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2nd Sunday
OF LENT

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

Second Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2019



CONFESSION each Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 16

Daylight Savings Time Begins

5:00 pm Ron Weber

Sunday, March 17 *Second Sunday of Lent*

Happy Saint Patrick's Day

9:00 am Bob Ihde & Members of the Parish

Monday, March 18 *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

No Mass at St. Stephens

Tuesday, March 19 *St. Joseph, Spouse of the Mary*

No Mass at St. Stephens

Wednesday, March 20

8:00 am Jim and Nell Gilbank

Thursday, March 21

10:45 (*Alden Meadow*) Mass: Elmer Ambrose

Friday, March 22

8:00 am Jane Theisen

Saturday, March 23 *St. Turibus of Mogrovejo*

5:00 pm Raul Gonzales & Members of the Parish

Sunday, March 24 *Third Sunday of Lent*

9:00 am Sally Luetz



From the Desk of Monsignor Dan

Scripture

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

Reflection

As we march through Lent, it can be easy to think it's all about sacrifice. No chocolate, no alcohol, no meat on Fridays. Yet here, only in the second week of Lent, we have the story of the transfiguration. This reading reminds us of the "why" behind what we do. We don't fast from dessert to lose weight. We don't donate money or serve others because it's merely a nice thing to do. Lent is about transformation!

Peter, James, and John trudged up the mountainside behind Jesus. This must have been a difficult hike, because when they reached the top, "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep." **Despite our best efforts, perhaps we, too, can be asleep to the deeper meaning of the Lenten season.** Jesus is transfigured while they slumber, but eventually they become "fully awake, [and] they saw his glory and the two men standing with him."

This is no small thing! The disciples witness Jesus in his divine splendor. But here are ordinary men, former fishermen, who have been drawn up into an adventure beyond their wildest expectations. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the fulfillment of all that came before. But Christianity is not the religion of the elite, where only the select few are allowed to participate. We are all invited into spiritual transformation. Lent is a privileged time for this!

Thoughts for the Week

Our St. Stephen pastoral and finance councils have been reviewing our parish time, talent and treasure resources in light of the past, present and future. Basically, where have we been, where are we now and where do we want to be in the future in light of our parish mission.

This weekend will include a spoken invitation at our Masses for all of us to reflect on our personal interests when it comes to how we may serve the mission of St. Stephen's.

For instance, our pastoral and finance council committees include education, worship, human concerns, vocations, parish life, buildings and grounds as standing committees. **Would you like to know more about them? Would you be willing to serve on any of them? Let's share more information next weekend.**

God Bless you!

Monsignor Dan Ganshert



March 23-24—Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm - Sat. March 23

Lector: Nancy Everhard

Servers: Meagan Sherman

Matt Sherman

Eucharistic: Pam Strom

Ushers/Greeters: Art Braband,

Norm Everhard, Terry Strom,

Ron Wildenberg

Music: Linda Gracyalny

9:00 am—Sun. March 24

Lector: Mary Farrell

Servers: Molly McIlheran,

Shannon Mullooly

Eucharistic: Pat Mullooly,

Virgil Pope

Ushers/Greeters: Terry Skaife,

Rick Franseen, Larry White,

and a sub TBA

Music: Pat Wendtland

DAILY MASS CLUSTER SCHEDULE

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Tuesday, 5:00 pm

NO Mass this Wednesday

Thursday-Friday, 8:15am

ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, 5:00 pm

Thursday, 7:15 am

ST. JUDE

Wednesday, 7:00 am

Friday, 7:00 am

PASS IT ALONG!

BUY THE NEXT

PERSON'S

COFFEE. PAY FOR

A STRANGER'S

BRIDGE TOLL.

OR LET SOMEONE

GO AHEAD OF

YOU AT THE

CHECKOUT.



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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Catholic Women's Cluster Evening of Reflection

The Beloit/Clinton Catholic Women's Cluster will hold their Evening of Reflection on **Tuesday, April 9th at OLA**. Mass will be at 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm (catered by Knutes), and program to follow.

Deacon Jim Davis will be our speaker presenting **"What is My Role in the Body of Christ?"**

Cost is \$16. **Reservations are to be made and paid in advance by Wednesday, April 3rd** to: Pat Wolf (2321 Turnberry Ct., Beloit 53511); or to Ann Roth (**Reservation forms are in the Church Gathering Space**)

Please make checks payable to **Catholic Women's Cluster**.

LEARN TO CROCHET WITH PLASTIC

We would would to invite members of your congregation to an upcoming "Plarn" crocheting class that we will be having in our Fellowship hall. Please see the attached poster, (on the bulleting board in the our Gathering Space) Thank you,
Where?

Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church
23184 Bergen Road
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When?
April 2, 9 and 16

What to bring?
20 plastic bags, Size N crochet hook and scissors.
Questions: Call 815-292-3226

Diocesan Communion Minister Training

Pat Gorman, Director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese, will be at OLA on **Thursday, March 21, from 7:00 -8:30 p.m., to provide the required diocesan training for those who assist in distributing Communion at Mass**. This one time workshop is required for everyone who helps with the distribution of the Body or Blood of Christ at weekend or daily Masses. If you have not had this training, please plan on attending. Registration in advance is helpful but not required. **You can register online at www.madisondiocese.org/emhc (scroll about 1/2 way down the page to the registration information) or call the worship office at 608-821-3080.**

Faith Formation News -

Important upcoming dates:

March 13 - Stations of the Cross
March 20 -Communal Reconciliation

On the above dates classes from **grades 2 - 8 should be dropped off at church and not the church center**.

Students in the K-1 class will have class at the center on March 13 and 20.

Students (grades 2-8) will be dismissed at 7:30, the normal time, on March 13 and 20.

Parents are encouraged to attend with their children and be a positive spiritual role model.

Thank you, Steve Zahn,
FF Coordinator

Pro-Life Meeting Sat. March 16

The Pro-Life Wisconsin group of Rock County will be meeting at the Beloit **Public Library in the Classroom at 10:00 on Saturday, March 16**. All are welcome! The meeting should last about one hour. For further information, email Miriam Williams at mwquacker@charter.net. Find us on Facebook: Pro-life Wisconsin, Rock County Chapter.

GRACYALNY FAMILY CONCERT—Mark your calendar for the GFC on **Saturday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m.** at OLA's Assumption Hall. There will be lots of desserts, laughter and music!

*Fish Fry every Friday during Lent at OLA.
All you can eat—5:00-7:00 pm*

IMPORTANT DATES

March 20—Communal Reconciliation at St. Stephens
March 21- @ 6:30 pm—Pastoral Council
April 8—Red Cross Blood Drive @ St. Stephens
April 9—Cluster Evening of Reflection at St. Jude
April 28- First Communion @ St. Stephens-9:00 Mass
April 30—Cluster Meeting at St. Stephens



**Special Lenten Opportunity
Communal Reconciliation
At St. Stephen's
Wednesday March 20, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

Interested in OLA for Kindergarten?

Come to OLA's Kindergarten Round Up on **Tuesday, March 19th from 3:30pm-4:30pm**. Come and meet our teacher, see the classroom and hear all about the experience of being a Kindergarten student! Families are welcome to attend and we will have special pricing on our Registration Fee for families who register that day! Please come to Assumption Hall! If you have any questions, please call OLA School at 608-365-4014.

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We, the Catholic Faith Community of St. Stephen Parish, guided by the Holy Spirit, strive to live a prayer-filled life through worship, sacraments, and service.

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