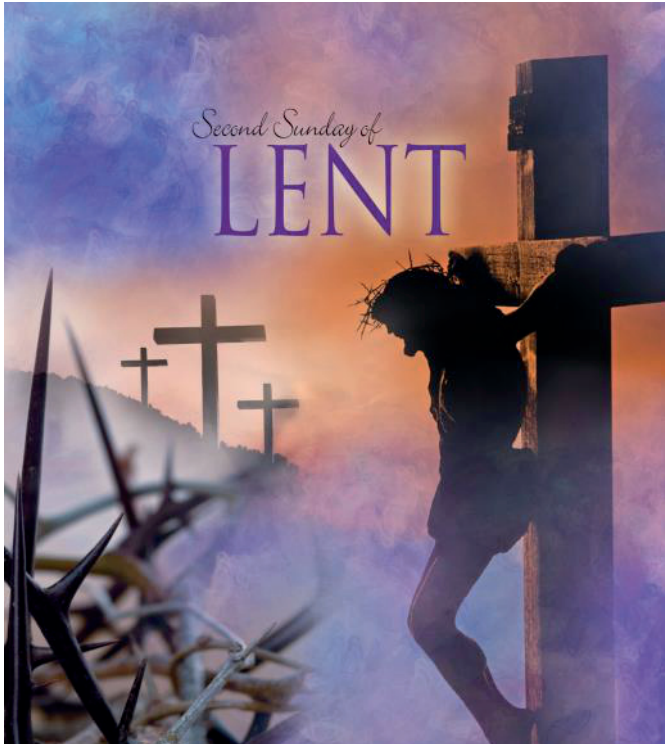


Saint Mary's Church

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February 25, 2024 ~ The Second Sunday of Lent



Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4:30PM St Mary

Sunday 8:30AM St Michael

Sunday 10:30AM St Mary

Sunday 4:30PM St Michael

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Tuesday 9AM St Mary

Adoration begins after Mass until 2:00 pm

Wednesday 9AM - St Michael

Adoration begins after Mass until 2:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 AM St Mary

Friday 9:00 AM St Michael

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesdays: 2:00PM to 3:00PM ~ St. Mary

Wednesdays 2:00PM to 3:00PM ~ St. Michael

Thursdays: 2:00PM to 3:00PM ~ St. Mary

Fridays: 12:00PM to 1:00PM St. Michael

Saturdays: 3:30PM to 4:15PM ~ St. Mary

Sundays 3:30PM to 4:15PM ~ St. Michael

(or anytime by appt. please call parish office)

St. Mary Parish Office

Monday - 8:00AM - 4:30PM

Tuesday - 8:00AM - 4:30PM

Wednesday - 8:00AM - 11:30AM

Thursday - 8:00AM to 4:30PM

St Mary's Mission Statement: *We, the Roman Catholic community of St. Mary's, by our baptism have become the People of God, dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are a community built on faith and the sharing of individual talents, abilities and skills for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by prayer and the sacraments, we continue the mission of Jesus to reveal God's presence in all of human life.*

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Doug Frantz, Becky Warners,

Finance Council:

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Mel Northup, Brent Patterson

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(assistance with meals during illness or injury)

Prayer Line:

Parish Office 616.677.3934

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Our Cluster Parish:

St Michael's - 17150 - 88th Avenue

Coopersville, MI 49404

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Mass Intentions

Saturday February 24

4:30PM † Mike Magnotta by M/M Rob Rander.....MA
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Mary

Sunday February 25

8:30AM † Chuck Albrecht by Chris Albrecht and FamilyMI
10:30AM † Agnes Schwartz by Knights of Columbus #11581MA
4:30PM Our Parish FamilyMI
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Michael

Monday February 26 No Mass

Tuesday February 27

9:00AM Our Parish Family.....MA
Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2:00 PM—3:00 PM - St. Mary

Wednesday February 28

9:00AM Our Parish FamilyMI
Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2:00 PM—3:00 PM - St. Michael

Thursday February 29

9:00AM Our Parish FamilyMA

Friday March 1

9:00AM † Winnie Spencer by Joe & Amy Armock.....MI

Saturday March 2

4:30PM † Winnie Spencer by M/M Tom Kline.....MA
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Mary

Sunday March 3

8:30AM † Bobby Raczkiwicz by Pam RaczkiwiczMI
10:30AM † Rhonda Grabinski by M/M Dave Benedetti.....MA
4:30PM Our Parish FamilyMI
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Michael

MA=St. Mary MI=St. Michael's



Scripture Readings For the Week of February 25, 2024

Sunday

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19;
Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent

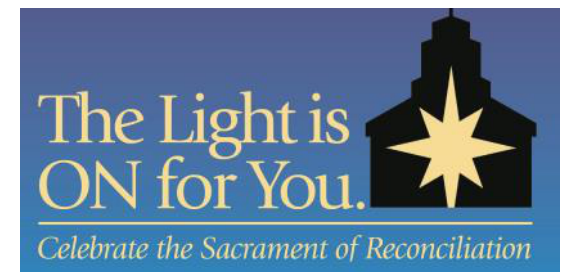
Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

	Mar 3 / 8:30 AM	Mar 3 / 4:30 PM
Altar Servers	Bryson Lindberg Melena Lindberg Kenzie Harker	NEED TWO
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Tom Denise Nelson Sharon Carlson Cindy Lindberg Chris Albrecht Joe Hitchings Rosemary Weigel	Greg Helsen Andrew Bonter
Lector	Jeff Johnson	Joe LeMieux
Sacristan	Judy Driedger	Sue DeVos
Ushers	Dave Tronovich Deb Tronovich Peter Nielsen Mary Bueche	NEED TWO
Music	Craig Bleckley	Craig Bleckley

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

	March 2 - 4:30PM	March 3- 10:30AM
Sacristan	Need One	Gary Karr
Altar Servers	Isaac Patterson Lucas Patterson	Calvin Davis Noah Davis
Precious Body	Sara Patterson Rob Rander Lori Rander	Deacon Tom Bruce Kamp Christina Withers
Precious Blood	Geary Farrell Breton Petrauskas Need Two	Janette Ney Jim Looks Marian Looks Need One
Hospitality	Need Four	Nettie Leale Leonard Horter Need One
Lector	Doug Frantz	Rita Carmody
Music	Bernie Stanko	Bernie Stanko



As we begin the season of Lent, the Diocese of Grand Rapids will once again offer a special opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

"The Light is ON for You:

An Evening of Penance" Thursday, March 14 5 - 8 p.m. in almost every parish of the diocese

Visit GRdiocese.org/penance for details

Wed, March 13 at St Michael 2PM- 5PM

Thurs, March 14 at St Mary from 5PM-8PM

Additional Opportunities for Confessions during Lent.

Tuesdays - 2PM-4PM - St Mary

Wednesdays - 2PM-4PM - St Michael

Saturdays - 3:30PM-4:15 - St Mary

Sundays - 3:30PM-4:15PM - St Michael

Cluster News and Community News and Events



Join us on the Meditation Path.
Pray The Stations of the Cross
Friday, March 22 at 7PM

Hosted by the
Knights of Columbus Councils
#11581 & #9909
St Mary Church - Marne

(weather pending / in case of rain or snow prayer service
will be moved inside the church)



Sensory Sensitive Easter Egg Hunt for Special Needs Families

On **Saturday, March 23, from 9-12pm**, area churches are partnering together to host a Sensory Sensitive Easter Egg Hunt at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Marne.

This event is for families with special needs individuals of any age to come and enjoy this fully inclusive and accessible event! Families will be given a fun, decorated indoor space to hunt for eggs without the overwhelming crowds. Eggs can then be turned in for a giant prize egg filled with goodies for the whole family! Snacks and drinks will be available, as well as a quiet area set aside with calming activities. Coopersville United Methodist and St. Mary's Catholic Churches are partnering together to host this event for our community. **Families are asked to RSVP by Tuesday, March 19.** Volunteers are also needed to run the event. Groups can sign up to decorate rooms and hide eggs. Event information and sign-ups can be found at CoopersvilleUMC.org/special-needs-ministries. Donations of funds, prizes, and snacks are also appreciated. For more information, contact Office@CoopersvilleUMC.org.



Fr Mike's Musings



We understand Jesus better by carefully reading the Old Testament. We would miss out on the significance of Matthew's genealogy of Jesus in Chapter 1 of his Gospel if we did not know the Old Testament characters to whom he refers. We would fail to grasp that Jesus' ancestors were a mixed bag as ours are, that the women mentioned there were Gentile either through birth or marriage--deliberately inserted by Matthew since the Church at his time was composed of those who were Jews and Gentiles.

Another reason for the importance of the Old Testament is its prophecy of a coming Messiah. To put it another way, parts of the Old Testament are understood best if read as referring to Jesus. When we read parts of the Old Testament as referring to Jesus, even if the authors did not know their writing had this second meaning, we call this a "Christological interpretation". This is the spiritual re-reading of the Old Testament. In this course we will read parts of the Old Testament christologically (as referring to Christ/Messiah yet to come).

Part of the Nicene Creed which we pray at Sunday Mass states, "On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures." This phrase was taken by the fathers of the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD out of 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 which reads "...that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he was buried; and that on the third day, he was raised to life, in accordance with the Scriptures." Christians in the early Church scoured the Old Testament for references to Jesus and read the Old Testament as implicitly referring to Jesus. Jesus Himself saw the Old Testament referring to Himself and being fulfilled in Him. According to Luke 18:31-32 Jesus saw His passion, death and resurrection predicted in the Old Testament, "everything that is written by the Prophets about the Son of man is to come true" and likewise in 24:46-47, "So it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead..."

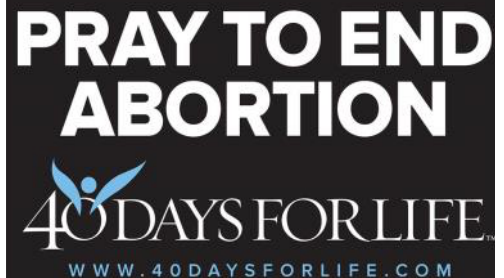
Needless to say, Matthew did not see himself doing an injustice to the Old Testament, nor did the early Church since it included his Gospel in the canon of the New Testament. We cannot see every event in the Old Testament prefiguring Jesus, but the New Testament writers certainly saw Jesus written in many of its pages. The patron saint of biblical studies, St. Jerome, saw the Old Testament as proleptic to (anticipating) Jesus and wrote, "When I read the Gospel and find there testimonies from the Law and the prophets, I see only Christ. I so see Moses and the prophets that I understand them of Christ."

That mention of the Law and prophets should remind us of the Transfiguration narrative in Matthew 17:1-8 where Moses (the Law) and Elijah (the prophets) were talking to Jesus about His passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. In other words, they were talking about His Passion and death. This symbolizes that the Law and the Prophets were anticipating Jesus and all would be fulfilled in Him.

40 Days for Life ~ March 8, 2024

Would you be willing to pray for one hour?

40 Days for Life is a unique pro-life effort that consists of 40 days of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil in front of abortion clinics. This will be the 29th campaign in Grand Rapids, and it will take place in front of Planned Parenthood- 425 Cherry Street SE Grand Rapids. This facility provides the abortion pill and refers for abortions. Dozens of area churches have adopted a day of prayer. **Our parish family has chosen Friday, March 8, 2024** We need 2 prayer volunteers from 7 am till 7 pm throughout the day. This is a powerful and proven effective way to close abortion centers and show the Mother's that we are praying and thinking about them and their babies. Please consider a hour of your time~ If you are unable to attend that day you may go to the clinic and pray any time! Thank you for your commitment to LIFE!



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St. Mary's Parish News

St Mary Religious Education

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW)

During 10:30AM Mass.

This is the Second Sunday in Lent. Today in CLW, we talked to the children about this week's Gospel. In the Transfiguration story, we are not only told that Jesus is God's Beloved Son, but also that we are to "listen to Him."

We told the children that Jesus and God are inseparable. When we listen to Jesus, we show our belief in both God and Jesus (CCC, 151).

Religious Education Classes

1st-7th Grade

Wednesdays at Hall / 6:15- 7:30pm

Please keep our second-grade students in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion on April 28, 2024.

8th Grade -Confirmation Classes

Wednesdays at Hall / 6:15- 7:30pm

Please keep our eighth grade students in your prayers as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Questions or comments:

Please contact the Parish Office. 616.677.3934
dre@saintmarysmarne.org



Knights of Columbus #11581 News

CALLING ALL ADULT MALE PARISHIONERS:

The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** would like to have you as a member of their council. Do you think you're too busy to join? Your time commitments includes church activities that you may already be supporting, such as Choir, Hospitality ministry, Eucharistic ministry, etc. Just keep doing the things you are already doing, nothing more. **Being a Knight should compliment your life, not complicate it.**

Get involved only when you have time. If you are bust, that's OK.

Just being a member is helpful and shows your support. Ask a Knight to sign up or do it online at KofC.org / RobRander82@gmail.com / 616.283.7483

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A KNIGHT

We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first. **To learn more** about the Knights of Columbus' activities and what they do to support our parish community, the surrounding area and the world, please contact Grand Knight: Rob Rander at: robrander82@gmail.com or come to a General Membership Meeting. Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in St Mary's Parish Hall.

Next Meeting - March 7 at 7PM at the Parish Hall.

SAVE THE DATE! Next Blood Drive & Donuts - June 2, 2024



Giving Back to God Time, Talent & Treasure

Attendance at Mass:	Feb 14 -17/18
Feb 14 / 6:00PM: 294	
Feb 17 / 4:30PM: 102	
Feb 18 / 10:30AM: 146	
Adult Contributions	\$4225.00
Children Contributions	\$19.00
Loose Contributions	\$132.00
Capital Improvement	\$50.00
Online Giving	\$935.00
Ash Wednesday	\$1034.80
Total	\$6395.80
Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$5611.76
Budget vs Actual to Date (since July 1)	+7614.61

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7PM During Lent

Mar 1 - Led by Our Lady of Fatima Guild

Mar 8 - Led by Gary Karr

Mar 15 - Led by Pastoral Council

Mar 22 - Led by Knights of Columbus
Councils #1158 & #9909 at the
Outdoor Meditation Path

We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by Your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.



Soup Supper

March 16, 2024 at 5:30PM

An Evening of Food and Fellowship ~ ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Soup Super tradition is of gathering to pray and share a simple meal during Lent. At this meal we share by placing our abundance in a common pot, eating less ourselves, and bringing the surplus to those in need.

This year, we will enjoy two simple soups and bread. And there will be a "pot" at the door for contributions to the Saint Mary Parish Christian Service Fund (Poor Box).

PLEASE RSVP by March 10

Sign up form is available in the Narthex or call Cathie at the parish office 677.3934.

Meal Train for Fr Mike

Scheduling now for March & April It really is as easy as making an extra serving of whatever you are preparing your family for dinner. Put it in a microwavable container and drop it off at the Parish Office on your way to (or home) from work.. Or call the office to make special drop off arrangements. (Sign up online: or call the parish office) <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/8vv97n> **Thank you to everyone that has dropped off a meal to Fr Mike. He appreciates your thoughtfulness and generosity.**

St. Mary's Sponsor of the Week

SOBIE MEATS

Tim & Teresa Sobie ~ 3450 Remembrance Rd NW ~ 616.453.7201

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St. Michael's Parish News



Scrip News—Scrip totals will be updated next week. .

CSA 2023 — Thank you for your gifts to 2023 Catholic Services Appeal! Your generous support funds essential diocesan ministries that strengthen us in Christ. Our parish goal for 2023 is \$59,280.00 and 100% participation, which means every parishioner should return their pledge card. To date, we have pledged \$44,875 (or 75.70%) toward our goal. We still have \$14,405.00 to go to reach this goal. If you haven't already contributed, please consider doing so soon. Any remaining balance at the end of the campaign will come out of our general operating funds. Please continue to pray for the success of this important effort.

St. Michael's Parish Family

Remembers in Their Prayers: Kevin Johnson, Anne Pols, Alexandria Gordon, George Langlois, Brooke Campbell, Linda Abel-Carroll, Jackie May, Dennis Goosen, Jean Mayse, Ken Heflin, Payton Patterson, the victims of abortion, & the men and women in the military.

Photo Directory — If you haven't already turned in your family photo for our directory, please do so ASAP. You may email a photo to: secretary@saintmichaels.us or call the office (616) 384.4026 to schedule a time to stop in and have a simple photo taken by Beki. It is not too late to take part, and we want all to be included!

St. Michael's Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word: program is offered on Sunday during 8:30 Mass. Children 3-9 years old are welcome to join us each week as we pray, read and explore the Sunday Gospel from a child's viewpoint.



We include the Gospel Acclamation so children understand the importance of preparing our mind and heart for the Gospel reading. In this week's Gospel Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John, illuminating them in the radiance of the light of the World. We, too, are called to place ourselves without fear in the hands of God, who longs to transfigure us more deeply in his image and likeness.

Elementary Faith Formation: The elementary program is for students in grades 1-5. We meet on Wednesday from 6:15- 7:30 pm.

Middle School Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7 and 8 will meet on Sundays after the 8:30 am Mass from 9:45 to 11:15 in the Youth Room.



St. Michael's Sanctuary Lamp

for +Paula Raczkiewicz
by Pam Raczkiewicz

Knights of Columbus News

St. Michael's Fish Dinners—

Dinner includes: Deep fried fish OR baked fish, fries, rolls, coleslaw, green beans, dessert and beverage; grilled cheese sandwich also available. Fri-



days during Lent (not Good Friday), from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. PRICES: Adults - \$13.00, Children – Ages 6-10 - \$6.00, Children under 6 – Free. If you'd like to donate a dessert, please bring a "sweet treat" with you on Friday night! Come check out our gluten-free options and jalapeño poppers, too!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS— Fridays at St. Michaels, at 7PM following the Fish Dinner.

Giving Back to God

February 18, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$2,646.00
Loose Cash	\$180.00
Children's Envelopes	\$19.75
Holy Day	\$50.00
Total	\$2,895.75
Building Fund	\$90.00
Financial Assistance	\$40.00
Christmas Flowers	\$10.00
Retirement for Religious	\$40.00

Thank you for your continued support!

St. Michael's Preschool

Have you considered St. Michael's Preschool for your child or grandchild? If not, you should! Come see what a great experience St.



Michael's Preschool can provide. Come meet our Director/Teacher, Cindy Lindberg! Preschool meets on MWF from 8:45—11:45 am. For more info, call the Parish Office at 616-384-4026.

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Religion Transfigured

Before the Transfiguration, Jesus' disciples thought of him as "just" the Messiah. This made him great, of course, but not as great as Moses (through whom God gave the Law itself to Israel), or Elijah (the first of the great prophets). The Messiah was the "second David," the king who was supposed to "restore sovereignty" to Israel (see Acts 1:6). Compared to Moses and Elijah, who symbolized the Law and the Prophets, the Messiah was like the repairman compared to the architect.

The underlying assumption was that God had already set up the structure, doctrines and laws of his people, and there were no fundamental changes to make. The Messiah was just supposed to set Israel free to be the kind of people it already was, with the kind of religion it already had. Jesus' Transfiguration changed all that!

Peter thought he was paying Jesus a compliment by putting him on a par with Moses and Elijah by his suggestion of "three booths." God the Father is quick to dispel any notion that Jesus is just one of the "big three!" Jesus is not on the same level as Moses, Elijah or any other human hero. He is unique, exalted beyond imagination. He is God's "beloved Son." His transfigured appearance was a hint of his glory and a clue to what he came to do.

Jesus did not come to do away with the Law and the Prophets (see Matthew 5:17-20), nor did he come just to restore them to full strength and perfect observance. He came to "fulfill" them—to bring them to a perfection as different from what people saw in them as the appearance of the transfigured Jesus was different from that of an ordinary human being. Jesus came to make his people divine as he was divine: to make the Law a law of divine behavior; to make the religion of Israel a religion of grace, of divine life; to transfigure the People of God as he was transfigured.

Jesus said, "Unless your holiness goes way beyond the

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Genesis 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18;
Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

law observance of the scribes and Pharisees, you can't say you are living under the rule of God" (see Matthew 5:20, my translation). How far beyond "keeping the rules" should Christian morality go? The answer is: "As far as the transfiguration of Jesus went beyond normal human appearance!" The behavior of Christians should stand out in the world the way a transfigured Jesus would stand out walking down Main Street (see Philippians 2:15-16; 2 Peter 1:19; 1 John 2:8).

The Transfiguration was a preview of the Resurrection. The risen Jesus lives today in us, in all who have surrendered themselves through Baptism to become his body on earth.

And his glory shines out through us in the measure

that our behavior reveals the presence of his Spirit in our flesh.

When our human conduct—our decisions, choices, actions can no longer be explained except as the expression of Christ's divine life in us, then Jesus is glorified in us (see John 16:13-14; 17:9-26; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12).

This calls us to see ourselves, to understand our lives in this world, in a way that transforms our whole standard of morality. The goal and aim of our existence on earth, and of every action of our lives, should be to glorify Jesus by letting his light, his life, shine out in us. This is

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another way of saying that bearing witness to the Good News, witness to the mystery of Christ's death and Resurrection and presence to the world now in us, should be our first objective, concern and priority in every single moral decision and action of our lives. In particular this must be the concern of the laity, because it belongs to the laity as their proper role and call in the Church to carry the light of the Gospel into the "real world" of business and politics, of family and social life (see Vatican II, Lay Apostolate, #2 and #7). This is the crying need of our day.

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

Second Week of Lent

***Pray daily:** Lord, give me the appreciation for you that your disciples had after seeing you transfigured. Teach me to live a transfigured life in imitation of you.*

Monday: Luke 6:36-38. "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Do you consciously try to take the attitude toward everyone that God the Father takes? Do you look on everyone you deal with as family?

Tuesday: Matthew 23:1-12. "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they preach." Do you use the example of other people, even priests and bishops, as an excuse for not setting your ideals by the example and words of Jesus?

Wednesday: Matthew 20:17-28. "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant..." If you lived this consistently, how would it transform your life? If all Christians did, how would it transform the Church? How can you start with your own life?

Thursday: Luke 16:19-31. "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced

even if someone rises from the dead." How has the Resurrection of Jesus transformed human life? Your life? Do you live in awareness of this?

Friday: Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46. "'The stone that the builders rejected / has become the cornerstone; / this was the Lord's doing/ and it is amazing in our eyes.' Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom." What, precisely, do people reject in Jesus that you accept? What visible signs are there in your life that you accept this?

Saturday: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32. "I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" If God treated you as a hired worker instead of as his child, what differences would you expect to see in your life?

LIVING THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

As Christian: Try to imagine Jesus transfigured before your eyes. If you saw him like this, what difference would it make in your life?

As Disciple: Ask how being the body of Christ should transfigure what you do with your hands, your feet, your eyes, your ears, your mouth.

As Prophet: Each day do something "transfigured" and different with each of the senses or members mentioned above. Do something worthy of your sacredness as the Body of Christ.

As Priest: See how many faces you can transform this week by getting them to smile.

As King: Imagine you were declared a canonized saint because of the way you lived your family life, your student or professional life, your social life. What differences can you imagine that would merit this? See how many you can make happen.

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