Second Sunday of Lent

The Lord God said to Abram, “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so shall your descendants be.”

Genesis 15:5
NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! Call or come to the Parish Center to register.

BAPTISMS: Dates for Baptism will be arranged after attending the Pre-Baptismal Catechesis. Please call Annette in the Parish Office for information.

MARRIAGES: Call Annette in the Parish Office to arrange preparation 6 months in advance.

SICK CALLS: Call Annette in the Parish Office and Ministers of Care will visit the sick or shut-in.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4:20-4:40PM in the Reconciliation Room.

FOOD PANTRY: Our pantry is open Wednesdays from 9AM-12PM. Call 630.393.2400 x 112.

FUNERALS: The Pastoral Staff works with families to plan the Funeral Mass.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES: Call Dwight Sherman at 630.393.3221 or 630.362.1324.

CRISIS PRAYER CHAIN: Contact Deacon Joe Urso at 630.853.2070 at joe.urso@outlook.com.

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LIVING GOD’S WORD: While we pray that one day we will see the Lord in His glory, we can also ask, even now, that we may receive a glimpse of that glory as we walk by faith. We pray that we may live in awareness of the presence of God.

Second Sunday of Lent

Reflecting on God’s Word

Every so often life gives you a glimpse of glory: a moment of beauty in a sunset, of goodness in a person, of truth in words spoken, of peace and well-being. Sometimes it comes suddenly; other times it’s been there all along but you haven’t been paying much attention. But it is real and you know it is a glimpse of glory.

This is what happened to Peter, James, and John. Jesus often went off to pray during their time with Him, traveling through towns and villages. Luke makes a special point of telling us this more than once. At these times He would experience the presence of His Father. Now, while He is praying with His friends, the Father again draws near, not just to Jesus this time but to His disciples, too.

But first there are Moses and Elijah, also in a state of glory, speaking to Jesus about His coming death, His “exodus,” His passing over into glory. And Jesus will go on to speak to His disciples about His coming death, which they will not want to hear. But for now they are given a glimpse of glory, of what is at the end of the road.

Every so often we need a reminder of what we are destined for, that our citizenship is in heaven. We need to be reminded of the promise that our Savior will come and “change our lowly body to conform with His glorified body” (Philippians 3:21). For the present, we need to heed the Father’s words: “This is My chosen Son; listen to Him” (Luke 9:35).

—James A. Wallace, C.SS.R.
By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to “give something up” for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ’s embrace of us in love: “What are you taking on for Easter?”

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
♦ God makes a covenant with Abram.

Background: In the reading from Genesis, God promises Abram many descendants. God seals the covenant with Abram by appearing as a flaming torch between the carcasses of the sacrifices. This was symbolic because the ancient way of sealing an agreement was for both parties to walk between the split bodies of sacrificial animals.

Reading II: Philippians 3:17-4:1
♦ Christ will transform us.

Background: In this reading, Paul encourages the Philippians to trust God and wait. Those who lose faith search for immediate gains. Those who wait for God’s promises will share in Jesus’ glory.

♦ As Jesus prayed, He was transformed.

Background: Immediately after Jesus told the disciples that He would suffer, die and rise again, He takes a select group to a mountain to pray. While on the mountain, Jesus reveals His divine identity to Peter, John and James. Peter, captivated by the transformation of Jesus, wanted the scene to last.

Theme: Lent calls us to transform our lives.

Question for Adults:
Sometimes we can see Christ with clear eyes, as the disciples did on that mountain. Share about such a time in your own life.

Question for Youth:
What do you most want God to help you with?

Question for Children:
When you feel tempted to do wrong, how do you remain strong in your faith?

Parish Easter Egg Hunt & Hospitality
April 7th 11:15AM (after 10AM Mass) on Fr. Jim’s Lawn
Easter Bunny will be there too!
Ages 0-10 - Bring your baskets or receive a small bag to collect your eggs!

Donations of small wrapped candy that will fit in the eggs will be collected in the back of Church through March. Call Diane at 630.836.9991 with questions.

Hop into a fun time!

Religious Education classes meet on Tuesday, March 19 (Gr. 1-6 in the classroom) 5:30-7PM and Wednesday, March 20 (Gr. 7-8 in the ACL) 6:30-8PM. Parents meet their children on Tuesdays at 6:45PM in Church and Wednesdays at 7:45PM in the ACL.

Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:
Gospel of Luke 9:28-36—The Gospel tells us about the Transfiguration of Jesus. We learn that Jesus’ clothes become dazzling white and He appeared with Old Testament figures. Maybe the most important thing, however, is that God the Father calls Jesus His “chosen Son” and instructs us to “listen to Him.”

Gospel Questions:
♦ What does Jesus’ appearance in this Gospel reveal about who He is?
♦ What do Peter, James and John realize about who Jesus is?
♦ How do the Holy Spirit and the voice from the cloud bless Jesus?

Life Questions:
♦ How have times of prayer or retreat transformed you?
♦ What is the most amazing thing you have ever seen?
♦ Who helps you be more like Jesus?

Family Prayer:
♦ Open our ears and hearts to better hear you, Lord.

Eucharistic Adoration - Join us at 7:30AM-8PM on Thursdays. Please sign up for a 1/2 hour or a one hour segment by calling Cathy Kott at 630.393.9543.
Join us for Mass at Mercy Home - Sunday, March 31, 2019

You may be familiar with Sunday Mass at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls which airs on WGN-TV, Channel 9 on Sundays at 9AM. We have been invited to participate in a taping of the show and to join in the televised Masses for the 4th Sunday of Easter and The Ascension to be celebrated with Father Carl Morello (brother of fellow Knight of Columbus, Vince Morello). The Masses will be aired on May 12th and June 2nd, respectively.

The date is Sunday, March 31. We will meet at 1:30PM at Mercy Home, 1140 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago. The taping will occur between 2:30-4PM with a complimentary luncheon beforehand. We hope to have a good showing, but can accommodate no more than twenty people for the television audience. RSVP by Monday, March 25th with how many individuals will participate.

There is free parking at Mercy Home and plenty of street-parking available. If anyone needs a chairlift, I will need to know that in advance. The chairlift has a 300 lb. limit. Free-will donations would be appreciated by the Home which is a Catholic charity and child welfare agency. This event will be "first come, first served."

This is a fun experience and I encourage families to bring their children (over 5 years old). For information, or to make your reservation, please contact Joe Kubal at 630.983.6159 or SMKubal0712@aol.com.

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**Fifth Annual Hustle Up The Hill For The Homeless (May 19)**

As a sure sign of spring, the annual Hustle up the Hill is just around the corner. Every year this event gets bigger and better. This year will be no exception. Are you ready to conquer the mountain? How many times can you hustle up Blackwell's Mt. Hoy? Beautiful Mt. Hoy, which rises 836 feet above sea level, gives you an awesome panoramic view of the western suburbs and if the skies are clear, you can see the Chicago skyline in the distance. But first, you have to get to the top. Lace up your running (or walking) shoes and join us as we have fun while raising funds for Bridge Communities. Run solo or form a team. Run with the family. Do your thing. T-shirts and gourmet coffee await you at the finish line. Register on Active.com, search “Hustle Up The Hill.” For more information, contact quinndel@aol.com.
This Week’s Meetings

**Sunday, March 17**
- 10:10:30a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
- 11a-12:30p - RCIA (ACL)

**Monday, March 18**
- 1-2:30p - Lenten Bible Study (ACL)
- 6:30-8p - Healing Horizons (ACL)

**Tuesday, March 19**
- 5:30-7p - Elementary RE (S, C, AC)

**Wednesday, March 20**
- 12:30-3:30p - Band (ACL)
- 6:30-8p - Jr. High RE (S, AC)
- 7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

**Thursday, March 21**
- 6-8p - PACE FallFest Meeting (ACL)

**Friday, March 22**
- 12:30-3:30p - Band (ACU)
- 7-7:30p - Family Stations of the Cross (C)
- 7:30-9p - Soup Supper (ACL)

**Saturday, March 23**

**Sunday, March 24**
- 10-10:30a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
- 11a-12:30p - RCIA (ACL)

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WISH TO DONATE A CAR?

St. Irene is sponsoring two families that are transitioning from homelessness to independent living. One of these families is in need of a car. Mom and daughter have a car that needs to be replaced soon! Any donation would be tax deductible thru **BRIDGE COMMUNITIES**, a 501(3)C agency, who is our partner in getting our families to self-sufficiency. If you have any questions please contact Bob LaDeur at rladeur@hotmail.com or 630.918.5121.

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PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

This workshop is for **anyone** who ministers to minors at St. Irene Parish.

The next workshop at St. Irene is Monday, March 25th at 6:30PM in the ACL.

Registration for the classes can be found at **www.virtusonline.org**. Select Diocese of Joliet - St. Irene and then select the date to register.

**Registration is required.** If unable to do online, call Pamela at 630.393.2400 x 120.

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Lenten Regulations

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 60 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.
6. Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join us for our Holiday church cleaning on Sunday, March 31st after 10AM Mass.

This is a wonderful way to serve our community and honor our Lord as together we work to prepare His house for the season of Advent.

Families are invited. Children may serve with a parent. Please bring buckets and rags. Cleaning products will be provided.

Contact Katie Augustynowicz via email or text if you will be joining in the fun!

- katieaugustynowicz@hotmail.com
- or text her at 630.772.3171.
# Liturgical Calendar

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## St. Irene Vocation Prayer

In every age Lord, You raise up women and men who are strong in their faith and bold in their actions to give witness to the Gospel.

Fill St. Irene Parish Community with Your Spirit and give us a burning desire to make a difference in our world.

Because of our love for You, Bless our Church with holy and courageous priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, devoted married couples, dedicated single men and women, and enthusiastic youth.

We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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**Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines**

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Regular deadline - 8AM on the Friday a week prior to print.

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**St. Irene’s Vacation Bible School**

**Shipwrecked**  June 17-21
9AM-12PM

WANTED: ALL FRIENDS OF JESUS entering grades 7th through High School, who would like to share their love of Jesus with our VBS kids. We are looking for leaders who are friendly, outgoing, confident and filled with the Spirit! Share your faith this summer with God’s most precious children. And have a great time being the hands and feet of Jesus! Contact Jacqueline at 630.393.2400 x121 or jacqueline@st-irene.org.

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**We Fight in Prayer Those Who Serve Our Country**

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Max Malesh
Colette Malovany

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Jacob VanderMeulen, USNavy, Groton, CT
AB Patrick Reid - Lackland AFB, TX
1st Lt. Keegan Lohenry USMC - Camp Pendleton
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TSGt. Daniel Geinosky - serving in England
Sgt. Christian Wilkins - stationed in Iraq
Lance Cpl. Levi Dieter - Embassy of Latvia
Cmdr. Eric G. Peterson - Serving in San Diego
Sgt. Peter Holz - Fort Bragg, North Carolina
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Sgt. Thomas Raspicka - Fort Bliss, Texas

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