

FROM THE CLOUD  
CAME A VOICE  
THAT SAID,

THIS IS MY  
BELOVED  
SON;  
LISTEN  
TO HIM.

### March 17, 2019 • Second Sunday of Lent

Have you ever had a glimpse of God? Perhaps you perceived God's presence in a quiet moment of prayer, a tender conversation with a loved one, or a difficult situation that was resolved unexpectedly. Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel were given a glimpse of Christ's glory on the mountain, as Jesus was transfigured before them. Abram put his faith in God and saw God's power in a

wondrous sign of covenant love. We have the promise of eternal life with God in heaven. This promise brings with it responsibility, as people who are called to live as Christ's very own in the world. Lent is the perfect time to resolve to listen more attentively to the Lord and follow God's ways, assured that in doing so, we put our faith in the one, true, and faithful God.

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SECOND SUNDAY  
OF LENT  
MARCH 17, 2019

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, March 16, 2019**  
5:45 pm †Katherine Stromski req. by Linda Cakora

**Sunday, March 17, 2019**  
9:00 am †Richard & Sandra Gotlund req. by Steve & Grace Niemiec / Parish Family of St. Patrick

**Monday, March 18, 2019**  
9:00 am Intention of the Celebrant

**Tuesday, March 19, 2019—NO MASS**  
6:00 pm NO Adoration

**Wednesday, March 20, 2019—NO MASS**

**Thursday, March 21, 2019**  
9:00 am NO MASS

**Friday, March 22, 2019—ABSTINENCE**  
9:00 am Adoration until 11 am  
6:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Saturday, March 23, 2019**  
5:45 pm †Frank Whalen req. by Craig & Marilyn Cieply

**Sunday, March 24, 2019**  
9:00 am †Bud Johnson req. by Timothy & Michelle Annis / Parish Family of St. Patrick

**Altar Servers:**

Saturday, March 23 - 5:45 pm  
Brent Bieschke  
Sunday, March 24 - 9:00 am  
Alexander & Annabelle Lawson

**Cantor / Lector (Reader):**

Saturday, March 23 - 5:45 pm  
Cameron Luehrs / Ryan Wilhelmi  
Sunday, March 24 - 9:00 am  
Sue Nugent / Paul Rossi

**Extraordinary Minister:**

Saturday, March 23 - 5:45 pm  
Sunday, March 24 - 9:00 am  
Tracy Quigley

**Usher:**

Saturday, March 23 - 5:45 pm  
Howard Bieschke, Bill Phelan  
Sunday, March 24 - 9:00 am  
Bruce Boyle, volunteer

**Music:** Cathy Engler

**Collection Counters :** Boyle, Kotesa, Phelps

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,584.62  
**Sunday, March 10 .....\$1,858.00**

**Thank you for your support of our Parish**

If you are unable to come to church because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. A priest or home bound minister can come to your home. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian can be reached at :  
1(815) 478-3440 ex.102.



Our Two Week  
Candle is burning for a  
Special Intention  
Req. by  
Dan & Lynne Phelan

Mass intentions can be requested through the office, or dropped in any weekend collection, please mark in a separate envelope. Think about having a Mass for a loved one. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. We are also accepting requests for our 2-week Sacred Heart Candle.

### YOUTH (GRADES 6TH—12TH)

Youth meeting—Wanted ALL 6th-8th graders and high school students.  
Youth Meeting Wednesday, April 3 from 7:00—8:00 pm. Pizza, Escape Room and planning session for the future. Sign-up at church or St. Rose School or text Katrina Plese at 815-693-0605.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 22	6:00 pm
Friday, March 29	6:00 pm
Friday, April 5	6:00 pm
Friday, April 12	6:00 pm
Good Friday, April 19	3:00 pm



## RECONCILIATION

ST. PATRICK, March 31 @ 3:00 pm  
ST. PAUL, PEOTONE—April 10—6:30 pm



## EASTER FLOWERS

Flower Offering Envelopes are in the back of church, If you would like to honor a special person or make a donation in memory of a loved one. Enter their name(s) on the envelope. The names will be published in the Easter Bulletin. Flowers will remain in the church. Donation envelopes should be returned to the church by April 7, to be included in the Easter bulletin.

The **PEOTONE SENIOR ASSISTANCE CENTER** is in operation the third Thursday of the month, **this Thursday, March 21**, from 10 am—3 pm to accommodate walk-in clients at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 W. Crawford, Peotone.

This is part of our **Respect Life Ministry**, whose mission is to protect the vulnerable and provide seniors, low income and disabled persons with assistance from county state and federal programs, including Medicare, Social Security, Illinois License Plate Discounts, and services offered through Catholic Charities. We are also a certified SHIP site (Senior Health Insurance Program). The center is staffed by three volunteers who serve the community without cost.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CHURCH HALL

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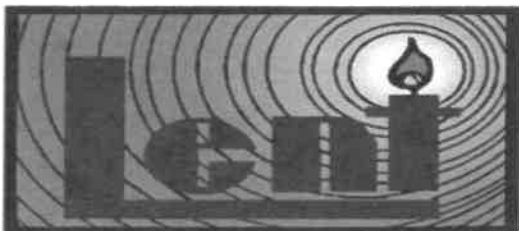
Fridays, March 8—April 12

4:30 pm—7:00 pm

Dine-in or Carryout (call 815-478-4735)

† Followed by Stations of the Cross  
in the church at 7:00 pm



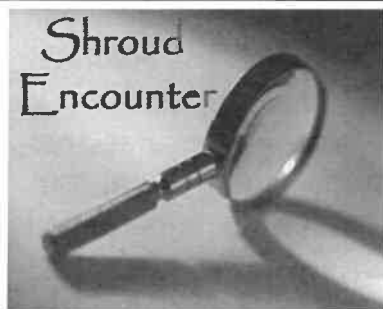


## Fast & Abstinence

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### Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6

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 seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of 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.



*Shroud Encounter* will be coming to **Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, located at 110 South School St. in Braidwood on Sunday, March 17, 2019, at 2 p.m.**

Admission is \$10, but children under 18 are free, along with members of the clergy. A museum quality life-size replica will be on display. Contact Anita Scheer at 815-739-9767 for ticket information.

*Shroud Encounter* is a production of the Shroud of Turin Education Project, Inc. and will be presented by international expert Russ Breault. The presentation is a fast moving, big-screen experience using over 200 images covering all aspects of Shroud research



## **DIOCESE OF JOLIET LIFE ADVOCACY DAY**

Please join the  
Office for Human Dignity– Respect Life Ministry  
Wednesday, April 3, 2019  
At the Capitol Building in Springfield  
10:00 am—2:00 pm  
Schedule of the Day:

- 10:00 am—Briefing at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception School in Cafeteria  
524 E. Lawrence Ave, Springfield, IL. 60703
- 10: 30 am—Lobby with Legislators
- 1:00 pm—Lunch provided at Cathedral of Immaculate Conception School in Cafeteria
- 2:00 pm—Depart Springfield to return home

To register online visit : [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life/](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life/)

Please register by Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Cost is \$10. per person

Bus departure from Blanchette Center approximately 6:45 am

### **STAND FIRM IN THE LORD**

It is not hard to imagine, in this age of wars, evil groups bent on the destruction of humanity, and political follies, that the words of Saint Paul were so accurate, even for his time. It seems that the world never changes. Paul says, Many . . . conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is their destruction . . . Their minds are occupied with earthly things (Philippians 3:18, 19). The result is the destruction of innocent people and of the Earth itself. But Paul says to the Philippians, our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ (3:20). He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body (3:21). Note that he says body rather than bodies. He is talking about the whole community of believers, who, following the example of Jesus and of Paul, will come into the glory of God. So stand firm in the Lord (4:1).

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN  
YOUR PRAYERS**

Marge Flint; Nancee Long,  
Shay Phelan, Jeanne  
Kuzmicz, ; Joyce Heffern, Lisa Bernhard,  
Judith Wright; Cecelia Mundt; Lorenzo  
Rossi; Holly Flint-Jones; Cathy Engler;  
Brett Burkhalter; Norma Boyle; Michelle  
Schneider

**Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list,  
should contact the office.**

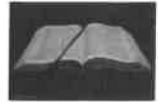
**Intention of the Holy Father  
MONTH OF MARCH**

- That Christian communities,  
especially those who are persecuted,  
feel that they are close to Christ and  
have their rights respected.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL  
OBSERVANCE**

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;  
St. Patricks Day  
Monday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem  
Tuesday: St. Joseph  
Wednesday: Spring begins  
Friday: Abstinence  
Saturday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

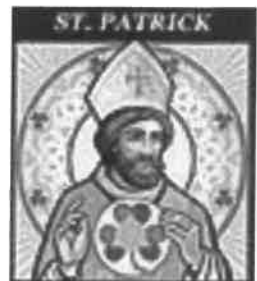
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**



**March 17, 2019**

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11,  
13; Lk 6:36-38  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps  
89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13,  
16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21,  
24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-  
16; Mt 20:17-28  
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk  
16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-  
28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt  
21:33-43, 45-46  
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1  
-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-  
4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-  
12; Lk 13:1-9  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;  
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42  
[5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

**Volunteer needed to maintain  
the small altar linens :  
Please contact the rectory for more  
information.**





## TAKE A STEP

How do you listen to God? While it might seem as though it is impossible to hear God's voice, the more we listen, the more attuned we become to hearing. We listen in prayer, in reading the Bible and hearing sacred scripture, in the homily, and in the prayers during Mass. We listen in the companionship of other faith-filled friends who share their hopes and dreams with us, and who help us discern what God may be calling us to do. Abram heard God's voice and opened himself to the unknown. Peter, James, and John followed Jesus, even while still unsure about him or his mission. Each took steps toward faith, and in faith followed God's way. Whether in times of certainty, when it seems God is everywhere we look, or in those periods when we yearn to know that God is with us, we are called to listen, to trust, and to take steps of faith, modeling our lives on the life and call of Jesus Christ.

## OR A LEAP

At times, the steps we take feel more like leaps of faith. While we might be called to "walk the walk" of faith in our daily lives, as the apostles and countless other disciples have throughout the ages, there are moments when we may need to step out into an unknown future, as did Abram before us. The glimpses of God's presence and glory experienced by Abram and the disciples provided needed encouragement at pivotal moments, and especially when it seemed for a while that God was absent. The glimpses we perceive in those moments of closeness with God help us to remain on Christ's path, especially when we are unsure of what to do next. With the psalmist, take a leap of faith and find hope in the Lord: "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?"

Today's Readings: Gen 15:5–12, 17–18; Ps 27:1, 7–8, 8–9, 13–14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b–36

**3/17/2019**