



March 24, 2019 • Third Sunday of Lent

Moses met God in a most astounding way in the bush that was burning but not consumed by fire. Moses clearly had a powerful encounter with the Lord. He even felt bold enough to ask God's name, something unheard of among his people at the time—God's name was unspeakable. Moses stood on holy ground. Do we not also stand

on holy ground? As people who are created in God's image and drawn to Christ through the waters of Baptism, we have been filled with God's grace and goodness. The ground of our lives is holy. Lent is a time when we are called to open our minds and hearts to Christ, rely on God's patient mercy, and to grow as God's holy people.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF
LENT

MARCH 24, 2019

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, March 25, 2019
9:00 am Special Intention req. by Giver

Tuesday, March 26, 2019—NO MASS
6:00 pm NO Adoration

Wednesday, March 27, 2019—NO MASS

Thursday, March 28, 2019
9:00 am NO MASS

Friday, March 29, 2019—ABSTINENCE
9:00 am Adoration until 11 am
6:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, March 30, 2019
5:45 pm †Lilian Cakora & †John Stromski req. by Linda Cakora

Sunday, March 31, 2019
9:00 am †Stephanie F. Annis req. by Timothy & Michelle Annis /
Parish Family of St. Patrick
3:00 pm Penance Service

Altar Servers:

Saturday, March 30 - 5:45 pm
Nick, Ella & Madi Phelps
Sunday, March 31 - 9:00 am
Anne Marie & Kenny Smith

Cantor / Lector (Reader):

Saturday, March 30 - 5:45 pm
Linda Cakora / Eva Luehrs
Sunday, March 31 - 9:00 am
Sarah Hoehn / Steve Hoehn

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, March 30 - 5:45 pm
Sunday, March 31 - 9:00 am
Cindy Smith

Usher:

Saturday, March 30 - 5:45 pm
Brad Phelps, Bill Phelan
Sunday, March 31 - 9:00 am
Bruce Boyle, volunteer

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters : Bell, Mooi, Musson

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,584.62

Sunday, March 17\$1,319.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

The CCW is accepting applications for the Bishop Blanchette Scholarship. Students in grades 8-11 wishing to attend a Catholic High School for the 2019-2020 school year can contact the rectory for an application packet . Also any high school senior entering college in fall can apply for the Father John Sabahar Servant Leadership Award Return deadline by April 14, 2019.

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.



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.



The CCW is helping Kuzma Care Cottage with their Easter Baskets. Please return envelopes by April 7. Thank you for your generosity.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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.

THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE VESTIBULE FOR
PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER.
LITURGICAL MINISTERS PLEASE CHECK YOUR
PERSONAL CALENDARS AND SIGNUP
FOR ANY AVAILABLE TIMES.



ST. JOSEPH PARISH CHURCH HALL
235 W. North St. Manhattan, IL
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





*Solemn Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament*



Eucharistic Adoration

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL BEGIN
AT 9AM UNTIL 4 PM.**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6 IS THE
FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT
9:00 AM IN CHURCH**

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO SPEND 1 HOUR WITH OUR LORD SIGN
UP SHEET IS ON THE TABLE IN THE VESTIBULE PLEASE
MAKE SURE YOUR PHONE NUMBER IS
CORRECT IF WE NEED TO CONTACT YOU.**



**We are collecting for Operation Care Packages, donations can be dropped off in the vestibule by April 7. Some suggestions are: Protein Bars ; Batteries ; Jerky; COFFEE, Ground, any size singles to large cans or bags ;Pre-sweetened powdered Kool-aid, Gatorade; Ziplock Bags ~ Quart ~ Sandwich ~ Snack ~ Gallon Kool aid singles or similar, Hot chocolate, hot cider packets; Jerky, Slim Jims, Summer Sausage, Beef Sticks Canned Fruit, Dried Fruit, Fruit Snacks, Canned Hearty Soup, Ravioli, Stew Cup A Soup, Top Ramon, Dinty Moore Trail Mix, Nuts, Sunflower Seeds, Pre-Packaged Cookies, Instant Oatmeal, Boxed Cereal Easy Mac & Cheese, Microwave Popcorn, Canned Tuna, Chicken, Cigars & Chew, Peanut Butter / Jelly (No Glass Please) Small boxes of crackers
Multi-Vitamins, Tylenol, Foot Powder, Anti-fungal cream; disposable razors; washcloths**

Religious Education classes will resume on April 7,

Enjoy your Spring Break !



"Behold, I stand at the door and knock." —Rev 3:20

Help Jesus in Disguise

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support of this collection serves **Jesus in disguise** in some of the most marginalized communities in our world. In rural communities in Afghanistan, for example, children have limited access to education because of distance and the danger of commuting to public schools. In a remote village in Ghor, one of the poorest provinces of the country, an estimated 80% of adults are illiterate, and the illiteracy rate is even higher for women. Most villagers are farmers who never attended school. The closest school was too far and the road too dangerous for young children to attend.

But you helped bring a community-based classroom to this remote village. Your generosity made it possible for the children to attend school and has offered them a more hopeful and secure future. Such programs have been implemented across Afghanistan for 15 years and have helped more than 23,000 students build more prosperous lives. Children across Afghanistan, and indeed, the world depend on your support to go to school and have bright futures.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the globe. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. To learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Support the collection, and answer the knock of **Jesus in disguise**.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Bishop Colon

This collection will be taken up next weekend at all masses.



**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; Betty Johnson; Lou Crabtree;
Ron Englert; Taylor Mooi

**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.

Thank you Sue Bell for the
past 10 years of taking care
of the small altar linens.

Mary Boyle has graciously
agreed to take on this very
important task .

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 sheet in vestibule or
at St. Rose School or text Katrina Plese at 815-693-0605.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
March 24, 2019**



- Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11;
Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab,
6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-
16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;
Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab,
14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-
21ab; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2
Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Alternate readings (Year A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps
23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41
[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCE**

- Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent;
First Scrutiny
- Monday: Annunciation of the Lord
- Friday: Abstinence



ROOTED IN GOD'S MERCY

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about a man who had planted a fig tree in his orchard. The fig tree was not bearing fruit, and the owner was ready to give up. The gardener is more patient. He will cultivate the soil around it and fertilize it. Then, if it still fails to bear fruit, it can be cut down. The parable tells of God's patient mercy. Like the gardener, the Lord wants us to be rooted in God's merciful love and live fruitful lives, responsive to the grace and goodness in which we stand. Like the fig tree, however, we sometimes fail to bear good fruit, remaining dormant, living for ourselves, grumbling when we face challenges rather than relying on the fertilizer of the sacraments, especially Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Moses was never the same after his encounter with God on Mount Horeb. We are called to be open to an encounter with God's love every day. Lent is a season when we more consciously turn away from sin and toward God, opening ourselves to conversion, change of mind and heart, in order to be touched and changed by the Lord's patient mercy. Doing so, we can be sure we will never be the same again.

CULTIVATING HOLY GROUND

There are three traditional Lenten practices that help us to cultivate the ground of our lives in order to grow in holiness and bear good fruit: prayer, which deepens our relationship with God and strengthens our desire to live as followers of Jesus; fasting, through which we heighten our hunger for God and become more attentive to the hunger and needs of others; almsgiving: sacrificing time, money, or resources in order to share God's merciful love with the poor and vulnerable. As we continue to journey through Lent, cultivate the holy ground of your life through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, so that you may live fruitfully and well.

Today's Readings: Ex 3:1–8a, 13–15; Ps 103:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1–6, 10–12; Lk 13:1–9

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