

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Second Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

An image that is often used to describe our lives is: that our **“life is a journey.”** This **journey** image speaks of a passage through time and places. This **journey** includes the various people we will encounter over time, the joyful and sorrowful events that will happen to us and the successes and failures we will experience. Everyone's **journey** is different and unique in its own details. We all have to undergo our own **journey** since it is a life task that no one can do for us. With most of our **journeys** we have a good idea of our destination and we know how to get there. However at times our **journey** is not easy and it becomes difficult. Some of the roads we take lead to dead ends and unless we want to pitch our tent in that dead end we decide it is necessary to move on. We realize how important it is to keep on going and discovering new roads and paths. Robert Louis Stevenson said: “To travel is hopefully a better thing than to arrive and true success is to labor.”



Today we begin the second week of our **Lenten Journey**. Our **journey** can transform us as Abraham and Sarah were by their journey to a new land to which God directed them. Our **journey** can be filled with good observances this sacred Lenten season if we follow the way of the Gospel as St. Paul did. Our **journey** can renew our faith, give us a new perspective on life and allow us to be transfigured like Jesus was upon Mount Tabor in today's Gospel passage.

Today's Scripture readings encourage and give us hope on our **journey**. If we listen to God's call (like Abraham and Sarah) we will be transformed in a beautiful and mysterious way. If we follow God's Word (like St. Paul) we will be truly blessed and the direction of our lives will change as we experience true holiness. If we respond and act on the quiet whisper of the Holy Spirit within our lives (like Jesus) we will be transfigured for the better and become the holy people God's spirit wants us to be.

Our **Lenten Journey** is a symbol of the total road of our lives; sometimes marked by monotony, sometimes by change, and sometimes by the necessary need to move on in order to mature. Often at times that is very difficult. We have matured into the persons that we are today and along the way we have acquired much baggage: habits, idiosyncrasies, opinions, perspectives and peculiarities. Lent is a sacred time to examine our lives and our particular life situations. Lent is a time of opportunity for us to go forward to an open-bordered land that God will show us. If we do so then we will discover that God is truly present there. We will only discover our God in prayer, not in noise or distractions.

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## Weekend Masses

Sat Mar 7	4:00 p.m	Cassie and Gregory Kiene Mary Zaleskie
Sun Mar 8	10:00 a.m.	Carl and Bertha Greulich
Sat Mar 14	4:00 p.m	Jose & Alvina Gutierrez, Jim Alt, Ann Wiechart, George Donaldson
Sun Mar 15	10:00 a.m.	Kathy Sehlhorst

## Daily Mass

Mon Mar 9	9:00 a.m.	St. Mary's
Wed Mar 11	7:00 p.m.	St. Mary's
Fri Mar 13	9:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$4,7495.00	Loose \$713.28
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## Assignments for March 14 & 15, 2020

**Money Counters:** Barb Galvan & Janet Begg  
**4:00 p.m.** – please sign the sheet in the main entrance  
**Greeters:** The Kaufman Family  
**Cantor:** Katie Hohenbrink  
**Ushers:** Chuck Niese and Dave Siefker  
**Lector:** Amy Tabler  
**E.M.:** Jerry Wehri, Jen Swartzlander  
**Servers:** Shylee and Ronald Kaufman

## 10:00 a.m.

**Greeters:** Basil Meyer  
**Cantor:** Choir  
**Ushers:** Mike and Rhonda Maag  
**Lectors:** Chris Denecker  
**E.M.:** Kim Garmatter, Luke Denecker, Larry Hoffman  
**Servers:** Aubrey Sunderhaus, Elizabeth Honse, Ethan Hoffman

## **Readings for March 15, 2020**

### **Third Sunday of Lent**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 17:3 – 7  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5:1 – 2, 5 – 8  
Gospel Reading: John 4:5 – 42

