A time to consider the giving up of what we are, for what we may become.
Message of the Week

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 and see the miraculous apparitions of Moses and Elijah. The entire mountain becomes a spiritual breakthrough. "A cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud." These symbols are present in the Old Testament. They are present on Mount Sinai when Moses prayed alone and received the 10 Commandments. Elijah had a similar experience when he prayed alone before God. 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!

Questions of the Week
How can I listen to Jesus over the next week? What is He telling me?
CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 11th
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM  Adoration in the Church
5:30 PM  - Mass
“Soup Supper” in Fr. Musch Hall
(“Free will offering for the Soup Suppers will be donated to the Missions”)

Wednesday, March 11th (6:30 PM)
North Side Communal Penance Service at St. Bridget Church -- 3811 Emerson Ave N.

Friday, March 13th (1:00 PM)
“Stations of the Cross” in the Church

Saturday, March 14th (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM)
Synod Prayer and Listening Event
St. Alphonsus Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baby Bottle Campaign for Abria Pregnancy Resources
Abria North Side provides life-affirming medical and personal support services, education, and resources for women and couples experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. You can help by picking up an empty “Baby Bottle” at the Church entrances. Please take it home and place checks, cash or change into the bottle and return it at the end of the Lenten Season. Checks may be payable to Abria. Thank you for your support.

The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ, Minneapolis Community

Invite men and women who, while still living their individual life style, respond to a call from God to live out their christian commitment by sharing in the life of prayer, mission and charism of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

When:  Saturday, March 21st
Time:  4:00 PM
Where:  OLV Convent

SYNOD 2021

There is still time. Archbishop Hebda would like to hear from you to discern and establish clear pastoral priorities and strengthen renewal within our Church. Please prayerfully consider attending the upcoming Prayer & Listening Event this Saturday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at St. Alphonsus Church

Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday, March 14th - 5:00 PM
Gen Hyde and Marlene Lussier

Sunday, March 15th - 9:30 AM
Lynette Scherber

LECTORS
Saturday, March 14th - 5:00 PM
Delores Wegner

Sunday, March 15th - 9:30 AM
Joe Lampe

Money Counters
Sunday, March 24th
Lynette and Kevin Scherber
and Cliff Szczech

**********Volunteers Needed**********

We are in need of new Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for our Masses. This would require volunteering at least once a month to help with these ministries. If you are interested, please call our Musical Director, Sharon Kosel at 763-245-9001. Thank You !!!

WEEKEND COLLECTION
February 29th / March 1st - $3,047.00

Pray for ... the sick in our community.
Our homebound and nursing home residents.
The deceased of our parish, especially Lou Hanus whose funeral was Saturday, March 7th and for the family and friends who mourn them.