

## Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020

Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.  
— 2 Timothy 1:10b

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

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

**Second Reading** — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

**Gospel** — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

### FR. SEBASTIAN'S THOUGHTS

The first reading of today from the book of Genesis 12: 1-4, portrays for us the call of Abram. He had to leave his home, family and comfort zone in obedience to God's call. This obedience, coupled with his acceptance of God's plan for him ensured that out of him came the three major world religions namely: Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

The second reading (2 TIM 1:8-10) reminds us of the need to persevere and to continue to look forward in hope to God who has called us to a life of holiness and grace. This is really apt at this time of fear and dread over the corona virus currently ravaging most parts of the world.

The Gospel takes us on an excursion to mount Tabor where the transfiguration took place. It was a decisive moment in the life of the inner circle disciples. They were privileged to see a hint of the beatific vision and they become more determined to fight for a place in the heavenly team.

The office of worship in our Diocese of Belleville sent a circular to all parishes and institutions this week and made the following pronouncements :

- (a) We suspend the exchange of the sign of peace
- (b) We suspend the distribution of Holy communion to the faithful via the chalice

Finally and more importantly, we are asked to pray for the victims, health workers and all those involved in bringing this deadly virus to a halt. Remain Blessed.

### BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

Mar. 8 Lisa Durbin-Leonard  
Mar.11 Jim & Joni Chandler

### OFFERINGS

Mar.1<sup>st</sup> 2020

Envelopes (51)	\$1554.00
Loose	\$128.00
Candles(Feb)	\$68.00
Capt. Improv.	\$100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,850.00</b>
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$1,700.00</b>

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

March 7<sup>th</sup> –March 15<sup>th</sup>

Sat.	6 pm (J)	St. Joseph Parish Family
Sun.	8 am (P)	Pat & Yvonne O'Hara Family
Sun.	11 am (C)	Rita (Toenjes) Helfrich Family Bernard Imming Family
Mon.		NO MASS
Tues.	4:10pm (C)	S. Celine Birk Family (B-Day)
Wed.	7:30am (J)	Marge Stivers
Wed.	4:10pm (C)	Fr. Richard Weidert Family
Thur.	4:10pm (C)	Michael Kapp Family
Fri.	8:15am (C)	Melba Jean Buehler Family
Sat.	6 pm (J)	Aaron, Lucille & Dale Roy
Sun.	8 am (P)	Bonnie Rieso Family
Sun.	11am (C)	Rita (Toenjes) Helfrich Family

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 7<sup>th</sup> 8am

B. Carol  
C. Paulette & Ava  
L. Kim  
S. Langston & McKenna  
G. Floyd Roy Family  
Chalice/Paten: Ron  
Deterding Family

March 14<sup>th</sup> 6PM

B. Audrey  
C. Mary Ann & Earleen  
L. Leonard  
S. Evan  
G. Richard & Laura Mae  
Chalice/Paten: Steve  
Deterding Family

### HAPPENINGS FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Sat: 6pm Mass @ St. Patrick  
Sun: 8am Mass St. Joseph & 11am Mass @ Convent  
Mon. PC meeting at St. Joseph 7pm  
Stations of the Cross @ St. Joseph 7pm  
Tues: PSR 7:15am, 10:30am R&R, & Cemetery Com. Mtg 7pm  
Wed. Stations of the Cross St. Patrick 7pm  
Thurs. Choir Practice at St. Joseph 6:30pm Lenten Prayer Service, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction on March 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30pm at St. John the Baptist in Red Bud.  
Sat. Mass at St. Joseph 6pm  
Sun: 8am Mass at St. Patrick & 11am Mass @ Convent

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Jeanelle Dinan	Lori Rees
Kaylee Muertz	Robert Haudrich
Danny Steibel	Earl Kueker
The Neptune family	Trevor Lilienkamp
	Alvin Roscow

All homebound, nursing home residents & cancer patients.  
All names of the prayer list will be left on for 4 weeks. Please call the rectory if you would like them to remain on the list.

## JUST A REMINDER:

**Care Ministry:** Please contact Deb Ellner 618-284-3565 if you or a fellow parishioner are suffering from an injury, illness, or grief and would like a visit.

**Someone in the Hospital?** If someone from your family is in the hospital please give the parish office a call. The hospital does not call and let us know who has been admitted. When you let us know, the ladies who also go to the Red Bud Care Center during the week will bring Communion to the patients at the hospital.

The **Prayer Chain** is changing a bit. If you know of someone who is in need of emergency prayers please call Fr. Sebastian @ 284-2404, the rectory @ 284-3314 or Marie Henry 618-559-6511.

**Religious Education:** PSR class @7:15am. Doors open @7am. Ok kids, "Get your serve on!" We need servers, so anyone who is in 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade please help us out.

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** grade parents: Don't forget about your child's service and worship projects that are due March 31<sup>st</sup>. See your Confirmation packet for the details.

**St. Joseph's Youth Ministry:** We welcome anyone who is between the grades of 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>. Call Jill for information about our group. 618-719-9344.

## PARTNERSHIP CORNER

### St. Joseph:

**Every Thursday** Beginning Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm Choir Practice, We will be learning new songs for Easter, First Communion and Confirmation. Please join us won't you

**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** 5<sup>th</sup> grade PSR is sponsoring an after school game time for grades 1-4.

Lunch will be served along with games and prizes. 12-2:30pm.

Cost: 1 canned good to donate to the school pantry.

**March 19-21: THE MISSION** See flier for info

If you are coming to the Feast meal on March 19<sup>th</sup> please bring a dish according to A-H: Dessert, I-P: Vegetable & Q-Z: Salad.

Also we are looking for dessert makers for Friday evening, March 20<sup>th</sup>. You can drop them off or bring them with you to the hall.

**Spring Fling March 29<sup>th</sup> Meat Raffle/Craft Fair/Lunch Stand Prairie du Rocher Legion** If you would like to have a booth for the craft fair please contact Lisa Mueller @ 618-521-0266. We are looking for donations for chili for the lunch stand and workers. If you would like to help out please contact Lisa or Roger Henry @ 618-967-6348.

### St. Patrick

**Euchre Party** April 3<sup>rd</sup> in the parish hall beginning at 7PM. If interested in playing contact Tom Havel @ 618-719-7103 or 282-2103 by February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Come out for a night of fun.

**March 22 Bible Study:** see flyer

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Spring Day of Recollection: Sponsored by CCW @ St. Mary's** Chester newly renovated church. Events begin 9am with Mass, Lunch at 11am Cost \$9.00

**St. James Church, Millstadt, IL** is holding their Spring Quilt/Cash Bingo on Sunday, March 22, 2020 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the parish center. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Donate one canned good item for the Millstadt Food Pantry and receive one free bingo card per tally.

**Alzheimer Support group meeting:** March 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm  
Red Bud Regional hospital ground floor auditorium

## FROM PARISH COUNCIL

### GET YOUR PARISH INFORMATION

Were you not able to attend Mass at St. Patrick's or St. Joseph's over the weekend? No worries. Check out both of our websites and get all your parish info.

St. Pat's: [stpatcatholicuma.weebly.com](http://stpatcatholicuma.weebly.com) and St. Joe's: <http://www.stjoespdr.org>. Bulletins are also available at St. Patrick's as you enter the stairwell of the house or through email and you can pick one up at St. Joseph's between the doors by the parish office. Plenty of opportunities to never miss parish news.

## LITURGY COMMITTEE

**St. Patrick's is asking our help in gathering SIX volunteers to have their feet washed and TWO servers on Holy Thursday night and two servers on Holy Saturday. Please let me know by March 9<sup>th</sup>**

## FINANCE COMMITTEE NOTES

Your generosity was most appreciated this year. Please don't forget to continue to donate to the capitol campaign fund. There is always something to fix in a 150 year old church and house.

We will be accepting advertisers for the 2020 bulletin year. The cost will be \$100.00 for the year. Please send ad information to email address of [sjsopdr@htc.net](mailto:sjsopdr@htc.net).

## WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

In PSR we talked about transformation during Lent, can you say you are willing to transform. How about taking time for God, your neighbor or even a family member. Try coming to Stations of the Cross either here or St. Patrick's.

## THANK YOU!

To all the volunteers that helped to work on removing the old A/C and to build Fr. Sebastian's new garage. It does a heart good!