

SATURDAY APRIL 30, 2022
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| HIS EXCELLENCY BISHOP EDWARD RICE Diocese of Springfield - Cape Girardeau | |
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April 3, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Fr. David's Parish Office Hours:
 Kennett Monday and Wednesday 10-4, Tuesday off,
 Thursday and Friday in Portageville 10-4

Fr. David is available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during Adoration or by appointment.

This week: Monday and Wednesday Adoration at 5; Mass at 6pm
 Sunday Masses: 10:30am Mass in English; 10:05am Rosary
 1pm Mass in Spanish

*If you would like to receive the Holy Eucharist and are unable to attend mass, please contact Fr. David at his number above.

Please pray for /Oramos para:

James Hargett, +Bill and Lynnette Anderson, Polly McAtee, +Judy Abernathy, +Greg Bradley, Paul Deken, +Sandy DeLisle, +Mary Gurley, Justin Miller, Deanne Cole, Bob and Sharon Hines, Vera Gleuck, and Kathy Larsen. Especially let us remember our bishops and our priest, Fr. David, and our homebound.

Mass Intentions
 April 3 Sandy Delisle

Parish Penance Service Tomorrow at 6pm

Pope Francis has called the Church a “field hospital for the wounded.” Come and be healed in the sacrament of Reconciliation. We will have many priests here to hear confessions tomorrow, Monday, April 4th, at 6pm. This is a tremendous opportunity to enter the Paschal Mystery this Easter with pure joy!

Collection Information for March 27, 2022

TBA

Remember: Online giving is an easy way to tithe to our church! Go to www.stceciliakennett.com to get started.

Monthly Calendar of Events

First Sundays of the Month: Second Collection for Mother’s House in Hayti
Friday Night Stations of the Cross During Lent at 6 in English and 7 in Spanish
(Simple Soup after the 7pm Stations)
Parish Penance Service, Monday, April 4th at 6pm
PSR for adults every Sunday at 11:45
Coming Soon: Spring Cleaning!

Stations of the Cross Every Friday During Lent

Come walk in the footsteps of our Lord as he journeys to Calvary. Remember all He suffered to save us from sin and death! Grow closer to God this Lent by praying this beautiful tradition in our Catholic Church.

Friday at 6pm in English

Friday at 7pm in Spanish with a “simple soup” to follow



It gives me great joy to share with you that our parish now has a subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. FORMED has content from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of

Columbus, with material that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism. Best of all, this material is free to you.

Our parish will be using the material on FORMED to support our ministries and provide continuing education for staff members and parishioners, as well as outreach for our sick and homebound members. Much of FORMED’s content is available in both English and Spanish.

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Are you hesitant to return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation after a long absence? Watch *Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession*.

Would you like to be more confident in answering your teenagers’ questions about the validity of the Gospels? Watch *Lectio: The Case for Jesus*.

Do you search for a reliable source of Catholic teaching on current issues? Tune in each week to *The Augustine Institute Show with Dr. Tim Gray*.

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My hope and prayer is that the content on FORMED will enrich, deepen, and inspire your faith. Please pray for our benefactors who have made a FORMED subscription a reality for our parish. Please pray for the people at the Augustine Institute who create this wonderful and much-needed Catholic content for our people.

To gain access to all of FORMED’s content, follow these simple steps:

- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish’s zip code, 63857 (Listed as St. Eustachius/St. Cecilia)
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Mother's House Outreach Center

This year, the beneficiary of our annual Lenten Youth Mission of Mercy will be Mother's House, located in Hayti, MO.

Mother's House is an outreach center, run by the Glenmary Sisters, that is focused on supporting low-income women who are caring for young children in Pemiscot County. Besides the biological mothers, many of these women are foster mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and great-grandmothers, who for one reason or another find themselves caring for children without adequate resources.

Mother's House Provides:

- Diapers and pull-ups once a month
- Items, such as wipes, bottles, clothing, and blankets, available as needed
- Other items, such as baby beds, baby swings, and other furnishings, if available

MOTHER'S HOUSE
HAYTI, MO

For more information, visit www.mothershouse.org or call 636-333-3333.

Lenten Youth Mission of Mercy
Each year during Lent, Bishop Edward Rice issues a special invitation to all of the children of the diocese to join him in a collaborative work of mercy. Donations are collected and moments of prayer are offered in the Catholic Schools and in Parish Schools of Religion in an effort to help the poor, the marginalized, or those in need of special assistance during a time of crisis in their life. A specific community organization, in a designated area of the diocese, is chosen as a recipient of the donations collected each year.

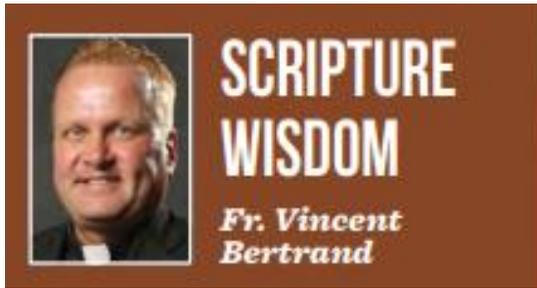
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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Scripture readings from this reflection: Year C Readings; Isaiah 43: 16-21; Psalm 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

The question that always arises when we hear the Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent this liturgical year is: What was Jesus writing on the ground with his finger? The Gospel itself does not tell us. This has given rise to numerous interpretations throughout the centuries.

One suggestion is that Jesus was writing the sins of those in the crowd who were about to stone the woman. Another possibility is that Jesus was writing some notes for himself, getting together the argument by which he proposed to set the woman free. But, there is another possibility we should consider. The Greek word that we translate “to write,” literally means “to draw,” or “to make lines.” So maybe, instead of Jesus forming letters of the alphabet in the ground, he was simply drawing lines or figures. In other words, perhaps Jesus was doodling. If this was the case, then Jesus’ action is not about writing but about waiting: waiting for those in the crowd to see the truth.

Now, Jesus was certainly capable of mounting an argument to answer the questions of the Scribes and the Pharisees. He could have used the Mosaic Law itself to make the case that stoning did not apply to this woman. He could have drawn on the long tradition of mercy, which is found in the Hebrew Scriptures to assert that mercy should be extended to the woman that stood in their midst. But Jesus did not adopt any of these strategies. He did not offer an argument. He instead gave the crowd time to think. He bent down and occupied himself in silence, providing a space in which those in the crowd could examine what was in their own hearts and determine whether it was right to carry out the action of violence which they were contemplating. Giving time to the crowd was a way of Jesus expressing his belief that there was a basic goodness in their hearts. Jesus believed that with enough time, that goodness would emerge and would

lead them to the right conclusion. And, Jesus’ strategy worked. After a time, one by one, the violent mob dropped their stones and went away.

The gospel suggests that God deals with us in the same way that Jesus dealt with the crowd. God understands how often we hold tight to stones that can harm ourselves and others. They can be stones of prejudice. We know that God has created all people equal and that every person has value. Yet, we can cling tightly to the personal conviction that some people are better than others and that some people do not deserve our respect and care. The stones might be our resentment and anger over a past hurt or slight. We know that Jesus asks us to forgive, to forgive even our enemies.

Every day we pray that God would forgive us as we forgive those who trespass against us. However, at times, we cannot let go of the hurt that has been leveled against us. We cannot forgive our brother or our sister from our heart. Our stones might be a habit of sins that do us no good, habits of pride, impatience, impurity, or criticism. Sometimes, we have the strength to put those stones down. But before we know it, they are in our hands again, impeding our motion and weighing us down.

God knows the stones to which we cling, and yet God does not attack us because of our foolishness. God does not shake us trying to move us out of our stubbornness. God gives us time to think. God stoops down and writes with his finger in the dust of time, watching and waiting as people love us, as blessings come to us, as we grow in faith and thankfulness. God believes that there is goodness in each of us. God believes that with the right amount of time, that goodness can emerge and reveal the foolishness of our prejudice, convincing us that the sins to which we cling do not belong in our hands. God is waiting, waiting for us to see. God is doodling, providing the time by which we can recognize that the sins that we cling to only lessen our lives. The time that God gives us is a sign of the trust that God has in us.

So, should not today be the day that we trust God in return? Should not today be the day when we let the stones fall from our hands? Should not today be the day we walk away from anger and sin so that we can enter into the new life that only God’s grace can give?

Fr. Vincent Bertrand, MA, MDiv, JCL, serves in the diocesan Office of Tribunal as Adjutant Judicial Vicar and Judge