

February 21, 2016

## Lent

Second Sunday



### **Transformed By God**

**Today's Gospel account of the Transfiguration of Jesus can easily remain a story with no relevance to our lives. None of us will hear God's voice from a cloud calling us God's chosen one. Yet we are God's sons and daughters. Like Jesus, God has plans for us. The first step is to give God permission to change our minds and our hearts when we participate in the Liturgy.**

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of Larry Seifert and sponsored by his family.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Wednesday, February 24

8:00 a.m. Spec. Intention – In Thanksgiving

Thursday, February 25

8:00 a.m. Gladys & Henry Malinek

Friday, February 26

8:00 a.m. Cecilia & Julius Fojtik, Charlotte & Luke Swonke

Saturday, February 27

6:30 p.m. Martha Pavlicek

Sunday, February 28

6:30 a.m. Joe, Rosie, Allen & Leroy Fishbeck

9:30 a.m. Marcelina & Trine Nieto

### **PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY**

Next weekend is *The Third Sunday of Lent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15**

**Responsorial Psalm: 103**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**

**Gospel: Luke 13:1-9**

Remember the sick in your prayers, especially  
Lalie Bartos, Irene Gold, Betty Martinez,  
Cathy Perez, Brandon Smolik and Monica Valadez.

The Sanctuary Light  
will be lit this week  
in memory of Larry Seifert.

## **Support The Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner & Raffle Next Sunday – February 28**

Show your support for our Altar Society ladies who work so hard in their ministry to our Church. When you buy Raffle Tickets and participate in the Dinner you help the Altar Society supplement the cost of cleaning and maintaining the Church, paying for Mass hosts and wine and everything associated with the celebration of the Eucharist. The ladies are a great support to the Church. Come out and show your appreciation to them for all they do.

**Here is how you can help make it a success.**

**Desserts Needed:** Members are reminded to bring desserts. Desserts from parishioners are always welcome.

**Raffle tickets for sale** at local businesses, the Parish Office or from any member. A beautiful quilt and many other prizes could be yours.

**Donations:** Are accepted and appreciated.

### **ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND**

*In Memory of Lillie Mae Dornak  
Janelle & Gary Helmcamp*

### **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. If Lent is a time for us to be open to the ways through which God can bring us salvation, we will have to be able to recognize these ways when we come upon them. Lent is a time for such recognition.

The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Though, like the three apostles, we might want to share in his glory, we can only do so by sharing in his suffering. Lent is a time for us to enter into his suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer, and penance but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us – in the fear of children who have been deprived of the innocence of childhood, in the aimlessness of youth who do not appreciate their own worth, in the desperation of parents who must raise their children in the midst of violence, in the empty eyes of the aged who often forget and are themselves forgotten. The glory of God remains just beneath the surface of their lives.

– Dianne Bergant

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

MON. – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

WED. – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

THURS. – KC Bingo, KC Hall

FRI. – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass

– Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m., Church

– Fish Fry, serving begins at 5 p.m., Parish Hall

– Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Office at any time.

## REFLECTION

### The Exodus – The Journey!

The Sacred Passages proclaimed today invite us to consider how and why the lives of Abraham, Jesus and Paul's converts in Philippi were transformed. Abraham, a wandering Aramean, a nomad, became the father of a nation after his encounter with God and his covenant with him. Transformed by his experience of Jesus, Paul continues to remind believers that commitment to Christ will one day result in transfiguration into glory. The disciples described Jesus' glorious transfiguration in physical terms. "His face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white." Moses and Elijah speak of the exodus of Jesus "that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem."

The exodus of Jesus, his journey from the manger to Easter has a two-fold character: on the one hand, humility, suffering, and death; on the other light, glory and life. Dramatic visions and spiritual experiences are balanced by huge demands. Mountaintop moments with God are not given to us for nothing. When we emerge from a moment during which God seemed close and God's love for us has become powerful and real, we then become better servants of God in the world.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Feb. 21 – Wayne Krejci  
Feb. 23 – Lucille Gold, Leroy Mikulencak Sr.,  
Henrietta Mican  
Feb. 24 – Caroline Freytag  
Feb. 25 – Richard Kalisek, Victoria Simper, Alicia Valadez  
Feb. 26 – Cecil Wood Jr.  
Feb. 27 – Stephen Moeller

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Feb. 23 – Loretta & Tony Janak  
Feb. 26 – Donna & Thomas Perez

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.  
Feb. 22 – After School Program (K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)  
Feb. 14 – After School Program (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
– 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> Grade C.C.D.  
Next Sunday – C.C.D.

## SACRED HEART MEN'S A.C.T.S. RETREAT MARCH 10-13, 2016

For more information contact Kevin Bartos or Michael Janecek. *Registration forms are available at the entrance to church.*

## LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

### Second Collection Today – Rice Bowl

The *survival right* – food, clothing and shelter – are essential and nonnegotiable. Catholic social teaching has consistently held that "in their use of things people should regard the external goods they lawfully possess as not just their own but common to others as well as themselves (Vatican II). "Feed the people dying of hunger," argued the early church Fathers, "because if you don't feed them you are killing them."

*Make a sacrifice the Lent.*

*Give generously to the hungry in the Rice Bowl.*

*Weekly Rice Bowl envelopes are provided in your monthly envelope mailing.*

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for an hour after Mass for adoration and personal prayer on Fridays of Lent and all-day on the First Friday of the month. This could be a good substitute if you cannot participate in the devotion of the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings.

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent, 6:00 p.m.

### Lenten Food Drive

Leave your canned goods for the needy at the main entrance to Church.

### Lenten Fish Fry:

*Next Friday's Menu*

Fish, Hush Puppies, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Dessert  
\$8.00 per plate.

\* Desserts needed. Contact Nancy Tomek.

## God's Embrace Ministry Upcoming Events

Directed by Dr. Michael Fonseca

Seminar Series 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.:

February 27 - Practicing the Presence of God

March 19 - The Mass

April 2 - Catholic Family Life

April 30 - Contemplative Prayer: The Cloud of Unknowing

Retreats:

February 13 - Jesus in His Public Life

March 11-13 - God's Plan of Salvation: Jesus in His  
Passion, Death, and Resurrection

For more information phone 979-561-8883 or email  
[info@godsembrace.org](mailto:info@godsembrace.org) .

## Lenten Day of Reflection and Adoration

**Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**St. Mary's Church, St. Mary's**

Please join us for a day of reflection during Lent, as we pray for our families and our nation. This will be a silent retreat and a day of fasting. For more information contact Lorrie Adamek at 361-293-1300.

*Retreat flyers available at the main entrance to Church.*