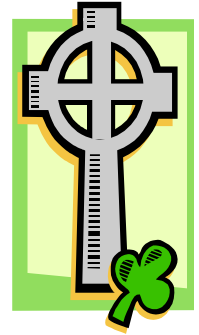




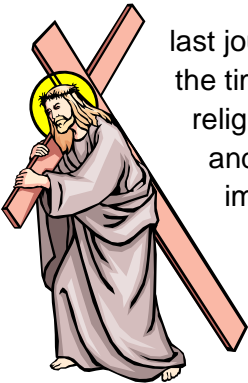
Dear Sisters in Council,

We are all aware of the season of LENT as the Church's gift to us in preparation for Easter. It is the season which begins by signing us---and sets us apart from other Christians as no other. We begin with ashes. We change the look of our sanctuaries and the color of vestments. We altar our "usual" patterns by adding something extra or eliminating something common to remind us of the extraordinary sacrifice of Jesus Christ for each of us. Some of us attend extra masses or add hours of Adoration., some of us decorate our homes with statues or special items that remind our children and grandchildren of this special, holy season. However you mark these 40 days, blessings on your Lenten Journey----may it lead you closer to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In the middle of all of it, we celebrate one of the most beloved Saints of our Church---St. Patrick! Wear something green even if you don't claim a drop of Irish blood, and join in the spirit of the day. If you are near All Saints Parish in Knoxville, catch a mass celebrated by one of our own Diocesan Leprechauns! If you are closer to St. Patrick in Morristown, drop by for their Parish Feast Day.



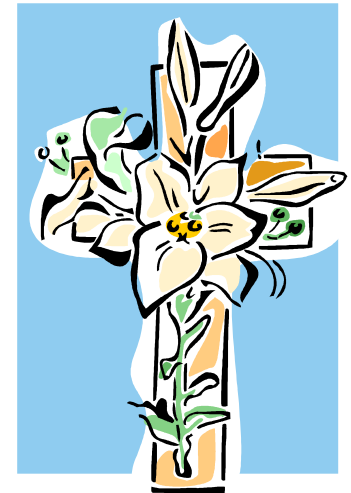
During Lent we also come together as Catholics to remember Christ's last journey, carrying his cross through the streets and up the hillside to his death. Find the time to participate in this special prayer. If your parish has a youth group or religious education class enacting a Living Stations of the Cross, adjust your schedule and participate--it is a very moving experience and your support of our youth is so important.



Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and finally EASTER---the empty tomb discovered in the early hours by the women who loved Jesus! Many of our parishes will welcome women into the Church at the Easter Vigil---be there to support and celebrate with them, and welcome them into the Council of Catholic Women!

May your 50 days of celebration of the season of Easter be joyous and filled with expectation and hope.

And may your celebration of the Easter Season include our 21st Annual KDCCW Convention April 22-24th!



Our Mother of Good Counsel, Pray for us.

((Hugs)) Jane Carter,
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