



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

March 16th & 17th

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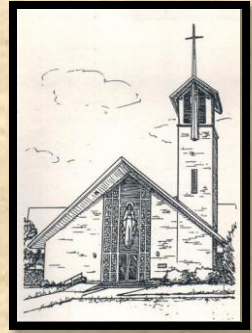
Pastor: Arokia Raj Samala – Parish Council: Jason Eugea

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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT -- TRANSFIGURED HOPE

"While He was praying, His face changed in appearance and His clothes became dazzlingly white." —Luke 9:29

On the second Sunday of Lent, we always focus on Jesus' Transfiguration. We begin Lent in the desert (Lk 4:1), quickly climb Transfiguration Mountain, and quickly return to the desert. We end Lent on the verge of climbing Mount Calvary on the way to the cross.

Today marks the highest point of Lent. We will not return to this elevation until we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension. Today Jesus chooses us to climb Transfiguration Mountain. Here we see the glory of Jesus and the glory of heaven. Because of this experience, we can assure those struggling through Lent and through life that the sufferings of the present are "as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed in us" (Rm 8:18). We can tell the world that, no matter how long we spend in the desert or how painful the climb up Mount Calvary, Jesus "will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to the pattern of His glorified body, by His power to subject everything to Himself" (Phil 3:21). Despite Satan tempting us in our Lenten desert, in Jesus our victory is assured and our future glorious.

Because of the Transfiguration, we are filled with hope that will not leave us disappointed (Rm 5:5). The roughest Lent will result in the most glorious Easter. The transfigured Christ is the hope and promise of the risen Christ. Praise Jesus!

Prayer: Father, motivate me by hope (Col 1:4).

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
 Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
 Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
 Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
 Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
 Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
 First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
 MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.
 COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Sun, March 17 - 8.30 am +Henry & Anna Detta Family By Alice Kuehler

Mon, March 18 - 7:30 am +Henry & Anna Detta Family By Alice Kuehler

Wed, Mar 20 - 6:00pm Stations of the Cross

Thurs, March 21 - 7:30am +Henry & Anna Detta Family By Alice Kuehler

Friday, March 22 - 7:30am +Henry and Anna Detta Family By Alice Kuehler

6:00pm Stations of the Cross

Sat, March 23 - 5:30pm +Henry and Anna Detta Family By Alice Kuehler

Church Cleaning for March

Neysa Friemel, Julie Friemel, Jessica Britten, Carolyn Brooks, Joannie Kling, Jan Britten, Tonda Torres, Laura Kuehler, Barbara Homer, Doris Homer, Kathleen Barkley, Adela Kotara, Melanie Hinson, and Karen Brown

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Alan Acker, Dale Brooks, Shirley Burgin, Matthew Gary Britten, Johnny Brumley, Karen Berry, Doris Britten, Dylan Stafford, Lynita Brown and Phillip Ollinger

Family Chalice Program

March 30/31 Bill and Linda Bohr

April 6/7 Nick Kuehler Family

April 13/14 Alice Kuehler

April 20/21 Clifton and Susan

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 17th Marla Britten

March 18th Mike Britten

March 19th Ann Britten

March 20th Colby Linquist

March 21st Kaylynn McLaughlin, Mark Britten, & Kenny Babcock

Stewardship Reports

03/10/19

Individual	\$1,470.00
Loose	\$ 191.00
Children	\$ 5.00
Total	\$1,666.00

03/10/19 Church in Eastern Europe

Individual	\$ 200.00
Loose	\$ 117.00
Total	\$ 317.00

3/10/19 Building Fund

Individual and Total	\$ 275.00
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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Mar 9th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Damon and Stephen

Lectors: RonKuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten & Kevin Brown

Sunday, Mar 10th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Ali and Madison

Lectors: TYM

Extraor. Com. Minister: Barbara Homer, Joannie Kling, & Tabitha Eggemeyer

Saturday, Mar 16th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Phineas and Trace

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea & John Connelly

Sunday, Mar 17th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Kate and Carrigan

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler, Sandie Hickey, & Susan Britten

Saturday, Mar 23rd, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Derek and Ryan

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown & John Connelly

Sunday, Mar 24th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Owen and Hugh

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Barbara Homer & Joannie Kling

Announcements:

Second Collection:

Mar 31st The Catholic Relief Services Collections

Christian Mothers Meetings:

April 8th in the Parish Hall @ 6:30pm

*We are having a Lenten retreat at Groom on March 16th. We will be starting with a potluck at 12. The sisters from prayer town will be giving the retreat and we will end on Saturday with adoration before mass. Please come and show your support and love for the sister from prayer town. They always do such an amazing job and what better time than during lent to get a little closer to God. If you have any questions you can call me 806-651-9176 Tabitha

***St. Mary's in Clarendon is having a fish fry Friday Mar 22. Each night will start at 5:30 and serve until 7:30. We will serve Fish, french fries, beans, cole slaw, hush puppies and dessert for \$12.00 a plate for adults and \$5.00 for kids.**

Announcements:

*Wednesday, April 3rd – 6pm CCD Classes and 7:00pm Parish Lenten confessions

*Wednesday, April 17 No CCD Classes

*Wednesday, May 1, Last Day of CCD with Party

*Sunday, May 5th – First Holy Communion at 8:30am Mass

*Sunday, May 12 – Confirmation at 8:30am By our Bishop Patrick J. Zurek followed by TYM Mother's Day Breakfast and reception for confirmation kids.

*Sunday, May 19 – Graduation Mass at 8:30am Mass

*Sunday, June 9th – Picnic Mass at 11:00am at the Mr. Chris Ranch

***Lenten Fasting:** Humanity's "Fall" away from God and into sin began with eating. God had proclaimed a fast from the fruit of only one tree, the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17), and Adam and Eve broke it. Fasting is here connected with the very mystery of life and death, of salvation and damnation. Food perpetuates life in this physical world, which is subject to decay and death. But God "created no death." (Wis. 1:13) Humanity, in Adam and Eve, rejected a life dependent on God alone for one that was dependent rather on "bread alone." (Dt. 8:3; Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4) The whole world was given to man as a kind of food, as a means to life, but "life" is meant as communion with God, not as food. ("Their god is their belly." Phil. 3:19) The tragedy is not so much that Adam ate food, but that he ate the food for its own sake, "apart" from God and to be independent of Him. Believing that food had life in itself and thus he could be "like God." And he put his faith in food. This kind of existence seems to be built on the principle that man does indeed live "by bread alone."

Christ, however, is the new Adam. At the beginning of his ministry in the Gospel of Matthew, we read, "When He had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, He became hungry." Hunger is that state in which we realize our dependence on something else—when we face the ultimate question: "on what does my life depend?" Satan tempted both Adam and Christ, saying: Eat, for your hunger is proof that you depend entirely on food, that your life is in food. Adam believed and ate. Christ said, "Man does NOT live by bread alone." (Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4) This liberates us from total dependence on food, on matter, on the world. Thus, for the Christian, fasting is the only means by which man recovers his true spiritual nature. In order for fasting to be effective, then, the spirit must be a part of it. Christian fasting is not concerned with losing weight. It is a matter of prayer and the spirit. And because of that, because it is truly a place of the spirit, true fasting may well lead to temptation, and weakness and doubt and irritation. In other words, it will be a real fight between good and evil, and very likely we shall fail many times in these battles. But the very discovery of the Christian life as "fight" and "effort" is an essential aspect of fasting.