

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 8, 2020

LIVING GOD'S WORD

God has called us to a holy life (1 Timothy 1:9). This week, as we journey with Jesus into the presence of the Father, listen for how the Father may be speaking to you now. Ask God to open your ears and eyes to recognize the beloved Son's presence.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 9, 2020

Monday, March 9, St. Frances of Rome
12:10PM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor
Tuesday, March 10
8:15AM Marie Schuelein
Wednesday, March 11
10:30AM Communion Service at Three Springs
6PM Communion Service in church
Thursday, March 12
NO MASS
Friday, March 13
8:15AM Barb Derickson by Bruce & Jessica
Saturday, March 14
5PM Pat Kickham by Kathy
Sunday, March 15
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK MARCH 8 THRU MARCH 15

Sunday	9AM Mass PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM Lenten Study in library after 9AM Mass
Monday	8:15AM Mass in Rectory Dining Room 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Veg. Soup/Grilled Cheese/Fried Chicken
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 1-4)
Wednesday	10:30AM Com. Service at Three Springs 6PM Lenten Com. Service in church
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass
Saturday	4:30PM Stations of the Cross 5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: The Holy Land is filled with sunshine. How did the radiance of the sunshine impact Jesus' youngest images of his God as Father? Jesus rested by the Sea of Galilee that shimmers in the midday sun. Jesus climbed Mt. Tabor that radiates with light. Jesus prayed on the Mount of Olives, where the clouds and the sky gleam with vibrant color. The Word became flesh in a place of luminous beauty. In today's readings, Abram and Paul and the apostles have glimpsed that radiance. The apostles see it in the person of Jesus, transfigured in front of them. He is dazzling! He is radiant! He is bright! This is the deeper reality of the glory of the Son of God. We may have also seen flickers of God's glory. Yet more radiance surrounds us than meets the eye. What we may have glimpsed is as faint as the light of a candle compared to the brilliance of the sun. The dazzling One surrounds us and enfolds us at all times. The holy Light will transform us if we let it.

TITHE WEEK OF MARCH 1, 2020

Mary Help of Christians: \$7,003.00
\$478.00 Cemetery; \$1,102.00 Ash Wednesday;
\$421.00 Black & Indian Mission; \$191.00 Sr. Anne Irose;
\$100.00 Donation; \$50.00 Child Env.; \$13.00 Votives
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithes: \$6,424.32
Fiscal Year Week: 35
YTD Actual Giving: \$224,851.00
YTD Budget Need: \$245,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$20,149.00)
YTD Weekly: (\$575.69)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: God is more brilliant than we can ever imagine, and we will see flickers of that brilliance if we open our eyes of faith.

SERVERS SCHEDULE for March 14 & 15: 5PM, Nate Maes, Logan McDonald; 9AM, Gage Hopkins, Garret Hopkins, Jared Landeros

CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL supports 16 ministries and programs that serve thousands of people every day throughout our Belleville Diocese. Your one-time gift or pledge can be made today or anytime in the weeks ahead utilizing the response card you received in the mail. You may donate online at www.diobelle.org. Every gift-large or small- is truly needed and appreciated. Please reflect prayerfully on how you and your family have been blessed and choose to support this year's CSMA. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated so generously to the Black & Indian Mission collection last weekend.

PARISH LENTEN STUDY will be held in the school library on Sunday, March 8, after the 9AM Mass.

LENTEN COMMUNION SERVICE will be Wednesday, March 11, at 6PM in church.

COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR will be sponsored by Buena Vista National Bank and Memorial Hospital on Friday, March 13, from 7:30-11:30AM at 1309 Swanwick Street. Testing will include cholesterol, glucose, and blood pressure. Participants are automatically entered to win a Fitbit Alta! Admission is \$2.00 per person.

K OF C FISH FRY Friday, March 13, from 4:30-7PM. This week's fish fry will benefit Toys for Tots. The fish fry on March 20 will be for St. Mary's Dinner Auction.

ST. MARY'S PTO SPRING CASH & QUILT BINGO will be held in the SMS gym on Sunday, March 15, at 1PM. Doors open at 10:30AM. Cafeteria will open for lunch at 11AM.

PRESCHOOL/DAYCARE REGISTRATION will be held on Wednesday, March 18, from 1-5PM in the SMS library. First time enrollments need to provide child's birth certificate and a copy of child's immunization records. Registration fee is \$50. We offer 3 & 4 year old preschool classes from 8AM-Noon daily (includes hot lunch) and follows the regular school calendar. Children must be 3 or 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020 to attend class this fall. Full-time preschool/daycare is offered 5 days a week from 6:30AM-5:00PM. If Wednesday, March 18, does not work for you, please call Eleanor Clendenin (826-2134) and she will gladly make other arrangements.

WEST VICARIATE COUNCIL of Catholic Women will hold their Spring Day of Recollection on Wednesday, March 18, at Mary Help of Christians. Registration will begin at 9AM in the K of C Hall. Cost is \$9. Sr. Leona Luechtefeld will speak in the morning. Mass will be before lunch. In the afternoon, the speaker will be from Hospice of Southern Illinois. For more information, contact Joan Derringer (618-534-6697). All ladies welcome!

SAVE THE DATE: SMS Quarter Auction will be held on Saturday, March 28. Doors open at 5PM. Enjoy the food and shop with the vendors. Auction begins at 6:30PM.

IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE: Like the apostles on the mount, we listen to Christ, we witness his divine glory, and we keep our eyes on the promise of heaven. How will the radiant Christ shine through my thoughts and actions? What will I do to listen to Christ this week?