

February 22, 2015

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent



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## Pastor's Note(s):

Commentary: On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross. © 2015 Loyola Press All Rights Reserved. Reprinted with Permission.

**Parish Councils:** Meet Tuesday February 24 at 5 pm in the Education Center.

Agenda: Review the Johnson Associates Proposal.

**Special Thanks:** to Laura, Beth, and their many partners for the wonderful Valentine's Day Lunch that was well attended in the Parish Hall. The food, entertainment and fellowship were excellent. Looking forward to more of the same.

**Weekday Masses:** Please note that we will also have Mass on Tuesday mornings during Lent.

With every blessing for a fruitful Lenten Season!

*Fr. Michael*

**Lenten Events in our Parish:** Mark your calendars!

February 27 - Soup Supper 5.30 pm Parish Hall, with Stations of the Cross 6.30 pm

March 6 - Fish Fry Dinner 5.30 pm Parish Hall, with Stations of the Cross 6.30 pm

March 13 - Soup Supper 5.30 pm Parish Hall, with Stations of the Cross 6.30 pm

March 20 - Fish Fry Dinner 5.30 pm in the Parish Hall, with Stations of the Cross 6.30 pm

March 27 - Soup Supper 5.30 pm in the Parish Hall, with Stations of the Cross 6.30 pm.

**Lenten Scripture Series:** Deacon Tim Egan will be providing a 5-part presentation on the Sunday Scripture selections for Lent. Presentations will be made on Thursday evenings at 7 PM and last one hour each. All parishioners are welcome as are any guests or friends they might like to bring. There is no charge.

**Black & Indian Mission Collection:** Today, our parish will take up the 131st annual National Black & Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the church in African American, Native American, Alaska Native communities from coast to coast.

**Opportunities for your Lenten Journey:** Come join us on Friday mornings after Mass during Lent. We will be viewing the 30 minute DVD "Catching Fire Becoming Flame": by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM. All are Welcome.

**Little Black Books for Lent** will be available the weekend of February 14-15. Take one for your Lenten enrichment.



**Easter Flowers:** So that we can choose the appropriate flowers and colors for the Easter Liturgies, we ask that you make an offering to the project. Donors will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin. Thank you in advance for your gift!

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>SAINT PETER DAMIAN</b>	<b>02/21/15</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass—Intention † Eugene Kubiszewski</b>	
	Reader: Ales Lemke	
	Plate: Beth Egan	
	Chalice: Carol Anderson & Gina Lemke	
	Servers: Karly Fleischer & Anthony Lemke	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1ST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>02/22/15</b>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Religious Education—Grades Pre,K-4</b>	
	<b>Mass —Intention for All Parishioners</b>	
	Reader: Louis Button	
	Plate: Shari Hendren	
	Chalice: Dave Hendren & Nancy Olsen	
	Servers: Casey & Kaitlyn Underdale	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>SAINT POLYCARP</b>	<b>02/23/15</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY DURING LENT</b>	<b>02/24/15</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass—Intention † Bill &amp; JoAnn Risko</b>	
5:00 p.m.	<b>Parish Councils Meeting</b>	
5:45 P.M.	<b>Choir Practice</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY DURING LENT</b>	<b>02/25/15</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass —Intention † Jerry Anderson</b>	
8:45 a.m.	<b>Holy Hour with Exposition</b>	
6:45 p.m.	<b>Religious Education—Grades 5-11</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY DURING LENT</b>	<b>02/26/15</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass at St. Mary’s, Silver Bay</b>	
7:00 p.m.	<b>Lenten Scripture Series</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY DURING LENT</b>	<b>02/27/15</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass—Todd Wershay</b>	
5:30 p.m.	<b>Soup Supper</b>	
6:30 p.m.	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY DURING LENT</b>	<b>02/28/15</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass—Intention † William &amp; Helen Burke</b>	
	Reader: Confirmation Student	
	Plate: Deacon Tim Egan	
	Chalice: Beth Egan & to be assigned	
	Servers: Kate & Miles Thomasen	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2ND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>03/01/15</b>
9:45 a.m.	<b>Religious Education—Grades Pre,K-4</b>	
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass —Intention for All Parishioners</b>	
	Reader: Sydney Ross	
	Plate: to be assigned	
	Chalice: to be assigned	
	Servers: to be assigned	



† **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Patty Broadbent, Toni Johnson, Ron Kor, Joann Ostendorf, Ron Ostendorf, and Mary Simonsen.



† **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Vince Ojard, Bill Carlson, Patty Harrison-Isakson.

† **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, James Mickle, Craig Moe, Ryan Ray and Christopher Uremovich.

*Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed by calling the church office 834-4659.*

### Youth Happenings

Check out our Youth Bulletin Board  
"Like" us on Facebook: Holy Spirit Youth Group

### Mark your Calendars!!!

**Rice Bowls:** There are Rice Bowls in the back of the Church. If you would like, take one, fill it and return by March 27. Thank you for your help.

**Cinnamon Roll Sale:** We will be selling cinnamon rolls again on April 4th & 5th. Only \$5.00! The proceeds will be going toward the purchase of new Bibles for Church School.

**Attention Crafters:** We are looking for Crafters for our Spring Bazaar, Sat. May 2nd, from 9-3 pm. We supply the table for \$20.00. The money earned will go towards V.B.S. (Vacation Bible School). Please contact Connie Koss at 834-4433.

**We have some great opportunities coming soon for our youth!**

April—Jr. High Retreat

June—Vacation Bible School

July—D-Week

Steubenville Mission

August—Camp Survive

*Watch for further details.*

### *Last Week's Contributions*

Weekend Collection.....	\$2,275.00
Bldg. Fund.....	\$210.00
UCA.....	\$77.00