 2, 2024. There were 47 in attendance.

**Contributions received in March:**

<b>Offertory Collection:</b>	\$	<b>1,941</b>
<b>Other:</b>	\$	<b>950</b>
<b>Building Fund:</b>	\$	
<b>Monthly Budgeted:</b>	\$	<b>5,083</b>
		<b>-2192</b>

**Monday March 11**

Jesus and Coffee meets 10 AM at McCarty Center

**Friday March 15**

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

**Friday March 22**

Finance Committee meets 3 PM

**Saturday March 23**

Palm Sunday Service

**Sunday March 31**

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

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT CELEBRATED**

**MARCH 16, 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, Franz Hallatschek, and Clif Brooks



**MARCH PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Dave and Diana Robinson, Kathi Kessinger, Phil Rotert, Mary Berry, Roger Riley, Ed Camp, Jimmie Lee Farmer, Rodney Schaefer, 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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT CELEBRATED MARCH 9TH AT 4:00 PM**

**Office Hours: Mon, Tues, & Thurs, 8:30a.m.– 1:30p.m.  
Wed. By Appointment  
Pastor: Father Benjamin Nwosu  
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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 CHRIS**

**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>.

**Let us allow the love of God, who sent Jesus** to save us, enter into us, and may the light that Jesus brings (see v. 19), the light of the Spirit, enter into us and help us to see things with God’s light, with the true light and not the shadows that the lord of darkness gives us.

Two things, today: the love of God in Christ, in the crucifix, in daily life. And the question we can ask ourselves every day: “Do I walk in the light or do I walk in the darkness? Am I a child of God or have I ended up like a poor bat?”

## Pope Francis



Don't sign your rights and freedom away by signing an abortion initiative petition that would alter Missouri's Constitution!

*Don't let lobbying groups and out-of-state special interests inject abortion politics where it doesn't belong and where it isn't wanted.*

This petition goes too far for Missouri!

**This extreme initiative petition could:**

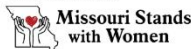
- Legalize abortion as a method of birth control and abortion after a baby can survive outside the womb.
- Allow unlicensed abortion clinics in your neighborhood – even near schools and churches.
- Give power to judges and the government to force Missouri taxpayers to fund abortions.
- Permit governmental intrusion in health care decisions made by parents with their children.

**Don't be fooled!** Signature collectors might tell you that it's for "women's health" or "reproductive rights" or "to restore Roe"—or that it's "pro-life" or "pro-choice"—or say **anything** to get you to sign. **Don't believe them!**

**DECLINE TO SIGN** any petition that lets lobbying groups and the government take away your rights and freedom! Tell family, friends, neighbors, coworkers and everybody to **DECLINE TO SIGN**.

*The future of Missouri is counting on you!*

For more information on Decline to Sign, contact Missouri Stands with Women at [mstandswithwomen.org](http://mstandswithwomen.org)



The Parish Council will be serving up Corned Beef and Cabbage for our March Parish Dinner on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be served after Mass. Please bring a complementing side and/or desert and join us for an evening of good food and fellowship.

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.*

Ephesians 2:8-10

Everything we have and everything we are is a gift of infinite love from God. We each have been given free will to do what we choose with these gifts of love. How are you sharing your gifts to build up the Church to show gratitude for the gift of his Son for the promise of eternity with God?



## 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.

**Father Ben** is hopeful that some of our Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors would be willing to participate in the services at St. Ann in Warsaw during Holy week. There is also a need for anyone interested in assisting with the washing of the feet or to act as a greeter for the Holy Week services. Please see Ron.



John 3: 14-21 tells us about a conversation that Jesus had with Nicodemus. This passage reminds us how sometimes we tend to forget about God, especially because we want things to work out and we want them fast, so we get impatient when we don’t receive what we want, so we tend to stop believing, we tend to forget. However, this passage tells us about the Love that God is greater than what we have in mind. The love of God is infinite and He is constantly giving it to us, even when we are not paying attention, even when we forget about Him. God loved us so much he gave us his only Son, who was sent to the Earth with a purpose, and so are

we. This passage talks about condemning and saving, believing and not believing, and staying in the darkness or coming into the light and making these choices in order to have eternal life.

We talk about eternal life because we are aware that death is inevitable, and so are other things that we can’t explain, but this passage is calling us to trust in God and realize that eternal life is not about either-or, but rather is about even when, even on those days that we’ve lost our hope, even when we think there is nothing else to do, God is there for us, God is there for us in the unknown to guide us. Therefore, we need to be aware of His light, his love, his forgiveness, and we need to learn from those qualities and healing and share them with others in order to spread the light to others and accept others light, we must support one another and appreciate the gift of supreme love that God gives us every day and trust Him in order to achieve eternal life.

## St. Bernadette Pray for us!