



Mass Intentions for the Week

- 3-17 Mon 9:00 AM Theresa Pickens
By The Family
- 3-18 Tues 9:00 AM Adam Bagley
By Rosary Society
- 3-19 Wed 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners
- 3-20 Thurs 9:00 AM Emanuel "Zeke" Zieno
By Tom Zieno & Marge Aebi
- 3-21 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
(weather permitting)
- 3-22 Sat 4:00 PM Madeline Anna Mertz
By Lorraine Porter
- 3-23 Sun 10:30 AM Theresa Zieno
By Joe & Terri Maggio

The Story of Joseph in the Book of Genesis

A zoom scripture study from the Dominican Retreat house will be held on 3/18, 25 and 4/1, 8, and 15 from 10:00 AM until noon in the Parish Center. See Paula Ciborowski for more information.

Second Collection Black, Native & Latin American Missions

Thank you for your generous support of last week's special collection. As a parish we collected \$848.00, which help share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America, the Caribbean and here in the United States. If you missed the collection it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/latin-american and click "How to Give". Your gift makes a difference!



"He who gives to the poor will never want." Please consider donating new **underwear** for needy children, men and women. Donations can be placed in the blue receptacle in the vestibule.

Bishop Scharfenberger is planning a Special 11 Day Pilgrimage May 1st -11th. For further information check the bulletin board in the vestibule.

**2nd Sunday of Lent
Leaping into the unknown**

Most people, including myself, dread the unknown. This is because too often, we hold on to what is familiar to us. Some of us lack the courage to leap into the unknown. We allow fear to hold us back from venturing into unfamiliar paths.

I remember how I felt some 21 years ago when my bishop asked me to come to the United States to minister in the Syracuse diocese. My initial reaction was one of excitement. I embraced the overseas assignment to get a new exposure. But then, as the day drew near for me to leave Ghana for the United States, the fear of the unknown started creeping in on me. It dawned on me that I would be far away from my family, friends, and loved ones and would be missing their presence. But I took the challenge to leap into the unknown and for it to push me towards new life experiences.

The readings for this second Sunday of Lent talk about the need for faith, hope, and transformation in our lives. In the first reading, God told Abram to go from his country, his kindred, and father's house to an unknown land. We can imagine how Abram felt when he heard this call to step into the unknown. He did not know what would become of him, yet he trusted God with his life. Abram and his wife Sarah recognized what God had intended for them from afar. God was pleased with Abram's faith and he made a covenant with him which was sealed in the ritual of an animal sacrifice. God promised to make Abram's descendants as countless as the stars in the sky. He later renamed Abram as Abraham, meaning, the father of all nations.

In the gospel, Jesus gave His three disciples a glimpse of heaven on Mount Tabor. Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up to the mountain for prayer. Here, He was transfigured before His disciples. His face changed in appearance and His clothing became dazzling white.

Moses and Elijah appeared and conversed with Jesus concerning His impending passion, death and resurrection. The presence of Moses and Elijah at the scene were significant. Both of them represent the Jewish Law and the prophets respectively. Peter enjoyed the loveliness of the transfiguration experience very much so he suggested building three tents, one each for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. He wanted all of them to stay there forever. While Peter was speaking a bright cloud overshadowed them and from it came a voice that declared Jesus as the Beloved Son of God, the One whom we should listen to.

When the cloud disappeared, the three disciples saw Jesus alone. Jesus came down from the mountain with His disciples and He told them not to disclose this special incident to anyone until after His resurrection from the dead.

Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading that our citizenship is in heaven where we hope to be in complete union with God for all eternity. Saint Paul exhorts all of us to focus on our heavenly home and not just limit our gaze at this earthly and transient life.

The psalmist proclaims that the Lord is our light and our salvation. With the psalmist, we acknowledge the Lord as our stronghold and we seek His presence in our lives. As pilgrims on a journey, let us climb the mountaintop with the Lord in today's Eucharistic celebration, and ask Him to transform and transfigure our lives. Like the disciples, let us step out of our comfort zones to serve the needs of one another while keeping our eyes heavenward for the glory awaiting us in the Lord.

God bless,
Fr. Dr. Ben

Weekend of March, 22nd & 23rd 2025

First Reading-Exodus 3:18a, 13-15

Second Reading- 1Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Third Sunday of Lent

Gospel- Luke 13:1-9 (30)

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Carole Ostrander

Eucharistic Ministers

Pat Elbrecht

Altar Servers

Brock Porter & Gabriel Harris

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Paula Ciborowski

Lorraine Keckeisen

Jack & Ella Grigoli

Offerings from March 8th & 9th, 2025 Regular collections, \$2,798.00; Fuel, \$75.00; Easter Flowers, \$100.00
Black, Native & Latin American Missions, \$848.00 Ash Wednesday; \$402.00



Religious Education 2024-2025

3/16/2025 9:00-10:15 AM Classes for Pre-K-10th
3/23/2025 9:00-10:15 AM Assembly for Pre-K-10th



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Please note the additional Lenten services being offered. You are encouraged to attend these extra services once a week or more.

Weekday Mass Schedule Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 AM
Eucharistic Adoration Every Tuesday during Lent immediately following 9:00 AM Mass in the Chapel and followed by Benediction at noon. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.
Stations of the Cross Fridays at 5:30 PM followed by Benediction

What are you giving up for Lent?

Here are 5 ideas that might prove challenging but they may help to actively cultivate virtue and really target our faults.

- 1-**Mortify your will through the practice of obedience**-do this by cheerfully serving the people in your life.
- 2-**Attend especially to the tasks you don't like doing.**
- 3-**Embrace annoyances**-when others annoy you, examine yourself and discern how you, too, act or think in that way.
- 4-**Impose a strict watch on your tongue.**
- 5-**Check impulsive actions**-will this action really help anyone?
~from The Catholic Company

Come join March Madness Spades Tournament & Social Event



All are welcome to join us on March 22, 2025, from 5pm-9pm
Start time for prizes at 5:30pm in Sacred Heart Parish Center.

Chips, soda and coffee included with \$10.00 entry fee. Food will be available at additional cost.

\$50.00 first prize team, \$30.00 second prize for team.

Single Elimination Tournament.

Bring a partner or random parings for singles.

Side games and other games are welcome.

Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council.

All proceeds benefit The Seminarian Scholarships.

Word of Life Bulletin Quote

"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (The Gospel of Life 84).

Communal Penance Service



The celebration of the Communal Lenten Reconciliation Service will take place on Sunday, March 30th at 4:00 PM in the church. Additional Priests will be here to hear individual confessions at this service. Individual confessions will also be available on Good Friday 12:00-1:30 PM. Please do not miss out on this wonderful opportunity to encounter the Lord in the sacrament of reconciliation. All are encouraged to attend!

Alice Holzel Scholarship

Alice Holzel, a parishioner of Sacred Heart who passed away in 2021, bequeathed money to establish a scholarship for graduating seniors who are registered parishioners of Sacred Heart. Applications for this scholarship are available in the blue folder on the vestibule bulletin board. Applications must be returned by **May 11, 2025** to the Faith Formation Office or to Paula Ciborowski.



Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Kevin, Michael Bell, Grady Charles Weigand, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Debra Barnard, Diane, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Carey, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Paul J. Hamilton, Sr., Mary Munetz, Jazmers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Bosket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter Darline Smith, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Ines Warlock, Susan Chidester, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Barb Doyle, Tom DeMulder, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Olivia Ross & family Joe Maggio, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, James Rattrie, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Pat Elbrecht, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, Ellen Reuter, Danielle & Phil Gugliermo, Jaxson Beadle, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Joan Rice, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Solderger, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Joan & Tony Barber, parishioners with COVID, Phyllis Blincoe, Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Max & Kyle Cochrane, Teri Frallich, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Ray Keckeisen, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler, Bobbie August, Dan Tiska, Chris West, Fred Mertz, Dawn Cronin, Bill McChain

Please Note: All names will remain on our list and will be prayed for unless our office is notified to remove an individual.