

THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 8, 2020

Sat.	3-7	5:30 p.m.	<i>The 2nd Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Francis) + J.B. Smith
Sun.	3-8	8:00 a.m.	<i>The 2nd Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	3-8	10:00 a.m.	<i>The 2nd Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Francis) + Claudine Westhoff
Mon.	3-9	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Marj McElroy
Tue.	3-10		NO MASS
Wed.	3-11	6:30 p.m.	(St. Francis) + Verl Diskin
Thur.	3-12	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) + Woody Holland
Fri.	3-13	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) + Floyd Diskin
Sat.	3-14	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) Our Loved One's Return to the Faith
Sat.	3-14	5:30 p.m.	<i>The 3rd Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Francis) + Tom Duling
Sun.	3-15	8:00 a.m.	<i>The 3rd Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Ambrose) People of the Parish
Sun.	3-15	10:00 a.m.	<i>The 3rd Sunday of Lent</i> (St. Francis) + Tom Harmon

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4:30 p.m.—5:15 p.m. at St. Francis & 30 minutes before daily & Sunday Masses

St. Ambrose Church

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Jack McGowen

Lector: Ed Spielbusch

Server: Rusty Lero

Gifts: Rex & Frances Bohrer

Ushers for March: Bill & Nancy Schoenhofer

Donuts & Coffee for March 15th: Sandy & Carol

Stewardship of Treasure

	Total Amount Needed
St. Francis \$5,971.00	\$5,500.17
St. Ambrose \$1,391.00	\$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, Bailey Shaw, Billy Brown, Adam Westhoff, Stephanie Thompson, Lisa Edwards, Janey Beachner, Ron Lallemant, Donna Little, Mary Ann Dougherty, Jane Anne Beachner, Dalton Noakes, Jerry Beachner, Lu Reeves, Lou Severt, Isla Taylor, Charlie Gottlob, Nina Madl, Diane Davis, Sandra Schoenhofer, Helen George, Phyllis Coomes, Barbara Workman, Nancy Giefer, Peg Brown, Dorothy VanLeeuwen, Jamie & Dakota Holding Family, Anna Letcher, David Lero, Jason Schoenhofer, Fran Dooly, Karen Steinbacher, Marilyn Dugan, Frances Fox, Nicholas George, Don Smith, Lorene VanLeeuwen, Jenny & Eliza Wren Snell, Ethan Yarnell, Paul Ireland, Jack McGowen, Jerrica Harmon, Sarah Norris-Crews, Laura Kay Nutter, Ed Lero, Helen Coomes, Joan Unruh, Mauricia O'Brien, Bernard Purdon, Greg Grosdidier, Virginia Westerman, Francie Casey

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

St. Francis Church

Lector:

Saturday: Gary VanLeeuwen

Sunday: Felix Diskin

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Saturday: Donna Wood

Sunday: Terry Diskin & Mike McCracken

Altar Servers:

Saturday: Regan, Elise, Jorja

Sunday: Hayden, Kiser, Riley

Gifts:

Saturday: M/M Clarke Westhoff

Sunday: Brock Aday Family

Rosary Leaders:

Saturday: Elaine VanLeeuwen

Sunday: Tammi Norris

Ushers for March:

Saturday: Matt O'Hara, Steve Grosdidier, Steve Spielbusch

Sunday: Steve Harmon, Kenny Paisley, Luke Harmon

Church Cleaners for March 13th: Debbie Mann, Viola Kennedy, Louise Venneman



LENTEN REGULATIONS: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

Fasting: Is obligatory from age 18 until 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Abstinence: Abstinence from meat is binding upon Catholics from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

THE STATIONS OR WAY OF THE CROSS will be prayed during Lent at St. Ambrose Church every Thursday after 8:30 a.m. Mass and at St. Francis Church every Friday at 6:00 p.m.

ST. FRANCIS ADULT CHOIR: Practice will be on Monday, March 9th at 6:30 p.m. in preparation for Holy Week.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION will be this Wednesday, March 11th, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the classrooms. **Confessions for 5th & 6th grade PSR students** will be this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. **Parents**, please drop off and pick up your child at the church.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is offered every Wednesday at St. Francis Church from 5:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His divine peace in your heart. “Come to Me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you.” Matthew 11:28

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY: Knights of Columbus Council 760 will host a Lenten Fish Fry on **Friday, March 20th**. Our menu includes deep-fat-fried fish as only your K of C chefs can fix it! Also, a variety of adult and kid-friendly side dishes, drinks and desert. Carryout boxes are available. Serving from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. both nights at the St. Francis Parish Hall, St. Paul. Price is a free-will donation.



FAMOUS FISH FRY: Knights of Columbus Council #3316 will be having the Annual Fish Fry at St. Bridget's Parish Hall in Scammon. Serving starts at 6:00 p.m. on March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3. Come and enjoy!

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA will meet Tuesday, March 10th at the St. Francis Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. Chancellor, Lois Corn, will reflect on the Rosary as the Spiritual reading. Plans will be discussed as to how we will celebrate the circle's 97th Anniversary at the April meeting. Hosting the March (St. Patrick) meeting are Charlene Stottmann, Betty Schettler, Alice Schettler and Cynthia Jones. Come and join us for an enjoyable evening.

HARVEST HOUSE will meet on March 19th at 12:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Café. Marena Fitzwater, SSD (Social Service Designee) will speak about changes in 2020 for Medicare.

ST. FRANCIS ALTAR SOCIETY: October guild will be responsible for the next funeral dinner.

ST. AMBROSE ALTAR SOCIETY dues are \$20.00. Please give to any Altar Society officer.

STEWARDSHIP OUR GIFTS: WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING? In today's gospel, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John way up the side of a mountain and gives them a life-changing experience. As missionary disciples, we should reflect deeply on what Jesus did here. He took three of his followers into the wilderness—his favorite place to pray. He taught them how to retreat from the chaos of daily life so that they could have an intimate encounter with God. Don't you wish Jesus would take you up the mountain and give you that experience? It is likely that most of us would react the way Peter did. He was so overwhelmed that he wanted to erect tents and stay in that moment forever. In discipleship, Jesus often provides us with “mountaintop experiences.” We have to be alert enough to recognize them and grateful enough to learn from them. Like Peter, we are called to bring that experience back into the chaos of the world and use it for good. You may find great joy and peace in the solemnity of Lent and the glory of Easter, but “ordinary time” is coming. Allow Jesus to reveal Himself to you in a new way, and use that experience to draw others into God's glory, especially in the chaos of daily living.