

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Lent

May you find Christ here...

...may you bring
Christ to the world.

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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

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Offer our hearts to Jesus, be generous with our works of mercy.

Jeremiah tells us today, “I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts.” In John’s Gospel we learn from Jesus, “when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” Jesus is the law of God written on our hearts; God dwells in our hearts and draws all our hearts into the heart of Christ. Our work in this world is to find our hearts, to discover God’s spirit within us, to journey into the very heart of Christ. We strive to be stewards of God’s grace and to be a parish where stewardship is a way of life, all so we can offer our hearts completely to Jesus. St. Leo the Great, our Holy Father in the 5th century, preaches beautifully on the connection between stewardship and our capacity to offer our hearts to God.

From a sermon by Pope St Leo the Great, “In Praise of Charity”

In John’s gospel the Lord says: By this love you have for one another, everyone will know you are my disciples. In a letter by John we read: My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

So the faithful should look into themselves and carefully examine their minds and the impulses of their hearts. If they find some of the fruits of love stored in their hearts then they must not doubt God’s presence within them, but to make themselves more and more able to receive so great a guest they should do more and more works of durable mercy and kindness. After all, if God is love, charity should know no limit, for God himself cannot be confined within limits.

What is the appropriate time for performing works of charity? My beloved children, any time is the right time, but these days of Lent provide a special encouragement. Those who want to be present at the Lord’s Passover in holiness of mind and body should seek above all to win this grace. Charity contains all other virtues and covers a multitude of sins. As we prepare to celebrate that greatest of all mysteries, by which the blood of Jesus Christ destroyed our sins, let us first of all make ready the sacrificial offerings — that is, our works of mercy. What God in his goodness has already given to us, let us give to those who have sinned against us.

And to the poor also, and to those who are afflicted in various ways, let us show a more open-handed generosity so that God may be thanked through many voices and the needy may be fed as a result of our fasting. No act of devotion on the part of the faithful gives God more pleasure than the support that is lavished on his poor. Where God finds charity with its loving concern, there he recognizes the reflection of his own fatherly care.

Do not put off giving by a lack of resources. A generous spirit is itself great wealth, and there can be no shortage of material for generosity where it is Christ who feeds and Christ who is fed. His hand is present in all this activity: his hand, which multiplies the bread by breaking it and increases it by giving it away.

When you give alms, do not be anxious but full of happiness. The greatest treasure will go to the one who has kept the least for himself. The holy apostle Paul tells us: He who provides seed for the sower will give bread for food, provide you with more seed, and increase the harvest of your goodness, in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen

Fr. Mitch

Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions

TUESDAY EVENINGS
5:45-6:15pm in the Chapel.
Before 6:30pm Mass.

Catechists wanted for Baptismal Preparation

Baptismal Preparation - Catechist

Mission Statement: We are partners with parents sharing wisdom and knowledge regarding the particulars of the Sacrament of Baptism so they may pass along their Catholic values to their child and embrace their role as their child's primary faith educator.

Do you have a willingness and a gift to want to share faith with others? If so, please pray about being a Baptismal Catechist! We can assure you that sharing in the life of faith you have already experienced, will be a blessing for young families as they make a decision to baptize their children. Training is available! *Contact:* Misty Koenig, 314-249-6092.

50+ Club

You are welcome to come to our March 26th Meeting in Hall C at 7:00pm. We will have live music by Dave Walkenhorst. He has played for various area organizations and they seem to enjoy him. Dave plays a variety of older songs! If you have any questions, please call Martha at 294-3367.

**JOIN US FOR MASS, EVERY TUESDAY
DURING LENT AT 6:30PM.**

This Week At Assumption

Sunday, March 18

LUKE 18 Retreat
Parish Center

RCIA

8:00am Meyer Room

Monday, March 19

Parish Council
7:00 pm Meyer 2

Tuesday, March 20

Bible Study with Fr. Mitch
9:30am Meyer 2

Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions
6:15pm Chapel

David the King - Lenten Series
Following 6:30pm Mass Hall C

Athletic Association
7:00 pm Rooms D/E

Wednesday, March 21

RCIA
7:00pm Multi purpose room

Life Teen

7:00pm Meyer 1

CRHP Men

7:00pm Meyer 2

Thursday, March 22

Legion of Mary
7:00pm Room D/E

Grief Support

7:00pm Meyer 2

CRHP Women

6:30pm Hall B

Confirmation Parent Meeting

7:00pm Hall C

Friday, March 23

Stations of the Cross
2:30pm Chapel

Fish Fry

5:00pm Knights of Columbus Hall

Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Church

Saturday, March 24

Day of Reflection
Parish Center

Children's Liturgy of the Word
During 5:00 Mass

Sunday, March 25

RCIA
8:00am Hall A
Life Teen
After 5:30pm Mass Hall C

† STATIONS OF THE CROSS †

The most important reason for reviving the practice of making the Stations of the Cross is that it is a powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. It takes the reflection on the passion out of our heads, and makes it an imaginative exercise. It can involve our senses, our own experiences and our emotions to the extent that - we come to *experience* the love of Jesus for us. Every Friday during Lent:

**Please join us either at 2:30pm
(March 23rd - Stations will be in the Chapel)
or 7:00pm in Church
(except where noted in the bulletin).**

PLEASE NOTE: March 23rd our Stations of the Cross, which will be the 'Shadow' Stations of the Cross, led by our Third graders, will be held in the Chapel at 2:30pm.

You are Invited to Pray with the Entire Parish Community!

Every evening during Lent, the people of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish are invited, at 7:00pm, to pray the *Memorare*. On Fridays during Lent, please make a whole hearted effort to stop, to gather whomever is around you (family members, friends, adults, children, etc.) and pray this beautiful prayer to our Blessed Mother. In solidarity with each other, let us turn our hearts towards Mary and stand before her confident she hears our petitions.





Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 18

8:00am Stacey Christman
10:00am Donald Eisenbath
12:00pm People of the Parish
5:30pm Juan Carlos Briz

Monday, March 19

6:30am Respect Life Apostolate
8:00am Harry Roloff

Tuesday, March 20

6:30am Charles Bethmann
8:00am Irvin Schoene Sr.
6:30pm Larry Danbom

Wednesday, March 21

6:30am Living and Deceased Parent
and Relatives of Sisters

8:00am Ruth Heinicke

Thursday, March 22

6:30am Sr. Mary Judith Orf
8:00am Josephine Curtis

Friday, March 23

6:30am Joan Pieper
8:00am Glennon Kullman

Saturday, March 24

9:00am Deceased Sisters of the Most
Precious Blood
5:00pm Herman Poepsel

Sunday, March 25

8:00am Mary Brown
10:00am Rev. Theodore Pieper
12:00pm People of the Parish
5:30pm Peggy Fossett

TEXT TO GIVE!

GIVING FROM YOUR CELL PHONE IS NOW AVAILABLE!

1. On your smart phone create a new text message to 636-303-1608, type GIVE and hit send
2. You will receive back a link – go to the link which will have three sections
3. Enter a dollar amount, date of gift, the frequency and any comment
4. On the next page you will enter your name and address
5. On the last page you will authorize the gift



The sixth annual Assumption Parish Day of Reflection will be held at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 24 in our Parish Center. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the program runs from 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. This one-day event is rejuvenating, and a wonderful way to feed your faith and rekindle your spiritual flame during this holy season of Lent! Great speakers, great fellowship, and lunch will be provided. Seating is limited. Please RSVP to Shelly Schneider at schneid5@charter.net, or call 636.379.2538.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish will host Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8th

Beginning in Church at 3:30pm:

- Confessions, 3:30 pm
- Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:30pm
- Rosary after the Chaplet
- Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, 5:30 p.m.
- Divine Mercy Novena Begins on Good Friday, March 30th

Quilts of Valor Eastern Missouri Quilts of Valor, will be at our Parish Center, Wednesday, April 6th from 8am - 3pm. Finished quilts are sent to men and women around the world in thanksgiving for their Military Service. Any quilters are welcome!

Friends of Birthright 17th Annual Run for Life and Learning! March 31st. Creve Coeur Lake. 6k Chip timed Run and Walk, 1 Mile Fun Run, 1/4 Youth Run with Fredbird. Any questions or to Register, go to: run4lifeandlearning.eventbrite.com



Save the Date!
Summer Youth Ministry Events:

Project Life Work Camp - June 10-15
(\$175)

Steubenville Conference - July 20-22 (\$100)

Please email Phil at phil.assumptionym@gmail.com for more info or to reserve a spot!

Our teens will be leading The "Walking Stations of the Cross" on Good Friday, March 30th at 7pm in the Church. All Are welcome to join!

Sun March 18 NO Life Night (Luke 18 Retreat)
 Wed March 21 WORD Wednesday Road Trip
 Sun March 25 Life Night (Hall C)
 Wed March 28 WORD Wednesday (Meyer Room)
 Sun April 1 NO 5:30pm Mass or Life Night
 (Happy Easter!)
 Wed April 4 WORD Wednesday (Meyer Room)



@assumption_LT
 @assumption_life_teen
 Assumption Life Teen Group

Registration is now open for all 8th graders!

Go to the Middle School Youth Ministry Page on the website to register: [Questions? Please contact Phil Lewandowski
 at: \[phil.assumptionym@gmail.com\]\(mailto:phil.assumptionym@gmail.com\)](http://www.assumptionbvm.org>Youth-Ministry/Middle-School-News-Events</p>
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Readings for the Week
March 19-25

Mon: St. Joseph

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tue: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thu: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Fri: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Sat: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sun: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 - 15:47 [15:1-39]

O'Fallon K of C Lenten Fish Fry: All Fridays of Lent (including Good Friday). Eat-In or Carryout Service, 5 - 7:30 pm. Fried fish or chicken strips, sides, and dessert. Coffee and tea are free, with soft drinks and alcoholic drinks extra. Fun and laughter to be expected. Thank you for participating in this K of C fundraiser.



Each week that we celebrate the Rite of Scrutiny, as we have for the past two Sundays during Lent, we are invited deeper and deeper into a great mystery that affects all people. Our world is thirsting, we are thirsting, and Jesus brings us living water. Our world is blind, we are blind, and Jesus opens our eyes. This weekend at the 8:00 am Mass we hear the story of the raising of Lazarus. We will name what keeps us, our communities, and our society from life and the true freedom of the children of God. Our Lenten preparation calls us to name what keeps us enmeshed in death and to bring it to prayer. Each reflection and celebration of the Scrutinies is designed to draw forth a progressively deeper awareness of the mystery of sin and grace, week by week. They not only open up what is sinful in our lives but also what is good in our lives. As we celebrate the last of the Scrutinies and Cycle A readings we look forward to our Spiritual Retreat Day scheduled for March 25.

Because our rituals proclaim who we are, we must take care in how we use them with the baptized candidates (those baptized in other religions). We are called upon to keep clear the difference in the two groups. The community is helped to appreciate more clearly the awesome mystery of baptism. The rites for the elect make clear that they will become a new creation through the Sacrament of Baptism. When appropriate ritual distinctions are kept, we become more aware of how the baptized candidates are already one with the faithful because of their baptism. The Lenten journey of the baptized candidates, though still a focus of special pastoral care has much in common with the Lenten renewal of the faithful accomplished through prayer, works of charity, and celebration of the sacrament of Penance. Our Candidates along with their sponsors attended the Prayers for Healing and Hope Penance Service this past week. Our "elect" (unbaptized) need not receive this sacrament as baptism washes them clean - washing away the stain of sin and the guilt of it.

This Sunday we present all with The Lord's Prayer and what it means to us.

We invite you to write a note to your elect or Candidate in support of their journey. Baskets will be in the Narthex the next two Sundays. They will have a note that says Prayer Cards RCIA. If you have not yet done so, please, please pick up a prayer card that is located in the basket in the Narthex. As the community of Assumption parish, you can make a difference in their lives by showing them how much we want them to be a part of us. These prayer cards are so important to them.

Continue to pray for everyone as we all journey to the cross with Jesus.

**READING,
RICE BOWLS,
& ACTIVITY MATERIALS
are available
in the Narthex**

Attend the
**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION:**
Thursdays 6-6:30pm & Saturdays 4-4:45pm
or Tuesday 5:45-6:15pm in Church

**WEEKLY
MASS**
Mon. - Fri. at 6:30am
in the St. Joseph's Chapel
& 8am in the Church!

Visit our
**24 HOUR
PRAYER CHAPEL**
(Northwest door ramp entrance-code to enter 3720)

All are INVITED to attend the
“DAY of REFLECTION”
Saturday, March 24th from 8am-3:30pm

Attend **EUCARISTIC
ADORATION/DEVOTIONS**
Anytime, 24 hours a day.

**TUESDAY
EVENING
MASSES
in CHURCH**
beginning at 6:30pm

Participate in the
**STATIONS
OF THE CROSS**

**Every Friday
in Church!
2:30pm and 7pm
(unless noted in the bulletin)**

**LENTEN
OPPORTUNITIES**

2018



St Francis . . . Pray for us

March 18, 2018

Assumption 24/Seven Men's Group presents
4nd Annual

Assumption Easter Egg Hunt

March 25th, 2018

Children 12 and under grab your Easter Basket and head to the soccer fields to help the Easter Bunny search for his missing eggs. The hunt will start 30 minutes after each Mass on Sunday, March 25th.

Head to the soccer fields after each Mass.

We can't wait to see you there!

- Find the Golden egg for a special prize!
(One per child please)
- Get your family picture taken with the Easter Bunny!

There will be donuts after 8am and grilled hot dogs, soda, and water will be for sale after the 10am and 12pm Mass.

Proceeds will help support and fund the annual Easter egg hunt.





St Vincent DePaul . . . Pray for us

March 18, 2018

Assumption BVM

5th Annual Dinner Auction

April 21, 2018



We are excited to announce the Assumption Fifth Annual Dinner Auction on **Saturday, April 21st**. Please join us at our “*Speakeasy Soirée*” for an opportunity to help support all our Religious Education programs.

Last year’s auction raised more than \$100,000 to support our students’ education. Auction proceeds are vital to our ability to help our students meet the academic and spiritual challenges of their future. Tickets to the auction are \$60 per person, and include a delicious buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda, and a specialty 1920’s theme cocktail. Fisheye Fun will be back again this year to capture the night’s fun and will also have a “Liquor Pull” featuring bottles that range from \$15 to \$150, so make sure you have some cash on hand!



Tickets for this year’s event are now on sale!. Please visit the auction website to purchase tickets and sign up for class parties at:

<https://www.assumptionbvmauction.com/shop>. Can’t attend this year?

You can still bid from home! Please visit <http://AHS18.gesture.com> to register and then you are able to bid on our presale items as well as items the night of (except for the **LIVE** items, you have to be in attendance to bid on those!). If you are one of the lucky winners, all auction items must be picked up 1 week from the auction from the school or parish office.

How can you help? In addition to needing volunteers for the night of as well as for clean up the next morning, we are still looking for items for baskets. All donations are tax deductible! We would love help with obtaining the following: Blues tickets, Cardinals tickets, wine or liquor bottles (valued at \$15 or more), certificates to local golf courses (private or public), Costco gift cards so we can purchase plates, napkins, utensils and cups for the evening, Amazon.com gift cards, Hotel.com gift cards, any gas station gift cards, Target gift cards, any car rental gift cards, any autographed sports or celebrity memorabilia, cash donations, local store or fast food gift cards, or any donations of services like house cleaning, home remodeling, or repair services. No donation is too small...or too large!

If you would like to donate, please drop these items at the Parish Office, School Office, or contact one of us and we would be happy to pick up any donation. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us as well!

Thank you in advance for your support of our school’s largest fundraiser!

Yours in Gratitude,

Amy Kaller
Auction Co-Chair
(314) 452-3564

Carla Douglas
Donations Co-Chair
(314) 452-4947



thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT



We had a great response from the note in the bulletin to help vacuum the church. Many thanks to all who called!

CHARITABLE GIVING IN FEBRUARY

A parishioner shared with me this quote from a Baptist preacher,

*The Bible teaches it; we believe it;
God honors it: Tithing!*

As we strive more and more to become a parish where **"Stewardship is a Way of Life,"** we continue to tithe 10% of our Sunday offering to those in need. We are grateful for your ongoing generosity which makes this possible. Please continue to pray for God's grace and guidance regarding the scriptural tithe of 10% (5% to the Sunday Offering and 5% to other charities) of household income. I repeat my pledge to you, if anyone practices the scriptural tithe for one year and does not receive abundant blessings, I will return the Sunday offering. This is a clear way we express our true citizenship in heaven.

**Our February Revenue
from the Sunday Offering:** \$138,000

Our Contributions:

St. Vincent de Paul Conference	\$4,000
Counseling for those in need:	500
Transitional Housing	800
Central and Eastern European Churches	1,000
Gospel of Life Prayer Breakfast	350
Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation	<u>2,500</u>
Total	\$9,150

We are holding \$27,000 in reserve for future needs.



Our Gifts to God and Parish

We are grateful to you for your presence, your participation, and your financial support of Assumption Parish.

	February 25, 2018	July 1 - Feb 25 2018
Envelopes (502)& On Line	\$ 32,074	\$ 1,184,171
Loose	\$ 1,066	\$ 39,492
Total	\$ 33,140	\$ 1,1223,663
Needed to sustain our mission		1,260,000

Loan Balance as of 02/28/2018: \$1835,657

It takes an average weekly collection of \$36,000 to sustain our parish mission.
"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1Peter 4:10

Holy Week Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday – March 29

7:30am in Chapel for the Office of Morning Prayer.

7:00pm The Easter Triduum begins.

Gather in church for the celebration of the Eucharist of the Lord's Supper. After Mass: Eucharistic Adoration will take place in the chapel all night!

Containers will be in the Narthex for collection of Rice Bowls with your gifts for the poor.

Good Friday – March 30

7:30am -Chapel, for the Office of Morning Prayer

3:00pm -Church, for Stations of the Cross

7:00pm -Church, for the Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

Containers will be in the Narthex for collection of Rice Bowls with your gifts for the poor.

Holy Saturday – March 31

7:30am - Church, for the Office of Morning Prayer

7:00pm Easter Vigil - Gather in church for the Night watch for the Lord. Reflective readings and prelude music will begin a half hour before Mass.

7:45pm Easter Vigil Mass- Gather in church for our main Easter Mass which includes Baptisms and the lighting of the Easter fire.

Note: there will not be a 5:00pm Mass or Reconciliation

All are invited to a reception in the Parish Center afterwards to meet the newest members of our faith!

Easter Sunday Mass Schedule – April 1, 2018

8:00am Mass in Church

8:15am Mass in Chapel

10:00am Mass in Church

10:15am Mass in Chapel

12:00pm Mass in Church



With Loving
Sympathy

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of:

*Mary Eileen Walkenhorst
Aunt of Eileen Sweeso*

*Judy Faletti
Of Our Parish Family*



Stewardship ACTION

Our "Prayers for Healing & Hope" service is a beautiful way that our community comes together to pray, to be anointed, to be forgiven... to simply be Jesus to one another. This is what a couple of our Pray'ers had to say about their experience of this spiritual evening:

"What a tremendous experience working with all of you in setting up the evening of Prayers for Healing and Hope. Your "extra mile" attitude and the absolute integrity of your word is truly an inspiration. As I looked around that evening, thinking of the conversation, via emails, phone calls, or in person, I had a sense of what the Body of Christ is all about."

"I am so grateful to be a part of this ministry. I'm convinced it feeds me more than I feed it."

"I looked around at all the relaxed shoulders, including those of the priests. The intimacy of our crowd allows each of us to focus only on the person in front of us. No urgency, no worries that those who had already been prayed over, anointed, or already received reconciliation tapping the crystals of their watches and wondering how long the evening would go on. It was perfect. I felt (very palpably) the presence of the Holy Spirit."



AROUND TOWN

St. Patrick's Day Dinner, St. Stephen Church, 11514 State Hwy A, Richwoods, MO., March 18th, in the Parish Hall. Corned Beef and Cabbage or Ham Dinners, served 11am - 3pm. \$9/adults, \$4/6-12 yrs, under 6 are free.
Immaculate conception in Augusta, Mo, All You Can Eat Breakfast: March 25, 8am-Noon. \$8/adults, \$3/6-12yrs.

CELEBRATION OF THE MASS

Weekend Masses

Saturday	9:00am (Motherhouse Chapel)
Vigil	5:00pm
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 5:30pm

Daily Mass

Weekdays	6:30am (Motherhouse Chapel)
	8:00am

Morning Prayer

Weekdays	7:30am Chapel
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RECONCILIATION

Thursday	6-7pm (Chapel)
Saturday	4:00-4:45pm

BAPTISM

2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 1:15pm. Required Preparation Class. Call 240.3721 ext 235 to register.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

636.272.4758 (Helpline)

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Those preparing for marriage should contact the parish office at least one year in advance. One party must be a registered member of Assumption and living an active, practicing Catholic life. Contact Angie at the Parish Office, ext 235 (Tuesdays and Thursdays).

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

(RCIA) Process through which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church by Baptism or Profession of Faith. For information Missy Lowrey 314.630.3983.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Religious instruction in the Catholic faith. Call 636.240.1020 for information or to register.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

For inactive Catholics returning to Church. For more information call Steve King, 699.9961 or Dee King 734.3437.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

For one-on-one grief support, contact Kris Bohn at 636.795.2611, and for information regarding our grief support series, which is held twice per year, contact Lynn Crews at 294.0821.

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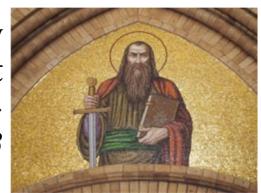
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March 18, 2018 Fifth Sunday in Lent

*JER 31: 31-34; PS 51: 3-4, 12-15;
HEB 5: 7-9; JN 12: 20-33*



Easter Sunday is but two weeks away (April 1). In our First Reading from the prophet Jeremiah, we hear God tell us, "*I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.*" To affirm that forgiveness, St. Paul has this to say in the Second Reading: "*He (Jesus) became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.*" There is a connection between these two statements which present forgiveness as the way to salvation.

The Lenten season is one of penance, reflection, prayer, alms-giving, and fasting, perhaps even in that order, so we can better prepare ourselves for Easter Sunday and beyond. Lent reminds us that God is gracious and merciful. God's divine mercy is a central theme of Lent.

One might say that the priceless gift of God's mercy is highlighted and celebrated in the Church in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession). That should be a key part of our Lenten journey. As mentioned only two weeks remain on that journey so getting to reconciliation is important if we have not done so already.

Sacramental confession allows God's loving mercy and His grace-filled absolution to be confirmed to us through a priest. God sees us with love, mercy, and an abundance of forgiveness. Christ, through the priest, helps us to let go of anything that gets in the way of our relationship to God. St. Isidore wrote, "*Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin. All hope consists in confession. In confession there is a chance for mercy.*"

~ Excerpts from: Catholic Diocese of Wichita

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