

St. Richard's Catholic Church

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February 21, 2021
Liturgical Year B



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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." - Mk 1:14-15

1^{ER} DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

Después de que arrestaron a Juan el Bautista, Jesús se fue a Galilea para predicar el Evangelio de Dios y decía: "Se ha cumplido el tiempo y el Reino de Dios ya está cerca. Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio". - Mc 1, 14-15



We Need Your Feedback!

To make it easy for you to offer your input on the future of our Richfield Catholic parishes and school, we have a centralized email address and phone number, where you can leave a message and receive a personal response from a member of our leadership team. Just send your message to info@richfieldareacatholics.org or call 612-440-7573. Someone else might have the same question you do, in which case we will publish a response here in the bulletin!

Message from Nicole Adams Blume

After 10½ wonderful years serving this parish, I have accepted a new job opportunity. It has been an honor for me to serve with the professional ministry staff here and even more so you, the faithful parishioners. Over the past decade plus, I have witnessed so many developments in this community's service to God and one another, and I am so excited for you to be entering into this deeper collaboration with fellow Catholics in Richfield and surrounding area. This is a step I believe to be truly Spirit-led, and while I am saddened not to be part of it coming to fruition, I will be with you all in prayer. In closing, I repeat a quote from Tertullian that I shared in an article last March. The first thing he noticed about the second-century Christians and what I treasure so much about the St. Richard community is summed up in the statement, "See how these Christians love one another!"

Common Thread of Holy Saturday: How a Trauma Lens Can Unite and Strengthen our Catholic Church

Many people spend Holy Saturday (trauma's aftermath), by getting ready for Easter Sunday (triumphal new life), which reflects our overall unease with trauma (Good Friday). We forget that the resurrected Christ still carried his wounds. This online presentation by Amie Schumacher, M.Div., at 6:30pm on Thursday, **March 4**, or at 9:00am on Friday, **March 26**, will explore how use of a trauma lens can serve as a powerful witness. We will discuss pastoral responses that help or hurt and will close with a look at what a trauma-responsive Catholic Church might look like. There are no fees for these Theology Day Events from the Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary, but you need to register by at least five days in advance, via www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday or 320-363-3560, to get a link to the event.

Marriage in Christ At Home Seminar

The Marriage in Christ program has been changing lives for 11 years by helping couples make the Lord the center of their married life. Their new virtual 5-week experience consists of streaming videos, downloadable activity packets, and easy instructions to help couples pray, talk, and act together. The cost for this program is normally \$40, but for a limited time, it is free if you register before **March 31** at www.marriageinchrist.com. Think of the difference it will make for our parish and for the world as couples allow Christ to be the center of married life!



Thank You for Celebrating With Us!

Thank you to all of the volunteers to braved the frigid cold who helped out with the drive through Valentine/Mardi-Gras Ham dinner this past weekend, you are truly rock stars. We took in just over \$1,700. We hope to do more dinners in the future...if you have ideas or wish to help, please contact Barb Michaels-Rauen.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays



During Lent, we gather at 12noon in the church each Friday to pray the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome for this brief pause in your busy day to remember our journey alongside Christ and one another. We are mindful of safe personal distancing during this prayer time, but if you would

like to take some time to walk the stations by yourself or with your family, the church is open for self-guided Stations of the Cross from 5:00—7:00pm on Fridays.

It's Not Too Late to Practice Lent!

If you haven't yet decided on a Lenten practice or wish to dive deep into Lent this year in new ways, check out www.strichards.com/lent. In addition to Lenten Night Prayer with our parish musicians, you will find links to lecture series, scripture studies and book discussions hosted by our parishioners and archdiocesan leaders, podcasts and videos, daily scripture readings in text and audio format, in-person and virtual Stations of the Cross, and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation-- something for everyone! It is also not too late to sign up for one of our parishioner-facilitated groups at www.strichards.com/lenten-small-groups.

Drive-Up Communion Opportunities

On Sunday, **March 7**, we will again offer drive-up Communion at 11:15am. Please enter the parking lot through 76th Street, stay in your car with your mouth and nose covered, and sanitize your hands as the minister approaches. On Palm Sunday, **March 28**, we will offer both Eucharist and blessed palms via the 11:15am drive-up.



Lent Reconciliation

During Lent, Fr. Liekhus will be available for Confessions at 7:30am before daily Mass, which is Tuesday and Thursday mornings at St. Richard. This is in addition to the 9:00-9:30am time on Sunday mornings.

Lent Materials

We have daily prayer guides and other printed materials that you can pick up when you come to Mass. If you are not attending Mass, you may pick up materials next to the bulletins outside of door #3 or call our office to make other arrangements. You do not need to pay for these materials, but donations to offset our costs are appreciated.





Three Parish Communities—ONE Spirit!

Where to Buy Catholic Schools Raffle Tickets?

We are once again selling Catholic Schools Raffle tickets! We will be selling Catholic School Raffle tickets outside, socially distanced, in a drive up style next Sunday, **February 28**, 10:30-11:30am, here at St. Richard. Each ticket is \$5 and all money raised through sales stays at Blessed Trinity, through the generosity of Catholic United Financial! Watch the prize drawing live at 11:00am on March 11 at www.catholicunitedfinancial.org/raffle.

Let's Have Dinner Together!

Join us for lunch or dinner at a local restaurant and help us raise funds for Blessed Trinity! Mark your calendar for the following dates and times. For all these fundraisers, be sure to say you are part of the Blessed Trinity fundraiser to have a portion of your receipt donated to BT!

March 10, 5:00-8:00pm at My Burger

April 14, 11:00am-8:00pm at Firehouse Subs

May 18, 4:00-8:00pm at Davanni's Richfield

SnoBall Shuffle at St. Richard Next Week!

St. Richard is hosting this event on Sunday, **February 28**, at 10:30am. You can sign-up to walk with us as a community or participate virtually. You will need to register to receive your special SnoBall shuffle spirit wear. Registration is \$25 per person or for a family with one BT student; \$50 for a family with 2 or more students. Registration includes: BT Tiger stocking cap for each student, hot cocoa and cookie, Sno*ball craft-to-go, dance break and photo station. Details and registration www.btcsmn.org/snoball-shuffle.

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Our Lord Jesus Christ...

*May we see you more **CLEARLY**
LOVE YOU MORE Dearly*

*Follow you more **NEARLY***



Sacramental Information

www.strichards.com/sacraments

Reconciliation—Sundays 9:00-9:30am or by appointment.

Sacrament of **Baptism**—First see www.strichards.com/baptism, complete first steps, and then contact Beth Gaetz

First Eucharist or Confirmation—Contact Susie Osacho in the parish office to register for Faith Formation

Marriage—Couples contact Fr. Liekhus or Cindy Nedved at least six months in advance

Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for Adults (**RCIA**)—Contact Susie Osacho in the Faith Formation office

Sacrament of **Anointing**—Twice annually; emergencies by appt



Liturgy Schedule

Weekend Masses at St. Richard

Saturday 5:00pm & Sunday 10:00am

Weekly registration required for in-person weekend liturgies

www.strichards.com/mass-sign-up

8am Daily Masses

Monday & Saturday at St. Peter

Tuesday & Thursday at St. Richard

Wednesday & Friday at Assumption

Reconciliation at St. Richard

Sundays 9:00-9:30am

Tuesday & Thursday 7:30am during Lent

Online Mass

www.strichards.com/from-home

Drive-Up Eucharist at St. Richard

Sundays, **March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, 11:15am**

St. Richard Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 20	Elaine Northrup†
Sunday, February 21	For the Parish
Tuesday, February	Open
Thursday, February	Open
Saturday, February	Open
Sunday, February	For the Parish

Prayer Request *Petición de Pración*

St. Richard's prayer network consists of many parishioners who pray daily for the needs and concerns of our community, as well as offering prayers of thanksgiving. **Please print clearly. Por favor imprime claramente.**

Place your request in the collection basket at Mass or send it to the parish office. To respect privacy, we only print last names of prayer recipients if requester is an immediate family member.



Message from Fr. Liekhus

The formation of our combined Parish Council is moving into the next stage. Thank you to those who submitted nominations; everyone who was nominated has been invited to a group meeting to hear more about the vision for our combined Parish Council, and to ask any questions they might have.

If you meant to nominate someone, but didn't get around to it, there's still time! There are more group meetings scheduled for this upcoming week, so please submit those names.

As a reminder, I envision the role of the Parish Council as helping us to stay focused on our mission of making disciples. This means both reaching out to make new disciples, and helping those already here to grow as disciples. Knowledge of how we already accomplish this at each parish will be important, as will be the ability to then set aside individual parish affinity and consider the good of the whole.

This will take a lot of creative thinking and openness to the Holy Spirit! Please continue to pray that those with gifts of vision and leadership will prayerfully consider stepping forward to join our combined Parish Council.

Prayer for Discernment

God our Father,
You have a plan for each one of us,
You hold out to us a future full of hope.

Give us the wisdom of your Spirit
so that we can see the shape of your plan in
the gifts You have given us,
and in the circumstances of our daily lives.

We make this prayer through
Christ our Lord.

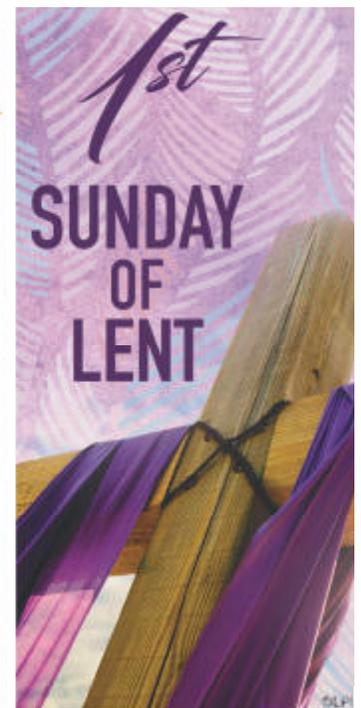
WEEKLY PRAYER

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



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and believe
in the gospel.*

— MARK 1:15

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