

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF



ST BERNARD

201 Main St. Blencoe, IA



ST JOHN

1009 13th St., Onawa, IA



ST JOSEPH

510 Tipton St., Salix, IA

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

FROM FR. MICHAEL

Q: Are acts of repentance appropriate on other days during Lent?

A: Yes. Thus the Code of Canon Law states:

All Fridays through the year and the time of Lent are penitential days and time throughout the universal Church'(CIC 1250).

Q: Why are acts of repentance appropriate at this time of year?

A: Because it is the time leading up to the commemoration of Our Lord's death for our sins and the commemoration of his resurrection for our salvation. It is thus especially appropriate to mourn the sins for which he died. Humans have an innate psychological need to mourn tragedies, and our sins are tragedies of the greatest sort. Due to our fallen nature, humans also have a need to have set times in which to engage in behavior (which is why we have Sundays as a set time to rest and worship, since we would otherwise be likely to forget to devote sufficient time to rest and worship), it is appropriate to have set times of repentance. Lent is one of those set times.

Q: What are appropriate activities for ordinary days during Lent?

A: Giving up something we enjoy for Lent, doing of physical or spiritual acts of mercy for others, prayer, fasting, abstinence, going to confession, and other acts expressing repentance in general.

Q: Is the custom of giving up something for Lent mandatory?

A: No. However, it is a salutary custom, and parents or caretakers may choose to require it of their children to encourage their spiritual training, which is their prime responsibility in the raising of their children.

Q: Since Sundays are not counted in the forty days of Lent, does the custom of giving up something apply to them?

A: Customarily, no. However, since the giving up of something is voluntary to begin with, there is no official rule concerning this aspect of it. Nevertheless, since Sundays are days of celebration, it is appropriate to suspend the Lenten self-denial on them that, in a spiritual and non-excessive way, we may celebrate the day of Our Lord's resurrection so that that day and that event may be contrasted with the rest of the days of Lent and the rest of the events of history. This heightened contrast deepens the spiritual lessons taught by the rest of Lent.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Questions of the Week:

Adults: How deeply do I believe that God is for me, and no one can destroy me?

Children: When you have important choices to make, do you and your family pray to make the right choice?

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE :

Mon No Mass.....0:00 am
 Tue No Mass.....0:00am
 Wed Donna Davis.....9:00 am
 Thurs No Mass0:00pm
 Fri Doe & Mable Walker.....9:00 am
 Sat No Mass.....0:00 am
 Sun Diane Simoff Phelan.....9:00 am

Stewardship February 21

Envelopes/loose \$ 655.00
 building \$ 72.00
 Candles \$
 E-offering \$ 194.70
 Needy Fund \$
 Grain \$
 Home Missions \$ 25.00
 Aid Worldwide \$ 275.00
 Kirby Memorial \$
St. Bernard \$ 120.00

Total: \$ 1341.70

St. John Registered Families.....185

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon No Mass.....0:00am
 Tue Mary Ellen Dahl.....9:00am
 Wed No Mass.....0:00pm
 Thurs Lori Rand.....9:00 am
 Fri No Mass.....0:00 am
 Sat Sue Lamoureux..... 4:00 pm
 Sun Parishioners of Sts.Joseph, John & Bernard..11:00 am

STEWARDSHIP FEBRUARY 20-21

Envelopes \$ 1655.00
 Loose: \$ 20.00
 Candles: \$ 20.00
 Cemetery PC \$
 E-offering: \$ 192.00
 Maintenance \$ 70.00
 Emergency \$ 25.00
 Food Pantry \$
 Mow & snow \$
 Easter Flowers \$ 20.00
 Aid to Churches \$ 45.00
 Ash Wednesday \$ 255.00
 Floor & Window \$ 600.00

TOTAL: \$ 2922.00

St. Joseph Registered Families209

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LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
		Elmwood		
ROSARY		Homebound	Greeters	

ST. JOSEPH —

LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
—Rosary			14- Greeters	
Stewards		Homebound		<u>Liturgy/ Word</u>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES:

Father Patrick O'Kane, Midge Stanley, Madonna Dodd, Pam Turner, Loretta Simoff, Pete Mortensen, John Heisterkamp, Charlotte Zortman, Florence Ibsgaard, Gina Mortensen, Chris Metzger, Judson Bramow, & Sherry Wince. If you know of someone who is ill and needs our prayers, and would like to be listed, or if you no longer need to be listed, contact Colleen @ office 423-1004

Prayer

**Sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus**

for All High School Students & Adults

St. John Church- Social distancing & masks required

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Teaching explanation – then a prayer experience

March 17- Stations of the Cross

March 24- Lectio Divina

(guided Meditation on Scripture)

March 31- Rosary

Our Second Graders received the sacrament of Reconciliation this past Wednesday the 24th. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they study and prepare for their First Holy Communion on the 11th of April. They are:

Jaden Bechtel, Jager Beck, Mason Griffith, Aubree Hinrickson, Jack Kovar, Tynlee Kuker, Reagan Lee & Caeden McCall

Please keep all of our Religious Education family in your prayers this year. It has been a tough year for the students, teachers and the parents. Covid has tested our resolve, but has brought us closer to Our God, our family and our friends. Let us keep praying, and doing all we can to stay safe and healthy

—————Just For Laughs—————

Covid –19 Humor

POLICE OFFICERS THESE DAYS WILL SAY, "COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS WASHED!"

DAY 31 OF QUARANTINE...ATE ALL THE SNACKS AND FOOD... CLOTHES NO LONGER FIT... BUT I'M STILL WEARING GLOVES AND MASK FOR MY PROTECTION.

I'M AS BORED AS AN AMISH ELECTRICIAN!

HOMESCHOOLING UPDATE: MY CHILD JUST SAID I HOPE I DON'T HAVE THE SAME TEACHER NEXT YEAR!

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES.

Father O'Kane, Fran Mitchell, Nainna Gnat, Jeri Greiner, Mike Franken, David Bogenrief, Linda Donnelly, Sue LaCroix, Bryson Harder, Justin Lamoureux, Sophie Helvey, Doreen Becker, Roger Huot, Tristan Parks, Colleen Ebner, Bailey Cleveland, Christian Case, Brady Worrell, Cal Worrell, Connie Wagner, Kathy Clayton, Helen Martin, Stella Serviss, Gerrie Lamoureux, Darrell Lux, Richard Hentges, Paula Wagner, Carol Lux, Mary Lue Schnieders, & Vincent Choquette. For all who travel, grieve, those in the military, veterans their families and our nations leaders. The candles burning on the Blessed Mother's altar are for the military serving in foreign lands.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO OF OUR YOUNG PARISHIONERS, JACK GAUKEL, Senior at Sergeant Bluff Luton Warriors, for 1st Place in the Iowa High School State Wrestling meet in Des Moines, great job Jack you proved don't ever give up and you will get it done He was number 1 in the 152 pound Class. Also Congratulations to Jake Dewald from the Westwood Rebels finished 2nd in the State in the 182 pound class. Only a Sophomore we will be hearing more from him and hopefully seeing him number 1 next year. Way to go Congratulations again.

Tabernacle Dues coming in slowly almost 1st of March, let's try to get this one done \$15 a year, helps with our Funeral Dinners, First Communion, Graduations.

Deepest sympathy to Bert Ullrich and his two sons on the loss of his wife and their mom, Glenda, she was a super lady great wife and mom. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Parish Center will be available for rental starting March 1st and Funeral Dinners can begin again.

WESTWOOD COMMUNITY LENTEN SERIES 2021 IS A WALK THRU THE PSALMS THIS IS ONLINE ONLY. WE WILL POST THE MID-WEEK LENTEN MESSAGES ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGES.

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 Psalm 25: 1-10 Hosted by Rev. Craig Bock and Skien Lutheran Church.

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 Psalm 22: 23-31 Hosted by Father Michael Erpelding and St. Joseph Church.

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 Psalm 19 Hosted by Rev. Kody Killian and the Community Church of Christ.

Wednesday, March 17th, 2021 Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

Wednesday, March 24th, 2021 Psalm 119: 9-16 Hosted by Rev. Craig Bock and Skien Lutheran Church

When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. “We’re ready, God!” our hearts cry out. “Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!”

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they’ve joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It’s not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It’s the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there’s that nagging voice in our minds saying: go ahead, God doesn’t really mind.

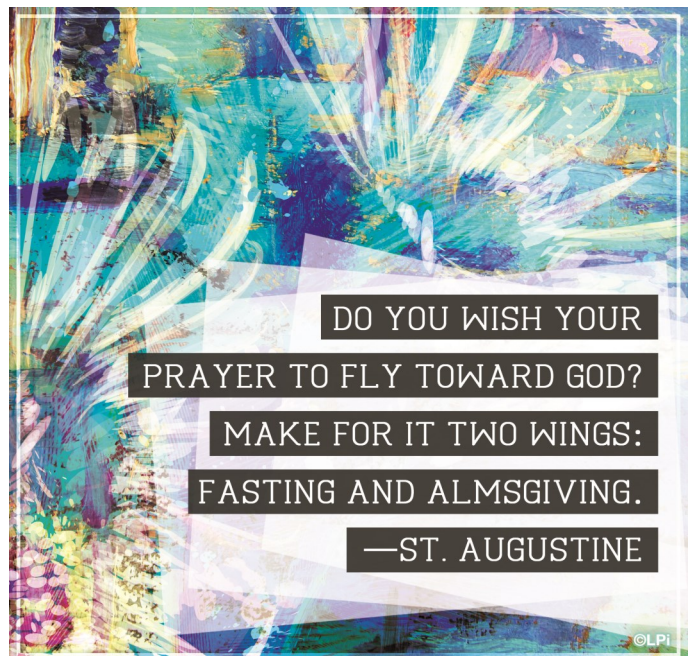
It’s a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn’t you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried “Ready!” when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, “Ready!” when we hear the call of God? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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