

SODALITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

That all would come to know they are greatly Loved by God

All are welcome to join us in
Celebration of the Love of
God through the Most
Sacred Heart of Jesus
First Fridays

**Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic
Church**

2618 S. Brentwood Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63144

***March 6th**

****Location change during Lent!!**

Immacolata Catholic Church
8900 Clayton Rd.

St. Louis, MO 63117

4:30 PM - Adoration,

Reconciliation & Benediction

5:30 PM - Celebration of the
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Celebrant

Fr. Afonso Seixas Nunes, SJ

April 3rd
GOOD FRIDAY
NO FIRST FRIDAY

May 1st

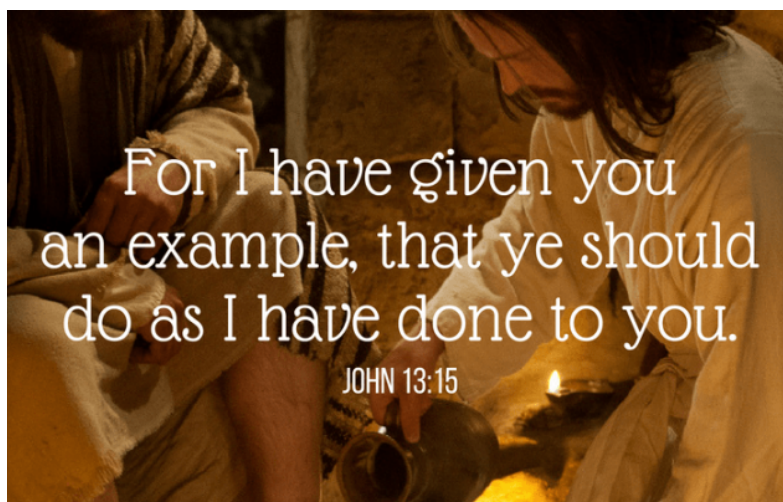
Return to Saint Mary Magdalen
with normal Mass & Dinner
schedule.

Celebrant

Fr. Sam Conedera SJ

Speaker

Dr. Lawrence Feingold



Imitate the love of Christ

“This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” (*Jn 15: 12*)

“You were made in the image of God. If then you wish to resemble Him, follow His example. Since the very name you bear as Christians is a profession of love for men, imitate that love of Christ. We must meditate on the Gospel, and as we see in this mirror the example of zeal and loving kindness,” (1)

As apostles of His Sacred Heart, it is essential that we “seek to immerse ourselves in and to reflect on Our Lord’s Most Sacred Heart...allowing Him to live and love through us, so we can more perfectly love those around us.” (2) As we draw closer and closer to the passion and death of our Lord this Lenten season, we are reminded of “our Lord’s great love, mercy and longing to be in close relationship with all of His created;” (2) Jesus gave everything to show us how much we matter, how much each one of our brothers and sisters matter. In the final hours before His death, he doesn’t tell us, He commands us, to love one another as He has loved us. (*Jn 15:12*) The apostle Peter also firmly reminds us in his first letter, “Above all hold unfailing your love for one



SAVE THE DATE:
Solemnity of the
Most Sacred Heart
Friday, June 12th
@ Saint Mary Magdalen,
Brentwood

Celebrant & Speaker:
Father James Kubicki, SJ,
SMSh Chaplain

- 4 PM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
- 5 PM - Eucharistic Procession & Benediction
- 5:30 PM - Celebration of the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass followed by dinner in church lower level.
- 7 PM - Reflection with activities for children and families to include pony rides, petting zoo, snow cones, face painting, & bounce houses.
- Friends & family are welcome!!



another, since love covers a multitude of sons. Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.” (1 Peter 4:8-9)

This practice of unfailing love without grumbling must first be exercised in our own hearts - and this in many ways is our Lenten journey. It is through the practices of Lent - Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving that we grow in understanding of God and our identity as His beloved sons and daughters. It is through **prayer** that we give ourselves to the relationship He so longs for; time that He can speak the truth of who we are and whose we are. It is through **fasting** that we can both offer more of ourselves to His divine mission and seek to remove the obstacles that prevent us from fully living out our “daughter/sonship”. And finally, it is through our **almsgiving** that we are witnesses of His love and truth “that all were created with great purpose and infinite worth”. (2) In all of these beautiful Lenten practices, the church offers us opportunities to both encounter God and all He is; to take what we have been given and go out and share it with all the world!

“We must meditate on the Gospel, and as we see in this mirror the example of zeal and loving kindness, we should become thoroughly schooled in these virtues. For there, obscurely, in the form of a parable, we see a shepherd who had a hundred sheep. When one of them was separated from the flock and lost its way, that shepherd did not remain with the sheep who kept together at pasture. No, he went off to look for the stray. He crossed many valleys and thickets, he climbed great and towering mountains, he spent much time and labor in wandering through solitary places until at last he found his sheep. When he found it, he did not chastise it; he did not use rough blows to drive it back, but gently placed it on his own shoulders and carried it back to the flock. He took greater joy in this one sheep, lost and found, than in all the others.” (1)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, is this shepherd, “that shepherd” who defines love for all mankind. He is looking for us, calling for us - and when He finds us He does not shame or scold us - He loves and embraces us. This Lent, may we all draw closer to this Shepherd of Love so we may become mirrors of His love in the world.

(1) - a homily by Saint Asterius of Amasea

(2) - Sodality of the Most Sacred Heart Mission Statement