

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019

Lenten Weekday (2); *Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 6:30 PM—Social Action Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 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 21, 2019

Lenten Weekday;

- 7:00 PM—Financial Committee Meeting;

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019

Lenten Weekday; (day of abstinence)

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019

Lenten Weekday; *Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Mike Bell)



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

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Dn 9:45-10
Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20
Ps 31:5-6, 14-16
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10
Ps 1:1-4, 6
Lk 16:19-31



Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-25
Ps 105:16-21
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Ps 103:1-4, 9-12
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15
Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
Lk 13:1-9

Some Dates to Note

- 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.)

 Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over... Thank you for your gifts.

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"Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future."
Luke 13:8-9



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



Faith Formation News

Regular classes on Wednesday, March 20, from 6:30 to 7:30.



FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast: March 19

As the spouse of Mary the mother of Jesus and the legal father of Jesus according to Jewish law, Joseph is a model of humility and obedience to God's will. He followed God's instructions, given by angels in dreams, and took the pregnant Mary into his home as his wife, protected her and Jesus at the child's birth in Bethlehem through the family's sojourn in Egypt, and provided for them as a carpenter in Nazareth. This feast, which was celebrated locally as early as the ninth century, became a universal feast in the fifteenth century, when it was placed on the liturgical calendar. Pope Pius IX named St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church in 1870; he is also the patron saint of carpenters, the dying, and workers.

"St Joseph persevered in this mission with fidelity and love. The Church, therefore, offers him to us as an exceptional model of service to Christ and to his mysterious plan of salvation. And she calls upon him as the special patron and protector of the whole family of believers. In a special way, Joseph is presented to us on his feast day as the saint under whose powerful protection divine Providence has wished to place the persons and ministry of all who are called to be "fathers" and "guardians" among the Christian people." (St. John Paul II, Homily, March 19, 2001) . Copyright © 2019, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

God's abundant blessings

De. Joe



Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, Jesus tells us to give special care to those who are most in need. He reminds us of our Christian duty to listen closely to those who often go unheard and to help those most vulnerable.

Encounter Annet

Annet's youngest sister calls her Mom—and for good reason. Since their parents' deaths 4 years ago, 16-year-old Annet has been caring for her three siblings: Gladys, 6, Irene, 8 and Emmanuel, 10.

It hasn't been easy. Ongoing violence in their home country, South Sudan, forced Annet to take her siblings and flee south to neighboring Uganda. It was a dangerous journey, but Annet kept them safe despite threats from rebel soldiers.

For more than 2 years now, Annet and her siblings have been living in Bidi Bidi, one of the world's largest refugee settlements. Formed in 2015, Bidi Bidi is home to nearly 300,000 people—many South Sudanese who, like Annet, fled for their lives to Uganda.

While Annet is happy to be away from the violence, life in Bidi Bidi is hard—especially for a young woman trying to raise her siblings. That's why CRS is building houses for families like Annet's. A place to call home means Annet can rest a little easier at night knowing her family is safe.

But that's not all. CRS is also helping people like Annet learn to farm and is giving them the tools they need to succeed. Annet was given her own plot of land to plant on so she will be able to continue providing for her siblings.

For her, that's the most important thing. While she wants her family to return to South Sudan one day, for now she knows that Bidi Bidi is the safer option. In the meantime, she encourages her siblings to go to school and does all she can to ensure they'll have a bright future.

"My hope is to raise my siblings," she says. "And I know I can do it with the help of CRS and my Catholic faith."

Donations of Plastic Eggs and Candy Needed

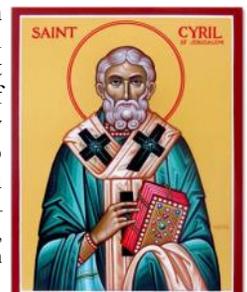
Once again this year, Altar and Rosary would like to have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children following mass on Easter Sunday. Donations of eggs to fill and candy for the eggs would be greatly appreciated. We'll be filling the eggs on Saturday, April 6th, so will need the donations by that morning. Thanks to everyone for helping with this fun project.



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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK Cyril of Jerusalem: 315-386 Feast Day—March 18

Cyril lived when the Arian heresy was roiling Christianity. Raised and educated in Jerusalem, he was ordained by St. Maximus and succeeded him as bishop of Jerusalem around 350. His episcopate lasted until his death, but he spent 16 years in exile, turned out by emperors influenced by the Arian bishop of Caesarea who claimed ecclesiastical jurisdiction over Jerusalem. The Council of Antioch sent St. Gregory of Nyssa to investigate Cyril and his diocese. He reported that Jerusalem was rife with factionalism and Arianism, but that Cyril was orthodox. He is famous for his extant "Catechetical Instructions," some of which consist almost entirely of carefully interwoven scriptural passages. Pope Leo XIII named him a doctor of the church in 1882. Copyright ©2018 Catholic News Service—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.



March 17, 2019—11:00 AM

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

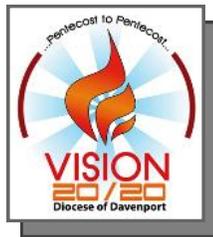
March 24, 2019—11:00 AM

Lectors: Sharon Jones & Linda Barnum
Eucharistic Ministers: Irma Bell, Elizabeth Birkenholtz, Susan Heggen, & Joann Carrothers,
Servers: Mackensie Brown & Matthew Holmes
Greeters: Bill & Meta



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 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
Psalm 2:4

Confessions

Four men of the cloth, taking a short breather from their heavy schedules, were on a park bench, chatting and enjoying an early spring day. "You know, since all of us are such good friends," said one, "this might be a good time to discuss the problems that are disturbing us." They all nodded in agreement. "Well, I would like to share with you the fact that I drink to excess," said one. There was a gasp from the other three.

Then another spoke up. "Since you were so honest, I'd like to say that my big problem is gambling. It's terrible, I know, but I can't quit. I've even been tempted to take money from the collection plate."

Another gasp was heard, and the third clergyman spoke. "I'm really troubled, brothers, because I'm growing fond of a woman in my church — a married woman." More gasps. But the fourth man remained silent.

After a few minutes the others coaxed him to open up. "The fact is," he said, "I just don't know how to tell you about my problem."

"It's all right, brother. Your secret is safe with us."

"Well, it's this way," he said. "You see, I'm an incurable gossip."

Auto-giving

Have you considered signing-up for auto-giving. Your contribution can be automatically credited either monthly or weekly. No hassles writing checks or remembering to contribute if you miss a week. **And it is green—good for the environment.** When you sign-up for auto-giving, we can cancel your envelopes saving paper, the energy to deliver them and the cost to the parish. It is fast, easy, and safe. Consider signing up today. Applications and FAQ are available in the gathering space or on line at www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.org

A Stewardship Moment

March 17, The Second Sunday of Lent

In today's second reading we learn that one of Saint Paul's principles of Christian living is to watch and imitate other followers of Christ. There is a pattern for Christian living that Saint Paul wants others to discover and then imitate. This pattern includes a life of prayer, selflessness, sacrifice, and caring for others, including our family of faith. Good stewards choose their friends wisely. They cultivate friendships with other Christian stewards, spend time with them, observe how they live, ask questions about their faith and learn from them. Who are your friends? Are they good stewards of their faith? Are they those who can help you on your own journey of faith?

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.