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CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY TOWARD HOLINESS

Our readings for this second Sunday of Lent offer us Christian stewards motivation to continue on our 40-day journey towards deeper holiness.

The first reading from the book of Genesis describes God's call to Abram (who would later be called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram's response is an ancient example of a good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable home and way of life, he recognizes that all he has is gift from God, puts his trust in God and obeys. And God rewards him saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, the extra acts of service we perform during this season - all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others.

Lest we grow weary on this path, our Gospel passage today, from Matthew, offers us a powerful image of the great God we serve. It is the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus, when our Lord reveals Himself in His true glory and the Father says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The apostles who witnessed this were awestruck. But our loving Savior reassured them saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let us take these two verses, "Listen to him," "Rise, and do not be afraid" to heart. Let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others - and as better stewards of all God's gifts to us.

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Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am

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9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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West Lincoln Loaf of Bread
Parish Events Group
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ACTS Retreat Teams

Ministry Schedule - Mar 14/15

Hospitality Ministers
5:00 pm - Dossen & Claudette S.
10:00 am - Julie & Mateo Notaranni

Altar Servers
5:00pm -
10:00 am -

Children's Liturgy
Alisha & Andrea

Next Hospitality Sunday
April 5

Mar 8, 2020
**The 2nd Sunday
of Lent
Year A**

Lectors
5:00 pm #1 - Tom Shields
#2 - Kelly Ann Staples
10:00 am #1 - Andrew Steger
#2 - Carolyn Steger

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 pm - Tom Shields
10:00 am - Vern Dell

Stewardship Counting
Antonella Presta & Lisa Poort

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March 8, 2019

The 2nd Sunday of Lent - Year A

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Mar 9	NO MASS TODAY - Fr. Christopher's Day Off	
Tues	Mar 10	9:00 am +Rick Malaryk	by the Filarski family
		9:30 am School Confessions	Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm First Reconciliation	Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm - 9:00 pm ACTS Retreats Music Ministry rehearsal parish hall	
Wed	Mar 11	9:00 am +Felice Biancaniello	by Fr. Christopher
		10:30 am Gethsemane Mass	Father Christopher
		7:00 pm Catholic Women's League Meeting parish hall	
Thurs	Mar 12	9:00 am For the salvation of the Lewis Family	by Pauline Lewis
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Scripture Study Group in parish hall	
		5:30 pm - 7:00 pm West Lincoln Loaf of Bread parish hall	
Fri	Mar 13	9:00 am For the special intentions of the Mallia Family	by Vern & Josie Dell
		6:30 pm Lenten Stations of the Cross	
Sat	Mar 14	The 3rd Sunday of Lent	
		5:00 pm Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Mar 15	10:00 am For God's blessings and special intentions of Heather Belmont	by Bob & Joan Hignett
		+Michael Tomascin	by the Tomascin family
		11:30 am Baptism of Ava Mallett	

THANK YOU FROM PARISH EVENTS GROUP

On Feb. 15th the Parish Events Group hosted the Annual Pasta Dinner. We want to thank all those that came to our event and those that worked to make it happen.

There was a wonderful atmosphere of fun and enjoyment. Also, a special thanks to all who stepped in for the clean up. It was truly a parish event on all levels. God Bless you all for your kind hearts and hands.

CATHEDRAL RESTORATION APPEAL

CONTINUES IN 2020

www.saintcd.com/appeal

Did you know that the restoration of our cathedral is on schedule, and thanks to the intercession of St. Catherine, on budget? Consider a visit to our cathedral to see firsthand the amazing restoration well underway. And "thank you" for prayerfully considering making a donation.

Visit www.saintcd.com/appeal or pick up a brochure and pledge form in the church foyer today. Thank you.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

CARITAS CANADA

"For Our Common Home"

This year, Development and Peace is encouraging us to support all those in the Amazon and the Global South who are caring for God's creation.

How can we help?

- 1) Donate online at devp.org/give or give during the "Solidarity" Sunday collection on March 29, the 5th Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 149 projects in 36 countries around the world!
- 2) Read Development and Peace's "Share Lent" literature and watch the videos to learn about and hear from the guardians of the Earth.
- 3) Sign the "Solidarity Letter" addressed to two embattled Brazilian communities at devp.org/act.

SACRAMENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN 2020

First Reconciliation - March 10, 7:00 pm

First Holy Communion - May 3, 1:00 pm.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Food Drives are a helpful way for you to fulfill your almsgiving during the time of Lent.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Annual Lenten Food Drive

February 26th - April 9th

Bags for the food drive will be distributed after all Masses. Please return them to our Parish Foyer throughout the season Lent.

The last collection will be April 9 before 9:00 am. Thank you for your continued support.

Vern Dell for Knights of Columbus

DIOCESAN-WIDE

RECONCILIATION / ADORATION

On Saturday, March 28 in every parish church across the diocese, a priest will be available from 10 am - 2 pm to hear individual confessions. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration during this time. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing -- or you can also simply come to pray before the Lord.

LENTEN INVITATION

A good discipline for Lent is to attend weekday Mass and each Friday for the devotional way of the Cross (Stations). One, has to be aware and make the commitment to attend. Please consider joining us for weekday Mass and the Way of the Cross.

Remember: the Fridays in Lent are abstinence from meat. The two fast days are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

- Tuesday March 10, First Reconciliation 7:00 pm
- March break - 16 to 20.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU
FOR YOUR FAITHFUL
STEWARDSHIP!

February 29 / March 1, 2020

Regular Sunday Offering	\$ 2,115.00
Facility Maintenance	\$ 875.75
Loaf of Bread	\$ 100.00

WEST LINCOLN LOAF OF BREAD 2019

Host Churches

March - St. Martin of Tours Roman Catholic

February & April - Smithville Canadian Reformed Church

May & June - St Ann's Community Church

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS

PRAYER: *Lord God,*

*I pray for all who have been sickened
or died by the coronavirus*

that has been spreading around the world.

*In your mercy and compassion,
deliver us from this disease.*

*In your holy wisdom, guide all who are working
to contain the outbreak.*

*In your steadfast love,
bring healing to all your children
who have been sickened,*

*welcome into your arms the ones who have died,
and comfort the ones they left behind.*

In faith, I place my trust in you.

In hope, I turn to you in my time of need.

In love, I give glory to your name.

In gratitude, I will praise you with my life.

In your Son's name I pray. Amen.

Here are examples of changes to our worship style to err on the side of caution during this outbreak:

- 1) Find another way to give the sign of peace than a handshake.
- 2) Consider receiving Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue.
- 3) No holy water in vessels.

Let us each do our part to keep our parish safe!