

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

*Jesus came to Galilee
proclaiming the gospel of God:
“This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”*

Mark 1:14-15

FIRST LENT

SUNDAY OF

Today's readings suggest two different meanings and experiences of baptism. The second reading (from 1 Peter) makes an analogy between Noah's ark and Christian baptism: just as Noah and his family were saved from death by going through the waters of the flood in the ark, Christians are saved from sin and death by going through the waters of baptism. The first reading, from Genesis, portrays the world after the flood: washed clean of its prior wickedness, embraced by

God's promises that the world will never again be destroyed by water. The psalmist expresses a desire to follow the ways of God, as if re-establishing the harmony between God and humanity destroyed by sin. This peaceful scene is very different from the drama and urgency in Mark's description of Jesus after his baptism. Jesus battles demons, receives sustenance from angels, and begins preaching: "Repent. The kingdom of God is at hand."

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1ST SUNDAY
OF LENT
FEBRUARY 21, 2021

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 20, 2021 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Sunday, February 21, 2021 – 9:00 am

+Stanley & +Helen Niemiec

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – NO MASS

Friday, February 26, 2021 - 9:00 am - Adoration

Stations of the Cross – 6:00pm

Saturday, February 27, 2021 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of S. Patrick

Sunday, February 28, 2021 – 9:00 am

+Richard & + Sandra Gotlund

DATE	USHER/GREETER	LECTOR
SATURDAY, February 27 - 5:45pm	Doug & Eva Luehrs	Jerry Kinsella
SUNDAY, February 28 - 9:00am	Roberta Stauffenberg & Ed Horath	Grace Niemiec

COUNTERS FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2021 – Mooi



Our Two Week Candle is
burning for
Steve Niemiec
Requested by Grace Niemiec

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37

Sunday, January 31, 2021.....\$1,038.50

Your generous contribution to our Easter Collection allows us to carry on . Thank you for your generosity!

Our parish website can be found at:

www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org – Online Giving is simple, convenient, and secure. Thank you



Shining the Light of Christ through the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

Our parish's goal for the 2021 CMAA is \$9,600.00, with 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. The Diocese of Joliet mailed a packet about the CMAA, including a pledge card, to all registered parishioners in January, and our pastor is sending additional information this month. Please prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's CMAA and return your pledge card or envelope, make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815)205-1949.

Thank you for considering the most generous pledge possible to this year's annual appeal.

Lenten Regulations

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. Therefore, all the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial. All Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church, pray and perform works of charity and mercy.
6. Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

5-week Lenten Book Study

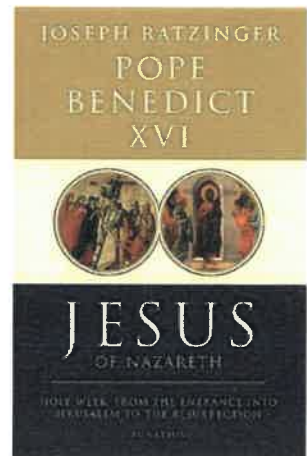
Join Fr. Sebastian and Deacon for a 6 week Lenten book study beginning on Wednesday, February 24. We will discuss Pope Benedict's book "Jesus of Nazareth (part 2) Holy Week: from the Entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection.

The study will end on March 24, 1 week prior to Holy Week. Purchase your own book. Session 1 come prepared by reading chapter 1 & 2. Books are available through Ignatius Press or Amazon (ISBN 978-1-58617-500-9).

In Preparation for week 1 please read chapters 1 & 2. The study will be held in St. Rose Church, if there is enough interest we will offer the study via Zoom to those unable to attend in person.

Please call or email the office. To register to attend virtually please visit: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEudOidrDsvHtMM_K-uHg17lt8z9ngTgL1L

You need to register online if you plan to attend virtually, no need to register if you will be attending in person.



First Sunday of Lent - 21 February 2021

Genesis 9:8-15. Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9. 1 Peter 3:18-22. Mark 1:12-15.

It's Okay to Be Tempted. True. But it is not okay to give in. Just as Jesus spent his forty days in the desert protected by the Spirit, let us have the same trust that God guides us on this Lenten retreat to right Kingdom thinking, speaking, and behaving. Let us sing with the Psalmist that God's ways are love and truth, guiding the humble to justice.

Since the Kingdom of God is at hand, how will I repent?

What must I stop saying and doing to embrace more fully this Kingdom?

How can I work for justice?

JOLIET DIOCESE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN BISHOP BLANCHETTE SCHOLARSHIP

Students in grades 8-11 wishing to attend a catholic high school may apply for this scholarship. Students must have a significant financial need, and must actively attend a Catholic parish. Application forms are available in the parish office. FACTS application must be completed on-line and ask to be added to the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women-BBS. Submit application to St. Patrick Council of Catholic Women by April 1.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Noreen McAndrew; Jan Sharp; Cathy Engler; Don Smith; Frank Quigley; Steve Niemiec

Beginning the New Year will start a new prayer list. Please call the office to be included on the new list. Thank You.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH FEBRUARY

- We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

If you or a loved one would like to be put on the prayer list because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.

First Sunday of Lent

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths.

— Psalm 25:4

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

February 21, 2021



Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election;

Monday: Washington's Birthday

Tuesday: St. Polycarp

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: St. Gregory of Narek



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will begin on Friday, at 6pm. Everyone will is invited; remember to wear your mask and use social distancing. Way of The Cross booklets will be available for you to take home and keep. (You bring them with you when you come for stations) Any used booklets left in church will be disposed of.



GOOD MORNING! WELCOME TO LENT!

You probably did not get that greeting from your priest today, and you probably did not expect it. Isn't Lent a time of reflection and repentance? Somber purple, no "Alleluias"? Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving; attending to one's relationship with God?

True enough; however, there are Lenten practices that have a festive air woven into these penitential elements. One example is in the Church's retrieval of ancient Lenten practices that made up the final preparation of persons elected to receive the Easter sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and eucharist. Jesus' urgent preaching in today's passage from Mark comes soon after his own baptism and reminds us that these sacraments still signal a dramatic change in a person's life: they have responded to Jesus' preaching of the kingdom and are now publicly professing themselves to be disciples of the Lord and fully initiated members of his visible church. The prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent were part of that preparation. Repentance was then, and remains today, important also for those already fully initiated; the work of repentance, of prayerfully examining our lives and making changes in anticipation of God's reign, is an ongoing aspect of our life in Christ.

A SECOND CHANCE TO MAKE A FIRST IMPRESSION

Other changes with baptism are more subtle and personal. When Noah and his family emerged from the ark, they saw that the floodwaters had receded after cleansing the world of human sinfulness. Everything was clean and fresh—a new creation, with a rainbow to guarantee God's promise to never again destroy the world with water. So, too, will the newly baptized emerge from the font and be anointed with chrism. Like the earth after the great flood, they are a new creation. Washed clean of sin and anointed with chrism, they are renewed in the embrace of the God of covenant love.

This is why Lent is always a festive anticipation of Easter and always about baptism, just as it is always about the repentance that draws us more deeply into God's kingdom.

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