

# The Second Sunday of Lent

## March 7/8, 2020

Parish Center For:  
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**BAPTISM:** Please contact the Parish Office to fill out a baptismal registration form and to schedule with Fr. Draper or Deacon Prunty a date for your child's baptism. Note: If this is your first child being baptized, a baptismal preparation class must also be scheduled and taken with Fr. Draper or Deacon Prunty prior to the baptism.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements are to be made by contacting the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the proposed date. Couples must meet in person with Fr. Draper to set their date and are required to participate in a marriage preparation program prior to the wedding.

**ANointing OF THE SICK:** If you or a fellow parishioner's health is in danger due to sickness or old age, please contact the Parish Office to be anointed by Fr. Draper.

**SICK VISITATION:** If you are going to be hospitalized or are confined to your home and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### AMBOY

† Saturday 4:00 p.m.

† Sunday 9:00 a.m.

† Tuesday 7:00 a.m.

† Wednesday 5:00 p.m.

† Thursday 7:00 a.m.

† Friday 8:00 a.m. Exposition of  
the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration.  
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

#### WALTON

† Saturday 5:30 p.m.

#### HARMON

† Sunday 7:30 a.m.

† Communion Service led by Deacon Prunty:  
Mondays at 5:00 p.m. at St. Patrick, Amboy.

#### AMBOY RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Wednesday 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

#### HARMON & WALTON RECONCILIATION

UPON REQUEST

### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 14/15, 2020

First Reading: Exodus 17: 3-7

Response: Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4: 5-42

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the school.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Open the 3rd Wednesday every month at 9:00 a.m. in the basement of St. Patrick Church.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, March 9th**  
**HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**

5:00 p.m., Amboy

**Tuesday, March 10th**  
**CARMINE BOTTIGLIERO †**  
By: Deacon Kevin & Carol Prunty

7:00 a.m., Amboy

**Wednesday, March 11th**  
**JOHN PARTINGTON †**  
By: Terry & Bev Halsey  
**CINDY MCCOY †**  
By: Harold (Jr.) Becker

5:00 p.m., Amboy

**Thursday, March 12th**  
**DIANE PETTORINI †**  
By: Pam Payne

7:00 a.m., Amboy

**Friday, March 13th**  
Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament and Adoration

8:00 a.m., Amboy

**ALVIN GLENN †**  
By: Rita Glenn

5:00 p.m., Amboy

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

5:30 p.m., Amboy

**Saturday, March 14th**  
**RICK KETCHUM †**  
By: Tom & Patty McBride  
**JACQUELINE SONDERGROTH †**  
By: Peg Duffy

4:00 p.m., Amboy

**PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY**  
**ST. PATRICK, ST. FLANNEN PARISHES**

5:30 p.m., Walton

**Sunday, March 15th**  
**ELIZABETH JANE O'BRIEN †**  
By: Her Family

7:30 a.m., Harmon

**LES & DODIE WILSON †**  
By: Larry & Margie Becker

9:00 a.m., Amboy

### HOLY HOURS FOR HOLY ORDERS

The Seminarian for Friday, March 13th will be Ben Pfundstein, who is studying at St. Gregory The Great Seminary, Seward, NE



The Diocese of Rockford's  
International Appeal weekend  
is next week, March 14th and

15th. If you did not receive an envelope in the mail there are extra envelopes at the doors of the church. In this International Appeal, we have the opportunity to stand with the Church in Her works of mercy and charity. Please be generous as you prayerfully consider your contribution.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS MARCH 14/15, 2020

### Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

**Servers:**  
Alena Shaw  
Tyrah Vaessen  
Teagan Payne

**Lector:** Don Clayton

**Extraordinary Minister:**  
Ken Burkhardt

**Sacristan:**  
Gary Schultz

**Music Ministers:**  
Silent Mass

### Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

**Servers:**  
Sydney Whelchel  
Brooklyn Whelchel  
Courtney Lachat  
Lauren Tarr

**Lector:** Kaylee Jones

**Extraordinary Minister:**  
Larry Eisenberg

**Sacristan:**  
Kaylee Jones

**Music Ministers:**  
Silent Mass

WE REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES...

SR. Anna Albrecht  
E4 SPC Madeline Foster Razafinjatovo  
MA2 Jon B. Miller  
LTC Jerald Newman



On Sunday, March 22nd at 1:00 pm, Bishop David Malloy will celebrate Mass and the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Patrick's. Please keep our students in your prayers.

Carson Barlow  
Brody Christoffersen  
Luke Corcoran  
Emma Dinges  
Caleb Donna  
Brysen Full  
Jaden Haley  
Brianna Henkel  
Eddie Jones  
Elly Jones  
Alexis Ketchum

Kye Koch  
Cole Larson  
Quinton Leffelman  
Emersyn Noble  
Trey Payne  
Natalie Pratt  
Addison Shaw  
Alena Shaw  
Haleigh Stenzel  
Chase Stewart  
Tyrah Vaessen

Eliseo Vazquez-Tapia  
Landon Whelchel  
Alainie Wittenauer  
Isabella Wittenauer  
Jersey Wittenauer

† There will still be a 9:00 am Mass on March 22nd at St. Patrick's.

**Please remove all Fall and Christmas decorations in St. Patrick's Cemetery by March 15th for the Spring Clean-Up! Everything will be discarded after March 15th.**

My dear parishioners,

On this second Sunday of Lent, we hear St. Matthew's account of the Transfiguration of the Lord (Mt 17:1-9). In paragraph 556 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, we read that "the Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he 'will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body' (Phil 3:21). But it also recalls that 'it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God' (Acts 14:22)." Before his coming passion and death, Christ gives to Peter, James, and John a glimpse of his coming resurrection. They receive the unique spiritual consolation of witnessing Christ's Transfiguration on Mt. Tabor to strengthen their hearts for the coming spiritual desolation they will experience with Christ's crucifixion on Mt. Calvary. St. Ignatius of Loyola succinctly articulated this idea, when he wrote in his *Spiritual Exercises*: "let the one who is in consolation think how he will conduct himself in the desolation which will come after, taking new strength for that time" (323).

The fact that the cross must precede the resurrection, that suffering must come before glory, is something we must understand and be reminded of again and again in our spiritual lives. The *Catechism* (n. 556) quotes St. Augustine who said: "Peter did not yet understand this when he wanted to remain with Christ on the mountain. It has been reserved for you, Peter, but for after death. For now, Jesus says: 'Go down to toil on earth, to serve on earth, to be scorned and crucified on earth. Life goes down to be killed; Bread goes down to suffer hunger; the Way goes down to be exhausted on his journey; the Spring goes down to suffer thirst; and you refuse to suffer?'" May the grace of Our Lord's Transfiguration on Mt. Tabor strengthen us to follow him up Mt. Calvary. And, as we do, let us not forget that Good Friday is the path to Easter Sunday.

Fr. Draper

P.S. My sincere thanks to Fr. Jerome Koutnik and all who attended or assisted with his talks for our Lenten Parish Mission this last week!



**GOD'S GIFT OF FORGIVENESS — BE RECONCILED**

On Wednesday, April 1st, throughout the Diocese confessions will be heard from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. The confession schedule for St. Patrick, St. Mary & St. Flannen on April 1st will be:

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in Amboy

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Amboy

3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. in Amboy

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in Amboy

#### AREA PENANCE SERVICES

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-FULTON 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 - ST. MARY-OREGON 7:00 PM

MONDAY, MARCH 16 - ST. PATRICK-DIXON 6:30 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 - ST. CATHERINE-PROPHETSTOWN 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 - OLPH- SUBLETTE 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 - ST. MARY-MORRISON 6:30 PM

#### -STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S BLESSINGS- SUNDAY COLLECTION AS OF 3/2/2020

##### ST. PATRICK

Weekly Budget Need	\$3,388.00
Sunday Collection	\$3,296.70
Income Required to date	\$121,968.00
Sunday Collection to date	\$121,339.32

##### ST. FLANNEN

Weekly Budget Need	\$909.00
Sunday Collection	\$1,068.00
Income Required to date	\$32,724.00
Sunday Collection to date	\$34,345.00

##### ST. MARY

Weekly Budget Need	\$632.00
Sunday Collection	\$639.11
Income Required to date	\$22,752.00
Sunday Collection to date	\$22,889.30

† Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 5:30 pm in Amboy.

† Confessions every Wednesday, 5:30-6:15 pm in Amboy.



The Lord has called home, **ELIZABETH JANE O'BRIEN**. Please pray for her, her family & friends.

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The Lord has called home, **JANICE A. SCHUSLER**. Please pray for her, her family & friends.

#### **Parish Lenten and Easter Series on Discernment of Spirits Begins This Week!**

Join Fr. Timothy Draper for a ten session Lenten and Easter series on *Discernment of Spirits*. With the help of Fr. Timothy Gallagher's DVD presentations, this series will present St. Ignatius of Loyola's rules for the discernment of spirits. St. Ignatius's clear and practical rules offer assistance in understanding the times of joy and of struggle in the spiritual life. Above all, St. Ignatius provides spiritual tools for overcoming the pitfalls of discouragement and darkness (spiritual desolation). Generations of those who love Christ have found clarity and encouragement through St. Ignatius's rules as they live their daily lives. The ten sessions will cover these rules in an accessible manner, with an abundance of practical examples and concrete applications to daily life. The series begins on March 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Joseph's Hall in Amboy. To sign up for the series, please call or email Bev Halsey at the St. Patrick Parish Office: 857-2315; [beverlyhalsey655@gmail.com](mailto:beverlyhalsey655@gmail.com).





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