

# The SPIRIT of GRACE

MARCH 2008

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**Regular Events: Every Week unless otherwise noted...**

## Sunday

- Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30
- Acolyte Practice 9
- Christian Education 9:15
- Spanish Eucharist Noon

## Monday

- Morning Prayer 7
- Quilting Group 2 pm
- Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm

## Tuesday

- Morning Prayer 7
- Men's Social, St Luke's 10

## Wednesday

- Holy Eucharist 6 pm

## Thursday

- Holy Eucharist, St Luke's 2 pm
- Friends Anonymous 4 pm

## Friday

- Holy Eucharist 10

## Saturday:

- Eucharist 5 p.m.

## MARCH COFFEE HOSTS

*Steve & Sue Friede*

### SAVE THESE DATES...

March 16-23: Holy Week  
May 11: Pentecost Picnic  
June 7: Ted Estes' diaconal Ordination (KC), God willing  
Sept 21: Bishop Howe's Visitation  
Oct 26: Emmaus Celebration (KC)  
Nov 20-22: Annual Dinner Theater  
Dec 6: Ted Estes' priestly Ordination (place TBA), God willing

## From the Rectory: The Rev. Steven C. Wilson

The procession of fans on Palm Sunday must have been something akin to a paparazzi swarm in modern Hollywood. The young rabbi from Galilee was someone mysterious and glamorous, a faith healer on a meteoric rise to fame. And when he rode into town on his donkey, the crowds were overcome with political correctness. He was the "total package." Surely this would be the time when he—or someone like him?—would start the revolution.

We all know how that effort to capture Christ for their agenda would end. The same crowds which acclaimed him on Sunday were, but Friday, either calling for his blood, or else noticeable in their conspicuous absence from the scene. When Jesus turned out to be someone other than they wanted, the palm-wavers and coat-strippers may have felt a few moments of genuine regret, but for the most part, they simply kept their distance from the slow-motion train wreck unfolding on the Way of the Cross.

Today there are lots of voices claiming Jesus for their own. WWJD? Political voices on the far left and the far right both are quick with the assertion that he would be campaigning for their agenda. More than one religious leader wants you to believe that the path to salvation lies through agreement with his, or her, action plan. Socialists and skeptics claim Jesus as one of their own, as do Muslim radicals.

On the History Channel, Wiccan college students invoke his name to exorcise demons from haunted barrooms, while neo-Nazis claim his as an Aryan hero, and novelists suggest he was married, imaginary or female.

Everyone wants a part of Jesus when it's convenient. He's the most attractive and mysterious figure in human history. But the hard part of being a follower of Christ is holding onto him when it's not convenient, when it involves sacrifice and death to self—you know, when it means taking him seriously, at face value.

In March, we wave palms and share lamb and shout (at last!) "alleluia!" We also kneel in the darkness of a Church stripped bare, and kiss the feet of a wooden image nailed to a rough cross.

The revolution the crowds expected would never materialize. Instead, something far more demanding, and glorious, and frankly scary, would make its appearance—the actual cost of trying to follow the example of a God who would choose to love us in all our brokenness rather than evaporate us with justice or ignore us with benign merciful neglect. This Christianity is a messy business—as was the procession with donkey and broken branches. It's up to us whether we move on and become silent once the party's over—or follow the one who chose suffering over celebrity.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tim Putnam, Kirby Newport, Sue Friede
- 2 Ann Geisert, Evelyn Shockey
- 3 Mikey Robertson, Nancy Dymott  
Lois Raschke
- 4 Loren Erwin, Cindy Rogers
- 6 Mindy Estes, Elizabeth Euceda
- 7 Regine Anderson
- 8 Peggy Ralston, Edna Rodriquez  
Debbie Evans
- 9 Chase Taylor, Judy Kauffman
- 11 Jennifer Hicks
- 12 Tom Bewick
- 13 Carolyn Cole, Jaleigh Hicks
- 14 Angela Harwell
- 16 Catherine Marsden, Shirley Stigall  
Connie Leek
- 17 Ruth Platt, Rosalie Griffin  
Kevin Curtis, Keith Curtis  
Irlanda Hernandez
- 18 Jeanne Goolsby
- 21 Becky Edds
- 22 Linda-Marie Rice
- 23 Laurence Flanigan, Betty Goodman  
Katie Bewick, Daniel Stone
- 24 Steve Heidlage, Gabriel Amparan  
Harley Madsen, Troy Salchow
- 25 Mariah Marsden, Rebecca Hertzberg  
Beck, Matt Carter, John-Lloyd Grigsby
- 26 Bill Hansford
- 27 Ruby Wilson, Ashleigh Wilson  
Keri Kirby
- 28 Averi Heese, Jake Charleston
- 30 Robert Lonham
- 31 Katie Platt Rendel

## ANNIVERSARIES

Fred & Opal Faye Campbell	3-1
Brooks & Gloria Gubser	3-16
Jeremiah & Jacqueline Wyczynski	3-17
Mark & Debbie Jones	3-17
Harley & Ann Madsen	3-17
Don & Lynette Gass	3-18

## VESTRY UPDATE

*At the Feb 19 meeting, the following was discussed*

**Rector's Report:** Fr. Wilson commented on what a wonderful ordination celebration we hosted for Jeff Bell on Feb 2, and informed the Vestry of the formation of four discernment committees for potential ordination: Susanna Gonzales (deacon), Scott Stone (priest), Kris Erwin (priest) and Madi Kyger (priest). He updated the Vestry on the schedule for Holy Week.

**Deacon Galen's Report:** The Millenium Development Goals Committee worked with Deacon Galen to make a proposal regarding application for the diocese's matching grant to congregations for work with the MDGs around the world. This committee recommended that the Good Friday offering be designated the work of the Diocese of Jerusalem in the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Salt, Jordan, and that 1/3 of the Easter offering be designated for the purchase of medicine and clinic supplies for the work of the Diocese of Guatemala in Tecpan, Chimaltenango. Both would be eligible for the matching grant, which will be applied for after the offerings are collected.

**Deacon Jeff's Report:** Deacon Jeff thanked the Vestry for their support through his ordination process and talked about his plans to reinvigorate the Society of St. Vincent, a national devotional order for lay ministers and acolytes, and to begin work on a young adults-cum-campus ministry.

**Senior Warden's Report:** Kevin Johnson talked about where we stand on our stewardship committee's "connection" suggestions. Movie night, book club and reading room are on target. A motion was made and carried that the reading room not be attached to the library and that books from it can circulate as desired by children. The garden, dinner club and environmental efforts are still being planned.

**Junior Warden's Report:** Debbie Putnam informed us that construction is nearly finished and the carpets should be laid before Easter. We had to purchase a new refrigerator in January. The sacristy doorknob will need to be replaced.

**Treasurer's Report:** Larry McGuire gave a report on the financial situation, which looks typical for January—that is, after a great month financially last December, January was a deficit month.

**New Business:** The annual parochial report was passed. A motion of support for Ted Estes's ordination to the diaconate in June was passed. The remaining 2/3 of the Easter offering are designated for Habitat for Humanity and the Parish Nurse ministry. Delegates to diocesan convention Oct 24 & 25 were elected: Chalaine Bell, Sharon Croley, Tom Flanigan, Don Gass, Denise Hamar, Jinny Hopp, Barbara Mountjoy, Carolyn Phelps, with alternates Joel Erdman and Marty Griffin. Since the March meeting is scheduled for Holy Week, a motion was made and carried to not hold a Vestry meeting in March.

## EASTER LILIES for the ALTAR

\$10 apiece. Please *print* the names of those you wish to memorialize or honor, and turn them in, with check to the office or offering plate no later than Palm Sunday, March 16.

## The Parish Prayer List

### The Home Bound

Betty Carpenter, Jean Berry, Amanda McClanahan, Mary Helen Dunaway, Muriel Hallam, Lois Raschke, Dorothy Taylor, Dorothy Solomonson, Helen Rogers, Carolene Kelly, Juanita Pence, Eunice Yates, Kay McNew, Marvin Page, Patsy Downun, Carmen Courtade, Michelle Short, Patty Fasken, Ann Madsen, Jerry Chrisman, Lon Orr

### Parishioners, Family and Friends

Dorothymae Edds, Gerri Green, George Platt, Bret Cameron, Naydean Kuhns, Robert Harwell, Jim Armfield, Roy Mayes, Chuck Erwin, George Hopper, Beth Simmons, Fred Taylor, Rick Warden, Heather Orscheln, Genevieve Moore, Brian & Dawn White, Scott, Melody Hainline, Vikki Houlihan, Ethan, Mady Burks, Renee Christy, Sarah Tish, Kerry Story & family, Wayne Cartright, Nancy Lauck, Steve Reddy, Jimmy Knowles, John Holliday, Kaycee

*(Iraq)* Casey Pugh, Jake Evans Berger, Mark Orr, Derik Campbell, Avery Barnett, Ray Harding, Brent Archer & Patrick Batchelder, Tyler *(Afghanistan)* Joe Francis, Trey Schesser

### The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

All Saints' Church, Kansas City: The Rev. Mary Jacobs, Rector  
The Diocesan Council (Barbara Mountjoy, member)  
The Church of the Good Shepherd, Kansas City: The Rev. Thomas Punzo, Rector  
Robert Smart, Diocesan Treasurer  
Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City: The Very Rev. Terry White, Dean, The Rev. Sue Sommer, The Rev. Carol Sanford, The Rev. Joe Behen, Priest Associates, The Rev. Bryan England, The Rev. Bruce Hall, Deacons  
Jon Yeager, Associate Treasurer of the Diocese  
The Church of the Redeemer, Kansas City: The Rev. Louise Baker, Rector  
St. Andrew's Church, Kansas City: The Rev. Frederick Mann, Rector, The Rev. John Spicer & The Rev. Anne Hutcherson, Priest Associates, The Rev. James Moore, Deacon  
Episcopal Community Services, Kansas City: Jay Lehnertz, Executive Director

## TRANSITIONS, DECEMBER 2007

### New Addresses, Etc.

**Heidi Scheerer**, 412 Euclid  
**Mike Wilkowski**, 701 Florence St  
**Nick & Julie Wilkowski**, 41 Crystal Court, Belton 64012  
**Luke Connell**, 1117 Walnut, 549-0073  
**John & Mike Conrace**, 3430 E. Newman, Joplin 64804

### The Faithful Departed

**Jack Ytell**, cousin of Wayne, departed this life Fri, Feb 1  
**Jan Dvorak**, relative of Jinny Hopp, departed this life Mon, Feb 4  
**Azalea Baker** departed this life Mon, Feb 11, buried from the Church Thurs, Feb 14  
**Nora Gubser**, mother of Brooks, departed this life Mon, Feb 11  
**George "Alan" Richie** departed this life Fri, Feb 15  
**Jan Crandall** departed this life Fri, Feb 22  
Greg Komer, brother-in-law of Tom Geisert, departed this life Sat, Feb 23

### Congratulations

... on the birth of **Ashlynn Wilkowski** born Dec 12, 2007, daughter of Nick & Julie, grandparents are Chris & Alicia, great-grand parents Harley & Ann Madsen  
...on the birth of **Cole Brendon Bourg**, born Sat, Jan 12, son of Brendon & Elizabeth Bourg, grandson of Brooks & Gloria Gubser

### Banns

The Rector publishes the banns of marriage between **Micah Grigsby** of this parish and Susan Brand of Jasper. Nuptials to be solemnized in August 2008. This is the third and final time of asking.  
The Rector publishes the banns of marriage between **Lindsey Kester** of this parish and Jason Hodges of Webb City. Nuptials to be solemnized October 2008. This is the third and final time of asking.

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Anglican Church of Central America, The Anglican Church of the Congo, The Anglican Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, The Church of Ireland, The Church of England, *and the dioceses of* Bida (Nigeria), Birmingham, Blackburn, Bradford, Bristol (England), Bo (West Africa), Bondo, Bungoma (Kenya), Bor (Sudan), Botswana (Central Africa, companion diocese), Brandon, British Columbia (Canada), Brasilia, Jerusalem (Middle East), Brisbane, Bunbury (Australia), Bujumbura (Burundi), Bukavu (Congo), Bunyoro-Kitara, Busoga (Uganda), and Busan (Korea)

## EDUCATION

### YOUTH CHOIR

Young people (grades 3-12) are invited to join in leadership of worship through singing and instrumental accompaniment. Practice Weds at 5 p.m. See Madi Kyger or Fr Steve for details.

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY: WED at 7 p.m.

March 5 & 12: The Passion Narratives

March 19: Seder Meal (the Passover supper),  
with commentary & Communion, beginning at 6 p.m.

March 26: Isaiah

### ADULT FORUMS: SUN at 9:15 a.m.

*Please join us for our year-long exploration of the "basic stories" of the Bible, as we work our way through the narrative of the Faith!*

*What does the Bible say about....*

**The story of Moses and the Exodus**

### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Are you in the third or fourth academic year of your college study? All members of Grace Church are eligible in these two years for a scholarship! Contact the office today to receive the application form!

## FELLOWSHIP & PARISH LIFE

### DINNER & A MOVIE

6:30 p.m. Friday, March 14

*The Passion of the Christ*

We will break in the middle of this important, but difficult, film for a light meal. In Aramaic, Latin and Greek, with **BIG ENGLISH SUBTITLES**.

### 6x2 DINNER CLUB

Beginning the last Fri of this month, three Couples and two singles (two men, two women or one of each) will meet for a meal. This group will decide their own times, menus, places to eat and etc. The next month, a different place...Call Julie Anderson—358-5526 (home); 388-0709 (cell) or email [andersonj@carthage.k12.mo.us](mailto:andersonj@carthage.k12.mo.us)

### BOOK CLUB

Our book club meets at 7 p.m. on Tues, March 25 to discuss the first chapters of Francis Collins' *The Language of God*. Explore how this famous geneticist came to faith in Christ from agnosticism, and challenges the Churches to have as much faith in the God of Reason as in the God of Revelation! Call Renee Cebula at 358-2925 for details on this group and exciting book!

## WORSHIP

**Holy Week is the "Episcopal revival."** *Starting with Palm Sunday, each day of the week traces one of the scriptural stages of Christ's final days. Each liturgy is different, emphasizing a different aspect of His final days of life. All weekday services are at 6 p.m., and we URGE you to attend all of them, ESPECIALLY Thurs-Sat night. They are profoundly moving examples of what liturgy is supposed to be: an invitation to enter into the events of the life and death of Christ, and not just to think about them.*

**Palm Sunday** includes the reading of the Passion from Matthew's Gospel, is both celebratory (*yeah! go Jesus!*) and also sobering (*just because we cheer for Jesus doesn't mean we're always there with Him when things get dark*).

On **Monday**, we sing the Great Litany ("God the Father, have mercy on us," etc), a lengthy prayer which highlights that we are not everything we pretend to be.

On **Tuesday**, we walk the Way of the Cross, retracing Christ's final steps through the streets of Jerusalem.

On **Wednesday**, we share in a Passover Seder meal, a "99%" kosher recreation of the meal which Jesus shared with His disciples shortly before His arrest, learning what it meant when He re-symbolized the bread and wine of the meal into the Eucharist (*and sharing some lovely traditional dishes*).

On **Thursday**, we celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist before rudely turning out the lights, stripping all the ornament from the Church, and sending people home in the dark—just as Jesus' final night moved from the joy of Passover to the darkness of Gethsemane. If you stay after the service, we will wash feet in imitation of Him by candlelight.

On **Friday**, we observe in the unlit Church the crucifixion and burial of Christ, bowing before the life-giving and death-dealing wood of the Cross and laying our sins on Him who hung there.

On **Saturday**, we begin in darkness as we hear God's promises of redemption, then hear that "He is risen." After kindling a fire for our candles, we follow the great paschal candle and incense (*"pillars of flame and smoke," just like in Exodus*) to the baptismal font, where we remember that we too have been brought through the waters of the Red Sea, Christ's blood, to liberty. Then we break the Lenten fast with meat, wine, eggs and all manner of delicacies!

And, of course, **Easter**, with its glorious celebration, flowers and egg hunt. Join in the praise of the Resurrected Lord, changed and challenged by having walked with Him this entire week!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Season: Lent March 1-15 Color: Purple (dark and solemn)</i>	<i>Season: Holy Week March 16-22 Colors: Purple, white &amp; black (by day)</i>	<i>Season: Easter March 22 (sunset)-May 11 Color: White</i>				1
2 <b><u>IV LENT</u></b>	3	4 6:30 pm St Catherine's	5	6	7 Happening 7th—8th	8
9 <b><u>V LENT</u></b> <b>TIME</b> <b>CHANGE:</b> Lose an hour's sleep!	10 6 p.m. Gon- zalez discern- ment cttee <i>Parish House reserved</i>	11 6 pm Stew- ardship meeting	12	13	14 <b>NO FRI</b> <b>EUCHARIST</b> 6:30 p.m. Parish movie night	15 9 am St Mar- garet's 10 a.m. Dean- ery Meeting
16 <b><u>PALM</u></b> <b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	17 6 pm HE	18 6 pm HE	19 6 pm Se- der Meal	20 <b>MAUNDY</b> <b><u>THURS</u></b> 6 pm HE 7:30 p.m. Span- ish	21 <b><u>GOOD FRI</u></b> 7 am, noon, 6 pm HE 7:30 pm Spanish	22 <b><u>HOLY</u></b> <b><u>SAT</u></b> 6 p.m. Great Vigil 7:30 p.m. Agape Feast
23 <b><u>EASTER</u></b> <b>NO SunSchool</b> 9:15 Flowering of Cross 11:30 Egg Hunt	24	25 7 pm Book Club	26 Parish Nurse Conference 26th —28th	27	28 6x2 Dinner Club night	29 5 p.m. Holy Baptism
30	31 <b><u>ST JOSEPH</u></b>					

<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><u>Saturday</u></b>
8, 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Noon, Spanish Eucharist 9:15 am Aco- lyte practice and Christian Ed	7 am Morning Prayer 2 pm Quilting Group 7 pm NA	7 am Morning Prayer 10 am Men's Social Hour, St Luke's 5:30 pm Choir Practice	5 p.m. Youth Choir practice 6 pm Holy Eucharist 7 pm Dinner, Youth Group & Bible Study	2 pm St Luke's Eucharist	10 am Holy Eucharist	5 pm Holy Eucharist

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS LIST for HOLY WEEK MARCH 2008

### MONDAY, MARCH 17

#### 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Reader/Chalice: Ted Estes  
 Sacristan: Marcia McGuire  
 Sharon Burwick

### TUESDAY, MARCH 18

#### 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Reader/Chalice: Larry Ross  
 Sacristan: Donna Lane

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

#### 6 p.m. Seder-Meal-Holy Eucharist

Reader: Glenda Erwin  
 "Youngest Son": Wade Hamilton  
 Sacristans: Barbara Mountjoy  
 Lynette Gass

### MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 20

#### 6 p.m. Liturgy of the Day

Reader: Dana Cameron  
 Chalice: Brad Cameron  
 Acolyte Mentor: Brad Cameron  
 Servers: 1 Nancy Dymott  
 2 Michele Sexton  
 Cross: 1 Brad Cameron  
 Torches: 1 Richard Roske  
 2 Scott Stone  
 Ushers: Larry McGuire  
 Jim Wakefield  
 Sacristans: Dana Cameron  
 Jinny Hopp

#### Saturday night Eucharists, 5:00 p.m.

##### March 1

Chalice/Reader: Scott Stone  
 Sacristan: Elisa White

##### March 8

Chalice:  
 Reader: Kelly Roske  
 Sacristan: Lynette Gass

##### March 15

Chalice:  
 Reader: Glenda Erwin  
 Sacristan: Jinny Hopp

#### March 22—see schedule at right!

##### March 29

Chalice/Reader: Ted Estes  
 Sacristan: Donna Lane

### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 21

#### 7 a.m. Liturgy of the Day

Reader/Chalice: Wayne Ytell  
 Sacristan: Renee Cebula

#### Noon Liturgy of the Day

Reader: Bonnie Jones  
 Chalice: Margie Tucker  
 Sacristan: Regine Anderson

#### 6 p.m. Liturgy of the Day

Reader: Scott Stone  
 Chalice: George Platt  
 • Narrator: Debbie Jones  
 • Jesus: Tom Flanigan  
 • Maid/Police/Servant: Julie Anderson  
 • Peter/Pilate: Marty Griffin  
 Ushers: Mike Robertson  
 Jim Creighton  
 Sacristan: Ann Carter

### HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 22

#### 6:00 p.m. Vigil

- The Creation: Ruth Smith
- The Flood: Chuck Edds
- The Binding of Isaac: Bonnie Jones
- The Red Sea: Bill Lee
- Renewed Israel: Kelly Roske
- The Promise of Salvation: Wade Hamilton

Reader: Dana Cameron  
 Chalice: Ted Estes  
 Acolyte Mentor: Brad Cameron  
 Servers: 1 Ashley Heidlage  
 2 Deandra Sexton  
 Crosses: 1 Jackie Spencer  
 2 Carlie Wakefield  
 Torches: 1 Ashleigh Wilson  
 2 Sarah Wilson  
 3 Ian Henderson  
 4 Matt Goolsby  
 Thurifer: Austen Heidlage  
 Boat: Ellen Salchow Stiles  
 Sacristan: Elisa White  
 Ushers: Loren Erwin  
 Greg Kester

#### Wed Night Eucharists, 6:00 p.m.

##### March 5

Chalice: Scott Stone  
 Reader: Julie Anderson

##### March 12

Chalice: Ron Ferguson  
 Reader: Mariah Marsden

##### March 26

Chalice: Margie Tucker  
 Reader: Madi Kyger

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS IN MARCH, 2008

### LENT 4: March 2, 8:00 am

Chalice: Wayne Ytell  
 Subdeacon: Larry Ross  
 Lector: Ruth Smith  
 Server: Richard Roske  
 Sacristan: Connie Leek  
 Home Communion: W Ytell/ L Ross  
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#### 10:30 a.m.

Chalice: Margie Tucker  
 Subdeacon: Don Gass  
 Lectors: Mark Sponaugle  
 Debbie Jones  
 Acolyte Mentor: Brad Cameron  
 Servers: 1 Lisa Snodgrass (Capt)  
 2 Jackie Spence  
 Crosses: 1 Ellen Salchow Stiles  
 2 Jimmy Slates  
 Torches: 1 Jay Simmons  
 2 Tom Simmons  
 Ushers: Jimmy Grimes  
 Richard Ralston  
 Sacristan: Lynette Gass  
 AV Team: Mike & Ryan Robertson  
 Greeters: Kevin Curtis

### LENT 5: March 9, 8:00 am

Chalice: Larry Ross  
 Subdeacon: Wayne Ytell  
 Lector: Glenda Wrwin  
 Server: Brad Cameron  
 Sacristan: Connie Leek

#### 10:30 a.m.

Chalice: Regine Anderson  
 Subdeacon: George Platt  
 Lectors: Julie Anderson  
 Sharon Croley  
 Acolyte Mentor: Michele Sexton  
 Servers: 1 Ashley Heidlage (Capt)  
 2 Deandra Sexton  
 Crosses: 1 Sam Weidemann  
 2 Carlie Wakefield  
 Torches: Emma Charleston  
 2 Sarah Wilson  
 3 Lanceton Pettie  
 4 Matt Goolsby  
 Ushers: Steve Erwin  
 Dale Hopp  
 Sacristan: Jinny Hopp  
 AV Team: Jim & Colby Wakefield  
 Greeters: Michael & Jennifer Cartright

### PALM SUNDAY, March 16, 8:00 am

Chalice: Larry Ross  
 Subdeacon: Wayne Ytell  
 Old/New Testament: Kelly Roske

#### Passion Readers:

- Narrator: Ruth Smith
  - Jesus: Wayne Ytell
  - Peter/Pilate/High Priest/Judas:  
Brad Cameron
  - Pilate's Wife/Servant1 & 2:  
Dana Cameron
  - Disciples: Brad & Dana Cameron
  - Witness: Father Steve Wilson,  
Deacons Jeff Bell &  
Galen Snodgrass
- Server: Brad Cameron  
 Sacristan: Connie Leek

#### 10:30 a.m.

Chalice: Scott Stone  
 Subdeacon: Tom Flanigan  
 Passion Readers:  

- Narrator: Bonnie Jones
- Jesus: Chuck Edds
- Judas: Mark Sponaugle
- Peter: Don Gass
- Pilate's Wife: Debbie Jones
- Pilate: Wade Hamilton
- Servant 1: Tom Flanigan
- Servant 2: George Platt
- High Priest: Ted Estes
- Disciples: Ted, George, Tom, Don
- Witnesses: Father. Steve Wilson,  
Deacons Jeff Bell/Galen Snodgrass

 Acolyte Mentor: Scott Stone  
 Servers: 1 Austen Heidlage (Capt)  
 2 Mariah Marsden  
 Cross: 1 Madeline Marsden  
 Torches: 1 Chase Taylor  
 2 Brandon Edwards  
 Banner: Colby Wakefield  
 Boat: Ian Henderson  
 Thurifer: Alex Weidemann  
 Ushers: Steve Friede  
 Jeff Dymott  
 Sacristan: Dana Cameron  
 AV Team: Elisa & Audrey White  
 Greeters: Joel & Melissa Erdman  
 Home Communion: Tom Flanigan/Jeff Bell  
 Ann Madsen

### EASTER, March 23, 8:00 am

Chalice: Larry Ross  
 Subdeacon: Deacon Jeff Bell  
 Deacon Galen Snodgrass  
 Lector: Bill Lee  
 Server: Nancy Dymott  
 Sacristan: Elisa White

#### 10:30 a.m.

Chalice: Bonnie Jones  
 Subdeacon: Deacon Jeff Bell  
 Deacon Galen Snodgrass  
 Lectors: Jerry Sample  
 Wade Hamilton  
 Acolyte Mentor: Karen Washburn  
 Server: 1 Greg Spencer (Capt)  
 2 Alex Weidemann  
 Crosses: 1 Haley Kester  
 2 Cecilie Washburn  
 Torches: 1 Oliver Sprenkle  
 2 Drew Schesser  
 3 Elle Lonham  
 4 Sydney Harlin  
 Ushers: Chris Wilkowski  
 Chuck Erwin  
 Sacristan: Lynette Gass  
 AV Team: Frank Lane  
 Greeters: Troy & Liz Salchow

### 2nd EASTER, March 30, 8:00 a.m.

Chalice: Wayne Ytell  
 Subdeacon: Larry Ross  
 Lector: Kelly Roske  
 Server: Brad Cameron  
 Sacristan: Connie Leek

#### 10:30 a.m.

Chalice: Donna Lane  
 Subdeacon: Ted Estes  
 Lectors: Regine Anderson  
 Glenda Erwin  
 Acolyte Mentor: Brad Cameron  
 Servers: 1 Nancy Dymott  
 2 Michele Sexton  
 Cross: 1 Brad Cameron  
 Torches: 1 Richard Roske  
 2 Scott Stone  
 Ushers: Frank Lane  
 Mike Goolsby  
 Sacristan: Donna Lane  
 AV Team: Carolyn Phelps  
 Greeters: Jason & Lindsey Hettinger

## FROM the PARISH NURSE:

Barbara Mountjoy RN

We are well into Lent now. With the dark, icy, dreary days of winter that have encased our Lenten season, it seems natural that we may spend time internally focused, looking back over our lives. Sifting through the past may help us find meaning; establish new habits, both in our spiritual lives and in our daily living. But sometimes this thought process turns on us, and regret surfaces. I'm sure there is no life without regrets. However, regrets can become either burdens that interfere with the present or restrict your future. Regret is one of the most felt but least discussed emotions. It may be one of the primary thought patterns that prevent emotional and physical healing.

Regret can pull you out of the present and keep you stuck in the past, destroy your peace of mind, and elevate the stress hormone cortisol. High cortisol levels, in turn, can undermine immunity, memory, metabolism, and even cardiac health. One author writing about regret separated it into three emotional flavors: hot, wistful and despairing. When you have an argument with a loved one and you say hurtful things that you don't really mean, your regret may be "hot". You may experience anger, embarrassment and irritation. When you think about losing a loved one and wish you'd spent more time with them, your regrets may fall into the wistful category, where nostalgia and sentiment prevail. When you feel you invested your time, your money, or your love with a person who was a "con artist" you may experience regret as helplessness and despair. This regret might be the most harmful.

**Regret is a teacher – and the key is to get its message and then let the messenger go.** The first step, I think, is ~ prayer. Pray about it. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you deal with this. Identify exactly what the regret is. The things you didn't do are likely to cause the most regret. Take prayful action if that is possible. An apology, a phone call, a visit might begin to set things right. But, it may be there is no longer a course of action possible. In that case, **let it go.** You must come to peace with an error of omission. If others are involved, ask God for forgiveness and those involved, if possible make amends. Forgive yourself and others. Be compassionate toward everyone involved. If you've made mistakes in relationships, be it romantic, business, or friends realize the lesson you have learned will insure that you will not settle for less than what is good for you. There is always a lesson to be learned even in pain and sadness. Look for the lesson and focus on it instead of what might have been. Talk to a person you trust. Talking can help you identify fallacies in your thinking and give you the opportunity to sort through your feelings instead of merely experiencing them inside yourself. And maybe most importantly, remember there is no deed that cannot be forgiven by God. So **let it go.** Replace the regret with plans to be positive in your thinking and in your actions. Random acts of kindness might be on your weekly agenda, helping you to heal as you care for others. This season of Lent, with its soul-searching, this long, dark, icy winter will end with the glory of Easter and the joy of a Risen Lord

### **"Our Cup Runneth Over"**

Have you noticed the "Our Cup Runneth Over" poster? We are hoping to raise money for the Millennium Development Goals, cutting down on snacks and contributing that money saved and/or contributing money for the pounds we might lose during Lent by eating more mindfully and healthy. I am hoping we can develop a healthier way to eat during these 40 days, that will continue long after this Lent has past. So far we have \$29.00 in our cup! Remember if we can raise \$500.00, the Diocese will match it with another \$500.00 = \$1000.00 we can use toward the relief of hunger in our broken world. Join us if you can.

### **40 must be a favorite number for God!**

There is the 40 day period that Jesus spent in the desert, the 40 days Moses spent on Mt. Sinai with God; the 40 days and nights Elijah spent walking to Mt. Horeb; the 40 days and nights God made it rain in the Noah story; and the 40 years the Hebrew people wandered about on their way to the promised land. I can't forget Jonah, in his prophecy of judgment he gave to the city of Ninevah, they had 40 days of grace in which to repent. Are there more? Maybe I missed some.

## OUTREACH

### ST LUKE'S NEEDS...

Join us for men's fellowship each Tuesday morning at St. Luke's Nursing Center at 10 a.m. See Chuck Erwin or Dale Hopp for details. **Each Sat morning, we need volunteer bingo callers** to help with the social highlight of the weekend at St. Luke's. See Richard Roske for details.

### NEARLY NEW

Many of our outreach projects are funded by the sale of gently used clothing at the Nearly New Shop. We encourage you to speak to Cindy Chilton, Carolyn Cole or Shirley Stigall about donations (you can receive money back on consignment, or make a tax-deductible contribution) or to volunteer for a 3 hour shift once a month. This shop provides many in our community with clothing that would otherwise be unaffordable.

### QUARTER TUBE

Don't forget that Grace Church collects your quarters weekly during service to help the Heifer Project fund purchases of breeding stock and plants for farm cooperatives in impoverished, hungry Third World countries. We have sent rabbits, chickens, ducks, llamas, pigs, water buffaloes, fish, sheep and goats to Central and South America, the Caribbean, Asia and Africa! ***By helping sustainable development, this qualifies for your MDG gift...***

### PLANNING FOR HABITAT

Would you be interested in working on a Habitat for Humanity house in Carthage? See the Rector to get on an "informational" list!

### HAITI TRIP

A trip to our sister parishes in Haiti is scheduled for late Sept. See Deacon Galen **TODAY** if you are interested: there are several required in advance! ***Our work in Haiti is primarily in education, women's health and feeding the poor, and qualifies for your MDG gift...***

### MBH

McCune Brooks hospital is seeking volunteers for various hospital positions. Contact Mike Riley at 358-8121 to discuss volunteer needs during weekday business hours.

### JAMAICA MISSION TRIP

Dr. Richard & Pam Barlet will be going to Jamaica in April on a Dentistry Mission Trip. There is a box in the Parish House for items listed below if you would like to help with this ministry. Some things needed are toothpaste, lotion, soap, shampoo, headache medicine and fungi cream. Please have them here before April 2. ***By providing health care, this qualifies for your MDG gift...***

### GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

All offering on Good Friday is, by canon of the national Church, designated for the ministry of the Church in the Diocese of Jerusalem. For many years, we have sent our collection to the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Salt, a small town outside Amman, Jordan. This school, which has Christian, Jewish and Muslim staff and students, is the only center in the area for hearing-impaired children. It is a ministry of our Church under the administration of the Rev. Brother Andrew de Carpentier, an Anglican priest from the Netherlands. Through education, vocational training, therapy, the provision of hearing aids and instruction in Standard Arabic Sign Language, over 120 children ages 4 to 20 are provided with the means to be productive members of society and to care for themselves. ***By alleviating poverty and preventable health problems, and raising women's status, this qualifies for you MDG gift...***

### EASTER OFFERING

The Vestry has designated the offering from Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday for three important ministries: in our parish, to support the Parish Nurse program; in our local area, to Habitat for Humanity; beyond our area, for clinic and medical supply costs through the Anglican Diocese of Guatemala in Tecpan, a village near Chimaltenango. Nurse Barbara offers gracious pastoral and medical assistance to parishioners and friends of the parish at no cost, a valuable ministry which needs our support. Habitat is building a home for a needy family in our community. And Guatemala, one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere, is poorly provided with health care. ***Your gift, which will be divided among these three, qualifies in part for your MDG gift...***

### WHAT'S AN MDG GIFT, AND WHY DO YOU KEEP MENTIONING IT?

The Millennium Development Goals are the brainchild of a Canadian Anglican who crunched the numbers and realized that the worst cases of poverty, ill health and illiteracy in the world's poorest communities could be solved at very low overall cost. To be exact, 0.7% of the income of the Western world (that is to say \$7 for every \$1000 I, you and everyone in Europe, Japan and the US earns). The Episcopal Church officially endorses this idea, as does the UN and the US government. Items listed as MDG compliant in this newsletter are places where you could contribute to this worthy, and economically feasible, way to quite literally change the world our children will inherit.

## PLATICANDO EN ESPANOL:

Padre Pedro Valdez

### **Las Elecciones y los Hispanos:**

En este año de elecciones para la Presidencia, aquí en Los Estados Unidos, se está hablando bastante sobre los Hispanos, especialmente de los indocumentados y nos están poniendo como los más graves delincuentes en todo el mundo. Ahora nosotros somos los indeseables, a nivel político. La frontera con México, dicen ellos, está como esta a causa de los indeseables que entran a este país; hay que poner mano dura, entre más fuerte sean los epítetos contra los hispanos, mejores políticos se sienten y la gente les ve como los que traeran mejores soluciones a este gran país.

Las acciones contra los hispanos se están viendo aun en los Estados de la Unión Americana y sus dirigentes se pavonean hacienda y diciendo improperios contra los que venimos del otro lado del río. En la Prensa y la TV. Se leen y escuchan muchas noticias y acciones contra los hispanos que ya nos da miedo; somos la escoria de esta sociedad, dicen los malos políticos, pero lo peor es que no encontramos Líderes de Instituciones Serias que salgan en defensa nuestra; como lo veo estamos a merced de la politiquería barata y expuestos a sufrir las consecuencias.

La Iglesia Universal debe hacerse oír en estos tiempos difíciles con una postura clara y ecuanime. También dentro de la Iglesia se vive en acción política, pero política de altura y de acuerdo a los postulados cristianos de Amor y Armonía entre unos y otros. Las encuestas, que mueven algunos grupos, son manejadas de una manera en la cual los hispanos salimos perjudicados, especialmente en cuanto a delitos y actos reñidos por la ley. Ojalá que podamos sentir el soporte positivo de los líderes de las diferentes comunidades cristianas dándonos su apoyo y hacienda ver la realidad de lo que representamos los Hispanos para esta Nación.

Nuestro real propósito es venir a Trabajar honestamente para tener una mejor forma de vida y de darle a nuestras familias un mejor soporte económico. Venimos a sacrificarnos por un ideal positivo, trabajamos fuerte con el fin de lograr nuestras metas, en común, lo cual beneficia a todos por igual; los hispanos no somos racistas. No nos cerramos a un pequeño círculo de raza, color o ideas religiosas, somos gente pacífica y muy trabajadora que solo buscamos una oportunidad para vivir y vivir bien.

Oremos por los que desean perjudicarnos y oremos por nosotros mismos para que Dios nos proteja y guarde de todo mal.

*P. Valdez.-*

### **Relay for Life**

Grace Church is planning to walk in the Relay for Life! Jeannie Goolsby and Ann Curtis have willingly accepted to serve as co-chairs for this event. The Carthage walk will be June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to have a large combined team from Jr. High on up through Senior Citizens. Our lives at Grace Church have been deeply affected by breast cancer, so consider joining in this opportunity to raise money for the Cancer society and have a chance to fellowship throughout the night with other members of our community.

*Information is available, just ask*

*Ann Curtis (358-8226) or Jeanne Goolsby (358-7265) about the particulars.*

## FROM THE DESK OF THE DEACON:

The Rev. Jeff Bell

### *The Road to the Diaconate*

It has been over six years and 15,000 miles since I was able to admit to anyone other than myself that I felt called to ministry. My first conversation was had with my wife who gently looked into my eyes and said, "I know, I was just waiting for you to figure it out on your own." I feel that God new I would need her reassurance and prepared her in advance. Father Steve has described the call to ministry as a tug on your heart, nothing as spectacular as a Burning Bush, but a tug that will not go away. At times depending on how old you are it might fade in and out over time as in my younger years, but a tug that grew to strong to resist once I had been at Grace for a couple of years.

Once I admitted it to my wife, she happened to mention it to Galen who told me I needed to speak with Father Steve. That conversation went well and shortly after that I was reading the Prayers of the People as a sub-deacon. I began meeting with my discernment committee and my spiritual advisor in preparation for vocations conference. Prior to vocations conference I had to get a physical, a psychological test, and meet with a psychologist.

Vocations conference meets in October and is where the Diocese interviews aspirants to ministry and where your call is validated by the church. The Commission on Ministry and the Standing Committee interview aspirants for both the diaconate and priesthood over a period of Friday evening and all day Saturday. Aspirants are notified usually before the end of October whether or not they will be accepted as postulants.

Diaconal students then begin three years of academic preparation at the West Missouri School for Ministry, which currently meets at St. Anne's in Lee's Summit. Students meet for a weekend every other month beginning in January. The fourth year is comprised of six months of Clinical Pastoral Training and six month of internship at a local church that is not your home church. At the end of the fourth year another physical and psychiatric exam are required to insure that you are fit to perform your duties as a minister.

Then, God willing and the Bishop concurring you are ordained. It all sounds so simple, but it takes an enormous amount of energy and support from everyone involved, especially Father Steve, Deacon Galen, Father Frank, my discernment committee, and many others here at the Grace. As some of you may have heard me say before, I may have received the collar and the stole, but this is really a testament to the presence of the Holy Spirit at Grace Church. Thank you for all your hard work, for letting my family and I be a part of your lives and growing together in Christ.

*Deacon Jeff*



*Scenes from the Feb 2 ordination of the Rev. Jeff Bell, deacon. **Above:** Chalaine and others presenting Jeff to the Bishop. **Left:** Standing before the Bishop with fellow clergy prior to the laying on of hands.*



Lent isn't about "giving up," it's about plugging in. Plugging into a world filled with joy, but also with brokenness, a world filled with opportunities for us to share God's love, and God's abundance. And Easter is about triumph, the triumph of Christ over the grave, over sin, over fear—and how we can join, as the Body in Christ, in that triumph.

Above are three ways that we can plug in, and share God's abundance. From left, join our President in his March 2004 visit to the clinic in Tecpan, Guatemala, by helping to buy supplies for their medical work. *One-third of your Easter gift will go here!*

In the center, Dutch priest Andrew de Carpentier joins with three deaf children, traditionally kept home as embarrassments and burdens to their families, who you can help to educate and give bright new futures through the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Salt, Jordan. *Your Good Friday offering goes here!*

Right, fellow Episcopalians stand with the young people of the Anglican schools on La Gonave, Haiti, where we support a school and feeding ministry, together with another school on the mainland, through our operating budget. *Your pledge helps make life brighter and healthier for these children in the poorest province of the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.* Join Deacon Galen in visiting these parish partnerships in September!

Below left, Dr. Richard & Pam Barlet will help make more healthy smiles like this in Jamaica, a heavily Anglican nation, later this spring. *Your contributions of toothpaste, lotions, soap, shampoo, anti-fungal creams and headache medications may be left in the box in the Parish House.*



## EMMAUS MITE BOXES

Your Emmaus celebration Mite Boxes may be turned into the parish at any point during March—they are due the first weekend of April. The proceeds of these mite boxes will be used to further the Millennium Development Goals mission work of the Church throughout the world—they are to be given to the Presiding Bishop in October and then dispersed to the poorest of the poor world wide.

## Planning a trip?

It's no coincidence that Jesus spent a lot of time on the road, or that the story of faith begins with God calling Abraham to go for a long, long walk. You might consider the following for your vacation plans ... *As always, a portion of each trip's costs supports ministry abroad.* See the bulletin board for a photo of our own **Kaylee Washburn**, whose trip to Turkey made the national Episcopal news weekly, the *Living Church!* See Fr. Steve if you're interested in being a part of...

- *Dec 11:* From Prague to Budapest cruising the Danube for "Christmas markets"
- *Late Autumn/Early Winter 2009:* Egypt
- *Summer 2010:* The Holy Land & Oberammergau Passion Play

## **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO...**

St. Philip's Church in Joplin, founded as a mission of this parish in 1874, observing the 100th anniversary of their beautiful English Gothic building this year!

### **DIOCESAN EDUCATION**

The Lay Academy will host "Empowering God's Gifted People" on Sat, March 8, at All Saints' in Nevada. Leaders are John and Lucy Richards from the Cathedral. Sessions are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This seminar addresses ministry in daily life. Participants will seek to identify and celebrate the gifts of every person for advancing the mission of the Church, using Scripture, theology and the Prayer Book as sources for understanding our gifts. To register, e-mail the Very Rev. Susan McCann at mothermccann@prodigy.net. Bring your own lunch. Registration fee of \$10 payable at the door.

### **DEANERY MEETING**

Grace Church will host a deanery meeting of the Southern Deanery (the 19 churches in the southern part of the diocese, from Nevada to Noel, Joplin to West Plains and Lebanon) on Sat, March 15, beginning with Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. This meeting is to discuss the diocesan budget for 2009 and the Emmaus Celebration to be held in Oct with our Presiding Bishop. Grace Church will provide breakfast for those in attendance—if you can assist with that, please let the office know!

### **THE WASHING OF FEET**

At the Last Supper, Christ washed His disciples feet, and commanded us to do likewise. This year, we will observe that command on Maundy ("Com-MAUNDYment") Thursday. Following the Holy Communion at 6 p.m., after the Stripping of the Altar of all its ornaments those who wish to do so may stay to have their feet washed by the clergy by candlelight. Even if you do not wish to take part in this ceremony, Maundy Thursday is one of the most powerfully moving services of the year.

## **THE CHEF RECOMMENDS**

### **SEDER MEAL**

Join us in the kitchen at noon on Tues, March 18, as we prepare matzoh balls, haroseth and other delectable kosher staples for the Seder Meal to be observed Wed, March 19, at 6 p.m.

### **AGAPE FEAST**

The traditional "love feast" observed by the early Church is talked about in Scripture a great deal. At Grace Church, we use the opportunity to break our Lenten Fast! After the 6 p.m. Holy Saturday vigil service, starting approximately at 7:30 p.m., we will host this lavish Middle Eastern feast! Join us for cooking times for the specialties of the house...

- Meatballs: Sat, March 8, 1 p.m.
- Baklava and spanakopita (spinach-feta pie): Sat, March 15, 1 p.m.
- Stuffed grape leaves, egg dyeing & other items: Thurs & Fri, March 20 & 21, p.m.
- Roasting of lambs: Sat 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 22
- Fattoush (Greek salad) & other last minute items: Sat 10 a.m. -4 p.m., March 22

A sign up sheet is available in the Parish House, or speak to Beth McDaniel (food) or Steve Erwin (lambs) about helping. We need servers, cleaning crew and cooks, both before and after this glorious family festival! If you'd like to contribute to the meal, please bring desserts (preferably chocolate ones), relish trays or deviled eggs, items which are always popular after the long Lenten fast!

### **"WATCH WITH ME"...**

A very old custom of the Church is to observe the "Night Watch" by praying through the night on Maundy Thursday, joining with Jesus' struggles in the darkness as He sought to surrender Himself to His Father's will for us. From 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Good Friday morning, the Church will be open and dimly lit, with Bibles and Prayer Books laid out. A sign-up sheet is in the Parish House if you wish to commit to a particular time, but anyone may come at any time in the night to pray.

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS IN MARCH

**Sat, March 1:** Genesis 47:27; 48:7, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Mark 7:1-23

**Sun, March 2:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41,

**Mon, March 3-Sat, March 8:** Genesis 49:1-29; 50:14-26; Exodus 1:6-22; 2:23-3:15, 1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1-34; 12:1-27-13:3-13, Mark 7:24-37; 8:11-27-9:1-29

**Sun, March 9:** Ezekiel 37:1-14, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

**Mon, March 10-Sat, March 15:** Exodus 4:10-31, 5:1-6:1; Exodus 7:25-8:19; 9:13-35; 10:21-11:8, 1 Corinthians 14:1-40, 2 Corinthians 2:14-3:6-18; 4:1-18

**Sun, March 16, Liturgy of the Palms:** Matthew 21:1-11, **Liturgy of the Word:** Isaiah 50:4-9, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66

**Holy Mon, March 17:** [Isaiah 42:1-9](#), [Hebrews 9:11-15](#), [John 12:1-11](#)

**Holy Tues, March 18:** [Isaiah 49:1-7](#), [I Corinthians 1:18-31](#), [John 12:20-36](#)

**Holy Wed, March 19:** [Isaiah 50:4-9a](#), [Hebrews 12:1-3](#) [John 13:21-32](#)

**Maundy Thurs, March 20:** [Exodus 12:1-14](#), [1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#), [John 13:1-35](#)

**Good Fri, March 21:** [Isaiah 52:13-53:12](#), [Hebrews 10:16-25](#), [John 18:1-19:42](#)

**Holy Sat, March 22:** [Romans 6:3-11](#), [Matthew 28:1-10](#)

**Easter Sun, March 23:** [Isaiah 25:6-9](#), [1 Corinthians 5b-8](#), [Luke 24:13-49](#)

**Mon, March 24-Sat, March 29:** Exodus 12:14-51; 13:3-17, 1 Corinthians 15:1-58; II Corinthians 4:16-5:10, Mark 16:1-20, Matthew 28:16-20, Luke 24:1-12, Mark 12:18-27

**Sun, March 30:** [Acts 2:14a,22-32](#), [1 Peter 1:3-9](#), [John 20:19-31](#)

**St Joseph, Mon, March 31:** Isaiah 63:7-16, Matthew 1:18-25, 2 Chronicles 6:12-17, Ephesians 3:14-21

## **PATRONAL FEASTS**

*March 7, The Martyrs of Carthage* Grace, Carthage

*Good Friday:* Calvary Church Sedalia

*Easter:* Resurrection, Blue Springs

*St Joseph: (March 31)* Christ Church, St Joseph

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