

THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 17, 2019

Sat.	3-16	5:30 p.m.	<i>The 2nd Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Francis) + Thomas E. Duling
Sun.	3-17	8:00 a.m.	<i>The 2nd Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	3-17	10:00 a.m.	<i>The 2nd Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Francis) + Pat Diskin
Mon.	3-18	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) End to All Abortions
Tue.	3-19		NO MASS
Wed.	3-20	6:30 p.m.	(St. Francis) + Jack Stretch
Thur.	3-21	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) + Doreen Reida
Fri.	3-22	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Charles Gouvion
Sat.	3-23	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) For loved one's return to the faith
Sat.	3-23	5:30 p.m.	<i>The 3rd Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Francis) + Betty Roberts
Sun.	3-24	8:00 a.m.	<i>The 3rd Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	3-24	10:00 a.m.	<i>The 3rd Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Francis) + Gene McAtee

CONFESSIONS: Sat. 4:30 p.m.—5:20 p.m. at St. Francis & 30 minutes before daily & Sunday Masses

St. Ambrose Church

Extr. Minister of Holy Communion: Lois Carlson

Lector: Barb Lero

Server: Brian Schoenhofer

Gifts: Paul & Virginia Westerman

Rosary: Doris

Ushers for March: Bill & Nancy Schoenhofer

Stewardship of Treasure

Total Amount Needed

St. Francis	\$5,069.00	\$5,500.17
St. Ambrose	\$996.00	\$1,014.00

Please remember your parish in your will.

Prayers are asked for the following: Kathy Westhoff, Justin Venneman, Sue Shively, Pat Moore, Vence Segraves, Sheri Bell, Adrienne Smith, Bailey Shaw, Billy Brown, Adam Westhoff, Stephanie Thompson, Lisa Edwards, Janey Beachner, Bryan Whelan, Ron Lallemand, Donna Little, Mary Ann Dougherty, Janice (Ward) Norris, Jane Anne Beachner, Dalton Noakes, W.W. Holland, Jerry Beachner, Chuck Westhoff, Lu Reeves, Lou Severt, Isla Taylor, Charlie Gottlob, Delma Pillot, Nina Madl, Dorothy Petty, Diane Davis, Sandra Schoenhofer, Helen George, Phyllis Coomes, Ralph Gouvion, Barbara Workman, Marge McElroy, Nancy Giefer, Peg Brown, Dorothy VanLeeuwen, Jamie & Dakota Holding Family, Anna Letcher, Joe Gorge, Jeannie VanLeeuwen, David Lero

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please call the parish office at 449-2224.

St. Francis Church

Lector & Music Leaders:

Sat. Gary VanLeeuwen & Jennifer

Sun. Jene' Noe & Marcia Gard

Extr. Minister of Holy Communion:

Sat. Mary Jean Zandler

Sun. Terry Diskin & Joe Smith

Altar Servers:

Sat. Kenna, Maggie, Josey

Sun. Austin, Riley, Kiser

Gifts:

Sat. Keith Smith Family

Sun. M/M John VanLeeuwen

Rosary Leaders:

Sat. Jane Anne Beachner

Sun. Teresa Grosdidier

Ushers for March:

Sat. Steve Spielbusch, Dennis Duling, Matt O'Hara

Sun. Jamie Bradshaw, Joe Schoenhofer, Charles Schettler

Church Cleaners for March 22nd: Misty O'Brien, Becky Oplotnik, Sherlyn Oplotnik

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS *Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of FASTING* Catholics, from the 18th birthday up to the 59th birthday (the beginning of the 60th year) are obliged to fast, that is, take only one full meal and two lesser meals, with nothing to eat in between meals. Drinking fluids would not be contrary to the practice of fasting. *Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday, are days of ABSTAINING from meat.* All Catholics, beginning with the 14th birthday, are obliged to abstain from eating meat. People who are unable to practice bodily penance, due to pregnancy, illness, or hard physical labor may choose another form of penance or charity. The Church urges that works of penance be linked to works of charity – for example, using the money saved on less expensive meals or giving up snacks to feed the poor.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS the Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Ambrose every Thursday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and at St. Francis every Friday at 6:00 p.m.

ST. FRANCIS ADULT SPIRIT CHOIR If you would like to share your time and talent, please consider joining the choir for Holy Week Services. Rehearsals are on Monday 6:30—7:45 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP OUR GIFTS: WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING? Today we hear about the Transfiguration. In this gospel passage, Jesus' appearance changes into something blinding and divine which is somewhat overwhelming for Peter, James, and John. Add to that the appearance of Moses and Elijah and the booming voice of God from heaven, and it isn't difficult to understand why Peter might have been baffled. The emphasis in this reading seems to be on the majesty and divinity of Jesus, but there is another story of transformation being told -- that of Peter, the disciple. Peter was a devoted follower of Jesus, but he was a bit of a slow learner, and that makes him very much like many of us. It took a major spectacle for him to understand who and what the Messiah really was! Consider your own progress as a disciple. Perhaps you, too, are a devoted follower of Jesus Christ. How then might you, like Peter, be transformed during this 40 day fast? Pray that God will reveal Himself in a unique way that allows you to more deeply understand Him and share your faith with others!

PLEASE TAKE ONE: Copies of "The Magnificat Lenten Companion" may be found on the tables in the back of the church, courtesy of the St Francis Altar Society.

PSR NEWS: *TOTUS TUUS SUMMER RELIGION PROGRAM* will be held at St. Francis July 21-26. Save the date!! *FIRST COMMUNION* is Sunday, March 31st at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

YOUTH CHOIR will sing today at the 10 a.m. Mass and we will practice afterwards until 12:00 p.m. for First Communion. We will sing on March 31st at the 10:00 a.m. First Communion Mass and we will sing on April 21st, Easter Sunday. We will practice on Mondays after school until 5:00 p.m. April 8th and April 15th.

ST. JOSEPH TABLE St. Bridget's Parish is once again hosting a St. Joseph Table today, Sunday March 17th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entrees include: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Lasagna, Polenta, Seafood Pasta Shell, Sausage & More. Each meal comes with salad, Bruschetta, Garlic Bread, and home-made dessert. Also featuring wine specialties. Cost is \$15.00 per person (full menu) \$6.00 per child 12 and under, children under 6 \$2.00. We hope you will join us on March 17th. St. Bridget's Catholic Church is located at 4th and Keith in Scammon. The event will take place in the Faith and Family Center.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY The next fish fry will be March 22nd at the St. Francis Parish Hall from 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. and carry out boxes are available. Our menu includes deep-fat fried fish, a variety of adult and kid-friendly side dishes, drinks and dessert. The price is a free-will donation and proceeds go to the council's operating and community/emergency fund.

HARVEST HOUSE will meet Thursday, March 21st at 12:30 p.m. at St. Paul Café.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Claudine Westhoff, who passed away Friday, March 8th. *Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. And may all of the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*