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February 28, 2021

Parish Office Hours: 8:30am-3:30pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
CLOSED WEDNESDAY



2nd Sunday
OF LENT

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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. - Mk 9:2-3

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

February 28, 2021

The Lord give you peace!

As I said in a Homily following the recent elections, Catholics must be vigilant not to be confused by the dubious rhetoric of our newly elected officials professing a desire for the *healing* and *unity* of our nation as a platform for advancing ideology and laws that are extreme, divisive, and contrary to privacy, safety, and good medical practice. On his very first day in office, President Biden signed a radically divisive executive order mandating the transgender agenda.

The mandate says:

- “Children should be able to learn without worrying about whether they will be denied access to the restroom, the locker room, or school sports.”
- “People should be able to access health care and secure a roof over their heads without being subjected to sex discrimination.”

In reality, it means:

- Girls who identify as boys must be allowed in boys' restrooms and locker rooms and to compete in the boys' athletic competitions and visa-versa.
- Men who identify as women must be allowed in women-only spaces including domestic violence shelters. Health care plans must pay for gender transition medications and procedures, while doctors and hospitals must perform them or face discrimination lawsuits.

A statement by five Catholic bishops, representing various committees from the U.S Conference of Catholic Bishops, described the order as “misguided” and a threat to religious freedom.

To find out more about what the order does and what Catholics need to know about President Biden's executive order on gender identity, I invite you to check out this helpful website which provides formation, resources, and pastoral guidance on issues of faith, “gender,” and sexual identity: <https://personandidentity.com/>.

I urge you to read the bill coming up before Congress which has nothing to do with “equality,” or with extending the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which is how it is being dubiously touted. If you are concerned as I am, please write to your legislators using this simple tool designed to easily contact them:

[https://www.votervoice.net/mobilr/LifesiteNews/campaigns/80922/respond?ct=t\(VV-EQUALITY-ACT-2-19-21\)](https://www.votervoice.net/mobilr/LifesiteNews/campaigns/80922/respond?ct=t(VV-EQUALITY-ACT-2-19-21))

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 1–Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm Intentions of St. Vincent de Paul Members

TUESDAY, March 2–Lenten Weekday

7:00 am †Olga Katus by Delores & Keith Rockey

WEDNESDAY, March 3–Lenten Weekday

7:00 am †Jean Quigley by Pat Pamatmat

5:30 pm ††Gladys & Joe Tony by Ken & Carol Unes

THURSDAY, March 4–Lenten Weekday

7:00 am †Juliana Szentes by Family

10:0 am **School Mass:** †John Robert Buoy by the Sanderson Family

FRIDAY, March 5–Lenten Weekday

7:00 am ††Agnes & John Zarr, Sr. by John Zarr III

5:30 pm †Mary Brocksmith by the Sanderson Family

SATURDAY, March 6–Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Intentions of Joan Kirchgessner by Friend

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, March 6

5:00 pm Our Parish Community

SUNDAY, March 7

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Joe Jochman

10:30 am †Kenneth Sanderson by Joann Murphy

The Sanctuary Lamp intention for the week of February 27-March 5, 2021:
We remember in our daily prayers
†Edwin Kirchgessner
as offered by Family.



You may also have recently heard of Gov. Pritzker's proposed cut to the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship program. As you know, this program has been a blessing for us here at Holy Family as well as for other students throughout Illinois as an effective state program for low-income and working-class families. Scholarship recipients have been attending high quality, non-public schools, and students at Catholic schools have surpassed nationally-certified benchmarks. Please write to Governor Pritzker to reconsider his decision and work towards expanding educational opportunities that have proven achievement measures that lead to a successful future instead of restricting them.

See you at Mass!

Fr. Paul Joseph



SCRIP NEWS

Because of COVID I have not been able to sell Scrip after 8:00 Mass.

However, Scrip is available for sale in the Friary during regular office hours. We have an inventory we sell from but special orders are also welcome. I put orders in on Monday at 11:00am and they are here by Thursday for pick up.

Also, if you haven't already, please register your Kroger Plus card to Holy Family. We get money from them every time your card is swiped. Go to [krogercommunityrewards](#) and use #EK628 to connect it to Holy Family.

Questions? I'm happy to answer them!
Karin Simmons
Karin@karin-mike.com

Readings:

Week of March 1-7

- Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday:** Is 1:10,16-20/Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
- Friday:** Gn 37:3-4,12-13a/Mt 21:33-43,45-46
- Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15,18-20/Lk 15:1-3,11-32
- Next Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3,7-8,12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2,5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19-26,39a,40-42

PRAY FOR FRANCISCAN VOCATIONS

Sharon Knapp will have the Franciscan vocation picture and say the prayers for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially to the Conventual Franciscans of Saint Bonaventure Province.

Please sign up for this important ministry opportunity in the vestibule.
Questions, please call: the parish office 688-3720.



REGULATIONS FOR LENT

Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. Priests, religious and laity are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, attentiveness to prayer, and especially to works of charity and mercy.

Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021, and all the Fridays of Lent.

Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021, and Good Friday, April 2, 2021.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.

Pre-Registration is now open for the 2021-2022 school year!

Please fill out the google form to help us plan our needs for the upcoming year!!

COME JOIN OUR HOLY FAMILY!

<https://forms.gle/9i66kDhvwdXP22qw8>

If you have any questions contact our enrollment coordinator Lisa Auen at auen@peoriahfs.com

Thank you to our parishioner, Ted Wolgamot, for his reflections which will be found here in our bulletin and will give us an opportunity to go deeper into the readings for each week. Fr. Paul Joseph

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT)

“Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain And he was transfigured before them.”

Astonishing things happen on mountain tops. At least in Sacred Scripture they do.

So much so, in fact, that every time the Bible tells us someone is going “*up a mountain*,” it’s time to fasten your seatbelt. Right away you know something completely out of the ordinary, something utterly unique, something extraordinarily sacred is about to take place. And that’s just what happens in today’s gospel reading.

However, first, it is important to remember that up until this moment in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus is presented as someone who is exceptional, even remarkable. But he is also seen as human – a man who has amazed people with his miracles and his teachings, but who is still in many ways just like you and me. Then, out of nowhere, we are told that when Jesus reaches the top of a mountain with Peter, James, and John, “*his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.*” And we know now that we have left the humdrum ordinary and entered an experience that can only be described as “transcendent.” We have entered the realm of the “Holy.”

On the mountain, we are introduced to two of the most eminent of all Old Testament heroes: Moses and Elijah – both of whom had their own mountain top experiences. And up until this moment, Jesus’ disciples treated him like he was the equal of these great prophets of the ages. But then a cloud comes over the disciples and a “Voice” from the cloud says: “*This is my beloved Son ... listen to him.*”

What the disciples – and you and I – are being clearly told is that Jesus is more than a prophet, more than a wonder worker, more than any other holy person who ever existed – more than even Moses and Elijah. Jesus, we are told by this “Voice,” is unique in all human history, transcending all those who have gone before. He alone is God’s Son! Then, out of the cloud, comes the only directive that the “Voice” from heaven gives. Notice that it is not “worship him.” It is not “adore him.” It is not even “praise him.” Instead, it is a much more intimate, caring command: “*Listen to him.*” Follow him. Do as he does. Love what he loves. Allow the experience to transform your hearts, to bring about a Spirit transplant.

This “Voice” from the heavens isn’t just informing us that Jesus is God’s Son to give us information. The “Voice” is encouraging us to understand and live out the message that we are all God’s sons and daughters, that despite some terrible sorrows and considerable pain that we may have to endure, we can now trust that in the end all will be well.

This whole experience reminds me of a late 1970’s hit movie: Close Encounters of the Third Kind. In it, Richard Dreyfus plays an everyday American man who becomes strangely attracted to an isolated area in the Wyoming wilderness. He is convinced that something spectacular is about to happen there. And in the last 30 minutes of the movie, something truly spectacular does: A giant ship begins to hover over this region. People witnessing it are dumbstruck – and terrified, like the disciples in today’s gospel story.

Who’s in the spaceship? Are they beings who have come to destroy us? Then the spaceship door opens.

And some unique figures emerge – figures filled with light – figures that emanate benevolence and kindness.

Dreyfus is “transfigured” by this experience. He is so captivated by it, in fact, that he abandons everything he’s certain of for something he knows nothing about.

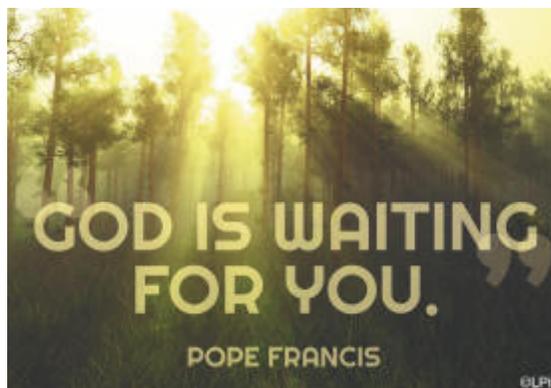
He runs to the light.

This is the kind of response the heavenly “Voice” is calling you and me to when we hear in today’s gospel that “*This is my beloved Son ... listen to him.*”

Listen.

And then follow – into the Light.

Ted Wolgamot, Psy.D.



FINANCE CORNER

If you would like to make contributions electronically, please contact our business office at (309) 688-3427 x 201

Anyone interest in a convenient method to make their regular Sunday contributions can use the link below. Here at Holy Family, we have implemented a secure website to accept your donations. The website for online donations is:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/peoriahollyfamily>

Thank you and God Bless you.

Feb-21

First Sunday	\$24,583.25
Second Sunday	\$7,053.00
Third Sunday	\$6,719.60
Fourth Sunday	
Fifth Sunday	

Monthly Total	\$38,355.85
Monthly Budget	\$51,500.00
Monthly Surplus (Shortfall)	\$(13,144.15)

Fiscal Year Total	\$418,280.31
Fiscal Year to Date Budget	\$442,000.00
Fiscal Year Surplus (Shortfall)	\$(23,719.69)

2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

2020 Contribution Statements are available upon request.

Did you know that over 90% of taxpayers file taxes using the “standard deduction”? The standard deductions for 2020 are \$12,400 for single filers and \$24,800 for those married filing jointly. If you have “itemizable expenses” (mortgage interest, medical expenses, charitable contribution, real estate taxes ...) more than these amounts you will need to provide a statement of charitable contributions to your tax professional. No statement is required if you are filing using the “standard deduction”.

Please contact the parish office if you need a statement.

Shrinking your Tax Bill

We have two opportunities to shrink your tax bill and help Holy Family:

Charitable Contributions directly from your retirement account. Did you know that if you make charitable contributions directly from your retirement account, you avoid paying taxes on those distributions? You can make Holy Family part of your RMD plan.

Invest in Kids Scholarships.

Did you know that you can donate money (or stock) to support scholarships for financially needy families and get an Illinois State tax credit for 75% of every dollar donated? The Invest in Kids Act of 2017 does just that. We have had donations totaling \$180,327.00 since the program began.

For information on either of these programs, you can call Mike Simmons in our parish office. His number is 309-688-3427 x201.

ADOPT A STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

We are in our tenth year of the Faith in our Family “Adopt a Student” Scholarship. Over the previous nine years, parishioners have donated over \$200,000 to fund the scholarships, and Catholic Education has been made more affordable for many, many families. If you would like to donate this year please clip out the pledge card and return it to the parish office.



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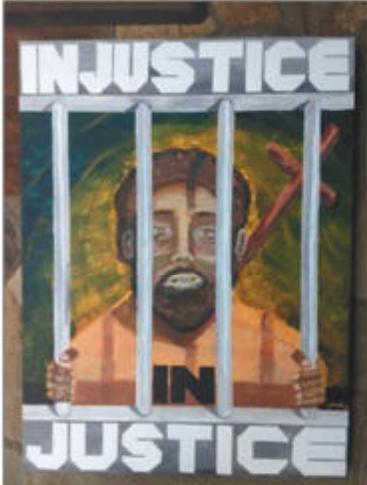
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The Injustice In Justice



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

This Lent during the Stations of the Cross services there will be comparative reflections of “The Injustices In Justice” inflicted on our Lord over 2000 years ago to “The Injustices In Justice” we today inflict on others – especially on those that are incarcerated.

The one-hour services will include: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; a reflection on “The Injustices In Justice”; Stations of The Cross; and Benediction.

Presenters of the reflections will include representatives of Prison Cursillo and the Jobs Partnership Reentry Program.

WHERE:

Holy Family Catholic Church
Peoria, IL 61615

WHEN:

February 19, 26 and March 5, 12, 19, 26
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm



Jesus is Condemned

Feb. 19th Reflection: With biases they **unjustly** condemned Jesus, and today we too **unjustly** condemn with our biases.



Simon carry's Jesus' Cross

Mar. 12th Reflection: We all need help with our crosses. How do we help others with our time, talent, and treasures?



Jesus accepts His Cross

Feb. 26th Reflection: Jesus responded with forgiveness to the **Injustice** of His Cross. How do we respond to our crosses?



Jesus is stripped

Mar. 19th Reflection: He was stripped, yet He forgave. Today, how do we unjustly hurt others? When we are unjustly hurt, how do we forgive?



Jesus Falls

Mar. 5th Reflection: The trauma of His Cross and how do we respond to the traumas that cause us to fall again and again.



Jesus dies on The Cross

Mar. 26th Reflection: Today we can obtain the same promise of paradise, as did St. Dismas.



MARY AND MARTHA SOCIETY

I hope that all of you are staying healthy and warm this winter. Luckily we did not have a February meeting scheduled because it was definitely cold and snowy that week. Our next meeting is on March 11th, starting with Mass being said for Fr. Tony at 10 am. After Mass we will go to Trailside event center at 4416 N Prospect Rd. Peoria Heights in the Trefzger's Building. We will have a meeting and conclude with a St. Patrick's Day luncheon catered by Barrack's Cater Inn. The cost is \$12 per meal with a choice of chicken breast or corned beef with all the trimmings. You can also order those options as a to-go-lunch. Reservations are required by Friday, March 5th and can be made by calling Joyce Trompeter at 682-7703. Don't forget to wear green!

HOLY FAMILY MEN'S CLUB FISH FRY

Every Friday in Lent the Men's Club holds a fish fry. Carry out only between 4:00-7:00 p.m. Come and check it out!

MENU:

- Catfish
- Baked Fish
- Walleye
- 6 or 10 Shrimp
- All of the above with choice of baked potato or fries.

KIDS MENU:

- Pizza & Fries

Use this link to order in advance:

<http://church.peoriahollyfamily.com/parish-activities/fish-fry/>



MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Men's Club will have their next meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Steaks go on the grill at 6:00pm, meeting starts at 7:00pm

Those groups who are asking help from the Men's Club need to come for this meeting to put forth their request.

Money will be allocated later in the year according to availability.

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