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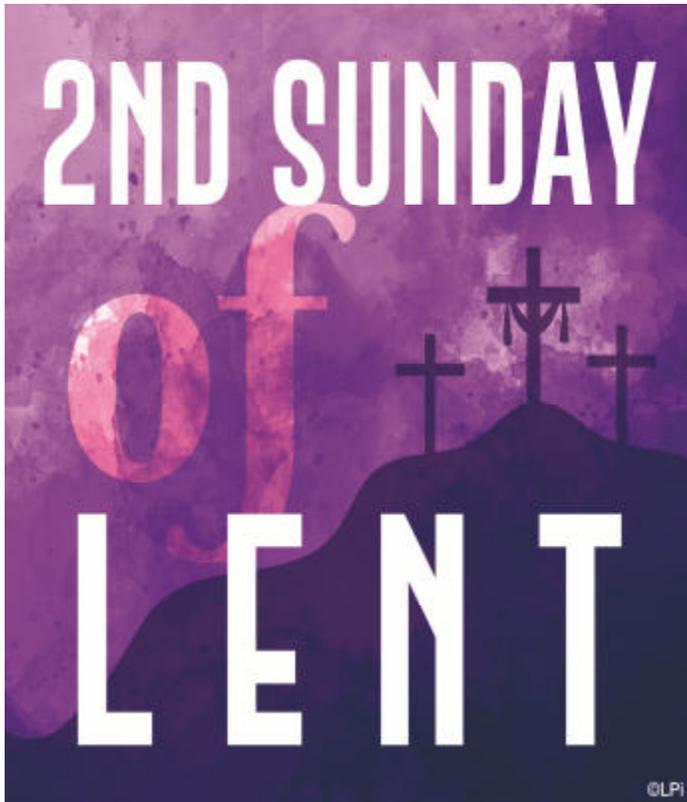


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Sunday Masses: 5:00 PM, 9:00 AM, and 2:00 PM (Misa)
Confessions: 5:00-5:25 PM Tues, 3:30-4:30 PM Sat

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February 28, 2021



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 and sacrifices are no longer novelties — they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear and for which to devote our time. 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. Additionally, 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.

Continue your prayer. Continue your almsgiving. Continue your prayer. You are being transformed with the pillars of Lent. If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?

Prayer

During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture.

"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." -St. Therese of Lisieux

Almsgiving

The call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is a witness to charity and a work of justice pleasing to God.

During Lent, your family may want to choose a special charity to donate to. Some families have a simple meal, such as soup, once a week during Lent and donate the money saved by having a simple inexpensive meal, to a favorite charity.

Almsgiving builds community mindfulness.

Fasting

Fasting is a means of saving resources to give to the poor. Fasting means eating only one full meal, with snacks or smaller meals allowed at two other times through the day. Abstinence means not eating meat.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence. Catholics aged 18-59 are called to fast on these two days. Catholics aged 14 and older are called to abstain from eating meat.

Fridays during Lent are days of Abstinence. Catholics aged 14 and older are called to abstain from eating meat.

"Denying material food, which nourishes our body, nurtures an interior disposition to listen to Christ and be fed by His saving word. Through fasting and praying, we allow Him to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God." —Pope Benedict XVI

Parish Opportunities and News



**THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!
AVALANCHE IN NORTHFIELD!!!!**



Dear Parishioners! Your love for God and neighbor IS a true sign of love throughout our community!!!!

Your generosity is abundant!!!! Outside, it may have been -26* on Valentine's Day, but inside the care centers was an abundance of warmth!!! Your thoughtfulness, your cheer, your beauty, your love and care for seniors and their care givers truly warmed their hearts!!! St Therese of Lisieux says, "never get tired of doing little things for others. Sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part of their heart. Each of you did your part to bring about this avalanche of love. THANK YOU!!!! THANK YOU!!!! THANK YOU!!!!"



Join in the Rosary Before Mass

Starting this weekend (Feb. 20-21) the Rosary will be prayed before each weekend Mass. 4:30pm on Saturdays and 8:30am and 1:30p.m. on Sundays. All are welcome to pray, whether the whole Rosary or a decade, in the Church Sanctuary. Rosary resources are available at the church entrance.

Lenten Friday Prayer in Church Sanctuary

Please join us in the Sanctuary *each Friday during Lent* (excluding Good Friday) for worship.

5:00–6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5:20–5:50pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00-8:00pm (only on 2/26, 3/19, 4/16)

—Continued Adoration, scripture reading & reflection, and reconciliation with beautiful music provided by St. Olaf Catholic Women.

Annunciation—Stations of the Cross

Annunciation Church of Hazelwood will have Stations of the Cross at 7 pm on Fridays of Lent (excluding Good Friday) in the church parking lot. Stay in your car and tune in your radio to 88.9 FM All are welcome.

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner—Miesville

St. Joseph's in Miesville will have a corned beef and cabbage dinner on Sunday, March 14 from 9:30a.m. to 1:00p.m. Serving corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, homemade Irish soda bread, and dessert. \$12 per meal. Pre-order only. Curbside pick up. Order online at www.stjosephmiesville.com.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary
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February 27, 1971

May God bless you and your marriage.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will meet Thursday, March 4, 2021. Due to the ability for more spacing, the meeting will be in the large classroom in the lower level of the church. Rosary begins at 6:30p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7:00p.m.

Easter Flowers

You are invited to remember you loved ones with a donation for our Easter flowers (suggested donation: \$20). Envelopes are available at the Welcome Center or you may provide your own with "In memory of..." and "From..." written on the envelope.

Return the envelopes in the weekend collection or to the Parish Office, 216 Spring St. N. Northfield MN 55057



Parking Lot Communion

On Tuesday, March 2, Fr. Tim will offer Holy Communion, along with the Sacraments of Anointing and Reconciliation at about 6 PM (immediately following 5:30pm Misa) in the Church parking lot. This is for those unable to get to Church for the Eucharist, those who are aged or ill, but have a family member to bring them.

Fr. Tim will be located at the end of the sidewalk area by the main door to celebrate these Sacraments. Cars should enter the lower level parking lot and 'line up' in one direction, facing west (near the main door), so as to exit onto Linden Street afterwards. Please remember that others will be leaving after mass, so do not block any parked vehicles.

Adoration At St Dominic

All are welcome to Eucharistic Adoration every Friday from 7:30a.m. until 6:00p.m. During this time, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the chapel on the altar in the monstrance. Come and visit Jesus, to pray, or to just sit quietly. Stay as long as you want—5 minutes or 5 hours. All are welcome. Covid protocol is followed.

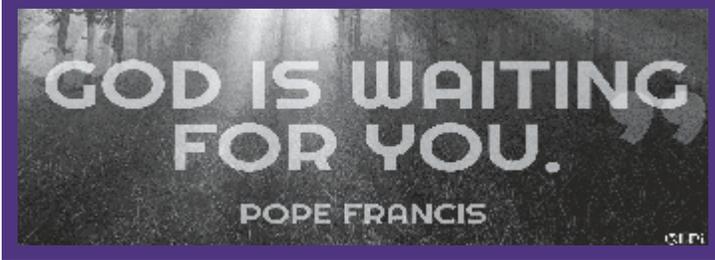
St Dominic School

Mrs. Karen Grieger is part of our kitchen staff. She grew up in Inver Grove Heights. She has spent a lot of time with her grandma and uncle, and made many trips to NJ/NY to visit family. Karen spent most of her summers out there until she was 18. Karen and her husband Michael have three children Annabelle (14), Gabriel (12), and Lillian (7). She enjoys baking, cooking and crafting especially around the holidays.



Mrs. Grieger's first job was doing day camps for the city of Inver Grove Heights. She then went to work at Children's World Learning Center and was a lead teacher in the toddler and the school age rooms. She was also the cook at the center. She loved that job as it combined her love of working with kids and her passion for cooking. After being blessed to be a stay at home mom for 14 years, last year she joined Mary in the kitchen and loves every minute of her day here at school.

**WORSHIP & MEDITATION
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021**



A Reading from the Book of Genesis

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."

A Reading from the Book of Romans

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.

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

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.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

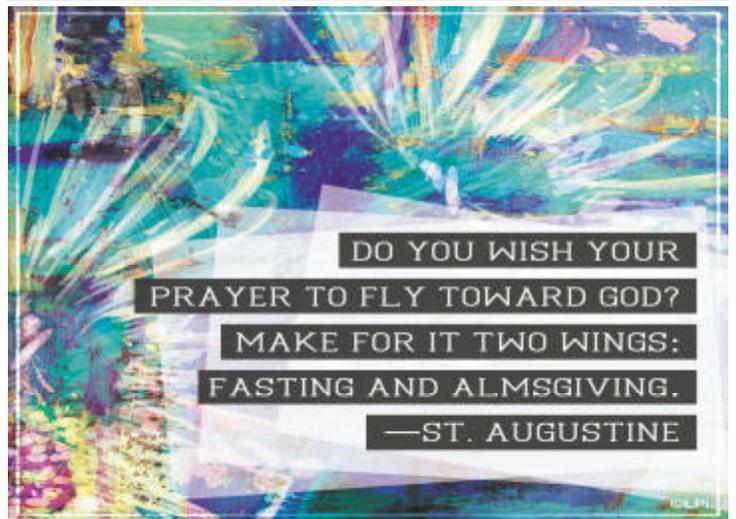
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer Requests...



Please pray for Heidi, Brian L., Peggy McDonnell and all those on the Church of St. Dominic Prayer list.

If you would like to add someone's name to the prayer list, please call the Parish Office at 507-645-8816.



NEXT WEEK: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Readings for Sunday, March 7, 2021

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

~John 2

Ex 20:1-17, Psalm 19:8-11,
1 Cor 1:22-25, John 2:13-25



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

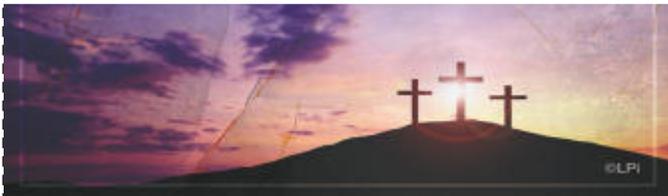
Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

How do we establish the date for Easter?

Answer:

We know that Christmas is December 25 every year. Easter on the other hand, can be anytime from late March to the middle of April. Have you ever wondered how we determine when we will celebrate Easter each year? Well, in the year 325, bishops at Nicea developed a complex formula that placed the date for Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the first day of spring. We then back off from that date to determine when Lent will begin. Simple....right?



History of Lent

The word Lent itself is derived from the Anglo-Saxon words lencten, meaning "Spring," and lenctentid, which literally means not only "Springtide" but also was the word for "March," the month in which the majority of Lent falls.

The 40 days of Lent correspond to the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness to fast, pray, and endure the temptations of the devil, all in preparation for his public ministry which would culminate in his death on the cross.

The number "40" has always had special spiritual significance regarding preparation. On Mount Sinai, preparing to receive the Ten Commandments, "Moses stayed there with the Lord for 40 days and 40 nights, without eating any food or drinking any water" (Ex 34:28). Elijah walked "40 days and 40 nights" to the mountain of the Lord, Mount Horeb (another name for Sinai) (1 Kgs 19:8). Most importantly, Jesus fasted and prayed for "40 days and 40 nights" in the desert before He began His public ministry (Mt 4:2).

In 313 AD, the Emperor Constantine issued the Edict of Milan, which legalized Christianity and ended persecution: 10 years later, it had become the official religion of the Roman Empire. In the year 325, the First Council of Nicea set the formula for determining the date of Easter and formalized Lent much like it is today.

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Sat. Feb 27	5:00 PM	† Mark Malecha
Sun. Feb 28	9:00 AM	† Lillian Langan
	2:00 PM	For the Parish (Misa)
Mon. Mar 1	5:30 PM	† Thomas Feltes
Tues. Mar 2	5:30 PM	† Almos del purgatorio
Wed. Mar 3	8:20 AM	For St. Dominic School
Thurs. Mar 4	5:30 PM	† Curt Olesen
Fri. Mar 5	7:00 AM	† Marie Guth
Sat. Mar 6	5:00 PM	† John & Patricia Dudley
Sun. Mar 7	9:00 AM	† Patricia & Joseph Hanzlik
	2:00 PM	For the Parish (Misa)

At this time, the Wednesday (School) Mass is not open to the public. To schedule a Mass Intention for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office at 507-645-8816.



Mar 6 — 5 PM Mass

Mass Coordinator Chris Barth

Pianist Caroline Priore

Ushers Lavergne Adelman, Lynn Ziegler, Pat Ziegler

Lector Allison Murphy

EMHC TBD

Videographer Ashley/Anna Imdieke

Mar 7 — 9 AM Mass

Mass Coordinator Kevin Bauer

Pianist Emily Deutsch

Ushers Todd Feltes, Linden Feltes, John Noack

Lector Molly and Travis Roethler

EMHC TBD

Videographer Edith Lazaro

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