

MARCH 17, 2019 • SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

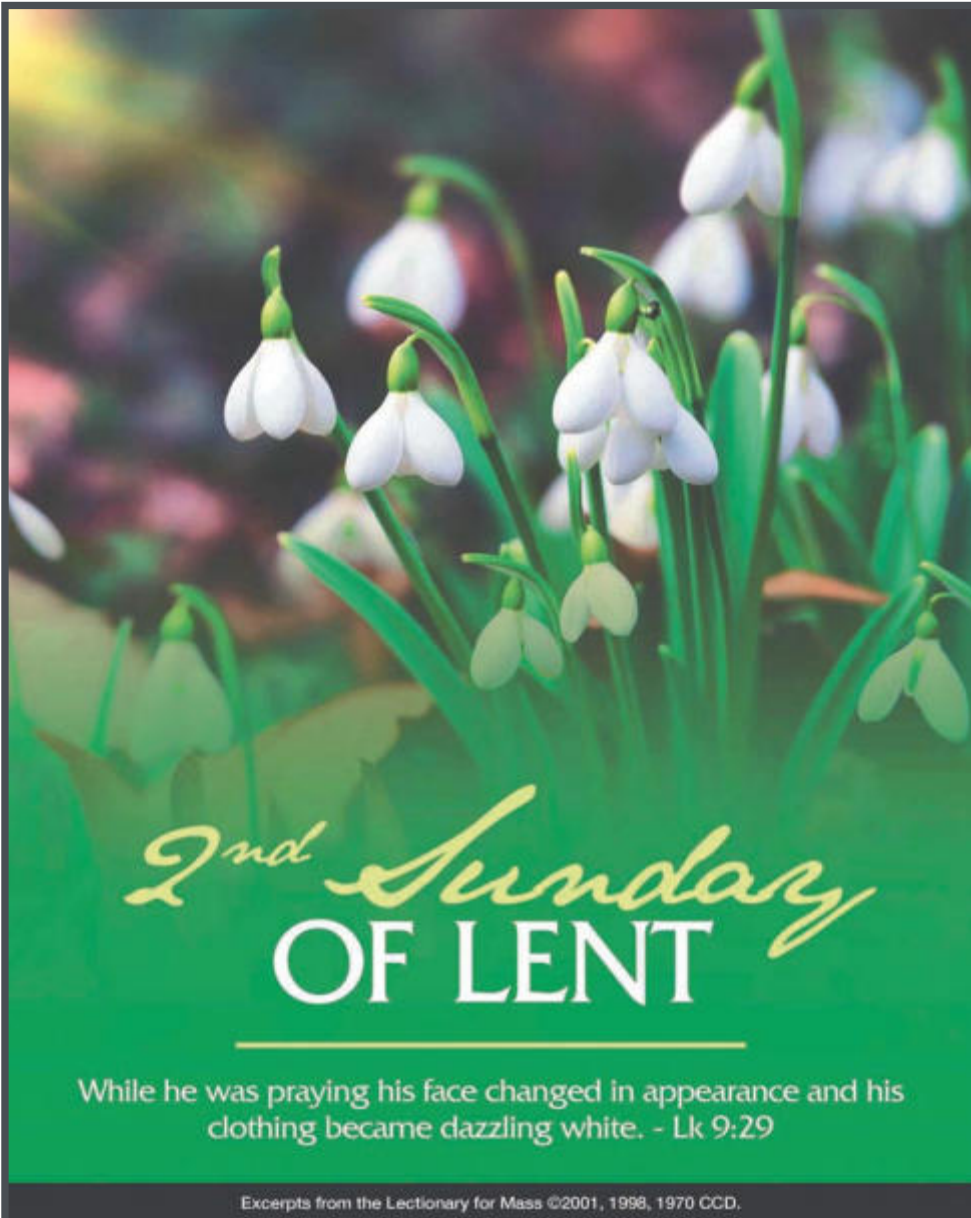


SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

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The mission of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church is to provide a place of Catholic worship, sacraments, spiritual guidance, education, love and support of all ages throughout our parish and community.

Parish Mission Statement



Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

When I was first in parish work, I remember the parish priest talking with the schoolchildren about the topic of Lent and prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. He asked them if any of them knew what fasting was. After a very long wait, one student raised his hand and said, "It is what I do when my Mom is mad at me. I run really fast!" The adults in the assembly burst into laughter.

Laughter is good. However, the Lenten devotions of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are very serious practices for us as we prepare to celebrate the Easter mysteries.

As our catechumens prepare for the Easter sacraments, we are called by the Church to model what it means to be a Catholic Christians. We are called, especially during this Lenten season, to pray, fast, and give from the wealth we have to those who need our assistance.

This season is not merely a season of obligation to act more intently as God calls us to act; it is a season of opportunity to practice the foundation of our faith more attentively: prayer, fasting, almsgiving.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16

4:00 pm (SJ) *† Carol Irwin

By Jim Irwin

6:00 pm (SM) † Richard V. Pedersen

By Altar & Rosary Society

Sunday, March 17

8:30 am (SM) * For the People of SM & SJ

10:15 am (SJ) † Willard Resh

By Rita Resh

Monday, March 18

8:30 am (SJ) *† Fr. William Budden

By Fr. Dennis

Tuesday, March 19

5:00 pm (SJ) * † Deacon Dave Wilbricht

By Jim Irwin

Wednesday, March 20

8:30 am (SM)† Deceased members of Duffy & Brus Families

By Michael & Linda Duffy

Thursday, March 21 • •

8:30 am (SJ) *† Gerald Murphy

By Paul & Judy Jackson

Friday, March 22

8:30 am (SM) * † Bessie Rife

By Carol Fischer

Saturday, March 23

4:00 pm (SJ) † Deacon Dave Wilbricht

By Knights of Columbus

6:00 pm (SM)*† Bill Young

By Mike Kruger Family

Sunday, March 24

8:30 am (SM) † Delbert Ertmer

By Rose Ertmer

10:15 am (SJ) * For the People of SJ & SM

*Pastor scheduled to celebrate

“*This is my chosen Son; listen to him*” (Luke 9:35b).

Dear Friends in Christ,

In our Gospel this weekend, we hear about the Transfiguration, when while praying on a mountain Jesus was briefly shown in glory along with Moses and Elijah. A vision of this was given to Peter, John, and James, who were praying with Jesus there. This event helped these close disciples of Jesus put their faith in him as the Father’s chosen Son, even as Jesus was about to be rejected by the authorities and condemned to suffer and die. The Father’s direction to those disciples, and to all of Jesus’ disciples, is that we should “listen to him,” which entails not only listening but revering and obeying Jesus as God’s chosen Son. May God help us through our Lenten prayers and practices to draw closer to Jesus, and put faith in him rather than those influences that would separate us from him, especially the flesh, the world, and the devil.

Some of the local churches have expressed interest in assisting families with temporary distress, through an organization called “Safe Families for Children.” This could involve, for example, babysitting, running errands, preparing meals, or actually having temporary care of a child in one’s home. More information about this organization can be found at <https://safe-families.org>. If anyone might consider volunteering in some capacity with this charitable organization, please call the office or send us an e-mail. If enough people in our area express an interest in helping out, a representative of the organization will come and make a presentation and give more details about how people can help families through this program.

If you have not already done so, please contact your Illinois representative and senator to ask them to vote "no" on the bills that would remove current protections for (1) unborn children over a certain gestational age, (2) parents to notice of their minor daughter's seeking to get an abortion, (3) the consciences of health care professionals who wish not to participate in or refer women for abortions, and (4) women getting abortions, to have them done in inspected medical facilities by physicians. More information on this matter and how to contact your elected representatives can be found at www.ilcatholic.org. Three of the six Catholic dioceses in Illinois (including our diocese, the Rockford Diocese) will be travelling to Springfield this Wednesday, March 20th, to meet with a representative of the Illinois Catholic Conference and then with our Illinois representatives and senators to ask them to oppose these bills. Please call the office or send us an e-mail if you are willing to take the time to stand up for life in this way.

This Sunday we will show a movie that tells a true story of how society's unwillingness to face the evils of abortion can and did lead to infanticide and other injustices. It also can serve as a cautionary tale to what we might expect in Illinois if the bills under consideration become law. We will present that movie at 2:00 PM on Sunday, March 17th, in the hall at St. Mary's in Elizabeth. While not suitable for young children, teens might benefit from watching it. The movie runs about 90 minutes, and we hope to have a short discussion period afterwards. Please come if you are able.

In Christ,

Fr. Dennis



Respect Life Corner

Word Of Life

For parents placing their children for adoption: May they encounter the Father’s love through our words and actions; We pray to the Lord.



St. Anne Society

St. Anne Society meets monthly in Hanover at St. John’s church hall.

Knights of Columbus

Fr. Ron Conro Knights of Columbus meet the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the church hall at The Church of St. Mary in Elizabeth.



Stewardship Report Mar 10th & 11th

Envelopes 1195.00

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Parish and Community News

We will be collecting International Appeal envelopes for a few more week ends. If you have not made your contribution and still wish to, please drop yours in the regular collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.

Collection Counters:

Please be sure and check the red bag in the right hand side of my desk in the rectory. Many times there are checks put there to be deposited with the collection. There should always be two counters each week. The money should be counted by Monday and taken to the bank, so I have this report to put in the bulletin. Always bring the receipt from the bank so I have something to compare to. If you are unable to count, please find a substitute. Any questions, please call Karen at the office 815-291-4189.

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Mass Schedule*

Weekday

Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: 5:00pm (SJ)
Wednesday: 8:30am (SM)
Thursday: 8:30am (SJ)
Friday: 8:30am (SM)

Weekend:

Saturday: 4:00pm (SJ) 6:00pm (SM)
Sunday: 8:30am (SM) 10:15am (SJ)

First Thursday-8:30AM-Mass, Holy Hour and Healing Service (SJ)

First Friday-8:30AM-Mass, Holy Hour & Healing Service (SM)

* Subject to change due to holy days

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9:00-10 am (SM), 3:15-3:45pm (SJ) or by appointment. Contact St. Mary's office for an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples must call Fr. Morrissy to begin their preparation at least six months before their wedding date.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call Fr. Morrissy to begin preparation.

Sick or Hospitalized

Please notify Fr. Morrissy of family members who are ill or in the hospital.

Pregnant?

There are alternatives to abortion!
If pregnant and in need of assistance, call 1-800-848-love. For local assistance, call the Freeport Pregnancy Center at 815-232-5433.

(SJ)-St. John • (SM)-St. Mary

Liturgical Roles Sat. Mar 23

Lector K. Mulholland
EM JoAnn Nolan
Sacristan S. Cottral

Sun Mar 24

Lector J. Kuzniar
EM L. Kuzniar
Sacristan M. Wild
Altar Serv. Cora

READINGS OF THE WEEK

March 17, 2019

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14[1a]/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

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