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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.
- Mk 9:7-8

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us in Church for weekly Eucharistic Adoration each Friday anytime between 10am-Noon. No need to sign up — just come spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament adoring, petitioning and thanking Our Lord for the many graces He offers us.

Stewardship Message

"Here I am!" he answered."- Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Visit www.YourSMK.org for more information



Thanks to all the parishioners who volunteered to help on Ash Wednesday—we had a fine celebration in the midst of the cold and snow. We had over 500 people attend the four Masses, 37 people came to the Gathering Space of the church to receive ashes, and over 25 homes visited. There were a good handful of volunteers who did double and triple duties throughout the day. To those who distributed ashes by sprinkling on the crown of the head, thanks for being so adaptable to the unfamiliar rite of passage. We are so blessed to have many people who are willing to step up and help out. I am blessed to be part of St Mary of the Knobs parish. May our Lenten celebrations and prayer lead us in faith with Christ.

A Blessed Lent,

J. Bo



- March 1 8:00AM Donnie Novak
- March 2 5:30PM John Schmidt
- March 3 8:00AM Shirley Andres
- March 4 5:30PM Jane & Sylvan Naville;
John Koetter
- March 5 9:00AM Foster, Osborne, McCartin Fams.
- March 6 4:30PM Greg Court
- March 7 8:00AM SMK Parishioners
- March 7 10:30AM Maurice Engle

March 7 10:30am Mass on the Grass in front of the Rectory—Weather Permitting.

Please drop your offering envelope in the collection basket by the baptismal font in the church.

Stewardship Information

Weekly Budgeted Amount..... \$23,640
 Collection of 2/21/2021 \$18,443
 Variance to Weekly Budget..... (\$5,197)

Budgeted total through 2/21/2021 \$803,752
 Actual Collected through 2/21/2021 \$753,182
 Variance to Annual Budget..... (\$50,570)

Churches of Eastern Europe \$765.01

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Sign Up For This Retreat!

March 13, 2021 - all day - (for middle & high school youth)

FIRE & WATER is an all day retreat focusing on the power and purpose of within the Sacrament of Confirmation. A great kickoff or closing to confirmation prep, FIRE & WATER looks at the water of baptism and the fire of confirmation and how one's grace of baptism is perfected

and completed in confirmation to be send out as witnesses. \$55 per person including lodging, food and retreat materials



Individual Opportunities for Confessions During the Second Week of Lent 2021

The priest will use the confessional to the left of the altar.

Monday March 1, after 8:30 AM daily Mass
Fr Steve Banet

Tuesday, March 2, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Fr Steve Banet

Wed., March 3, after 8:30 AM daily Mass
Fr Bill Marks

Thursdays March 4, after 5:30 PM daily Mass
Fr Bill Marks

Saturday, March 5, 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM

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

WHY DO WE USE INCENSE AT MASS?

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the

worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.



Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic

adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

Liturgy Volunteers February 27 - February 28

Sat, 4:30 PM (Covid 19 Mass requirements)

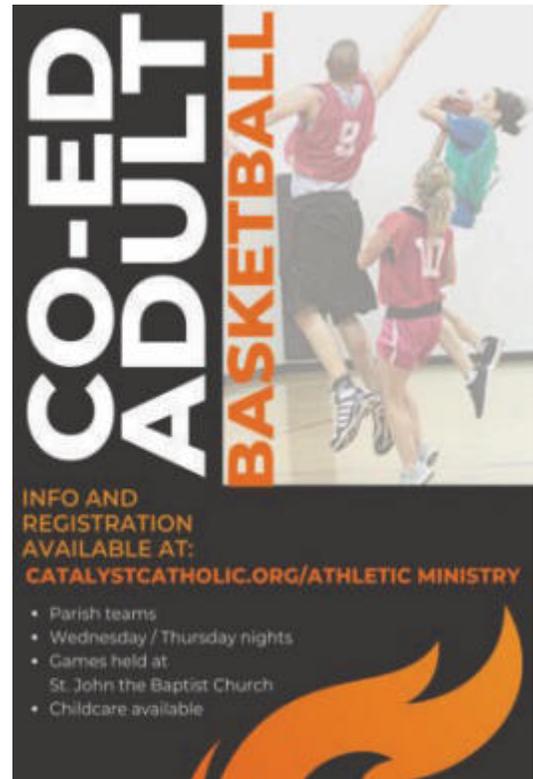
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Karen Riddle—Eucharistic Minister Chapel Side
Sherry Bledsoe—Eucharistic Minister Gathering Space
Stephanie Hubler—Parking Lot Minister
Francine Gettelfinger—Greeter
Bonnie Schindler—Greeter
Francine Gettelfinger—Sanitize after Mass
Debbie Ahjuder—Lector
Debbie Ahjuder—Mass opener/closer
Preston Vincent—Usher
NOT FILLED—Usher
NOT FILLED—Usher

Sun, 8:00 AM (Covid 19 Mass requirements)

Janice Cook—Eucharistic Minister Choir Side
Mark Huber—Eucharistic Minister Chapel Side
NOT FILLED—Eucharistic Minister Gathering Space
Betty Batliner—Parking Lot Minister
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Kayte Wright—Mass opener/closer
Todd Hartlage—Usher
Steve McQuigg—Usher
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Sun, 10:30 AM (Covid 19 Mass requirements)

Jeanne Landrum—Eucharistic Minister Choir Side
Christi Nash—Eucharistic Minister Chapel Side
Greg Nash—Eucharistic Minister EM Gathering Space
Theresa Koopman—Greeter
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NOT FILLED—Sanitize after Mass
Foster Nash—Lector
Chris Beach—Mass opener/closer
Barb Beach—Mass opener/closer
Nick Geswein—Usher
Justin Martin—Usher
Jerry Mehling—Usher



How is your Lent going?

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen. ©LPi



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LITURGICAL AID for Mass on February 27 & 28, 2021

2nd Sunday of Lent – The Transfiguration

GATHERING SONG: Hold Us, Jesus

Hold us, Je - sus, help us, Je - sus,
heal us, Je - sus, we pray. Hold us, Je - sus,
help us, Je - sus, heal us, Je - sus, we pray.
Ky-ri-e e-le - i - son, Chri-ste e - le - i - son.

CONFITEOR - I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

FIRST READING – Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am!” he replied. Then God said: “Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you.” When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the Lord’s messenger called to him from heaven, “Abraham, Abraham!” “Here I am!” he answered. “Do not lay your hand on the boy,” said the messenger. “Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son.” As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the Lord’s messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: “I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing— all this because you obeyed my command.”

The Word of the Lord **R: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 116 – In the land of the living, I will walk with God all my days.

SECOND READING – Romans 8:31b-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

The Word of the Lord **R: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
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GOSPEL READING – Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves questioning what rising from the dead meant.

The Gospel of the Lord. **R: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

NICENE CREED:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS/PETITIONS – Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

SONG DURING THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS – *Instrumental*

HOLY, HOLY

MYSTERY OF FAITH ACCLAMATION –When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

AMEN

LAMB OF GOD

RECESSIONAL SONG: Turn My Heart, O God

Turn* my heart, O God. Turn my heart, O God.

Take my pain and bro-ken-ness; shape my life for

you. Come and turn my heart, O God.

COMMUNION & DISMISSAL – Distribution of Holy Communion will take place after the final Blessing of Mass. Please follow the directions of the Ushers. Ministers will come to the end of your pew. Please exit church immediately after receiving Holy Communion.

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Congratulations to these parents who celebrated the sacrament of Baptism during the month of February:

Travis & Hillary Williams—son, Luke Owen and

Kyle & Katlyn Just—son, Kohen Everett.

Corvette Raffle Update

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