
Pastor's Journal...
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17 March 2024 + Fifth Sunday of Lent (St. Patrick's Day)

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all of you! (Even the Bohemian Irish!) Even though St. Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday, we still do all of the prayers for the fifth Sunday of Lent. St. Patrick himself was a very penitential man. This coming Tuesday is also the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary. That is a universal feast of the Church and you can suspend your Lenten penitential practices that day. Our school children will be present for Mass that day to honor our school's patronal feast.

Well, it is official. February was the warmest month for us in 130 years. This winter is the warmest for us in history. I still have trouble keeping my months straight. I did get out one afternoon for a round of golf in a short sleeve shirt. I keep calling March, May. The convertibles and motorcycles are coming out of storage already. The heating bills are down. All of this is a real blessing. Let's thank God, but not expect this kind of winter every year.

Next Sunday is Palm/Passion Sunday, beginning Holy Week. Once again, we enter into a time of spiritual retreat as a parish. I hope you set aside Holy Thursday and Good Friday to attend the solemn commemoration of the Lord's Supper, his passion and death, and finally his resurrection from the dead. In preparation for Holy Week, I will be offering special times for confessions this coming week. For those who are able to come for daytime confessions, I will offer them this week after the parish Masses on Wednesday in Stanley, Thursday in Cadott, and Friday in Boyd. For those who need a time in the evening, I will be hearing confessions beginning at 7:00pm on Wednesday during Holy Week, March 27th in Boyd. The only other time before Easter will be after the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday.

Have a blessed week,