

Father Ben Nwosu celebrated Mass for The Fifth Sunday of Lent at 4:00 PM March 16, 2024. There were 52 in attendance and 27 attended the Parish Dinner.

**Contributions received in March:**

<b>Offertory Collection:</b>	\$	4,968
<b>Other:</b>	\$	1,010
<b>Building Fund:</b>	\$	
<b>Monthly Budgeted:</b>	\$	5,083
		+895

**Monday March 25**

Jesus and Coffee meets 10 AM at McCarty Center

**Services at Warsaw**

**Holy Thursday March 28**

Service 6:00 pm

**Good Friday March 29**

Stations at 12:00pm

Followed by Mass

M. Hastings-Lector/Narr.

P. Scherer-Voice

B. Bryner- Eucharistic Min.

**Saturday March 30**

8:30 PM

Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**CELEBRATED**

**MARCH 31, 2024**

9:30 AM - Rosary

9:30-9:55 Sacrament of

Reconciliation

10:00AM – 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, , Father Dan, and Alice Wepplo, sister of Margaret Hastings, Teresa Kilkenny, and Mike Stevenson.*

**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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**PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATED MARCH 23RD 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 CHRIST***

**Please return Rice Bowls and Easter Flower Donation envelopes by March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**"Am I aware of the immense gift that I carry in me through baptism? Do I recognize in my life the light of God's presence, who sees me as his beloved child, as his beloved daughter? Let us welcome God's presence within us. We can do this with the sign of the cross, which traces in us the memory of the grace of God, who loves us and desires to be with us. The sign of the cross reminds us of this. Let us make it together: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."**

*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 extreme initiative petition could:**

- Legalize abortion as a method of birth control and abortion after a baby can survive outside the womb.
- Allow 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)



**Missouri Stands with Women**

The Church loves you and cares about you. Pregnant? Help is available. Contact [Optionline.org](http://Optionline.org) or call or text 800-712-4327. Experienced abortion? (for women and men) [SupportAfterAbortion.com](http://SupportAfterAbortion.com). Call or text 844-289-HOPE (4673).

**Easter Special Collection**

Supporting our retired priests and religious

"It's important, especially for anyone who has been educated in Catholic schools, to find ways to give back from what we've been given, and this is one good way to do that."

— Sister Kathleen Wegman  
Retired School Sister of Notre Dame



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



*Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

Philippians 2:6-8



Jesus' willingness to die for our sins illustrates the power of sacrificial love, humility and being obedient enough to trust in God. We are called to be like Jesus, emptying ourselves to the grace of God.



**2024 Women's Ministry Spring Pilgrimage**

Join us for a day of prayer and reflection on the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary with Catholic speaker Jill Simons

Saturday, April 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

St. Mary Parish — Shelbina, MO



Register online at [diojeffcity.org/springpilgrimage](http://diojeffcity.org/springpilgrimage)



**Reflection for Mark 14:1-15-47**

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made

about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

*St. Bernadette Pray for us!*