



## Mass Intentions for the Week

- Sat 2/22 Vigil Mass for Sunday**  
5:30 pm †Al Dannenbrink & †Patricia Brighton  
(Elaine Wence)
- Sun 2/23 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:30 am For the Parish  
11:00 am †Bill & Marianne Fagg  
(Don / Madonna Lintzenich)
- Mon 2/24 Weekday**  
12:05pm Mass
- Tue 2/25 Weekday**  
12:05 pm †Bill & Marianne Fagg  
(Don / Madonna Lintzenich)
- Wed 2/26 Ash Wednesday**  
12:05 pm For the Parish  
5:30 pm †Frank Coverstone (Williams)
- Thurs 2/27 Thursday after Ash Wednesday**  
12:05pm Presider's Intention
- Fri 2/28 Friday after Ash Wednesday**  
12:05pm Mass
- Sat 2/29 Vigil Mass for Sunday**  
5:30 pm For the Parish
- Sun 3/01 First Sunday of Lent**  
8:30 am Jerome & Viola Prickel (Tim Prickel)  
11:00 am Margaret Kress (Parish Life)

Please note that a cross before a person's name (†) denotes that this person is deceased. A dot (•) before person's name indicates the person is living.\*

## Scripture Readings for the Week of February 23, 2020

- Sunday** **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
v 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48
- Monday** Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday** Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday** **Ash Wednesday**  
Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday** **First Sunday of Lent**  
Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

## Scheduled Meetings/Events

- Sunday 02/23** Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:30 am Mass  
9:30 am Religious Ed Classes  
Bible Class/HH  
11:00 am Mass  
12:30 pm Faith Formation Program  
3:00 pm Young Adult Dodge Ball/Dinner  
5:00 pm Youth Group/SMM
- Monday 02/24** 12:05 pm Mass  
5:00 pm Finance Committee/POB
- Tuesday 02/25** 7:00 am Youth/Coffee at Java Haute  
12:05 pm Mass  
7:00 pm Bible Study/HH  
Young Adult Leaders/PC  
Parish Council/POB
- Wednesday 02/26** Ash Wednesday  
12:05 pm Mass  
4:30-6:00 pm Private Prayer/Church  
5:30 pm Mass  
6:00- 9:00 pm Fish Fry/St. Patrick  
7:00 pm Young Adults/PC
- Thursday 02/27** 12:05 Mass  
5:00 pm Youth Choir
- Friday 02/28** 12:05 pm Mass  
4:30-7:00pm Lenten Fish Fry/St Joe's  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- Saturday 02/29** 11:00 am Youth Choir  
5:30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
- Sunday 03/01** First Sunday in Lent  
Special Collection/Aid to the Church in Eastern Europe  
8:30 am Mass  
9:30 am Religious Ed Classes  
Bible Class/HH

# Welcome

**No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,  
No matter what your current family or marital situation,  
No matter what your past or present situation,**

**No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc.,**

**No matter what your own self-image or self-esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at St. Benedict Church.**

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**First Reconciliation** – Our second-grade candidates will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, March 7. The retreat for the candidates and their parents is Saturday, March 7 at 9:00a in Hellmann Hall. Please, pray for our second-graders as they prepare to receive God's grace in the sacrament!

*Delaney Arseneau  
Stella Byrum  
Tristan Curran  
Jaxon Hanigan  
Max Marrs  
Sophia Miklozek  
Owen Reeves  
Luke Wright*



### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Join us!** – If you're a young adult and want

to grow in faith and friendship, check out these events. Come solo or bring a friend and join us! All are welcome!

- **Dodge Ball & Dinner** – This Sunday, February 23, 3:00p, St. Ben's gym. Afterwards, we'll go for a beverage and bite somewhere close by. See you in the gym! Babysitting will be provided! Please, text to Jason Allen, if you need babysitters, 812.244.3510.
- **Food, Friends and Faith** – We meet on Wednesday night in the parish center at 7:00p for food, faith, and friendship. Please, join us! Text Jason for more info., 812.244.3510.
- **Theology Uncorked** – Drinks, dinner, and more! Third Saturday of each month. Saturday, March 21 is at St. Ben's, 6:30p, 128 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street.



**The Lenten Journey** – This week folks involved in the process of Christian initiation will gather with parishioners on Sunday, February 23 at the Soup Luncheon to learn about the Lenten tradition of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Then, they'll participate in the distribution of ashes at Mass on Ash Wednesday. By being involved in the life of the parish, candidates learn the Catholic Christian way of life. Thus, there is no Tuesday night session on February 25.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Christian way of life, please contact Rita at [rita@stbenedictth.org](mailto:rita@stbenedictth.org) or 812.232.8421, ext. 112.



**Youth Ministry Email** - [ym@terrehauteym.org](mailto:ym@terrehauteym.org)

**Instagram:** [@terrehauteym](https://www.instagram.com/terrehauteym)

**Website-** [terrehauteym.org](http://terrehauteym.org)

**Jimmy Priestler** [jpriester@terrehauteym.org](mailto:jpriester@terrehauteym.org)

**Kelli Carney** [kcarney@terrehauteym.org](mailto:kcarney@terrehauteym.org)

**YOUTH GROUP** Our next Sunday evening gathering will be at St. Margaret Mary on **February 23rd**, from 5:00-6:30 pm for "Lenten Practice". Join us as we prepare for the upcoming season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving!

Please pray for the students and volunteers who are headed to CYO Camp Rancho Framasa for our high school spring retreat from February 28th-March 1st. We will be exploring what it really means to take a **"Leap of Faith"**!

**CONFIRMATION** Confirmation preparation class will next meet on **March 18th**, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Holy Family center. Remember to check your email and follow us on instagram [@terrehauteym](https://www.instagram.com/terrehauteym) to learn about upcoming service opportunities and other events.

If you have not officially registered with Terre Haute Youth Ministry yet, make sure to do so by going to [terrehauteym.org](http://terrehauteym.org) and filling out a registration form.



## The Light is On

### Lenten Confessions

*Saturdays: 4:00 pm*

*Wednesdays:  
March 11th and 25th  
April 1st and 8th*

### Bulletin Submission Dates

Please note the due date for weekend bulletins.  
Submissions must be emailed to [dee@stbenedictth.org](mailto:dee@stbenedictth.org)

March 8	due	February 28
March 15	due	March 6
March 22	due	March 13

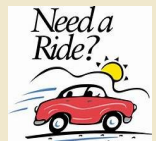
### HOSPITALIZED?

You should contact the hospital's Chaplain's Office to receive communion during your stay, however, please do not rely on the Chaplain's office to let the parish know you are admitted.

If you or someone in your family is hospitalized, ***please*** contact the parish office directly at St. Benedict Church to let us know you are there. (812-232-8421)

### St. Benedict Transportation Ministry

If you are in need of transportation to a weekend Mass, please contact the parish office at: 812-232-8421.



## YOU COULD WIN!!

The Stewardship Committee is encouraging all parishioners, not already doing so, to prayerfully consider supporting our parish through electronic giving. This benefits you and our parish.

Benefits to you are no need to write checks, your support continues if you are unable to attend Mass due to illness or vacation, you can change your support at anytime, credit or debit card can be used, and no envelopes are needed.

Benefits to our parish are saving money on printing and mailing of envelopes, budgeting is easier knowing regular amounts parishioners are giving.

**All who begin e-giving between now and March 1 will have their names put into a drawing for a \$25 Baesler's gift card.**

To sign up, please email [terran@stbenedictth.org](mailto:terran@stbenedictth.org), call 812-232-8421 ext 110, go to our website [www.stbenedictth.org](http://www.stbenedictth.org) and click on the Donate tab, or go to myparishapp and hit the giving icon.

## FESTIVAL UPDATES

### St. Benedict Community Fest—2020

**July 10 & 11, 2020**

The next St. Benedict Community Festival meeting is Monday, April 6, 7PM, Hellmann Hall. Anyone interested in the festival is welcome to attend.

We are looking for 4-6 volunteers interested in getting involved in planning and helping run the 2020 festival.

Please contact Brian Kiefer at 812-243-1494 or Dan Weber at 812-478-5411.

**Seventh Early Bird Raffle Drawing**  
**Congratulations to Brody Hendricks**  
**(ticket #190) of Terre Haute, IN,**  
**winner of \$200!**



## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PRAYER LIST

Prayer Requests— You or a family member may notify the parish office to include a name to be listed in the bulletin on the prayer list. *The name will remain for eight weeks, at which time you will need to make another request.* Thank you for your continued prayers for all who are listed.

Fran Bailey   Carolyn Biggs   Jerry Burns   Frank Coverstone  
 Joe Duby   Rijn Erickson   Fr. Hollowell   Charles Kintz  
 Mike & Joy McCrisaken   Peggy Osborne   Tim Reed  
 Christopher Scott   Candy Shagley  
 John & Alta Stiegelbauer   Elaine Wence

### SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:

**Kimberly Archer \* Keith Chezem \* PFC Joseph Chezem \* Jacob Garmany \* -Tim Payment \* Capt. Christopher Mills \* \* Sgt. Allen J. Deal \* Capt. Rob Parham \* Spencer Steppe**

*Altar Society*—please call Pat Boatman at 765-832-9115 or 812-236-6508.

Jerry Burns is sponsoring one Tabernacle candle in honor of **Fr. Ed Goldbach**

This candles will burn —February 21st –March 6th

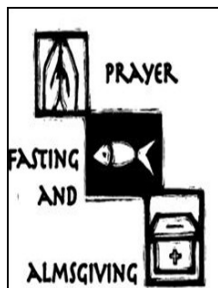
Tabernacle & Sanctuary Candles are \$12.00 and burn for 2 weeks.



The Candles burn to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection. Please call if you wish to have the burning memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion, or a special intention.

### February 29—March 1: First Sunday in Lent

	Greeter	Lector	Commentator	Gift Bearer	Server	Extraordinary Minister - Hosts	Extraordinary Minister - Cup
<b>Saturday, 5:30 PM</b>	Chris Lazzell Gaylon Smith Diane Smith Josh Smith	Trudy Butwin	Tony Butwin	Mary Lou Williams Gary Williams	Daniel Brenton Tina Elliott Katie Hackett	Elizabeth Tyler	Debbie Lazzell Mike Sternal
<b>Sunday, 8:30 AM</b>	Krista Bower Sean Bower Brad Burbrink Jeanne LaVanne	Katie Butwin	Duane Miller	Suzanne Marrs Bill Marrs	Claire Burbrink Evan Burbrink Jack Butwin	Jeanne Conley	Suzy Jones Sam Shanks
<b>Sunday, 11:00 AM</b>	Lisa Borgnini David Gorrell Brian Kiefer Al Orlandini	Sue Butwin	Wendy Keith	Jim Jensen Susie Jensen	Claire Jensen Lilly Jensen Abigail Moore	Angela Ashafa-Ali Lorrie Scheidler	Mary Helen Fuhrer Linda Gorrell Marilyn Osborn Janet Roth



# Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving: Living Lent

St. Benedict's Faith Formation Committee and the Liturgy Committee are sponsoring a parish-wide effort to help you live the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in a different way!

The two themes of Lent are always the same: Baptism and Repentance. The faithful reflect upon the meaning of Baptism, while catechumens enter their final preparation for baptism. Together, we are all called to repent. To repent means to turn more deeply to the Lord; to change our hearts; to deepen our conversion.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are the three traditional ways the Church helps us to deepen our conversion during the Lenten season. Prayer, fasting, almsgiving help us to repent and to recall the Baptismal promise to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

First, **prayer** by the power of the Holy Spirit draws us closer to the Lord. **Fasting** often draws us deeper into prayer because it reminds us of our hunger for God. Then, fasting should remind us of those who are forced to fast because they have little food. Fasting reminds us of Jesus' call to feed the hungry. Thus, it leads us to give to those in need – which is **almsgiving**. Almsgiving, or giving to others, is also part of our baptismal commitment to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ.\*

So, this Lent we invite you to see **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving** in a different way! And, we are going to help you to do that! Each week in this bulletin, look for a list of new, different, unique ways to pray, fast and give.

Another way we plan to help is to invite you to write your "Lenten Intention" for the week on a slip of paper. Those little slips of paper will be collected every week and brought forward as an offering during the presentation of the gifts at every Mass. Fr. Martin, or the presider for that Mass, will receive the Lenten Intentions written on the pieces of paper and place them in a basket in front of the altar. The basket will remain in front of the altar throughout Lent. Then, at the Easter Vigil these intentions will be burned in the new fire along with the prayers in the Angel Intention box.

This physical offering of our intentions will help each of us to be steadfast in our Lenten disciplines. This in turn, with the help of the Holy Spirit, will deepen our conversion to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Look for the slips of paper in baskets at the doors of church. Write one intention to offer up to God or write several every week!

*\*From Catholic Update: Lenten Customs, Baptism is the Key.* We'll be giving copies of *Catholic Update* later in Lent. Look for them at the doors of Church.



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17 February 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

March 1, 2020 marks the date that parishes of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. It is hard to believe that it's been more than 25 years since the fall of communism in that region of the world. While governments have relaxed restrictions on religious practice, Catholic communities still struggle to restore churches and pass on the faith to the next generation.

Your support of this collection gives hope to people by allowing the Church to minister not only to their spiritual needs but also to care for their physical needs. Seminaries are being built to form priests, and schools are being opened to educate children. In Armenia funding is provided for youth to be formed worship, study, pilgrimage and service. And a Crisis Pregnancy Center in Lithuania is open to help women face challenging pregnancies or losses. The impoverished of Georgia receive assistance to meet basic human needs while young people are discovering their spiritual heritage.

The generous support of U.S. Catholics to the 2018 Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe resulted in over \$8 million being distributed in grants to rebuild and restore the Church. Please be as generous as you can, because your support makes a difference and brings the light of Christ to the region.

As always, I am grateful for your financial sacrifices and the prayers you offer for our brothers and sisters in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Charles C. Thompson*

Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson  
Archbishop of Indianapolis



## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Lenten Speakers Series for St. Paul, Greencastle

All talks begin at 7pm in the church, Free babysitting and snacks/drinks will also be included in the evenings.

**March 4th**, Dr. Ray Guarendi - a Catholic father of 10 adopted children, clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio and television host. You may have heard him on Catholic Radio. Tickets are \$10 per person or family of 4 for \$20.00, this includes wine, cheese, and other snacks and drinks prior to the event at 5:45 along with free childcare. Tickets will go on sale Wednesday, February 5th by calling the office at [765-653-5678](tel:765-653-5678) or email [stpauloffice202@gmail.com](mailto:stpauloffice202@gmail.com).

**March 11**, Father John Hollowell, "Praying Despite Distractions and Dryness"

**March 18**, Father Dan Bedel, "Why Confession is Wonderful"

**March 25**, The Rosary will be said. (No babysitting or snacks.)

**April 1**, Father John Hollowell, "Understanding the Mass"

### Find spirituality, mission as a Providence

**Associate**— Are you looking for spiritual renewal? A sense of mission? An intentional community? The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, invite persons of all faith traditions to become Providence Associates. **Applications for this year will be accepted until May 31.** Visit [ProvidenceAssociates.org](http://ProvidenceAssociates.org) or contact Sister Sue Paweski at 312-909-7492 or at [spaweski@spsmw.org](mailto:spaweski@spsmw.org) to learn more or to



It's that time again! The Indiana Catholic Women's Conference is **March 21, 2020!** Give yourselves the gift of taking time out of your busy schedules and join with hundreds of other Catholic women of all ages for a day of building your faith and experiencing the Sacraments and fellowship! Look online to see our great lineup of speakers at [www.indianacatholicwomen.com](http://www.indianacatholicwomen.com) or call: 317-373-2125. Bring a friend or join the women of your own parish. Discover what God wants for you! This conference is held at the Indiana Convention Center and is sponsored by the Marian Center of Indianapolis in partnership with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Saturday, March 21, 2020  
Indiana Convention Center  
Indianapolis, IN

### St. Patrick School of the Terre Haute Deanery

Enrollment is now open for the 2020-2021 school year. Please call our front office at (812) 232-2157 or visit our website [saintpat.org/deanery.school](http://saintpat.org/deanery.school) for more information.



Keep up to date on current events as seen through a Catholic lens. Listen to Catholic

Connection with Teresa Tomeo. Opportunities abound to pray along with the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Holy Mass. Participate in live call-in shows such as More 2 Life, Open Line and Catholic Answers Live. Tune in for a tune up: WHOJ 91.9 FM, download the free Covenant Network App or listen on [OurCatholicRadio.org](http://OurCatholicRadio.org)

### Intercessions for Life

May every human person,

From conception to natural death,

be recognized as a temple of God,

In whom the Spirit dwells;

*We pray to the Lord:*





## CRS Rice Bowl: A Lenten faith-in-action program

Join our St. Benedict  
community—and  
more than 14,000  
Catholic

communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the tables near the doors of church this weekend February 22/23. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family. The CRS (Catholic Relief Services) Rice Bowl program is a Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

### Lenten Fish Fries:

February 26 (Ash Wednesday), St. Patrick's Church, Knights of Columbus, 6:00—9:00 pm.

February 28, 2020, St. Joseph University Parish, 4:30—7:00 pm

March 6, 2020, Sacred Heart of Jesus (Terre Haute), (K of C), 4:00—7:30 pm Meatless Spaghetti available

March 13, 2020, Sacred Heart (Clinton), (Jonah Fish Fry), 4:00—7:00 pm

March 20, 2020, St. Margaret Mary (K of C), 4:00—7:30 pm AND Sarah Scott Middle School 4:30—7:00 pm

March 27, 2020, Annunciation (Brazil), 6:30-8:00 pm

April 3, 2020, St. Benedict (K of C), 4:00—7:00 pm AND St. Paul (Greencastle), (K of C), 6:30 pm





# ASH WEDNESDAY



## Cleanse Our Hearts

Merciful Lord,  
your will is that all people know your  
gracious love  
in the depths of their being.  
Look upon your people with patience  
as they strive to live the love you have  
shown us.  
Keep us steadfast in prayer.  
Help us to persevere in our fasting  
and abstinence.

Inspire us to be generous in our almsgiving.  
Cleanse our hearts during this  
penitential season.  
When we turn away from you frightened,  
tired, or frustrated by our failures,  
fill us with joy in the salvation you have  
given us,  
that we might renew our efforts  
and praise your saving power.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Now Is the Time



*Today's Readings: Joel 2:12–18; Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6ab, 12–13, 14 and 17; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18.* “Rend your hearts.” Lent is a time to offer our hearts to God, who will tear vice and sin out of us. At times, the process is painful. We are so attached to our sins that they become a habit. It took a crisis to compel Joel and his people to look inward and discover how they had taken God for granted. Both the crisis and the confession of sin were painful.

St. Paul reminds us why we confess our sins: God has made us righteous in Christ. We are in a radically new relationship with God. The strength of this relationship overcomes every obstacle because God works within us and even through us, extending his gift of reconciliation to others.

If we do not live this gift of gracious love, however, we will lose it. The time to act is now.

By praying, fasting, and giving alms, we practice living out the reconciliation God offers. These and other acts of piety strengthen our relationship with God. We give alms to acknowledge that all we have is from God and we need nothing more. We pray to express our love for God and to know God's love for us. We fast without gloomy looks because we hunger for God. We are overjoyed that God frees us from sin and death and draws us into life with him. The joy of knowing God's love for us helps us persevere in our Lenten walk.





## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, February 24

#### Prayer

Jesus rebukes his disciples for not having enough faith to cast out a demon. Our prayer might also feel weak and ineffectual. Lent is a time to persist when we feel like failures at prayer. Lent may also be a time for us to learn new ways of praying and being with God. St. James urges us to be humble and patient. God wants to fill us with holy gifts. How will you enrich your prayer life this Lent? *Today's Readings: James 3:13–18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mark 9:14–29.*

### Tuesday, February 25

#### Almsgiving

St. James describes an alarming situation in which members of the community are so caught up in the things of this world that they neglect God and cause division. Jesus' disciples, in turn, betray their preoccupation with status. When we generously donate our money and time, we begin freeing ourselves from an attachment to worldly things. We also remind ourselves that such things are impermanent. All that we will have in the end is God—or nothing at all. What charity will you offer this Lent? *Today's Readings: James 4:1–10; Psalm 55:7–8, 9–10a, 10b–11a, 23; Mark 9:30–37.*

### Wednesday, February 26

#### Fasting

In a culture that extols immediate gratification, the ancient practices of fasting and abstinence seem strange and pointless. When undertaken with prayer, however, they become deeply meaningful. When we fast and abstain from meat, we deepen our awareness of our mortality. We express our spiritual hunger for God. We distinguish wants from needs. We join our small sacrifices to Christ's great one. Fasting and abstaining also joins us with others the world over who ask God to cleanse their sinful hearts. *Today's Readings: Joel 2:12–18; Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6ab, 12–13, 14 and 17; 2 Corinthians 5:20–6:2; Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18.*

### Thursday, February 27

#### A Better Life

As the Israelites prepare to enter the Promised Land, Moses reminds them of all that God has done and all that God asks of them. If they obey God, God will bless them and they will thrive in their new homeland. Jesus calls us to follow him in self-giving love. It's hard for us to obey. We persevere in faith, hoping that our new way of living will lead to the future we truly want. Reflect on how your Lenten promises will bring you closer to God. *Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15–20; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4 and 6; Luke 9:22–25.*

### Friday, February 28

#### Beyond Fasting

God's people complain that despite their fasting and ritual practices God does not do their bidding. The prophet replies that they are concerned about themselves and not the well-being of others. When people ask Jesus why his disciples do not fast, he points out that God has come to his people, so they should celebrate. One group fasts for selfish reasons while the other fasts but fails to see God's coming. How can your practice of fasting and abstinence help you better see both God and the needs of others? *Today's Readings: Isaiah 58:1–9a; Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6ab, 18–19; Matthew 9:14–15.*

### Saturday, February 29

#### Feasting with the Lord

It's not easy to turn from our interests to follow the Lord, yet Isaiah continues to urge us to act with justice and compassion. When Jesus calls Levi to embrace the demands of discipleship, Levi promptly obeys. The new disciple even throws a party. Levi understands that despite the challenge, discipleship brings us into the presence of our Lord. Choose a moment from your day and celebrate how God is with you. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 58:9b–14; Psalm 86:1–2, 3–4, 5–6; Luke 5:27–32.*



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**KEEPING THE SEASONS**  
LENT AND EASTER 2020