Holy Spirit Parish Family
March 8, 2020 — Second Sunday of Lent

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES
Due to the upcoming Easter holiday, here are the early bulletin deadlines:

NOON, THURSDAY, MARCH 26
FOR THE
APRIL 5 ISSUE

NOON THURSDAY, APRIL 2
FOR THE
APRIL 12 (Easter) ISSUE

OUR MISSION:
We, the community of Holy Spirit Parish, centered in the Eucharist, and guided by the Holy Spirit, will use our shared wisdom to be a joyful, accepting and forgiving community. We encourage all to grow in the Catholic faith by teaching and proclaiming the Gospel, serving others and praising God.

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PARISH ANNEX
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Pre-School, Pre-K........314-739-5020
MASS SCHEDULE
Monday thru Wednesday.................................6:30am
Thursday and Friday........................................8:00am
Holy Days Consult bulletin
Saturday: .....................................................8:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm or by appointment

EUCHARISTIC CHAPEL HOURS
Weekdays: 12am to 6am and 9am to 12 midnight.
Saturdays: 12am to 7am
Chapel will close at 7am Saturday until 9am Monday.
Holy Days: Please consult the bulletin.

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION
Mondays, 1 to 7 p.m. (closing with Benediction at approximately 6:50 p.m.).

BAPTISMS
Baptism Class for parents/godparents is normally held on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM in the Church. To register for the meeting and/or to arrange for a baptism, call Karen Rychlewski.

MARRIAGE
Couples planning marriage contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

COMMUNION CALLS
Please call the Parish Office to request Communion if someone is unable to attend Church.

HOSPITAL VISITS
Please notify the Parish Office concerning hospitalization.

REGISTRATION
New parishioners may register at Parish Office or see one of the priests after Mass. New information e.g. address, phone numbers or moving from the parish, please call Parish Office.

BULLETIN INFORMATION
Please submit information for the bulletin by Noon TWO Fridays before publication. Include name, daytime phone number of person submitting information, Commission and group name. Items can be e-mailed to mwelsh@holyspiritstl.org.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS
Stewardship for February 17-23, 2020
Sunday Envelopes, 235 utilized $11,356.00
Loose Collection $742.00
Online Donations, 81 families $6,507.00
Total $18,605.00
Weekly Budget $20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall) ($1,585.38)
HandS $200.00
Parish Improvements $180.00

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 8
8:00am—Girl Scout Cookie Booth, Parish Hall
9:00am—Liturgy of the Word for Children, Rm. 106
—Spiritual Seniors Mass & Breakfast,
Parish Hall & Church
11:00am—Girl Scout Mass
7:00pm—Al Anon, Community Rm.

Monday, March 9
6:00pm—Quilting, Annex
7:00pm—Cantor Practice, Parish Hall
—Evening Prayer/Reconciliation, Church

Tuesday, March 10
  Election Day—Annex
9:00am—Taste & See, Parish Hall
—Quilting, Annex
7:30pm—Fire in the Spirit, Community Rm.

Wednesday, March 11
9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
6:00pm—Children’s Choir Practice, Church
7:00pm—Home & School Mtg, Parish Hall
—Ensemble Choir Practice, Church
—Food Addicts Anonymous, Rigali Rm.

Thursday, March 12
9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
6:00pm—Bell Choir Practice, Church
7:00pm—Al Anon, Rm. 2
—Choir Rehearsal, Church

Friday, March 13
2:00pm—Stations of the Cross, Church
4:30pm—Seafood Dinner, Gym
7:00pm—Grief Support, St. Lawrence Rm
—Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, March 14
12:30pm—First Communion Parent/Child Event,

Sunday, March 15
9:00am—Liturgy of the Word for Children, Rm. 106
—Mass, First Scrutiny
7:00pm—Al Anon, Community Rm.

AND THE WINNERS ARE…
The March 6 Seafood Dinner Raffle Winners Are...
Dinner for 8: Cathy Wedler
Buy One/Get One: John Hallahan
Front of the Line: The Koenig Family

CONGRATULATIONS!!!
A Note From Fr. Bob

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

I am pleased to announce that following the recommendation of our Principal Search Committee, Mrs. Katie Koberlein will be the next Principal of Holy Spirit Catholic School. Mrs. Koberlein is currently serving as Principal of Holy Cross Academy-Our Lady of Providence Campus. She has been an educator in the Archdiocese of St. Louis since 2005. Prior to serving as principal, she served as a teacher in Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese. She also worked for several years in the Special School District. We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Koberlein to our school. Thank you for your support of our school.

We have all seen the headlines about the coronavirus and many have questions about what to do to prevent the spread of the virus and protect ourselves. There are many suggestions and recently we received suggestion from the Archdiocese to help protect us when we gather for Mass. Some we have already enacted and others we will enact or will have enacted by the time this bulletin is published.

Sanitize all sacred vessels before and after all Masses. (This has been our practice for many years.)

Suspending the exchange of the sign of peace (or instructing that it be exchanged without physical contact.) We will announce this at all weekend Masses. A simple bow can suffice.

Advise parishioners to keep a distance of 3 feet from the nearest neighbor when possible. (This may not be possible with the level of attendance at our Masses).

Encourage Holy Communion to be received in the hand. We will encourage this weekend.

Suspending the distribution of Holy Communion via the cup. (We suspended about a month ago and will continue until the concern for the viruses subsides.)

Holy Water fonts should be sanitized once a week. (This has also been our practice for years. We will be adding Holy Water fonts near each of the doors in the back of church to facilitate cleaning of the fonts. We will also sanitize the baptismal pool weekly.)

Encourage good hygiene, including alcohol-based hand sanitizer lotion in restrooms and public area. (We will have these available at all restrooms and entrances shortly.)

Most important of the suggestions is that if one is ill with a respiratory infection, the flu, a fever, or a serious cold, one should stay home. If one is ill, then one is not bound to attend Mass.

Let’s take care of each other by taking care of ourselves and take the necessary steps to reduce the spread of all illnesses. If you have any concerns, please contact me.

Let’s continue to pray for one another this week.

Peace,

Father Bob
MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 8
7:30am   Terry Moran
9:00am   Fred DeWitt
11:00am  Cindy Lamorette

Monday, March 9
6:30 am  Fred DeWitt

Tuesday, March 10
6:30am  Faithful Departed

Wednesday, March 11
6:30am  August & Elizabeth Chrismer

Thursday, March 12
8:00am  Linda DeClue

Friday, March 13
8:00am  Terry Moran

Saturday, March 14
8:00am  Richard Rieth
         5:00pm  Sis Tessmer

Sunday, March 15
7:30am  Mike Rolfes
         9:00am  O’Connor Family
         11:00am  For Our Parishioners

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE
We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the family of
Ann Garcia.
May her soul rest in the Peace of Christ.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
In your prayers, please remember all the sick and home-bound parishioners and those who care for them.

Eugenia Bauer   Kenneth Jordan   John Roberson
Irene Biggins   Al Katzler       Mike Sampson
Becky Bonner    Marie Knox      Bill Schneider
Nancy Brand     Charles Kraemer  Norma Schwanning
Jim Brockmeyer  Bill Kriete     Rudy & Brenda
Connie Buenemann Doris Kulage    Nanci Van Amburgh
Nicole Chapman  Mike Lemp       Joe & Jean
Ed Cody         Jerry McGuire   Wangler
Matthew Cody    Karen Newcomb   Syl Wayer
Peggy Cody      Matt Niedrings   Angelina Weber
Charles Dent    Jacob Null      Gene Weckherlin
Dorothy Faerber Dave Peters    Bill & Joan Weinzirl
Till Fehrenbacher Bob & Donna   Christine
Joe Greco       S. Pedrotti     Worachek
Steve Hirschmugl Brian Ponder   Tom Zembleche
Betty Hirschmugl
Diane Javaux    John Rizzello

Sick Relatives and Friends:
Rosemarie Angervine
Kendall & Tina Bedel
Janice Borstmann
Lauren Castellana
Nancy & Larry Chik
Jackie Craven
Anne DeSchryver
Paul Ecks
Jim Eisenbath
Lee Engert
Colleen Evans
David Fehrenbacher
Judy Gannon
Michael Gill
Betty Halpin
Steve Hartnett
Bethany Henderson
Shane Katzer
Pearl King
Irene Lee
Sharon Lewis
Lisa Masek
Jon Matson
Trish Merklin
Cameron Meyer
Christine Meyer

Mar 14-15  5:00 PM  7:30 AM  9:00 AM  11:00 AM  $ Counters
Hospitality  M Graham  N Rolves  M Webb  E Accardi  M Domingo
            R & S Ramspott  F & K Gallagher  G & M Boulicault  A Grothoff  N Ruebusch
            D Klein  R Fetsch  K Flood  L Sommer  M Kohl
            C Milligan  J Saputo  W Schlenk  J Greco  C VanDoren
            K Shamel
Lectors      C Duffy  I Mason  M Hachmeister  L Cwiklowski  D & M Schulte
            R Aihie  S Riggs  R Audrain  A Grothoff  L Rolfes
            M Webb  R Fetsch  K Flood  L Sommer  M Kohl
            J Saputo  J Greco  P Gruszczynski
Eucharistic   R Dallavalle  J Cusumano  L Cwiklowski
Ministers    R & MB Chik  D Hachmeister  M Feltmann
            P & J Kielhofner  N Meyer  B Flores
            R & K Caverly  C Hachmeister  J Painter
            R & K Dannegger  N Meyer  H Parti
            W & G Prathaer  A/M Samson  A/AM Sicking

Sub Requested
L Caldwell
R Cusumano
C Catlow

Servers      M Bryant  J Giovannini  C Catlow
            C Euler  J Mason  L Catlow
            A Woodard  S Mason  T Purvis
            J Giovannini  L Caldwell
MINISTRY SCHEDULE — MAR. 14-15

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EARLY
L Farkas
P Martin
LATE
D Braatz
M Sicking

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

Congratulations to our Mar 2 $100 Red & Blue winner; **Michelle Keating.** Thank you for supporting our school!

Wednesday March 11 is Spring picture day. Students may dress out of uniform. There is a Home and School meeting Wednesday at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. The uniform exchange will be available. It’s a perfect time to look for uniform shorts and skorts in preparation for the summer uniform that will begin on April 1. Friday March 13 is a Spirit Day and a noon dismissal. Spring Break is March 23-27. Some of our families are in need of math or reading tutors. If you are available to tutor, please contact the school office for more information.

**March 17th**
- will be movie night for Grade 8. 8th Grade ONLY will arrive at 6pm.
- Grades 1-5 and their families will participate in the Lenten Activity Night. Please arrive at 6:45pm and meet in church for our Opening Prayer Service. Students in Grades 6-7 will have regular classes.

**NO PSR**
There will be NO PSR on Tues., Mar. 24, due to Pattonville’s Spring Break. PSR will resume Mar. 31. Enjoy your Spring Break.

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**PSR NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who made donations for our upcoming PSR Service Night. We are so blessed with many generous donors! We will be able to make 50 personal care bags for HandS, 25 Welcome Bags for Evelyn’s House, BJC’s Hospice facility near Barnes West, and help fund a meal for their residents and their families during their time of need.

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**PRAYER PARTNERS WITH STUDENTS:**

We have matched all the students in PSR – Grades 1-8 and all the students in the full time school Grades K-8. If you would like to participate, there are 34 students in the Preschool and Pre-K program to be matched. No special skills, just pray for your student daily and they will in turn pray for you!

Please contact Sharon Kaufman, 314-739-0230 x 110 or skaufman@holyspiritstl.org

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**VBS ADULT VOLUNTEER MEETING**

Mon., Apr. 13, 7pm, Rectory Basement.
Please remember to register yourself online too.

Any questions? Contact:
Sharon Kaufman, 739-0230 x110, skaufman@holyspiritstl.org
or the VBS directors:
Andrea Snowden, 488-0598
Ashley Caldwell, 749-9984.

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**LACROSSE PROGRAM**

St. Monica is starting a CYC Girls & Boys Youth Lacrosse program for grades 5 thru 8. CYC Lacrosse is a spring sport. Now is registration time. To register [http://stmonicasports.website.sportssignup.com/](http://stmonicasports.website.sportssignup.com/). If interested in coaching or questions, contact Felix Ferrise, stmonicalax@gmail.com. For questions about registration contact Joe Gibson, saintmonicasports@gmail.com.

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**VBS REGISTRATION is OPEN**

Don’t delay – you won’t want to miss attending this fun, faith filled week! Check out registration information on Page 6.

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**CAMP CARDS**

Cub Scout Pack 954 will be selling Camp Cards for $5 each in February & March after weekend Masses. 50% of sales stay here in our Pack to help scouts go to camp this summer. Your support covered more than half of camp fees to day camps and overnight camps in 2019! Thank you!

There are snap off coupons attached to the discount card for one time use like a free Schnucks ice cream again this year. The discount card is good throughout 2020 to be used multiple times! Cash and checks to Holy Spirit Pack 954 will be accepted. Contact Dave Klaus at Cubmaster954@gmail.com or 314.486.6309 if you want to buy camp cards and will not be at Holy Spirit Masses. Thank you for your support.
SPRING RETREAT: C2B – PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR
Our spring retreat for 7th & 8th graders will be Apr. 4-5 at Camp Trinity in New Haven, MO. Our focus this year is “Called 2 Be in Community.” All 7th & 8th grade students are invited to attend. This is a wonderful retreat experience of fun, friendship building, discussion & prayer led by our high school young people. If you are in high school & wish to be on the team, see below.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS & SENIORS – ALL ARE WELCOME:
THURSDAY EVENINGS: Team meetings have started. The team forms every Thurs. from 7-9 until the retreat and has an evaluation after on Apr. 16. The retreat is Apr. 3-5 for the team.

CONFIRMATION
7th Grade: Session 4: The Prayer Process & Session 5: The Bible will be done in the classrooms in PSR and FTS.
Our next gathering will be Sun., Apr. 26. The Rite of Enrollment will be at 9 a.m. Mass followed by Session 6: Relationships. Candidates are required to be at both Mass and the session, and are encouraged to invite their sponsors to this important session.

8th Grade: Session 12: Holiness is Possible, TODAY, Sun., Mar. 8. See you at this important session in “Stirring it Up.”

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS (MSM)
All 6th-8th grade students are invited to attend a night just for you! We’ll pray & play from 7-9 in the Annex. Bring a friend & join the fun. Next MSM is Fri. Mar. 20. Apr. date is Apr. 24.

ADULTS WE NEED YOU!
Looking for PGC adults for our fall, winter and spring events. We need your help to make all these things possible. Young adults, parents & empty nesters are all welcome. Our young people benefit from your life, your faith & YOU! They truly appreciate your help.
We NEED overnight chaperones, drivers, & chaperones for C2B (Called to Be), our spring retreat. Please help us make this retreat possible by volunteering. We can’t do it without chaperones.

FOOD! WE CAN ALWAYS use snack and/or soda donations for high school meetings (every week), Middle School Madness (once a month), and/or meal and snack donations for the spring retreat. Contact Donna E if you are interested in helping.

Cost is $30 per camper, payable by check (made to Holy Spirit Church and put VBS 2020 in the memo line), or cash. Payments must be received by Monday of VBS.

Vacation Bible School/F3/Family Night
June 22-26, 2020

Family Night
Monday, June 22
6:30 – 8:00 pm
(For VBS campers, F3 and their families)

VBS for Campers 3 years old—Grade 5
Tues. – Fri., June 23-26 9 am - noon
Registration for campers, youth helpers and adult volunteers is ONLINE ONLY, on the Parish Website
https://holyspiritstl.org/Education/Vacation-Bible-School

Cost is $10 per teen, payable by check (made to Holy Spirit Church & put F3-2020 in the memo line) or cash. Payments must be received by the first day of F3.

Registration deadline for both programs is May 18, 2020
Taste & See for Older Adults

Bite sized food, faith, and fellowship!

Tuesday, March 10, 2020
9 am – 10:30 am
in the Parish Hall

Life Transitions
Presented by:
Washington University
Occupational Therapist,
Lisa Carson

Times of transition occur during all phases of life. Transitions during adulthood can include things like retirement or a new health condition. Transitions often cause changes in our roles, habits and routines which have a major effect on our health and well-being. Learn tips on how to manage life's transitions in a way that will benefit your mental, physical and spiritual health.

*To arrange non-medical care for a loved one so that you may attend, call Karen Rychlewski, 739-0230 Ext. 108, by March 6th.
NEW—PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN—FOR EVERYONE!

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL. EVERYONE ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are REQUIRED and ASKED to register in the new system as soon as possible. This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service. For those who have already attended a Protecting God’s Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition to attending a live Protecting God’s Children workshop, all clergy, volunteers, and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct.

Please register at www.preventandprotectstl.org, use the passcode stlprotect.

Contact Mary Welsh, Child Safety Coordinator, Parish Office (739-0230) with any questions or for further assistance.

SOCIAL JUSTICE—LIVING JUSTLY
Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only Light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only Love can do that
~Martin Luther King Jr.

STEPHEN MINISTRY
Stephen Ministry has specially selected & trained men & women to listen with care to all they serve, & to keep all that is shared with them in strict confidentiality. Whether your struggle with emotions is what you consider small, or even if it is larger, Stephen Ministry awaits your call for help. 739-0230, ext.130, leave a confidential message. Compassionate & caring listening for you!

LADIES CLUB
The next meeting is Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please join us as we celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. Questions? Karen, 291-1971

LADIES CLUB CRAFT SHOW
Our first craft sale was very successful...so, we are planning to have another in October on Donut Sunday. Anyone wishing to donate, contact Norma, 739-3159.

PRO-LIFE
Upcoming Events:
40 Days for Life: Wed., Feb. 26 - Sun., Apr. 5. 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at the St. Louis and Fairview Heights, IL Planned Parenthood facilities, and community outreach. If interested in participating as a group from our parish, please email holyspiritpro-life@gmail.com.

On 2/25/20, the U.S. Senate failed to advance the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. “Today, the United States Senate failed to advance two critical human rights reforms that most Americans strongly support. The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act would ban abortions after 20 weeks post-fertilization when a child can certainly feel pain and has a reasonable chance of survival. And the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act helps ensure that Roe v. Wade’s license to kill unborn children does not extend to killing the newborn babies who survive abortion. It is appalling that even one senator, let alone more than 40, voted to continue the brutal dismemberment of nearly full-grown infants, and voted against protecting babies who survive abortion. Our nation is better than this, and the majority of Americans who support these bills must make their voices heard.”

~ Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities

Letters from Heaven
Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

At the transfiguration, Jesus’ face ...

Answer:
**Marriage Encounter**

“Rise, and do not be afraid.” Let us not be afraid to live out our Sacrament of Marriage to the fullest. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekends are Apr. 24-26 & Aug. 7-9, Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters. [https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php](https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php) or call or text 314.649.7317.

**Bridgeton Day Camp Registration**

Bridgeton Day Camp registration began Tues., Mar. 3, & closes the Mon. prior to the beginning of each session or when the session is filled. Registration must be done in person at the Bridgeton Recreation Center. If your child is new to the Bridgeton Summer Camp please be sure to bring a copy of his/her birth certificate at the time of registration. More info, 739-5599 or [www.bridgetonmo.com](http://www.bridgetonmo.com).

We are also looking for day camp counselors, contact Tera, 739-5599 or TBaker@bridgetonmo.com.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Convent**

The Convent provides a place of prayer & hospitality to visitors and to those who respect life especially the life of the unborn. Adoration and Mass is offered every second and fourth Friday of each month beginning at 11:00 a.m. During the 40 Days for Life campaign, on each Monday (March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6), the Convent will have Mass at 7:00 a.m. followed by Adoration until 11:00 a.m. All are welcome! For more information, please call 314-792-7555 or visit [prolife@archstl.org](mailto:prolife@archstl.org) or [https://www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate/programs/spiritual-support/our-lady-of-guadalupe-convent](https://www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate/programs/spiritual-support/our-lady-of-guadalupe-convent).

**Good Shepherd Arts Center presents**

"Who Is My Neighbor?" art that breaks barriers and builds bridges, submitted by local high school & undergraduate students. The exhibit opens Sun., Mar. 8, with a reception 2-4 p.m. Awards will be announced. The show will run through Apr. 7. GSAC's hours are Wed., Thur., Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. & Sat., noon-5:00 p.m. Call 314-522-1155 or email info@goodshepherdarts.org for further information.

**Meat Shoots**

**When**: Mar. 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2020

**Where**: Duchesne Home Association Grounds

(Formerly Known as Knights of Columbus Grounds)

50 Rue St. Francois St., Florissant, Mo 63031

**Shoots Start at Noon Each Sunday**

Free Beans Soup plus Food and Drinks are Available

**Spirituality for the Second Half of Life**

Join us for a new book study series that will explore spirituality for the second half of life. Using the book *Falling Upward* by Fr. Richard Rohr, Fr. Mark Wedig, O.F., president of Aquinas Institute, will explore the questions, spiritual tasks, and gifts that God gives us as we move into the second half of life. **Starting March 12**, we will meet for four consecutive Thur. evenings. We will start with a celebration of mass at 5:30 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner and book discussion. There will be an opportunity for sharing, community building, and prayer. Space is limited. Cost is complimentary. More info or to register, Angie Doerr, doerr@ai.edu.

**Fiat Women’s Group**

All women are invited to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (5200 Glennon Dr, 63119) the 3rd Thur. of the month for prayer and a talk. The next meeting will be Mar. 19. The speaker will be Father Mirco Sosio, A.V.I., Spiritual Director at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. The Rosary will be prayed at 8 a.m., & Father Sosio will speak 8:15-9 a.m. Coffee will be available in the Fireside Lounge until 9:30 a.m. For more information or to watch videos from past Fiat talks, see: [www.kenrick.edu/fiat](http://www.kenrick.edu/fiat).

**St. Joseph Altar**

St. Ambrose on the Hill, Sun., Mar. 22. After an Italian Mass there will be a short procession to the school, where the altars will be blessed & feasting begins. The celebration will take place in the cafeteria & gym. Many local restaurants & businesses donate food for the buffet, & for sale on the altars. In addition, Italian specialties are prepared by St. Joseph Altar committee members. This is an ancient Italian tradition that is authentically celebrated on the Hill. All are welcome. Admission to the altars is free. A thoughtful donation is requested for the buffet. The feast & sale of special items will be from 12:30-3:30ish p.m. All money raised goes to St. Ambrose School Tuition Assistance Program.

**Dynamic Catholic, Alive!**

**Redemptive Suffering**

When St. Paul writes to Timothy that he should bear his share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God, he teaches us that Christian believers will face adversity and trials throughout their life. The Gospel is great news, but it certainly challenges us to achieve spiritual perfection and growth in becoming like Jesus Christ. Christ was transfigured in the presence of three apostles to show them that He came to transform suffering during earthly life, not to eliminate it altogether. During the season of Lent, how may Christ be calling us to sacrifice for His sake and bear our burdens and sufferings as He did? [www.archstl.org/live-the-faith](http://www.archstl.org/live-the-faith).
2nd Sunday of Lent

Atop Mount Tabor, the pure light of Christ was revealed, as seen in this Gospel reading. The Father said, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."

The transfiguration is repeated every time we listen to him and allow our faith to be enlightened more today than it was yesterday. Now it is we who are transfigured! We are transformed into our true identity. What is our true identity? It’s our innmost being, which was created in the image of God and baptized into the likeness of God.

We enjoy life much more when we live according to our true identity. For example, how do you feel when you’re impatient? Not so good, right? That’s because God is patient (see 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 for a description of his true identity and yours), and when we are patient, we are much happier.

During Lent, by humbly examining how Christ-like we are and repenting from our sins, we let his light consume the darkness within us.

Jesus left his mountaintop experience to fulfill his calling. Following Christ, we too leave our mountaintops to do what God has gifted us to do. Although there is, as the reading from Timothy points out, hardship in living a holy life, we can be comforted by the fact that after every Calvary there is always an Easter. We can rely on "the strength that comes from God."

Listen. Can you hear what God is saying about you? It’s the same words he spoke about Jesus on Mount Tabor: “This is my beloved child; listen to him/her.” What are you saying as Christ’s partner in ministry?

Reflect & Discuss:

1. As you read the passage from Genesis, how does it feel to think that others could “find a blessing in you”? How does Jesus bless others through you?

2. Timothy reminds us of our holiness. Recall a time when you were enlightened by a new understanding of the faith. How did that change your behavior?

3. In the Gospel story, because the Father was so pleased with his Son, he affirmed him publicly. How do you know when the Father is pleased with you?

Lenten Activity:
What’s going on in your life that you would like Jesus to transfigure? What will you do this week to expose it to Jesus’ healing light?
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