

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 02/25/2018**

Diocesan Evening of Confession Wednesday February 28 from 5 – 8 pm

Friday, March 2 Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM – Tridentine Latin Mass at 6:30 PM

Fish Fry every Friday from 4 PM until 7 PM. Senior citizen discount. Carryout available.

PSR classes continue on Saturdays at 10 AM in the Club Room

**PRO-LIFE CORNER: A Pro-Life Lent**

The traditional practice of “giving something up for Lent” is a practice of self-denial; our Lord said that to follow him, we must deny our very selves. It means we say No to ourselves and Yes to God and others. This reverses the pattern of sin, which says Yes to ourselves and No to God and others. In our culture, the most violent No to God and others is abortion. Over three thousand times every day in our nation, people say No to a little child so that they may say Yes to their fears or their plans. This Lent, as we practice self-denial, let’s think of these children. Let’s offer our sacrifices for them. May all say Yes to God and Yes to the unborn. For more ideas about how to foster respect for the unborn this Lent, visit [www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org)

**REFLECTION** - The Gospel today recounts a pivotal moment: the Transfiguration of Jesus. Peter says, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here!" It is also a moment of awe, even terror. "They were terrified," the Gospel says. So, God shows us his willingness to offer his only son to us, and for our salvation. Today Christ is revealed through his transfiguration as the son of God who is with us. The only thing that God demands from us is: “Listen to him.” If we listen to Christ, God’s gift to us, we shall be successful in our journey with him this season of lent. However, we must bear in mind that before this glory, He must suffer, be crucified and be buried. Therefore, we must be ready to go through these stages with him this season especially during the ways of the cross. Before we enjoy this gift and glory, we too like him, must endure the sufferings he endured. Transfiguration means change. So it must turn us to Jesus this season of Lent and be like Abraham our father in faith. - Fr. Caroli Shao, AJ

**FISH FRY HELP!** The fish fries have started and we still need your help! We are looking for volunteers to work any time between 4 and 7:30 pm. We need people to make or donate baked goods. The baked goods can be dropped off at the fish fry any time after 3 pm. Please call the parish secretary to volunteer or just show up! Thanks!

**JOYFULLY GIFTED RETREAT** will be held on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Colman’s. Please call (216) 651-0550 for further info or to register.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The second Sunday of Lent every year recalls the Transfiguration of the Lord. Since the fourth century, Mount Tabor has been the focus of devotion to this event. As mountains go, it is not particularly lofty, rising about fifteen hundred feet, within view of the Sea of Galilee and very close to Nazareth. Scripture doesn’t identify the mountain, but in the year 348 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem said he preferred Mount Tabor to Mount Hermon as the site of the Transfiguration, and his opinion won. It has long been a strategic military site, and ancient fortresses are visible on the heights. Over the centuries, churches and fortified monasteries rose on the mountaintop, only to be destroyed by various invaders. Six hundred years ago, local Christians started to decorate the ruins with flags and banners on the Feast of the Transfiguration. In 1631, the Sultan granted permission to the Franciscans to live on Mount Tabor, and they have been there ever since, discovering the ruins of an old Crusader church and constructing the present church on the site in 1924.

The top of the mountain is divided into Greek Orthodox and Latin (that’s us) zones. At one time, tourists arrived on the summit by bus, but this is no longer permitted. Some ride bicycles up a challenging and winding path, while others take the four thousand three hundred steps constructed for Christian pilgrims in the fourth century. It’s hard to imagine the fishermen following Jesus up this craggy mountain without complaint. Visitors will sympathize with Peter’s plan to construct booths and stay put with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah for a while, enjoying the view, and planning the trip back down. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**GHIPELLI CUSTOM ROSARIES** – St. Stephen Parish has partnered with Ghirelli Rosaries to design a rosary exclusively for St. Stephen Catholic Church. These rosaries are handmade in Italy, will be available in wood, pearl or marble, and will feature a custom Crucifix, Centerpiece and Our Father Medals unique to St. Stephen’s. Custom Rosary Brochure – Order Forms will be available mid-March and will outline rosary pricing, delivery timeframes and shipping costs (if applicable). If you are interested in receiving an electronic copy of the Custom Rosary Brochure, please send an email to [ststephenrosary@gmail.com](mailto:ststephenrosary@gmail.com)

**CELEBRANT SCHEDULE**

<b>MASSTIME:</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
Feb. 24 & 25	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. C. Shao
March 3 & 4	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. Franz
All Sundays & Holy Days at 9:30 AM: Rev. Bede Kotlinski			

**February 17 & 18 Offertory Contributions**

General Collection: \$2,775.12 Children: \$3.60 (6)  
Issued: 218 Returned: 63  
**Black and Indian Mission: \$146.00**  
**Building Fund: \$557.00**  
Thank you for each and every contribution!

**Second Sunday of Lent  
February 25, 2018**

*Please pray for the following:*

Patricia Burfield    Father S. Michael Franz    Burley Blankenship  
 Michalyn Blasius    Terry Shannon    Deacon Moises Cruz  
 Dolores Bompiedi    Sidonia & Hans Speier    Victoria Bailey  
 Mike Schmidt    Sharon Sneed    Judith Kenny  
 Theresa Stebbins    Lawrence Blasius    Maria Micko  
 The people served by our St. Vincent de Paul Society and our  
 Community Kindness Food Pantry.  
 If you would like someone added to this prayer list, please call  
 the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633. Thank you.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES <u>February 24 &amp; 25</u>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Doris Durica	Barb Rieth	Matt Minarik
Euch.Min	Candra Krisch	John Rieth	Diane and Paul Beargie
Acolytes:	Evelyn Truck	Kevin Kroesen	Minarik Brothers

  

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES <u>March 3 &amp; 4</u>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Katie Ganzer, Ursula Keck
Euch.Min	Candra Krisch	John Rieth	Diane and Paul Beargie
Acolytes	Evelyn Trucks	Kevin Kroesen	

**SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 02/25** (o) = Optional

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;  
 Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full  
 Communion  
 Wednesday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset  
 Friday: Abstinence; First Friday;  
 World Day of Prayer  
 Saturday: St. Katharine Drexel; First Saturday  
**READ THE BIBLE WITH THE CHURCH (Daily Mass Readings)**  
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38  
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;  
 Mt 23:1-12  
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28  
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31  
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;  
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;  
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11;  
 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25  
 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7;  
 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;  
 Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

**EXPERIENCE GOD'S MERCY** Join us on Wednesday evening, February 28, for the annual diocesan-wide "Evening of Confession." All churches in the diocese will have confessors available from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Experience God's loving mercy. In the words of Pope Francis, "God never tires of forgiving us." "This is an excellent Lenten practice as we prepare for Easter."

**THE SCHOLA CANTORUM** (SC) is the group that provides the music for the 9:30 am Latin Mass on Sundays. The SC is always welcoming new members! Any training or experience with music and any knowledge of Latin is appreciated but is not necessary. An invitation is open to all men and women or boys and girls age 8 and over. See Nate Marinchick after 9:30am Mass or call the parish office at 216-631-5633.

**THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES**

**Saturday, February 24 Church**  
**4:15 - 4:45 PM** Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)  
 Pray the Holy Rosary  
**5:00 PM** Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent  
 † † Dawn & Russell Sutherland

**Sunday, February 25 Church**  
 Second Sunday of Lent  
**8:00 AM** The Members of the Parish  
**9:00 AM** Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)  
 Pray the Holy Rosary  
**9:30 AM** Tridentine Latin Mass  
 Special Intention of Mary Ellen Thorton  
**11:00 AM** Sunday Mass  
 † † Madeline T. & Roland M. Sittley

**Monday, February 26 Chapel**  
**6:30 PM** † Clara Moss

**Tuesday, February 27 Church**  
**7:00 AM** Latin Mass (Feria of Lent)  
 Healing for the Husni Family  
**6:30 PM (Chapel)**  
 † Charles Moss

**Wednesday, February 28 Church**  
**6:30 PM** Latin Mass (Feria of Lent)  
 Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Jonathon Kenzig  
**7:00 - 8:00 PM** Holy Hour

**Thursday, March 1 Church**  
**6:30 PM** Latin Mass (Feria of Lent)  
 † James Baggot

**Friday, March 2 Church**  
**5:30 PM** Stations of the Cross  
**6:30 PM** Latin Mass (Feria of Lent)  
 Intentions of the Marinchick Family

**Saturday, March 3 Church**  
**9:30 AM** Latin Mass (Feria of Lent)  
 Special Intention of Sylvan & Mary Torkelsom  
**4:15 - 4:45 PM** Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)  
 Pray the Holy Rosary  
**5:00 PM** Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent  
 † Mario Pekar

**Sunday, March 4 Church**  
 Third Sunday of Lent  
**8:00 AM** † Jim Karis  
**9:00 AM** Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)  
 Pray the Holy Rosary  
**9:30 AM** Tridentine Latin Mass  
 Intentions of the Thomas O'Donnell Family  
**11:00 AM** Sunday Mass  
 † Adam Schiebli

Call the office at 216.631.5633 to schedule a Mass.  
 The customary for a Mass is \$10.00