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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT– FEBRUARY 21, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

(L) Sun., Feb. 21 8:30 a.m. Mass, Deanna Hoffman
(C) Sun., Feb. 21 10:30 a.m. Mass, John Hogan
(L) Sun., Feb. 21 5:00 p.m. Mass, (Spanish) All Souls
in Purgatory
(C) Tues., Feb. 23 Noon Mass, Albert & Clara Hogan
Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr
(L) Wed.,Feb. 24 5:30 p.m. Mass, Hub Bradley
(C) Thur.Feb. 25 8:30 a.m. Mass, in honor of
President Joe Biden
(L) Fri., Feb. 26 8:30 a.m. Mass, Margaret Jones
(L) Sun., Feb. 28 8:30 a.m. Mass, Paul & Monica
Lynam
(C) Sun., Feb. 28 10:30 a.m. Mass, Ester Reichenauer
(L) Sun., Feb. 28 5:00 p.m. Mass, (Spanish)People of
our parish

CONFESSION HEARD BEFORE ALL WEEKEND MASSES

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Tithes: February 14, 2021 \$ 775.00

*Please see Jane for more information on
direct deposit*

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Altar Servers:
Lector: Tim Nobis
EM: Wayne Rychnovsky
Sacristan: Jane Rychnovsky
Hospitality: Matt Ramsey Family
Musician: Carol Hardisty
Cantor: Melody Miller

CAMEL'S NOSE

One cold night, as an Arab sat in his tent, a camel gently thrust his nose under the flap and looked in. "Master," he said, " Give but an inch, let me put my nose in your tent. It's cold and stormy out here." "By all means," said the Arab, "and welcome" as he turned over and went to sleep. A little later the Arab awoke to find that the camel had not only put his nose in the tent but his head and neck also. The camel, who had been turning his head from side to side, said, "I will take but little more room if I place my forelegs within the tent. It is difficult standing out here." "Yes, you may put your forelegs within," said the Arab, moving a little to make room, for the tent was small. Finally, the camel said, "May I not stand wholly inside? I keep the tent open by standing as I do." "Yes, yes," said the Arab. "Come wholly inside. Perhaps it will be better for both of us." So, the camel crowded in. The Arab with difficulty in the crowded quarters again went to sleep. When he woke up the next time, he was outside in the cold and the camel had the tent to himself. Give but an inch, and the devil will take an ell; if he can get in an arm, he will makeshift to shove in his whole body. This Sunday's Gospel warns us against compromising with the devil by allowing him to tempt us. In the Gospel, we are told that Jesus faced and defeated the tempter by his forty days of prayer and penance in the desert immediately following his baptism.

Let us use Lent as a time to fight daily against the evil within us and around us: Repenting and fighting against temptations and evil is a lifetime's task. Jesus did not overcome Satan in the wilderness; he achieved that only in his death. Lent reminds us that we have to take up the fight each day against the evil within us and around us, and never give up. Jesus has given the assurance that the Holy Spirit is with us, empowering us, so that final victory will be ours through Jesus Christ. Let us conquer our temptations as Jesus did, using the methods Jesus employed. Jesus conquered his tempter, the devil by prayer, penance, and timely use of the word of God. Formerly the six weeks of Lent meant a time of severe penance as a way of purifying ourselves from our sinful habits and getting ready to celebrate the *Paschal Mystery* (the passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ), with a renewed commitment to follow Christ. Now the Church leaves the Lenten practice of penance to the good will and generosity of individual Christians. However, Lent should be a time for personal reflection on where we stand as Christians in accepting the Gospel challenges in thought, word and deed. It is

also a time to assess our relationships with our family, friends, working colleagues, and other people with whom we come in contact, especially those of our parish. We should examine whether we are able to make any positive contribution to other people's lives and to eradicate the abuses which are part of our society. Let us convert Lent into a time for spiritual growth and Christian maturity by participating in the Mass each day, or at least a few days in the week; setting aside some part of our day for personal prayer; reading the Scripture with others; doing the Lenten calendar; participating in our Wednesday Lenten services, (adoration, faith sharing etc. Please check our parish bulletin for all our Lenten activities), receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Lent and meditating in the "Stations of the Cross", visiting the sick and those in nursing homes (when such visiting is again allowed), and doing some acts of charity, kindness and mercy every day in the Lent. Let this lent be an opportunity to grow in holiness and love.

Fr. Litto Thomas

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21

- Feb 21 SUN: Gn 9: 8-15/ Ps 25: 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/
1 Pt 3: 18-22/ Mk 1: 12-15
- Feb 22 Mon: 1 Pt 5: 1-4/ Ps 23: 1-3a. 4. 5. 6/ Mt 16: 13-19
- Feb 23 Tue: Is 55: 10-11/ Ps 34: 4-5. 6-7. 16-17. 18-19/ Mt 6: 7-15
- Feb 24 Wed: Jon 3: 1-10/ Ps 51: 3-4. 12-13. 18-19/ Lk 11: 29-32
- Feb 25 Thu: Est C: 12. 14-16. 23-25/ Ps 138: 1-2ab. 2cde-3. 7c-8/ Mt 7: 7-12
- Feb 26 Fri: Ez 18: 21-28/ Ps 130: 1-2. 3-4. 5-7a. 7bc-8/ Mt 5: 20-26
- Feb 27 Sat: Dt 26: 16-19/ Ps 119: 1-2. 4-5. 7-8/ Mt 5: 43-48
- Feb 28 SUN: Gn 22: 1-2. 9a. 10-13. 15-18/ Ps 116: 10. 15. 16-17. 18-19/ Rom 8: 31b-34/ Mk 9: 2-10

BIRTHDAYS

February 21 Connie Larson
February 23 Sheila Ramsey

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Joan Maeder Liam Morstorf
Mike Cruise Dave Pettinger
Wayne Moore Catie Hunter
Debbie Hogan Jinx Amdor
Phyllis Brokaw Isaac Peterson
Doug Hardisty

For Your Info

- Lenox Lenten Activities
- Every Wednesday 3:00-5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
- During Lent 5:00 p.m. Way of the Cross
 5.30 p.m. Holy Mass
- March 10,17,24 6:00 p.m. Family Faith Sharing.

"LET'S LENT"

Join us this Wednesday, February 24th for our first Lenten experience. Each night will last about an hour. Hear a faith story from one of our parishioners, join in a prayer experience and share social distanced time together as part of your Lenten journey. Mark your calendars for March 3rd and March 10 for the next Lenten Experiences.

Set your watches for 6:30 p.m.
And Let's Lent Together!

MORE LENT

Fr. Litto will lead us in a short version of the Stations of the Cross immediately following mass on Sundays during Lent.

MASS MUSIC IS BACK

Starting on Ash Wednesday we will again have a cantor for weekend masses. There is still no congregational singing but we can all enjoy the cantor's beautiful voice.

BREAKING BREAD BOOKS

Anyone who wishes to have a Mass Missalette to take home and bring to church each week so you can follow the mass readings, etc. contact Jane and she will get them for you.

JUST CHECKING IN

How is your Lenten Calendar coming along? Have you been able to utilize some of the suggestions on the calendar with your family?

DID YOU NOTICE THE ALTAR DÉCOR?

Lent is traditionally described as lasting 40 days, in commemoration of the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert before beginning his public ministry. The Decorating Committee used this as inspiration for our desert display in front of the Altar. A special thank you to Dick Blazek who got us the larger rocks last week in the cold and snow. Brrrr

MASK MANDATE

Bishop Joensen extended the mask mandate to be continued until Divine Mercy Sunday on April 11th.

PRAYERS

Please keep the following students from our parish in your prayers as they prepare for their First Communion: Avery Amdor, Nolan Konecne, Mark Ramsey, Max Ramsey. First Communion will take place on Sunday, April 25th.

CONFESS AND GO

Adoration and confessions will be on Friday, March 12th and March 19th. Adoration of the blessed sacrament will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Confessions will be available during these times but do not feel as if you have to stay for the hour for adoration. You may come and go as your schedule allows.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| Wed., February 24 | Family Lenten Night |
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| Fri., March 5 th | Fish Fry—carry out available |
| Fri., March 12 th | Adoration & Confessions (5:30) |
| Fri., March 19 th | Adoration & Confessions (5:30) |
| Fri., March 26 th | Fish Fry—carry out available |
- **Stations of the Cross will be after mass on Sundays during Lent.