

The Pastor's Corner

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL

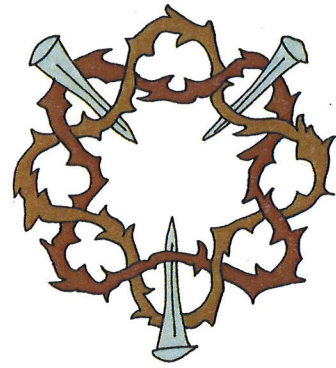
With these warmer days emerging, I find my mind drifting off to the ball fields I played on when I was younger. One piece of advice that was always thrown at me when we were playing was “Keep your eye on the ball!” The reason for this was quite simple: as a child, you are very distractable- and when you were up to bat, pitching, catching, or playing, it can be so easy to pay attention to all sorts of things that would distract you from the ball that was being thrown at you or that was hit your way. You had to be watching what mattered- and not what didn’t.

This Sunday we hear the Gospel about the Transfiguration, and naturally we can be led to wonder what that would have been like to be there, and to behold Jesus speaking with Moses and Elijah. It was such a sight that we can see evidence that they were startled, but also that they wanted that moment never to end. Yet, it did end, and shortly thereafter, they suffered through watching the Passion and Death of the Lord. They only revisited the Transfiguration when Jesus finally rose from the dead- and they live in that now eternally in heaven.

Life is often very difficult, and a lot of things go wrong. There are all sorts of twists and turns, hiccups, injustices, wounds, and sorrows that we have to contend with. These are so great in our mind, that often they become a sort of force that takes all of our attention- even sometimes being what we get fixated on or preoccupied with. Yet, the Transfiguration reminds us of something: even with the trials and the difficulties we deal with- the Light of Christ still wants to help us through these moments- if we keep our eyes fixed on the Lord. The hope and promise of greater things never should fade from our hearts and our minds. The light and hope that Christ gives us is always there, even in our most difficult moments of life; may we, when we encounter our Lord, always keep “our eye on the ball.”

-Fr. Belken

LENTEN ANNOUNCEMENTS



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent
1:00pm at St. Denis
6:30pm at St. Lawrence

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

After all Stations on Fridays
Tuesdays 7:30pm until finish
Saturdays— 3:15-3:45pm
or by appointment

Readings for Next Sunday

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 23, 2025

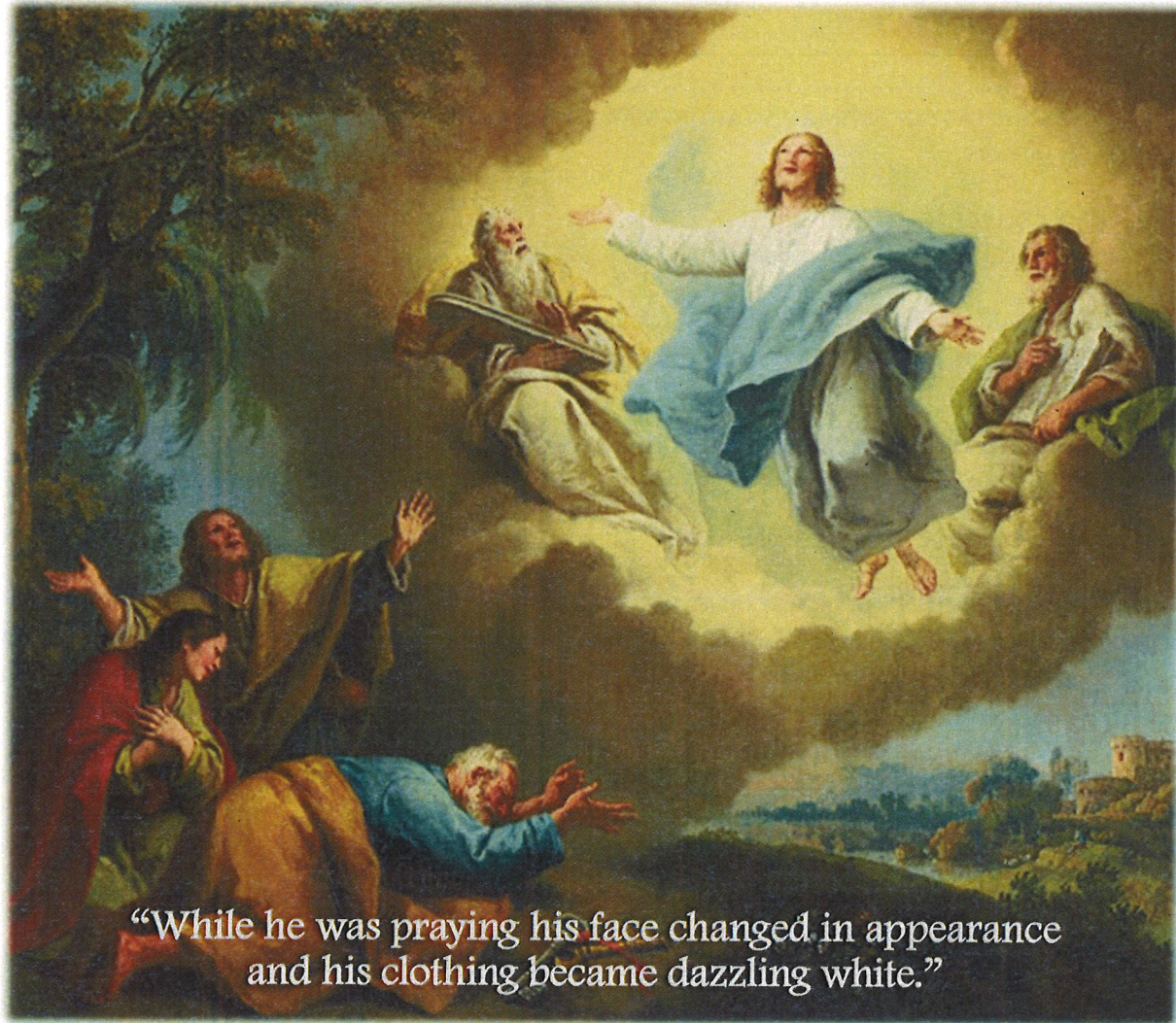
Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT · MARCH 16, 2025



Saint Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



“While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.”

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2nd Sunday of Lent
March 16-22, 2025
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| Mass Schedule | | | | | | | |
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| Sat. | Mar | 15 | 4PM | Geneva Essner | Thu. | Mar | 20 7AM Mark & Jeanne Essner |
| Sun. | Mar | 16 | 8:30AM | Parish Family | Fri. | Mar | 21 7AM Margaret Klipfel |
| Mon. | Mar | 17 | No Mass | | Sat. | Mar | 22 4PM David Dirnberger |
| Tue. | Mar | 18 | 6PM | Pat Schott | Sun. | Mar | 23 8:30AM Parish Family |
| Wed. | Mar | 19 | 7AM | Melvin Glastetter | | | |

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SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. MAR 16 – Theresa Essner, **MAR 23** – Carol Klipfel, **MAR30** – Dorothy Deason.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

March 9, 2025: Loose \$313, Envelopes \$2516, Total: \$2829.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16th MEN’S BREAKFAST. St. Anne's Sodality would like to invite the men of the parish to breakfast, Sunday, March 16, immediately after 8:30AM Mass, to show our appreciation for all your hard work and faithfulness to St. Lawrence Parish. You won't go away hungry.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21st, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: **Heath & Karen Burger**
Major & Monica Burger, Mark Burger, Matt & Jamie Burger.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21st, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM

SATURDAY, MARCH 22nd MARCH RETREAT FOR DEANERY 6. Ladies, the Deanery 6 Retreat will be at St. Augustine Parish Kelso. Rosary is at 7:35AM in the church, Mass at 8AM. Breakfast follows Mass in the school gym, and meeting at 9:30AM. Guest speaker is Mary Rowley on St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine. Closing will be around 12PM. All ladies are invited to attend.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5th, RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC. 11AM-Noon. \$15 shots at the New Hamburg ballpark pavilion behind the old school. Dr. Brian Heuring and Cape Small Animal Clinic will administer the discounted pet vaccines. Debit/credit cards accepted, cash, or check please.

LENTEN FISH FRY. It is once again time for the Scott City Knights of Columbus to hold their Lenten fish fry's. They will be every Friday and end on Friday, April 11th. Serving will be from 4:30-7PM in their upper hall located at 28745 US-61 Scott City, MO 63780. Menu will be fried fish, fried chicken, shrimp, hushpuppies, french fries, slaw, and baked beans along with tea and water. Prices: Adult \$15, Children ages 6-12: \$8 and 6 and under free. All carryout will be \$15. St. Lawrence Parish is scheduled to work March 28th. Signup Sheet is in the back of church.

ORAN JAYCEES ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY. Serving March 21st, 28th, April 4th, 11th, and April 18th from 5-7PM. Dine-in: \$16/plate, Take-out: \$14/plate, Kids under 12 dine-in: \$10, Kids under 6 dine-in: Free.

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| <u>Lector & Communion Distributor:</u> | Sat. | Mar | 22 | 4PM | Sally O’Brien |
| <u>Organist/Cantor:</u> | Sat. | Mar | 22 | 4PM | Cheryl Kern/Mary B. Glastetter |
| <u>Gift Bearers:</u> | Sat. | Mar | 22 | 4PM | Mr/Mrs. Marty Steimle |
| <u>Servers:</u> | Sat. | Mar | 22 | 4PM | Oliver Beck/Paxton Beck/Bennett Essner |
| <u>Ushers:</u> | Sat. | Mar | 22 | 4PM | Danny Tetley/Justin Vetter/Randy Vetter/Jake Wagner |

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| <u>Lector & Communion Distributor:</u> | Sun. | Mar | 23 | 8:30AM | Shannon Schumer |
| <u>Organist/Cantor:</u> | Sun. | Mar | 23 | 8:30AM | Cheryl Kern/Jamie Essner |
| <u>Gift Bearers:</u> | Sun. | Mar | 23 | 8:30AM | Mr/Mrs. Ryan Steimle |
| <u>Servers:</u> | Sun. | Mar | 23 | 8:30AM | Caleb Vetter/Noah Vetter/Berkley Dirnberger |
| <u>Ushers:</u> | Sun. | Mar | 23 | 8:30AM | Ryan Thomure/Benji Urhahn/Trent Walter/ Ryan Steimle |

FRIDAYS OF LENT SCHEDULE. Stations of the Cross at St. Denis at 1PM and 6:30PM at St. Lawrence.

NOTICE CONCERNING VEHICLE CANVASING. As of late, there have been several instances of printed material being placed under the windshield wipers of vehicles parked at St. Lawrence during Mass and different events. Please note that the canvassing of vehicles with any sort of printed material at St. Lawrence Parish or the surrounding campus is NOT allowed without the clearly expressed prior approval of the pastor. Thank you for your attention to and respect for our campus and the policies that are in place for the safety and well-being of all who worship here. Any materials found distributed without prior approval will be removed and discarded. Thanks in advance.

DISCUSSING DIVORCE, A COMPASSIONATE AND CATHOLIC APPROACH. Join us every other Wednesday, starting March 19, at 7PM in the St. Denis gym to discover the teachings of the Catholic Church about Divorce (as well as marriage and annulments) with Fr. Belken. No cost- and this is not for a struggling marriage but is geared for anyone who is simply wanting to grow in their knowledge of our Catholic faith and what it teaches. Join us on March 16th at 7PM for the first session! You won’t want to miss this!

Select Wednesday Evenings During Lent, 7PM in the St. Denis Gym. (about 45-60 minutes each)

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| March 19th | Session One- The “I Do’s” & Holy Matrimony |
| April 2nd | Session Two- Divorce and Doctrine |
| April 16th | Session Three- Analyzing the Annulment Process |

SERVER VOLUNTEERS FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS AT 6:30PM PLEASE CONTACT MARY B. GLASTETTER AT 573-579-0151 OR THE PARISH OFFICE.