



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Liturgical Celebrations
Weekdays: See inside bulletin
Saturday Eve (Vigil Mass): 5:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 am
1:00 pm "en Español"

**Holy days of obligation
that fall on weekdays**
Vigil Mass: Check Bulletin
Holy day: 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Penance
Weekdays: Before Mass
Saturday: 4:00-4:45 pm
Anytime by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism
Call parish office to set date.

Sacrament of Matrimony
Arrangements must be made
with the pastor at least six months prior to the
wedding date.

New Parishioners
You are most welcome. Please
stop by the rectory to register.

Bulletin Deadline
Monday- 3:00 PM.

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

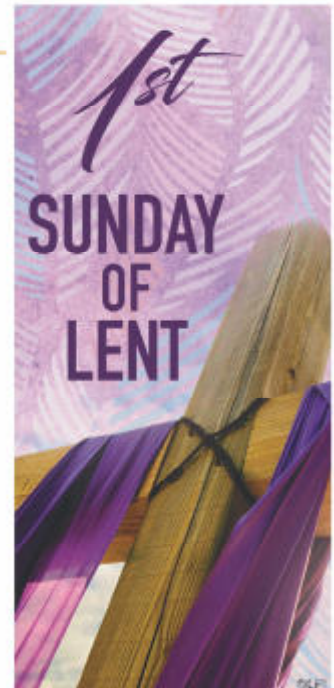
SUN 2/21 Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
MON 2/22 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
TUE 2/23 Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
WED 2/24 Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
THR 2/25 Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
FRI 2/26 Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
SAT 2/27 Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
SUN 2/28 Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/
Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent
Monday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Tuesday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Throughout history God has given His people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God's sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear the slate and take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God's covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert!



*Repent,
and believe
in the gospel.*

— MARK 1:15

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

8:30 AM No Intention

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021

8:30 AM No Intention

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

8:30 AM No Intention

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021

8:30 AM Genevieve Stephens

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021

8:30 AM John & Ruth Benhart by Debbie & Mark

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021

5:00 PM Franciene Rogers by Peter & Millie Gapczynski

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021

10:00 AM Kwiecinski-Ziolkowski Families

1:00 PM For Our Parish Family

1st Reading – Genesis 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.” God added: “This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings.”

The Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm –

R. (cf. 10) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your love are from of old.

In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. *continued*

Good and upright is the LORD,
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,
and he teaches the humble his way.
R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

2nd Reading – 1 Peter 3:18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

The Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

Verse Before The Gospel – Matthew 4:4B

One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel – Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

The Gospel of the Lord: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

NEWS & NOTES

St. Bavo Parish, 524 W. 8th Street, Mishawaka will be hosting a **Drive Thru Only** original Jonah Fish Fry on Friday, March 12th, from 4-7 PM. Cost is \$10 per boxed dinner and includes 4 pcs of fish, coleslaw, chips, roll and cookies. No presales.

SUBSCRIBE TO TODAY'S CATHOLIC

February is Catholic Press Month. From news coverage of the parish down the street to the Vatican, Catholic news organizations exist to serve the Church's mission of evangelization. Join the mission: Subscribe to the Today's Catholic weekly print or digital publication. Visit todayscatholic.org/subscribe.

Parish News

Prayer Chain: Do you need prayers? Call the St. John's Prayer Chain and within hours these intentions will be in the prayers of every member of the prayer chain. To start the prayer chain, call Sylvia Ryan at 574-233-2869.

Hospital & Home Communion Calls: If you are in the hospital or homebound and would like to receive Communion or a visit from Fr. Glenn, please call the Rectory at 233-5414 or Holy Family at 282-2317. Also if you know of any parishioner that is in a nursing home or assisted living, please let us know so we can visit them. Thank you

YOU CAN LEND A HAND 2021

Each year, during the month of February, students sell coupon books to raise money for their schools. The pandemic has changed how we are fundraising this year, but it did not cancel it! Donate \$1 to support local Catholic schools at www.youcanlendahand.com and earmark it for a school of your choice. You can choose to have coupons for Burger King, Chili's and Papa Vino's mailed to you or just make a flat donation. We appreciate your support!

Fr. Glenn's Pen

Today we hear about the covenant God made with Noah, a covenant is much more than a contract. A contract is a simple quid pro quo, a "this for that". I covenant implies a real love relationship. God did not say, "You do this, this and this or I will throw you in hell!" Nope! He said, "You do this, this and this and you will be my people, and I will be your God. We really do have friends in high places.

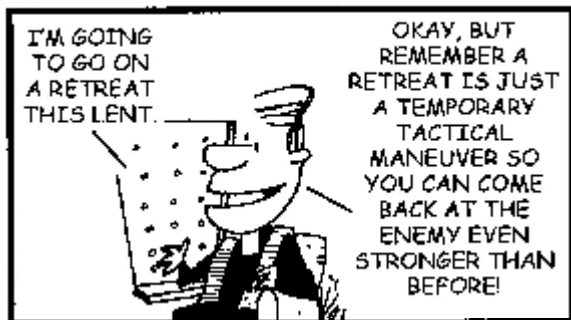
We see so much anger and hatred in our politics and in our world. We hear cries of desperation that the world will end if we do not get the climate under control. When a person has no faith, such attitudes are understandable. They have no one to look to other than themselves! We however are still bound to be good stewards, to take care of our environment, use sound science to heal and make our lives better, but in the end we are invited to have an unyielding trust in the God who loves us. God always loves who He has created, but far too often His creatures reject Him.

The devil is crafty. He knows he cannot "hurt" God, but he only strives to destroy innocence. I recall being told by my uncle who was a priest that there are four types of sinners. First those who sin out of weakness, the venial sinner. They strive to be holy, but human weakness sometimes overcomes them. The next is the Mortal sinner, they know the sin is big, they think about it, and ultimately do it. Usually they repent after they recognize their folly. Then there is the habitual mortal sinner, sin becomes habitual and enslaves them. This ends in addiction and addiction is very difficult from which to be liberated! The alcoholic who overcomes the challenge, or those who free themselves from pornography have a sense of the monumental daily struggle! The fourth kind of sinner takes no pleasure in the sin, but rather they only love to see innocence destroyed. This is the kind of sinner that the devil is. In Hebrew I was told it is the word for a pervert. Even God can deliver a human that has fallen so deeply into sin, but usually people fail to seek God's mercy.

I believe that Judas' greatest sin was not his betrayal of Christ, but rather he was deceived into thinking God's mercy was not enough for him. God always forgives those who seek it. The sad reality is that Nature never forgives. A sinful life may cause physical problems for the person until death, but God will restore all to those who seek him.



Lent is a time to take an honest look at ourselves. Beg the Lord to help you see your sinfulness, and be quick to seek His mercy. Have we valued life, have we lived chastity in our state of life and been open to the gift of life? God invites us to be filled with love for God and neighbor. It is the key to peace and joy. Take Lent seriously, enter into the desert with Jesus and offer things to God for all that He has suffered for you! The more seriously you take Lent, the greater you joy at the great celebration of Easter!

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



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