



ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 5, 2023

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon, Thu, Fri: 8:00 am
Wednesday: 6:00 pm
Tues: 5:30 pm Communion Service

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:15-4:45 pm
Wednesday 5:15-5:30 pm
or by appointment

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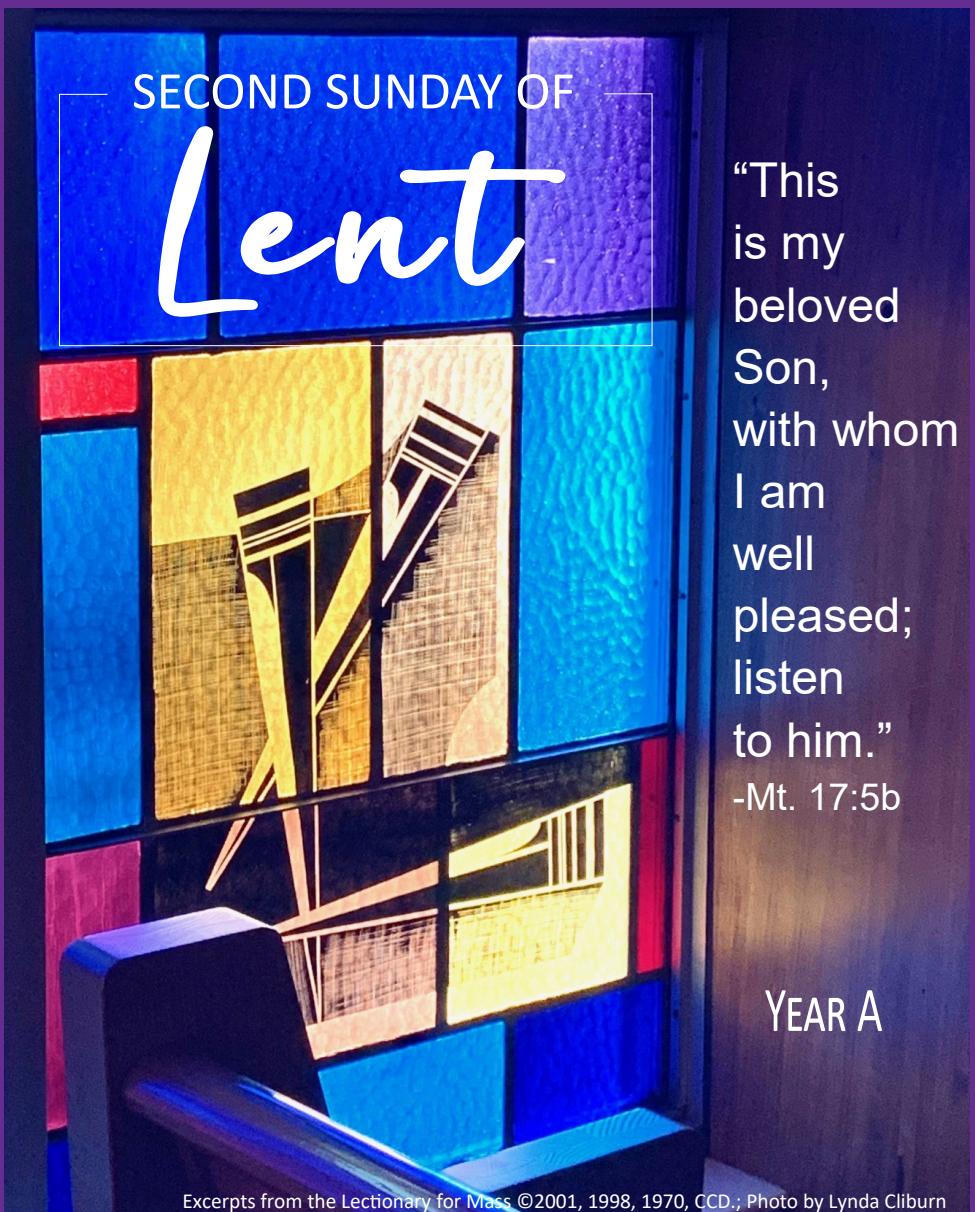
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“This
is my
beloved
Son,
with whom
I am
well
pleased;
listen
to him.”
-Mt. 17:5b

YEAR A

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The significance of Christ's revelation for us this Lent

Beloved brothers and sisters, as we celebrate the 2nd Sunday in Lent, the Church presents to us today in the readings, the identity of Christ as the BELOVED SON of God. Initially, our attention is drawn to the call of Abraham in the 1st reading which marks the inception of a special relationship between God and man. By leaving his family, clan and country to an unknown destination, Abraham demonstrates extraordinary faith in God. Of course, through his faith, the entire human race would be blessed since from his descendants would come the Savior of the world as revealed today in the Gospel by the event of the Transfiguration on the mountaintop. The main emphasis in the transfiguration event is on Jesus, the one about whom God the Father said: "listen to him." How often do I listen to him especially in my turbulent moments? The Lenten season is a special time of listening to the beloved son of God who can readily show us himself through our family, through nature and even through our gathering here each Sunday. Peter was overwhelmed by such experience of the glory of Christ and would want to remain on the mountaintop, but such hour of light was meant to prepare them to face the hour of darkness. We too can equally experience rare moments of light and joy. And so, in our journey of faith in this world, the moments of transfiguration are given to us to strengthen us for our everyday tasks, and enable us to face the cross that in some shape or form comes to everyone. Such overwhelming religious experience is meant to help us as the followers of Christ, to face life with all its difficulties and challenges, to embrace the high and low moments of life, the hilltop and the pit, which in between, we travel in the darkness of faith. We can be successful in this journey, if we take time each day to listen to Jesus and follow him perfectly. Jesus' transfiguration is a message of hope that someday, his followers would share in his glory since they shared in his cross. Keep the hope alive! Amen.

AS WE BEGIN OUR PARISH SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEKEND: Here are a few thoughts I would like to recall as we kick-start our 4 weeks of the STEWARDSHIP SEASON. In these weeks ahead, you will be hearing a lot and testimonies

about stewardship, starting with my own personal testimony this weekend. Stewardship is the opportunity for each parish household to pray and discern their commitment to stewardship as a way of life. Stewards are joyful people! Take time to reflect on God's blessings with gratitude and look for the presence of both peace and joy throughout the journey of stewardship.

Prayer is the foundation of stewardship. Stewards recognize that all we have is a gift from God. They prioritize their time during the day toward growing a deeper relationship with God through prayer. God has blessed each of us with unique gifts. We are called to discern those gifts over our lifetime. Each of us can work together in a complementary way, as one Body of Christ. There are 1440 minutes in a day. How many will you set aside for God? Consider your current commitments. Do you have new talents or abilities that you wish to share with the parish? Could the parish benefit from your leadership in creating a ministry we do not yet have? Each week at Mass during the offertory, consider who may need your prayers.

Gifts from God, received in faith and with gratitude, are not meant to be hoarded or kept for our own use exclusively. Instead, we need to give a portion of those blessings from above to others, especially to persons in need. In that way, we do help build up the Church and make this a better world. I heartily invite you and your household to be part of this great journey we are embarking on this day. God bless you and yours!

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: I plan to conduct our Parish Lenten Penance Service on the 5th Sunday of Lent, March 26 at 2:30 p.m. We will be having 2 extra priests for the individual confessions. It will be an opportunity for a common penance and individual confessions in preparation for Easter. Meanwhile, the 1st Reconciliation for our kids will be on Saturday, March 25, at 10:00 a.m. Do not forget that I am available to hear your confessions even on appointments. Have a blessed new week ahead and a grace-filled Lent.

FR. FREDDIE MBIERE



Fr. Freddie blessed parishioners with February birthdays (left). Parishioners received the Anointing of the Sick (right) at the conclusion of Mass.

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**ADULT
MEAL**

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available for purchase*

SJV Activity Center

March 10, 17, 24 and 31

Dine In: 4:30-7:00 PM

Drive Thru: 4:30-6:30 PM

Carry-out available

**Women's
SOCIETY**

The Women's Society will meet Monday, March 6th, at 6:30 pm. We will be planning the Helping Hands meal. Hope to see you there. Remember we continue to need desserts each Friday for the fish fry dinners. We thank those that have helped so far.

**EUCARISTIC
ADORATION**



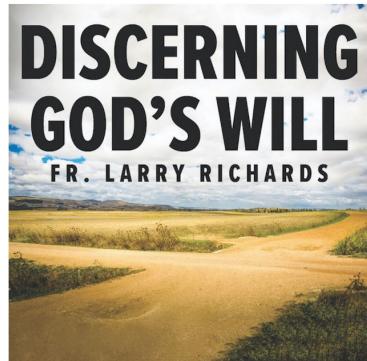
There is an opportunity for someone to join our Adoration group for the noon to 1 pm spot. This hour with Jesus is very rewarding. Please contact Michelle Campbell at 217-523-1486 if you are interested.

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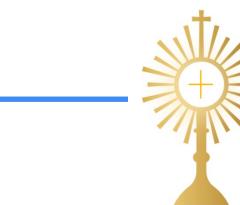
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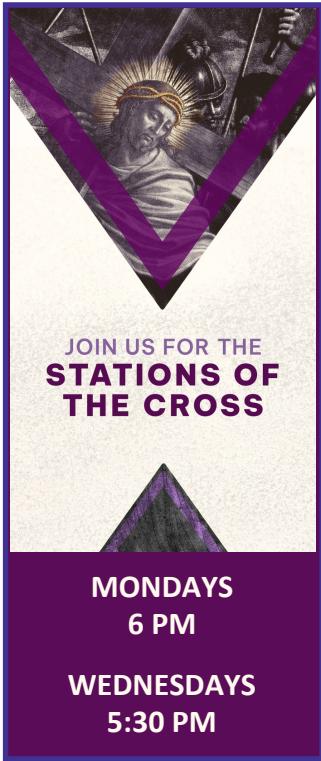


**YEAR OF THE
Eucharist &**
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
of the TRANSFER OF THE SEE

VISIT THE CATHEDRAL IN SPRINGFIELD OR SS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH IN ALTON, RECEIVE AN INDULGENCE! — The diocesan-wide Year of the Eucharist going on now has a heavenly treasure of our Catholic faith attached to it. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki received permission from the Holy See, granting a plenary indulgence to those who make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield or Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Alton (the “Old Cathedral”) now through Dec. 8. One must also partake in the other usual conditions to receive this indulgence by going to Confession, receiving the Eucharist, and saying prayers for the intention of the Pope. These acts “may be carried out several days preceding or following the performance of the prescribed works. But it is more fitting that communion and the prayer for the pope’s intentions take place on the day the work is performed” (*Handbook of Indulgences, Norms for Indulgences*, 23.3). An indulgence is a gift and grace that remits the temporal punishment due to a sin.

HAVE YOU CREATED EUCHARIST/MASS ARTWORK? — Jessica Howell, the Campus Minister at Quincy University, is assembling a “Year of the Eucharist” art display in the Gray Gallery of QU’s Brenner Library. If you have created a piece of art (painting drawing, photograph, graphic design, or sculpture) that depicts the Eucharist, the Mass, the person of Jesus, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the person of Mary, or the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and you would like to have your art featured in the display, please contact Jessica at howelje@quincy.edu or at 217-228-4532, ext. 3617 by June 30.

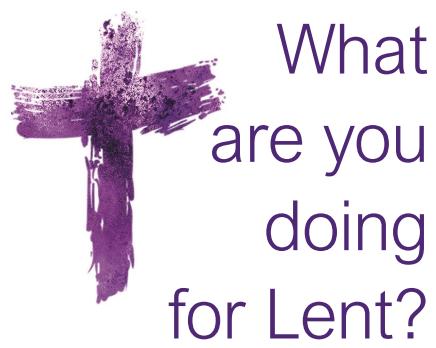
YOU ARE INVITED TO A HISTORICAL DIOCESAN-WIDE CELEBRATION at the BOS Center in Springfield to celebrate the Year of the Eucharist going on in our diocese right now and the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the See city of our diocese from Alton to Springfield, a Eucharistic Congress is taking place Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. This major event will include talks from nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, and Mass. Doors open at 10:30 am with the first speaker starting at 1 pm, and Mass begins at 4 pm. Stay tuned for how to get free tickets and mark your calendar! There will be no Masses at parishes on Saturday, Oct. 28. We want you in Springfield!



MONDAYS
6 PM

WEDNESDAYS
5:30 PM

Tuesdays during LENT
Communion Service at 5:30 pm
No Mass at 8 am



*Our faith grows and becomes more fully alive the more we feed it.
SJV has two great opportunities to feed our faith, meet fellow parishioners, enjoy good conversation, and great coffee!*

EVERY SUNDAY morning after Mass and after the opening of CFF, we watch videos from FORMED, drink wonderful coffee (or hot chocolate), and have some great discussions about our faith as we get to know fellow parishioners and maybe ourselves better.

Sundays 9:45—11 am

EVERY WEDNESDAY evening after Mass we meet to watch videos or study the bible and share our thoughts.

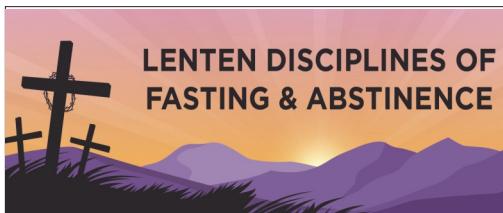
Wednesdays 6:45-8 pm

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or come to one or both ☺

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THE ST. JOHN VIANNEY FAMILY

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Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Good Friday. On days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	MAR. 4	MAR. 5	MAR. 6	MAR. 7	MAR. 8	MAR. 9	MAR. 10	MAR. 11	MAR. 12
	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	8:00 AM	5:30 PM	6:00 PM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	8:30 AM
OBSERVANCES	VIGIL FOR 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT		Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs	St. John of God, Religious	St. Frances of Rome, Religious		VIGIL FOR 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
MASS INTENTION	Victoria Bredemeyer †	For the People (Pro Populo)	All Souls †	Communion Service	Glenn Allison †	Eileen Connolly †	Marilyn Butchek †	Kathy Reed †	For the People (Pro Populo)
LECTOR	Carol Shehorn	Bev Hoffman HS Youth Group	Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm		Eucharistic Adoration 7 am-6 pm			Dan Blentlinger	Tom Henderson Grades 4 & 5
EUCARISTIC MINISTER	Deacon Andy	Deacon Andy			Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm			Deacon Andy	Deacon Andy
SERVER	Connor Ausmus	Madison Kloba HS Youth Group			<p>Our desire for God can only grow when we place ourselves in His presence.</p> <p>-Pope Francis</p>			Jonathan Wiesenmeyer Conor Wiesenmeyer	Allison O'Neill Samantha O'Neill Grades 4 & 5
SACRISTAN	Deacon Andy	Deacon Andy						Deacon Andy	Deacon Andy
GREETER	Amy Schutzbach	HS Youth Group						Carol Shehorn	Grades 4 & 5



LORD, LET
YOUR MERCY
BE UPON US;
WE PLACE OUR
TRUST IN YOU.

Psalm 33

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The long walk

The walk down from Mount Tabor after the Transfiguration must have been a long one for Peter, James, and John. How differently they must have viewed the world with the eyes that had seen what they had just seen. How uncertain they must have been.

I think it's important to remember that, on the mountain, they were amazed, yes — but first, they were afraid. We are given the image of these three grown men — these saints, these giants of salvation history — cowering in fear at the voice of God. It was not until Jesus touched them that they could even bear to look up.

Christ was transfigured on Tabor, but in a way, the disciples were transfigured as well. We are all changed by what we see and what we hear. That change can be hard because knowledge is hard. Truth is hard. Sometimes cowering is easier.

Go forth, God told Abram. I will make of you a great nation.

Rise, Christ told his disciples. And do not be afraid.

I spend too much time cowering in fear at the voice of God. I cower even when the voice whispers into my heart instead of booming from the clouds. When it's the start of a hard day or a tough conversation. When it's the middle of a half-finished battle, big or small. When I know where Christ is and what he is asking, but I'm afraid because the walk down the mountain is so long, and the world that awaits me is so uncertain.

"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."
— Psalm 33

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

WE HAVE A PART TO PLAY IN GOD'S KINGDOM

Catherine Doherty said, "Yes, stewardship pertains to everything and I am responsible for my part of that everything." I am reminded of that quote when I read the words from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, "Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." Both point to our own responsibility as a disciple, as well as the reality that we are not alone. We live with God in community. We each have our part to play in the kingdom of God.

Lent is an important time to focus on how our stewardship way of life causes us to sacrifice and, at times, experience hardship. If we find that we never seem to feel our sacrifice, then it is a good time to ask ourselves if we really are fully living as good stewards, cultivating what we have been given, and then offering it all back to God. If we only give from our excess, then we will never understand the meaning behind the words of St. Paul and Catherine Doherty.

“...as this Lenten season is still in its first weeks, what can you attempt to do that really pushes you out of your comfort zone?”

This is why we must challenge ourselves. We must push ourselves to go that extra mile. It really is a way of exercising our stewardship muscles. So as this Lenten season is still in its first weeks, what can you attempt to do that really pushes you out of your comfort zone? Can you double or triple your prayer time during the season? Can you search your household and give to charity more than just things you don't need anymore, but also things you still want? Is there someone to visit a few times before Easter than can no longer get out? Whatever it is, the strength will come from God to take greater care of your part of his everything.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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TESTIFYING TO FAITH

The Bible talks a lot about "testifying" or "giving testimony" to our faith. That sounds like a courtroom. What does testifying to faith look like in everyday life?

The courtroom image isn't too far off for some Christians. The Church has often been persecuted, and it was especially intense in the early days of the Church, when Acts and the various epistles were being written. For persecuted Christians, it did mean attesting publicly to their faith in Jesus Christ, sometimes before harsh judges. To testify is to bear witness, and this is something we are all called to do.

The call of Jesus is, first and foremost, a call to conversion of life. It is a repentance from sin, a casting off of old ways of seeing and moving in the world. The Christian life is one of transformation, becoming more and more like our God of love. In one sense, to testify to faith should happen naturally as we live like Jesus did. Our lives should bear witness in the respect we accord to others and the uncompromising dignity we honor in them. We bear witness in our gratitude, in our joy, in our hope in God's power and grace. This is where we start! Sometimes others might inquire, as St. Peter puts it, as to "a reason for your hope." Now you're on the stand! It's time to offer, "with gentleness and reverence," the Good News of the Gospel (c.f. 1 Peter 3:15-16). ©LPI