



February 28, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy Lent! Not always the way people approach this season of conversion. Why not be happy? Changing our lives should lead us to seeing the good in our lives and the good we can do. When we make changes it is not usually or intentionally to make ourselves more miserable. So I encourage you to embrace Lent and all that it offers to us so as to become happy.

Matthew Kelly in his book "Rediscover the Saints" tells us "Take time to reflect. Look deeper. Seek out the unseen opportunities that you have overlooked at first glance. Possibilities abound. You and I--human beings--are capable of incredible things.

There will be fabulous joy in the journey, as well as heart-wrenching pain. Anyone who offers you an easy path is to be mistrusted. Life is difficult and messy; there is no point trying to mask that or pretend otherwise. But every situation you encounter is in need of one thing: a holy moment. {remember that point from last month?}

We underestimate ourselves, but God never does. He knows exactly what you are capable of in collaboration with Him. Allow God to raise up the saint in you."

We may not think of ourselves as a saint or saint in the making. Yet if we want to go to heaven (and who doesn't) we are to be saints. Those two goals go together. That should be what we are aiming for. March has some great saints for us to look to for guidance. Obviously our patron St. Patrick. Being kidnapped and sold into slavery did not stop him from being a saint. Or going back and forgiving the person who owned him.

St. Katharine Drexel is a wonderful saint and example to us. How easy it would have been for her to just to enjoy the wealth that she was born into. Yet she saw the need and asked the Pope for missionaries to spread the faith. He told her to become a missionary herself. She did, and founded schools and a University along with a religious order.

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity were martyrs of the early church. St. Perpetua had a very young son that they took from her for a while to change her mind and leave the faith. St. Felicity gave birth to her child days before she was executed. Neither was offered any mercy, which with charity, was a mark of a christian in the ancient world.

March 19th is the solemnity of St. Joseph. He is often called the 'just' man in the scriptures. To be just in the eyes of God says a lot. St. Joseph does not say anything in the Gospels but what he does is follow fully the call of God in his life. He quietly went about caring for Mary and Jesus. We too are called to quietly have Jesus, Mary and Joseph a part of our lives too.

Another great Solemnity in the month of March is the Annunciation. The visit of the angel to Mary is depicted in so many ways in art. Mary responds by saying she is the handmaid of the Lord. We see her humility and yet to be the Lord's instrument is an amazing thing. Perhaps we take it for granted. So for this feast day let us step back and realize what her "yes" means and how we are called to say "yes" to the Lord's call in our own daily lives.

Happy Lent.

Father John

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays ~ 5 PM
Sundays ~ 8 AM & 10 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 5:30 PM
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM
First Saturdays 8:00 AM

DAILY ROSARY

Before 8 AM Mass at 7:25 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays ~ 4 PM—4:45 PM
& Following 1st Saturday 8 AM Mass

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays beginning at 12 Noon
Benediction at 6:00 PM
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of February 28, 2021

Sat. Feb. 27	5:00 PM	For our Parishioners
Sun. Feb. 28	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Don Strack</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Felix Asombrado</i>
Tue. Mar. 2	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Glen Bires</i>
Wed. Mar. 3	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Harold & Ellen Buttner</i>
	6:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Anna McGowan</i>
Thu. Mar. 4	8:00 AM	For the <i>Living & Deceased</i> <i>Members of the Infant Jesus of Prague Circle</i>
Fri. Mar. 5	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jeri Delgado</i>
Sat. Mar. 6	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jerry Neve</i>
	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Art Vinopal</i>
Sun. Mar. 7	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Rose & LaVerne Schaller</i>
	10:00 AM	For our Parishioners

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Steve, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Bob W., Therese, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, Lucille Ryczek, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, RM, Floyd Babcock, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Bernadine Seitz, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil, MMB, AAB, EMM, Brenna, Barb Gardner, Bob Penzkover, Patrick Moore and Marty.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Jason Witkowiak, John Miller, Tera Walsh, Casey Chamberlain, Chris Dvorak, Paul Knudtson, Jon Taylor, Jessica Burch, Mandy Gardner, Aaron Hoogland, Janie Asberry, Jessica Tremain, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Zachary Bader, Will Post, Adam Field, Bailey Granger and Alex Ericson.

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Tuesday evenings following the 5:30 PM Mass.

This Friday is First Friday. Eucharistic Adoration will be from 12 noon - 6:00 PM. Please sign up in the Gathering Area or on-line for a time.

If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call Cassandra at the church office. To be included on the prayer line or to be listed in the bulletin prayer list, you may also call the church office at 847-6054.

Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Her, O Lord. We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Mary Lechleiter who passed away this week. May perpetual light shine upon her.

**Stewardship Corner ~ February 21st & 22nd, 2021
(523 Registered Families)**

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$12,868.42	\$5,415.00
On-Line Giving		1,529.00
Children's Envelopes	15.67	2.00
Loose Offering	688.68	167.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$13,572.77	\$7,113.00
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 55.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$488,619.72
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$352,598.34

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to current date

We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.

Weekly Calendar

Monday	Mar. 1	2:00 PM	Facebook Live Stream Rosary
Tuesday	Mar. 2	6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
		6:30 PM	Building & Grounds Mtg.
Wednesday	Mar. 3		RE Classes
Thursday	Mar. 4	2:00 PM	Rosary Makers—RH
		5:15 PM	Catholic Ed. Committee

As we begin this season of Lent, please take a few minutes to view Bishop Callahan's Lenten message. The link is: <https://youtu.be/tN3ivPPH3x0>



Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others. It is a season in which we should:

- Fast from discontent, feast on gratitude
- Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.
- Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.
- Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others. Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal Truth.
- Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that undergirds.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 28	6 years	Jon & Heather Taylor
March 4	32 years	Greg & Mary Gruber
March 23	47 years	Daniel & Caroline Jurkowski
March 25	49 years	Larry & Carol Purvis

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 27th & 28th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Jaime Pouillie

Servers: Nolan Powers, Jonathan Riley, and Jack Vinopal

Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Terri Walling

Usher: Matt Schwab

Cleaning: The Pouillie Family

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Larry Moore

Servers:

Musicians: Bill Ryan

Usher: Bill Powers

Cleaning: The Moore Family

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Bill Curran

Servers:

Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary, Liz Housworth

Usher: Jacob Tremelling

Cleaning: Jacob Tremelling

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of March 6th & 7th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector:

Servers: Nolan Powers, Jonathan Riley,

Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Carla & Jacob Brunner

Usher:

Cleaning:

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector:

Servers:

Musicians:

Usher:

Cleaning:

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector:

Servers:

Musicians:

Usher:

Cleaning:

While we are still respecting COVID restrictions and social distancing, we are welcoming parish members to take a Gather hymnal book that you may use at Mass, and keep in your possession. Take it home and bring it with you for each Mass.

The books are located in our gathering space at the entrance to the church. We ask that each person taking a book would sign their name on a sign-out sheet and return it when restrictions are lifted. Please continue to refrain from taking a book before Mass and returning in the back after each Mass.

The Knights of Columbus are holding a spring raffle.



Prizes are:

Mission MXB360 Crossbow w/ Scope
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Savage .243 Bolt Action Rifle w/ Scope

Tickets are available from all KC members; at the rectory office; and many local businesses.

Proceeds from this raffle will be used to fund St. Patrick's School Science Program and the Westside School Clothing Closet.

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. The drawing is Tuesday, April 20th.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 4	Sidney Mead
March 5	Rosemary Wier
March 5	Irene Klingemann
March 6	Susanne Kolek
March 7	Jim Kolba
March 7	Sally Kolba
March 12	Ray Moriarty
March 14	Tillie Schumacher
March 18	Mary Buttner
March 20	Mary Sauer
March 21	Bill Lane
March 22	Marie Sarazin
March 22	Fred Hollenbeck
March 25	Tom Brounacker
March 25	John McMenomy
March 26	Frank Bollig
March 31	Marie Boehm
March 31	Evelyn Lumby

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**Scrip is sold during the week at the rectory office.** You can stop by to purchase during our office hours or call or e-mail ahead and we will have your order ready for you to pick up.

### **200 Envelopes Fundraiser:**

Once again this year, we will be having the "200 Envelopes" fundraiser during Lent. Please help out by taking one (or two) of the purple envelopes hanging on the board in the gathering area and returning them with your donation before Easter. This year, there will also be an on-line option for making your donations. Please go to:

[stp200envelopes.ggo.bid](http://stp200envelopes.ggo.bid)

or use our on-line giving option on our website: [stpatrickσμαuston.com](http://stpatrickσμαuston.com) (Click on the green triangle in the upper left corner.)

The money raised this year will be used toward our "**School Boiler Replacement Project**".

**Thank you for supporting our parish and school!**

## **HIS CHURCH IS YOU AND ME**

Our Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021:

Goal—\$41,710

Pledged to date—\$26,952.00

Families—85

Thank you to those families who have already returned their pledge cards. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please give the rectory a call and we will send one out.

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