

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Becky Maher)

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019

Lenten Weekday

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Lenten Weekday;

- 6:30 PM—Knights Dinner and Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019

Lenten Weekday

- 9:00 AM—Communion Service, followed by Coffee
- 10:00 AM—Small group: *Sunday by Sunday*
- 6:30 PM—Faith Formation, K-8

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019

Lenten Weekday

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019

Lenten Weekday; (day of abstinence)

- 6:00 PM—Adoration and evening prayer
- 6:30 PM—Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

Lenten Weekday

- 10:00 AM—Small group: *Sunday by Sunday*

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 11:00 AM—Mass (People of Immaculate Conception)



Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days. Luke 4:1

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18
Ps 19:8-10
Mt:25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11
Ps 34:4-7, 16-19
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8
Mt 7-12



Friday

Ez 21-28
Ps 130:1-8
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18
Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14
Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1
Lk 9:28b-36

Some Dates to Note

- March 7—Altar & Rosary Society Meeting
- March 12—Knights Dinner and Meeting
- March 19—Social Action Committee Meeting
- March 21—Finance Council Meeting
- March 26—Liturgy Committee Meeting
- March 26—Parish Council Meeting



Lenten Opportunities

Adoration: Starting on Friday, March 8, we will have a half hour of adoration beginning at 6:00 PM. We will pray evening prayer.

Stations of the Cross. Starting on Friday, March 8, we will pray the stations of the cross at 6:30 PM. (You may come for adoration, for the stations, or for both.)

Communion Service: We will have our regular communion service on Wednesday morning at 9:00.

Communal Reconciliation: Communal reconciliation service will be held on Wednesday, April 3, at 7:00 PM. (Other opportunities in the area will be listed in the bulletin in the future.)

The Word Among Us, Five Minutes with the Word and The Little Black Book.: These daily meditation books are in the gathering space for you to take. They each offer a different daily meditation.

Rice Bowl: The rice bowls are available in the gathering space. Rice bowl is a perfect way to observe the three practices of Lent: prayer, almsgiving, and fasting.

Sunday by Sunday Leaflet and Discussion Group. *Sunday by Sunday* is a four page leaflet that opens up the reading for the next Sunday. They will be available for anyone who would like to take one. They are in the gathering space. While you may use the *Sunday by Sunday* on your own we will also host a small group discussion on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 and Saturday mornings at 10:00 AM. These will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14. (The morning session of February 14 will begin immediately after services since there will be no coffee that day.)



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- Food Pantry\$202.50



They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen. Luke 9:36

Knights of Columbus Dinner and Meeting

Tuesday, March 12

Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:00.

All men of the parish are welcome.



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Faith Formation News

Regular classes on Wednesday, February 27, from 6:30 to 7:30.



FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

Jesus was a man on a mission. A mission for others. by Ralph McCloud

At the beginning of Lent, we can think about the temptations faced by Jesus in the desert. Jesus was a man on a mission. A mission for others.

"Command that these stones become loaves of bread!" Satan threw down a challenge to Jesus. He wanted Jesus to withdraw from others, to think only about himself and his hunger, and to give in to distraction.

"The devil took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, ... 'throw yourself down!'" Satan threw down another challenge. He wanted Jesus to turn away from it all, to despair, to give up and to throw in the towel.

"Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence..." Finally, Satan challenged Jesus to put himself above others. Jesus said "no, no and no."

He put his mission for others front and center. "Get away, Satan!"

In the desert, Jesus discovered hunger. He discovered dependence. He discovered his humanity. But he didn't turn away. He didn't run away. He knew he was born to sit with us. To eat with us. To walk with us. To suffer with us. To lead us out of temptation and on the road to redemption, together. Jesus was not ashamed of us or our flesh. No, he took it on and became our brother. He did it to make us one; one with him and each other.

During Lent, we can rediscover Jesus our brother in the flesh. We can reconnect with our hunger, with our dependence, with our need for Jesus and one another. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development walks with people throughout the country on the road to healing and wholeness. CCHD connects people to people to overcome hunger, division and injustice.

You can get involved. Commit to learn, pray, act and walk with your neighbor this Lent by connecting with CCHD. In our prayer, fasting and charity over these 40 days, remember what Pope Francis said, that the most difficult fasting is to bend over and hug a wounded person. When we're afflicted with the temptation to turn away from others, with the temptation to throw in the towel or to sit in judgment of our brothers and sisters, take a cue from Jesus this Lent—Get away, Satan! . Ralph McCloud is director of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at the USCCB. Copyright © 2019, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.

God's abundant blessings

Dr. Joe



Life and Dignity of the Human Person

Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this princi-

ple, Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Jesus reminds us that we are all made in God's image and likeness. That means that every human being has a special value and a purpose. We need to care for each other so we can be the people God calls us to be.



Encounter Norma

For young families living in the mountains of Guatemala, raising a baby can be hard. Most families grow corn and beans for a living, but a long-standing drought has caused harvests to shrink. There are few

job opportunities, which means putting food on the table is a daily challenge. That's why when Norma discovered she was pregnant, she wondered how she would manage. "When I was young, my mom and dad didn't have money to buy much food," she says. "My mom would split one egg among four children." Norma wanted more for her son, Victor.

But at age 20, she didn't have much experience beyond helping her mother around the house. So, she looked for help. She found it in a CRS-sponsored program that teaches young mothers how to raise healthy children, grow nutritious food in small gardens and manage a healthy diet. Plus, CRS provided Norma with food throughout her pregnancy and monthly medical check-ups during Victor's first two years of life.

"I learned a lot of beautiful things," Norma says. "I learned how to take care of my boy and what foods to feed him so that he can grow healthy and strong."

Now, Norma is sharing what she learned with others

as a "mother monitor." "It makes me proud to share the experience I had and the lessons I learned with other women," she says. It makes Norma proud—and makes her community a better place to raise a family.

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in roughly 45 different countries each year. 25% of all donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised nearly \$300 million.



Looking for something different on the radio. Try KWKY, a Catholic radio station out of Des Moines. For a

line-up and more information go to www.kwky.com.



Communal Reconciliation

We will have a communal reconciliation service on Wednesday, April 3, at 7:00 PM. Plan now to join us and experience God's mercy and forgiveness.

Other opportunities:

St. Mary's, Grinnell, Sunday, March 17, 4:00 PM

St. Mary's, Pella, Sunday, March 24, 2:00 PM

Sacred Heart, Newton, Wednesday, March 27, 7:00 PM

St. Anthony, Knoxville, Sunday, April 7, 4:00 PM

March 10, 2019—11:00 AM

Lectors: Brad Hagarty & Linda Barnum
Eucharistic Ministers: Irma Bell, Susan Heggen, Claire Williams, & John Heggen
Altar Servers: Will Owens & Rita Krueger
Greeters: Joann Carrothers & Karen Van Dusseldorp

March 17, 2019—11:00 AM

Lectors: Terri Rosonke & Rita Krueger
Eucharistic Ministers: Mackensie Brown, Pam Brown, Lisa Bussan & Mackenzie Bussan
Servers: Matthew Rosonske & Meta Hill
Greeters: Gordon Jones & Sharon Jones



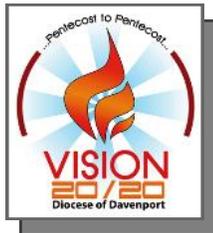
Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:
Diane Wood

Wes Koebrick (Father of Linda Barnum)
Michael John Nelson, cousin of Mike Wood, nephew of Diane Wood
James and Edward cousins of Janette Baldwin and Claire Gillan

For Kathryn McLain, Greg Schlosser and Sister Kay all who have died.

For vocations, our parish, and our faith formation program.



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Don't forget to pick up your rice bowl in the gathering space and use it as a source of prayer and alms giving.

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THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

“The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing.” Psalm 2:4
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Prayer Works

A young boy and his doting grandmother were walking along the seashore when a huge wave appeared out of nowhere, sweeping the child out to sea. The horrified woman fell to her knees, raised her eyes to the heavens and begged the Lord to return her beloved grandson. Lo and behold, another wave reared up and deposited the stunned child on the sand before her. The grandmother looked the boy over carefully. He was fine. But still she stared up angrily toward the heavens. "When we came," she snapped indignantly, "he had a hat!"

Mary: The “Yes” that Changed the World: A Women’s Retreat

Join women from across the diocese for a retreat on Saturday, April 13th from 9AM-3PM at St. Mary, Williamsburg. Come and explore how Mary’s “Yes” calls us to a deeper relationship with God in the silent moments of life, but also, and especially, in the loudest and most hectic moments. Cost is \$30/person until March 24th and \$40/person until April 8th. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/adult-retreat> or contact Rosina Hendrickson (563-888-4244 or hendrickson@davenportdiocese.org).

Disciples According to the Heart of Jesus: A Men’s Retreat

Join men from across the diocese for a retreat on Saturday, April 6th from 9AM-3PM at St. Mary, Solon. From the first moment Jesus stepped on this earth, he invited us to follow him. His invitation was to be better people, parents, better spouses transformed by his Spirit and according to his heart. Spend the day with us, praying, reflecting and sharing your faith with others. Cost is \$30/person until March 17th and \$40/person until April 1st. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/adult-retreat> or contact Rosina Hendrickson (563-888-4244 or hendrickson@davenportdiocese.org).

A Stewardship Moment March 10, The First Sunday of Lent

The second reading from Saint Paul to the Romans is a favorite of those involved in the ministry of evangelization. There are no “secret” disciples of the Lord. Those who exercise good stewardship of their faith realize that publicly identifying themselves as followers of Christ has a cleansing effect on their lives. Openly confessing Christ makes them more conscious of how they live their daily lives. Are we content to privatize our faith or are we good stewards of a faith that we share, make public, and regularly identify as a life in Christ?

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

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