

Father Ben Nwosu celebrated Mass for The Fourth Sunday of Lent at 4:00 PM March 9, 2024. There were 69 in attendance.

Contributions received in March:

Offertory Collection:	\$	3,648
Other:	\$	1,010
Building Fund:	\$	
Monthly Budgeted:	\$	5,083
		-425

Monday March 18

Jesus and Coffee meets 10 AM at McCarty Center

Tuesday March 19

Coin Club 7:00 PM

Friday March 22

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

Friday March 22

Finance Committee meets 3 PM

Sunday March 31

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

**PALM SUNDAY
CELEBRATED
MARCH 23, 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 Easter 2024 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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
CELEBRATED
MARCH 16TH 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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website: [www.https://stbernadette.diojeffcity.org](https://stbernadette.diojeffcity.org)

**ST BERNADETTE CHURCH IS A CENTER OF
CHARITY WHERE WE PRAY, GROW, LOVE,
AND LEARN TO LIVE LIKE JESUS CHRIST**

Rice Bowls and Easter 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 by March 31st.

"Let us consider how much patience Jesus had with the disciples: often they did not understand his words (cf. Lk 9:51-56), sometimes they did not get along with each other (cf. Mk 10:41), for a long time they did not succeed in accepting essential aspects of his preaching, for example, service (cf. Lk 22:27). Nevertheless, Jesus chose them and continued to believe in them. This is important, the Lord chose us to be Christians. And we are sinners, we commit one sin after another, but the Lord continues to believe in us. This is wonderful."

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:

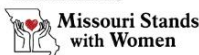
- Legalize abortion as a method of birth control and abortion after a baby can survive outside the womb.
- Allow unlicensed abortion clinics in your neighborhood – even near schools and churches.
- Give power to judges and the government to force Missouri taxpayers to fund abortions.
- Permit governmental 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!

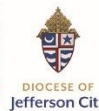
For more information on Decline to Sign, contact Missouri Stands with Women at mostandswithwomen.org



Easter Special Collection
Supporting our retired priests and religious

As we celebrate the Easter season, let us remember retired Catholic priests and religious who have dedicated their lives to sharing the good news of the Risen Christ throughout our diocese. Thank you for your generous support of our retired priests and religious!

Look for your envelope in the March 15 issue of *The Catholic Missourian* or donate online at diojeffcity.org/donate-easter



But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
Jeremiah 31:33



As we approach the close of this Lenten season, let us each remember what is written on our hearts and live as faithful disciples of Christ through the sacraments, prayer and offering sacrifices to the Lord.

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 12:20-33

We humans have a natural aversion to death, especially our own death. The challenge from Jesus in this gospel invites us to follow him in his path to death; "If a man serves me, he must follow me."

The crucial difference in Jesus' way of living his life, is that he sees it from a universal perspective... an outer-space universe, infinite-time, perspective. Pain, suffering and even death is a blip in the bigger picture of what we are called to share in when we follow Jesus. He sees this life not as the central purpose of existence, but at the service of our life, existence, salvation... "It was for this very reason I have come to this hour." Humanly, it is hard even for Jesus, but he shows us it can be done.

The point is not simply the death, it is the giving of everything he has, to us, because of love, because God is our life-originator and sustainer. The point is that nothing will be too much for his purpose of giving us life, so that we can be with him forever. We are that precious to God!

So, for us, Jesus says, "wherever I am, my servant will be there too." To be a servant means to follow the master all over the place, always ready to respond to his wishes. The reassuring thing is that this goes both ways. Where we go as Jesus' servants, or where we see servants of Jesus, we know that Jesus is there too. His servants will be those who do the work of bringing life to the world, those building up the Kingdom of God, those proclaiming the Good News through their words and actions.

Following Jesus' example to give of ourselves, even through suffering and exhaustion, even to death, for the sake of our fellow humans loved by God... that "grain" of our offering will bring life also, multiplying itself in a sacred pass-it-on liturgy of praise, glorifying the Father, and honoring Jesus.

In the end, Jesus prays, "Father, glorify your name!" just like in the way he taught us to pray, "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." Jesus' life was at every moment, directed to God the Father. His trust in the divine plan was so absolute, that he would do nothing that was outside the function of God's creative wisdom.

How can we, in our daily lives, transform our thoughts, prayers and actions to those modelled by Jesus?

St. Bernadette
Pray for us!