

# Third Sunday of Lent

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Jesus said to them in reply, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!”

— Lk 13:2-3



March 24, 2019 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH CHURCH

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Evening Vigil:** 5 pm

**Sunday:** 9 am & 11 am

**Holy Day:** As announced in the bulletin

**Weekday:** 8 am, M-T-W-F

**Rite of Infant Baptism:** Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Instruction. Please contact the Parish Office for dates and times Baptismal Classes are offered.

**Catechumenate/RCIA:** Adults and children of Catechetical Age Seeking Baptism and membership in the Church are invited to join, Monday evenings, 7pm.

**Rite of Penance:** Saturdays, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm, Sunday 10 am - 10:45 am, and by appointment.

**Marriage:** Couples need to make arrangements at least six months prior to wedding date.

### PHONE NUMBERS:

**Parish House:** 216-251-0300

**School:** 216-671-0535

**After Hours Emergency:** Please call the Parish House

**Website:** [www.sioa.weconnect.com](http://www.sioa.weconnect.com)

**FROM OUR PASTOR**

The Gospel Acclamation for this Sunday, echoes the very first words of Jesus' public ministry in Matthew's Gospel: "Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Repentance—the invitation to change our lives—is certainly at the heart of this Liturgical season.

Repentance is not simply an inner attitude. It must be "proven" through concrete acts—as St. John the Baptist proclaimed at the Jordan, "prove your repentance by bearing good fruit." We generously engage in the Lent works of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to show our repentance for our sins and to transform our selfishness into Christ-like selflessness.

The Collect for this Third Sunday of Lent calls prayer, fasting, and almsgiving a "remedy for sin" for they truly are part of the remedy—the healing—God desires for us. If sin has brought about a weakening of our wills, a clouding of our intellect, and a disordering of our desires, our Lenten penances will strengthen our wills to resist temptation, clear our intellect to judge rightly the things of earth, and reorder our desires to seek the things of God.



In the Gospel, Jesus says that the barren (fruitless) fig tree should be cut down. In one sense, He is speaking about the fruitless religious leaders of Israel, who were failing to bear fruit, that is, leading people to God and acknowledging Him as Lord. In another sense, He is speaking to us: to cut down the fruitless parts of our lives, and cultivate our spiritual lives so that they bear good fruit for the kingdom.

What sort of fruit? St. Paul lists the Fruit of the Spirit that should be evident in the lives of Christians who are rooted in the Lord: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, long-suffering, humility, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity. If our lives are lacking in these things, it is probably a sign that we have some repenting to do.

The Lord desires the lives of His people to be full of good fruit, to show that He is at work in the world. If we wish to bear good spiritual fruit, we do well to repent of sin, bringing our sins to the Sacrament of Confession, and pray more deeply, fast more assiduously, and give more generously, for the glory of God and salvation of souls.

My Sunday and Weekday homilies can be found at:  
<http://fatherkevinestabrook.blogspot.com>

-Fr. Estabrook

**THE 10th ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY GALA  
 A DECADE OF BLESSINGS AND A NEW BEGINNING**



By now you are aware that our Tenth Annual Gala is **Saturday 30 March** at LaCentre in Westlake. The Gala began in 2009 when it was recommended by the Diocese that we improve Mass attendance, strengthen parish finances, complete needed capital repairs, and remain dedicated to our outreach

ministries. We have worked very hard with the assistance of alumni and friends of Saint Ignatius of Antioch to insure that we take seriously the recommendations. Realizing that for many this is a sacrifice but you are sincere in our efforts to maintain our parish in this neighborhood, there are other ways you can assist if you are unable to attend. **We are in need of volunteers for the evening's event as well as items for the silent auction and wine (red or white) for one of the raffles.** We trust that with your support we will indeed make this a true celebration of a decade of blessings and a new beginning. Call the parish house if you are able to assist in any way at 216-251-0300.

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

During the month of February, we welcomed to Saint Ignatius of Antioch the following new members.



- ~ Reverend Mr. John Gregory
- ~ Kimberly & Ken Novak

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT IGNATIUS**

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>March 24</u>
Holy Land Gifts Sale	10 am-1 pm
St. Baldwick's Pancake Breakfast	10 am-12 pm
ACIES	2 pm
<u>Monday</u>	<u>March 25</u>
Counting Team "A"	9 am
Legion of Mary	<b>No Meeting</b>
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>March 27</u>
SVdP	7 pm
<u>Friday</u>	<u>March 22</u>
Stations of the Cross	7 pm
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>March 23</u>
Gala	6 pm

**TOWER LIGHTING**



During the month of March the church tower is illuminated in memory of: Jack and Donna Smith, from Jack Smith '73. May our tower always remain a beacon of light to the community.

**LENTEN REFLECTIONS W/ DR. TIM GRAY**



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**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

<b>Saturday</b> 3:30 - 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	<b>March 23, Lenten Weekday</b> <i>Confessions</i> Eleanore Solich
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 am 10:00 - 10:45 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm	<b>March 24, Third Sunday of Lent</b> Cindy & Greg Ward <i>Confessions</i> Norma Moorman Legion of Mary ACIES
<b>Monday</b> 8 am	<b>March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord</b> Paul Becker
<b>Tuesday</b> 8 am	<b>March 26, Lenten Weekday</b> Bernadette Ratcliffe
<b>Wednesday</b> 8 am	<b>March 27, Lenten Weekday</b> For the Living and Deceased members of the Masters, Tomasetti & McIlvaine families
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 28, Lenten Weekday</b> <b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Friday</b> 8 am  7 pm	<b>March 29, Lenten Weekday</b> Special Intention for the Altar & Rosary Society Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday</b> 3:30 - 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	<b>March 30, Lenten Weekday</b> <i>Confessions</i> Carol Frindt
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 am 10:00 - 10:45 am 11:00 am	<b>March 31, Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> People of the Parish <i>Confessions</i> Anna Mae Lesko

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

The Offertory for The Second Week of Lent was: \$ 4903.00

Parishioners also contributed:

- \$ 32.00 Pledge
- \$ 12.00 Votive Candles
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**SVDP NEWS**



So, how is your Lent going so far? Would you like a way to increase your prayer life and your charity to others? You can find both these things in membership in our St. Vincent de Paul conference. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, March 27 at 7 pm** in the Parish House, Lower Level. Come and see how you can fit into this ministry. We want to thank Jim Vorell, our past conference President, for all his great work. Jane Thill is our new President. We ask your prayers as Jane starts this new leadership role. Have any questions; call Jane at 440.779.0403 or Dolly at 440.336.6803. Thank you for your generous support of the ministry of St. Vincent de Paul. Our next basket collection will be the weekend of March 30 & 31.

**A LENTEN STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**



What comes to mind when you think of Lent and what it means to you as stewards of Christ?

I sometimes think of that old Sprint commercial where the guy says that famous line repeatedly. "Can you hear me now" over and over again. I think that Jesus is asking us the same question repeatedly but especially during Lent. He wants us to get know Him better. To have a relationship with Him so we can join Him in Heaven someday. Are we being good stewards by responding and listening to Him? Or are we ignoring Him and doing our own thing? TALK to Him!!! LISTEN to Him!!!

Thank you,  
Mark S. Suhajcik, a member of the Stewardship Council

**EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



An Easter Pancake Breakfast will be held this **Sunday March 24 from 10am-12pm** in the school cafeteria. There will be games, a 50/50, an Easter basket raffle! Bring your camera to take FREE pictures with the Easter Bunny! This event benefits the Stanley Kuzmickas Feeney Fund for Pediatric Cancer Research, a St Baldrick's Hero Fund. Adult Breakfast is \$5 and a Child Breakfast \$3. Help support a great cause and enjoy a delicious breakfast!

**HOLY LAND GIFTS**

There will be a display of hand carved items for sale after the **Masses on this weekend March 23 and 24**. Holy Land Gifts represents over a hundred Christian families whom make a living selling traditional olive wood handcrafts and religious articles. Thank you for supporting this project to keep Christians present in the Holy Land.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Join us every Friday during Lent at 7pm for Stations of the Cross in church.



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