

# SAINT ROSE CHURCH

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For the Week of Sunday, March 7, 2021

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:** My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**CONFESSIONS:** Confessions will be heard each Saturday in the Parish Center from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MASS ON WEDNESDAY'S WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 5:30 P.M.

**MASS INTENTIONS: March 8<sup>th</sup> through March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Mon.	8:30 AM	Ralph Blandford	Sat.	4:00 PM	Patricia O'Bryan
Tues.	8:30 AM	Bryan Kelty	Sun.	8:00 AM	Tinker & Virginia Smith/Aaron Couch and Families
Wed.	5:30 PM	Joe, Martha, & Joe Harry Vize			
Thurs.	8:30 AM	Patricia O'Bryan		11:00 AM	Wheatley-Mudd Families Liv. & Dec.
Fri.	8:30 AM	Adeline Osborne		7:00 PM	NO MASS
Sat.	8:30 AM	Patrick Stewart			

**LENTEN PROGRAMS:**

- **WOMEN'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:** ... Tuesday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Center. We will study the book: *Lent, Season of Transformation*. Class will meet on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Please wear a mask. We will maintain social distance during the bible study.
- **MASS – CONFESSIONS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS** ... each Wednesday of Lent, with Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by confessions until the stations of the cross begin at 6:30 p.m. Confessions will be heard after the stations of the cross as needed.
- **LENTEN HOLY HOUR & CONFESSIONS:** ... each Thursday of Lent at 6:30 p.m. with confessions to be heard.
- **HOLY ROSARY, SPRINGFIELD – STATIONS OF THE CROSS** ... each Friday at 5:30 p.m.
- **40 DAYS FOR LIFE/ROSARY AT THE COURTHOUSE:** Pray the Rosary each Saturday morning during Lent at 9:30 a.m., through Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, in front of the Old Courthouse in Springfield. We will be praying the Rosary together for the sake of the unborn. All are welcome to join in this prayer. We are wearing masks and maintaining social distancing.

**HOLY ROSARY FISH FRIES:** Save the dates! The next three Fridays in Lent, Holy Rosary will be hosting a fish fry at the KC Hall on Bardstown Road. We will have fried fish, homemade potato chips, and cole slaw all for \$10. The dates are March 12, 19 and 26. Drive-through only. From 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Please spread the word!

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:** February 27<sup>th</sup> – March 5<sup>th</sup> was \$5,378.00.

**ST. ROSE LEGACY FUND:** Donations from Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – March 5<sup>th</sup> were \$110.00. Total \$328,528.36.

**ONLINE GIVING:** Just a reminder that you can give to St. Rose online. Just go to <https://www.archlou.org/parish-giving/> and select the correct parish, using your credit or debit card.

**PASTOR'S CORNER:** The American bishops issued guidance to American Catholics concerning the various COVID-19 vaccines available to them. I fear this may have created some confusion for some of you. Maybe this will help clarify matters. You may recall a few weeks back I discussed here the moral qualms some had regarding the first vaccines available, from Pfizer and Moderna. Both of these were tested using fetal stem cell lines which ultimately originated in a miscarriage or abortion from 1973. Since then, these cell lines have been cloned many hundreds of times. The bishops and Pope Francis himself made the judgment that whatever, if any, cooperation in evil this may represent, by enjoying the fruits of an evil action, is very much outweighed by the good of obtaining a vaccine and contributing to the common good. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, however, used these same stem cell lines, not only in testing, but in development of the vaccine as well. To be clear, there are no cells from aborted children in any of the vaccines. It is simply that those cells were used by Johnson & Johnson to produce certain proteins that generated the vaccine. Because the Johnson & Johnson vaccine used these stem cell lines more than the other vaccines, the bishops advised that if the other vaccines are available to you, you should avoid the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. While the bishops' analysis is correct, I don't want anyone to take away the idea that the bishops are discouraging us from getting the COVID-19 vaccine. They are not. In fact, they made clear that if only the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is available to you, then you should get that vaccine. In other words, it is not immoral to receive any of the vaccines currently available to us. The bishops want to make clear to us that we are in a fallen world. Many things we do are 'compromised' in

some way; there are many ways we benefit from evils that are much closer to us than the stem cell lines used for these vaccines. Did you buy Heinz ketchup, Energizer batteries, Doritos, or Lay's potato chips? These are all companies which donate to Planned Parenthood. Do you use any lithium batteries? These are often mined using child and forced labor. Buy anything from China? More forced labor. Do you help manufacture spirituous liquors? Are you not contributing to drunk driving in some small way? I am not saying you should not buy ketchup or lithium batteries or things from China or work for a distillery. You are not doing anything wrong in doing these things. Nor is there anything wrong in receiving the vaccines now available to us. But in a fallen world, evil is all around us. It requires discernment and prudence to keep from compromising ourselves too much or becoming too complacent. Having said that, getting the vaccine is a good thing and I don't want anyone who would like to receive the vaccine to have doubts because of what the bishops have said. More than half a million have died in our country alone. The vaccines are our only way back to normalcy.

**MEN'S RETREAT DAY:** Save the date - St. Rose will be having a special day of retreat for men during this Year of St. Joseph. The Retreat Day will be on Saturday, March 27th from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. We will see the many ways St. Joseph can be a model for men in their lives as husbands, fathers, and family men. More details to follow.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Sammie Spalding, Margaret Ann Lanham, JT Osbourne, Isabell Foster, Fred & Mary Beth Spalding, Roy Smith, Mary Margie Smith, Bob Witt, Corbin Noel, and Bill Smith. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO ADD OR REMOVE SOMEONE FROM THE SICK LIST.