

# Father Stuart M Smeltzer

## Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesday** 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday** 8:00 a.m.

**First Friday** 8:00 a.m.

followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

## Sacred Heart Catholic Church

1223 Madison

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Rectory: 620 378 2694

620 687 0876 (cell)

**Office Hours:** 7:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays,  
and Fridays

2:00 to 5:20 p.m. Tuesdays

*Closed during 8:00 a.m. Mass*

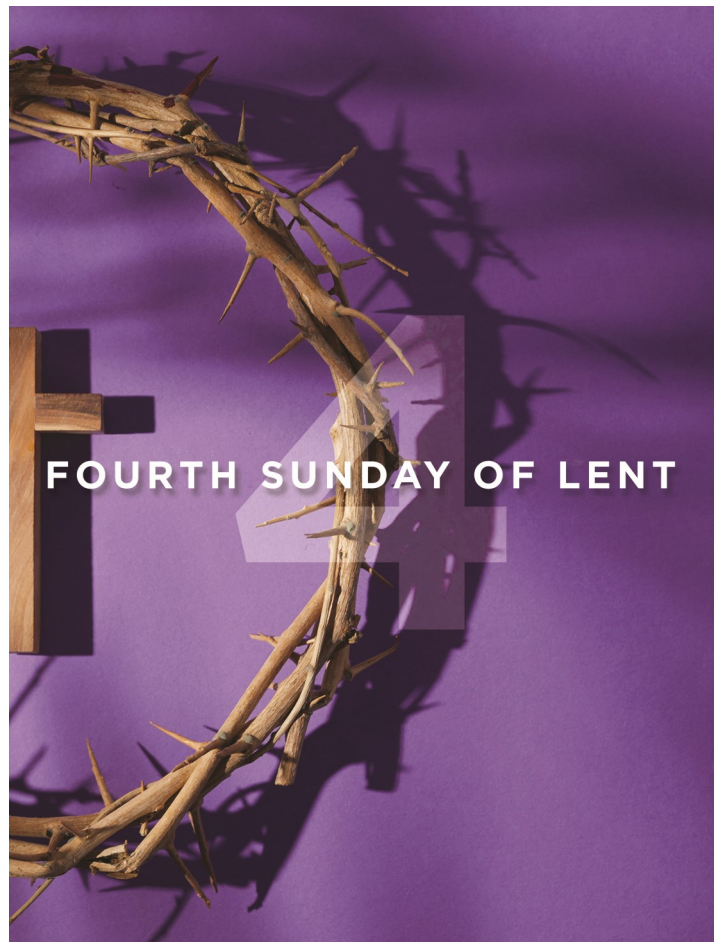
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## Sacraments

**Baptism:** Contact parish office

**Sacrament of Penance:** 30 minutes before  
each Mass or by appointment

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact parish  
office or rectory

**Matrimony:** Contact parish office one year  
before wedding date

## Diaper Heaven

First and Third Wednesdays

9 am to 5 pm

**Bulletin Deadline: Mon.: 10:00 a.m.**

# March 19, 2023

## *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

### *Mass Intentions*

Sat.	03/18	5:30 pm	+Jeannette Edwards
Sun.	03/19	8:30 am	Pastor's Intentions
		10:30 am	+Catherine Seiwert
Tues.	03/21	5:30 pm	+Margarita Mercado
Wed.	03/22	5:30 pm	Mass at St. Ignatius Parish
Thurs.	03/23	8:00 am	+Naomi Mellen
Fri.	03/24	8:00 am	Mass at St. Ignatius Parish

## *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Sat.	03/25	5:30 pm	+Mark Huser
Sun.	03/26	8:30 am	Mass at St. Ignatius Parish
		10:30 am	Pastor's Intentions

### **Readings for the week of March 19, 2023**

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Monday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40/Heb 10:4-10/  
Lk 1:26-38

**Next Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

### **Observances for the week of March 19, 2023**

**Sunday:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**Monday:** St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Thursday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

**Saturday:** The Annunciation of the Lord

**Next Sunday:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent







## Sight to See

1 Sm

16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,6 / Eph  
5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41

God chose David, the youngest of eight brothers, to be his anointed, his king. We can imagine there may have been some animosity among the brothers. They probably couldn't believe their eyes! Even Samuel, God's prophet, had his sights on David's brother. Fast forward to the New Testament and today's Gospel. A man, blind from birth, is given his sight, by Jesus. Having never had his sight, he didn't know what he was missing. The Pharisees, having their sight, couldn't see what they were witnessing! Our eyes can be deceiving, and unbelieving. As believers, we can see the bread and wine with our eyes, but by faith we can see the body, blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. God's ways are not our ways. We are not always going to see what God has envisioned, but we can respond to God's vision.

*Provided by Wichita Dioceses*

## Lenten Soup Suppers

**Stations of the Cross on Fridays**, starting at 6:30 p.m.

On **March 17 & 24** there will be a soup supper following Stations. Please consider attending, and bringing a meatless dish – it doesn't have to be soup, but as you are aware, we are obliged to fast during this holy time, so it also should not be a "heavy" dish.

Dessert is fine as well. This is a wonderful time for fellowship, so please consider taking part.

If you have any questions, contact Meredith Odell, (620) 636-1451 (cell) or 378-4415 (the *Citizen*).

**Fish Fry on March 31st!**

## Lenten Prayer

**Almighty and Everlasting God**, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man and giving His life on the Cross. Help us to bear witness to You by following His example of suffering and make us worthy to share in His Resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. **Amen.**



## **PRAYER REQUESTS:** *Please pray for:*

Willard Glasgow	Homer Holmes
Nova Morris	Liz Choc
Larry Marshall	Finley Merrick
Michael Huser	Daryl Clark
Sophia Gonzales	Colleen Montag
Theresa Skinner	Mike Schneider
Carol Arnold	Deanna Spoon
Devin Fritz	Lucinda Jewell
Rhonda Hunter	Linda Parrett
Zaya Bartoli	Harold Goodner
Betty Mintener	Wanda Timmons
Rob Collins	Kenny Streets
John Eck	April Rymer
Theresa Bowman	Rose Heffarn
Charlie Boaz	Sandy Borrer
Pauline Florez	Kristen Rettmann
Lewis Bambick	All Priests
Mike Schoenecker	Our Country
David Knickerbocker	Joan Schlund
Garett Myers	
Mike Fulghum Family	

## **Mother of Perpetual Help**

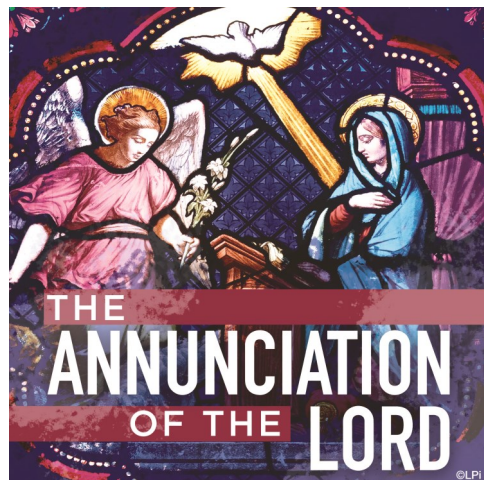
Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God. You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, but Mother of the redeemed as well. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and God's mercy is from age to age on those who love God. Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, Mother of Perpetual Help. Amen.

## **The Solemnity of St. Joseph**

On March 19th, we celebrate the holiness in the midst of unpredictable fatherhood. We first meet Joseph when he discovers his betrothed is pregnant...and not by him! St. Joseph does not know who the father is (yet), but he knows the punishment for adultery is death. He decides to divorce Mary



quietly, and thus save her life. When an angel appears to reveal that Mary is pregnant by the Holy Spirit, St. Joseph trusts his dream and marries her. As a new foster father, Joseph must help his wife give birth in a stable. Later, he needs to escape the threats to his son's life by immigrating with his family to a foreign land. We know that St. Joseph is faithful, brave, and willing to sacrifice for those he loves. On the solemnity of St. Joseph, we don't merely celebrate a carpenter. We celebrate a hero!



**March 25th**



# Around the Diocese

## **SERIES: THE GOOD LIFE**

**March 21st, 28th, & April 4th; 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Dr. Joshua Papsdorf**

Learn to live as disciples of Christ in the Modern Age. This three-part evening series will offer a roadmap for how to navigate through the confusion and live the "Good Life." Each session will draw on Scripture along with a range of Catholic and secular sources to establish general principles and to gain some specific recommendations to incorporate in our daily lives. \$30

Contact Spiritual Life Center for more Information: [www.slcwichita.org](http://www.slcwichita.org)

## **PLAN THE CATHOLIC WAY**

**March 22nd, 9am - 3:30pm OR  
March 23rd, 1:30pm - 5:00pm & March 24th, 9:00am - noon | The Office of Development**

These free seminars are for those seeking aid and advice in Estate planning and the related practical and spiritual end-of-life issues. Professionals will be discussing estate planning, funeral pre-planning, Catholic cemeteries, ethical issues for end of life, and planned giving. Sign up online on the Diocese's website or contact Ann Maley at

[maley@CatholicDioceseOfWichita.org](mailto:maley@CatholicDioceseOfWichita.org)

## **PALM SUNDAY RETREAT: THE GREATEST GOAL**

**(Livestream option available)**

**March 31st, 7:00pm - April 2nd, 1:00pm | Jim Beckman**

This annual Palm Sunday Retreat will be on the topic of how we each can keep our eyes on the fundamental purpose of our life – to share eternal life with God, forever. Over the course of these talks, you will learn about what our Greatest Goal is, including the role of trials and temptations, suffering and death, and the great rewards awaiting those who persevere to the end.

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## **Holy Family Camp**

The Ministry with Persons with Disabilities is hosting Holy Family Camp at Eberly Farm!

Holy Family Camp is a camp for persons aged 14 and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This year will be a day camp on Tuesday, June 6 through Thursday, June 8. We are looking for volunteers to assist campers throughout camp! If you have any questions, please reach out to Kris Decker at [deckerk@catholicdioceseofwichita.org](mailto:deckerk@catholicdioceseofwichita.org) or by calling (316)269-3900.

## **Campaign Feasibility Study**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the diocesan-wide campaign feasibility study. Over the coming weeks, the Steier Group will evaluate its findings and prepare recommendations for Bishop Kemme regarding the ability of the diocese to conduct a successful campaign and what our fundraising potential might be. Once Bishop Kemme reviews the report and discerns how best to move forward, plans will be shared with the entire diocese. Thank you again for sharing your thoughts and feedback as together we seek to find new ways to advance the mission of our Church. Join us in praying that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide these efforts in the coming weeks and months!

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Not As Man Sees

I don't know Fr. Stu personally, but I've heard a fair number of his homilies. I think it is safe to assume that if he and I were to get into a discussion on any number of things, from church history to liturgical music to stand-up comedy, each of us would cringe at the opinions of the other.

But Fr. Stu happens to offer just about the only confession time within 20 miles of me that consistently works with my schedule. That means that, quite by accident, Fr. Stu is my regular confessor. For years now, he's sat patiently on the other side of the grille, listening to me pour out the details of my transgressions, from the pathetic to the embarrassing, and he absolves me of my sins.

In the Gospel, Christ links vision with humility and pride with blindness. We see again and again in Scripture how God delights in surprising us, in revealing himself through people, places, and experiences we not only didn't expect but perhaps had totally written off.

We are right to be proud of the truth, but we are wrong if the truth causes us to be proud of ourselves. The truth no more belongs to the one who believes it than sight belongs to the blind man in the Gospel. A gift does not reflect on the recipient. It reflects on the giver.

After a great deal of thought, I've decided to be grateful that God contrived to give me a confessor whom I strongly disagree with on so many things. It's a powerful reminder of how much I must receive from other people, even those I may think are wrong. In that confessional, Fr. Stu is only a priest, and I am only a sinner.

*"Not as man sees does God see." — 1 Samuel 16:7*

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION: ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 19, 2023

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: **"How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?"** Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It's painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won't let us wallow our pity-party forever. **"I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,"** announces the Lord, **"for I have chosen my king from among his sons."** Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it's the golden age of Israel's earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won't fail us. He'll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

— *Father John Muir*

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# Liturgical Ministers

## Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Date	Sacristan	Usher	Lector	Gift Bearers	Altar Servers
03/18	Joyce Bracken	Bob Lett	Meredith Odell	Johnson Family	Kinzley Evans
Sunday 03/19	Lenita Staton	Jack Fulghum	Joe Bambick	Garcia Family	Vada Huser Elliot Huser
03/25	Terri Settle	Suann Bolton	Deb Jacobsen	Jacobsen Family	Abigail Alexander
Sunday 03/26	JoAnn Jones	Clinton Huser	Stephanie Huser	Judy Stockton	Aidan Chard Jayce Camacho
04/01	Connie O'Neill	Kathy Beal	1. Deb Jacobsen 2. Meredith Odell	Connie O'Neill	Alfael Jimenez Josiah Alexander
Sunday 04/02	Lenita Staton	JoAnn Jones	1. Madeline Woolsey 2. Joe Bambick	McKenney Family	Vada Huser Elliot Huser

### Easter Sunday Ministries

To better meet the family schedules of all who volunteer time and talent to serve as Liturgical Ministers, we are asking for volunteers for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

Please contact the parish office to “sign up” for the ministry positions you and/or your family are willing to serve on April 8th or April 9th.

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**March Collection**  
**\$4,646.00**

