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Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020

## FASTING AND LENT

Once the 40 days of Lent were established, the next development concerned how much fasting was to be done. In Jerusalem, for instance, people fasted for 40 days, Monday through Friday, but not on Saturday or Sunday, thereby making Lent last for eight weeks. In Rome and in the West, people fasted for six weeks, Monday through Saturday, thereby making Lent last for six weeks. Eventually, the practice prevailed of fasting for six days a week over the course of six weeks, and Ash Wednesday was instituted to bring the number of fast days before Easter to 40. The rules of fasting varied. First, some areas of the Church abstained from all forms of meat and animal products, while others made exceptions for food like fish. For example, Pope St. Gregory (d. 604), writing to St. Augustine of Canterbury, issued the following rule: "We abstain from flesh, meat, and from all things that come from flesh, as milk, cheese and eggs." Second, the general rule was for a person to have one meal a day, in the evening or at 3 p.m.

These Lenten fasting rules also evolved. Eventually, a smaller repast was allowed during the day to keep up one's strength from manual labor. Eating fish was allowed, and later eating meat was also allowed through the week except on Ash Wednesday and Friday. Dispensations were given for eating dairy products if a pious work was performed, and eventually this rule was relaxed totally.

Over the years, modifications have been made to the Lenten observances, making our practices not only simple but also easy. Ash Wednesday still marks the beginning of Lent, which lasts for 40 days, not including Sundays. The present fasting and abstinence laws are very simple: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the faithful fast (having only one full meal a day and smaller snacks to keep up one's strength) and abstain from meat; on the other Fridays of Lent, the faithful abstain from meat. People are still encouraged "to give up something" for Lent as a sacrifice. (An interesting note is that technically on Sundays and solemnities like St. Joseph's Day (March 19) and the Annunciation (March 25), one is exempt and can partake of whatever has been offered up for Lent.)

Nevertheless, I was always taught, "If you gave something up for the Lord, tough it out. Don't act like a Pharisee looking for a loophole." Moreover, an emphasis must be placed on performing spiritual works, like attending the Stations of the Cross, attending Mass, making a weekly holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament, taking time for personal prayer and spiritual reading and most especially making a good confession and receiving sacramental absolution. Although the practices may have evolved over the centuries, the focus remains the same: to repent of sin, to renew our faith and to prepare to celebrate joyfully the mysteries of our salvation.

Saunders, Rev. William. "History of Lent." *Arlington Catholic Herald*

## LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

### March 22

3:00pm Baileyville  
3:00pm Corning  
6:00pm Frankfort  
6:00pm Wetmore

### March 29

3:00pm St. Benedict  
3:00pm Axtell  
3:00pm Kelly  
5:00pm Marysville

### April 5

3:00pm Seneca  
6:00pm Sabetha

## PARISH NEWS

### Easter Lilies

If you would like to have a Lily in your loved one's name to decorate the church this Easter, please fill out the information on the back of your Easter Flower Envelope or contact the Parish Office. The suggested donation is \$25 per plant.

### Lenten Fish Fry's

Knights of Columbus will have their annual Fish Fry's in the Parish Hall each Friday during Lent. Serving will be from 5 - 7pm, with carryout and in town delivery available by calling 562-7017. A different organization has agreed to help insure that each Friday is a successful community event. All proceeds will go to the St. Gregory School.

### Lent

**Days of Abstinence:** No meat can be eaten on any of the Fridays during Lent. This applies to all Catholics 14 and older.

**Adoration:** This is a special opportunity in prayer every Friday in the Church from 9:00am to noon. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed and everyone is welcome to come spend time with Jesus truly present among us.

### **Confessions during Lent:**

5:30-6:00pm every Wednesday in Marysville beginning on March 11th

8:15am every Sunday in Beattie

### **Stations of the Cross:**

7:00pm every Friday during Lent

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS****Tuesday, Mar. 10**

8:15am +Jim Schramm  
+Pat Haeefe

**Wednesday, Mar. 11**

12:05pm +Bill, Irene and Jeanne Sandmann

**Thursday, Mar. 12**

12:05pm Living and Deceased members of  
Don and Dorothy Kramer family

**Friday, Mar. 13**

8:15am +Gerald Wassenberg

**Saturday, Mar. 14**

5:30pm +Juanita Hogan  
+Jim and Irene Joyce

**Sunday, Mar. 15**

7:00am Living and Deceased members of  
Bernard & Mary Louise Runnebaum  
family  
10:30am +Vida Mae Schell  
+Alice Ketter

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****Sunday, Mar. 8**

8:30am Bible Study, Parish Hall

**Wednesday, Mar. 11**

4:00-5:00pm *NO CCD due to Spring Break*  
5:30-6:00pm Confessions  
6:30pm RCIA  
7:00pm Bible Study, Parish Hall

**Friday, Mar. 13**

9:00am-12:00pm Adoration  
5:00-7:00pm K of C Fish Fry, Parish Hall  
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, Mar. 14**

4:30-5:15pm Confessions

**Sunday, Mar. 15**

8:30am Bible Study, Parish Hall

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

"A daily routine of prayer is the ultimate game-changer. As you begin to pray consistently, you will notice other parts of your life opening up in healthy ways you never anticipated."

(Allen Hunt, *Dreams for Your Grandchild*)

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Envelope & Plate for March 1st \$ 8,315.50  
ACH for March 5th \$ 3,755.00  
Online Giving Offertory for February \$ 252.00  
(*\$11,254 Expected average collection needed each week*)  
—Please remember the church in your will or trust—

**BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**

Loan Balance (as of 3/4/20) ..... \$906,462.07  
*Donations (since 3/01/20)..... (\$695.00)*  
Estimated Outstanding Expenses ..... \$83,272.25  
***Total Parish Liability ..... \$989,039.32***  
Total Contributions to Date ..... \$7,415,834.82  
(*\$9,100 needed each month for loan payment*)

**LENTEN LUNCHEONS**

Join members of the community at noon every Wednesday during Lent at the United Methodist Church. Part of the proceeds go towards the work of the Ministerial Alliance.

Mar. 11 Janelle Knowles (Axtell UMC)  
Mar. 18 Shannon Borgman (Presbyterian)  
Mar. 25 June Stoker (First Christian)  
Apr. 1 Julie Shields (Evangelical)  
Apr. 6 Jacob Comer (MCF)

**FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE**

RSVP of Northeast Kansas volunteers will be providing free income tax assistance for the elderly, individuals and families with low to moderate income. Available every Wednesday until April 15th in the Community Room at the Helvering Center. Appointments for other times and/or days can be made by calling 562-2154. Other sites in Marshall County include Waterville, Frankfort, Blue Rapids and Axtell. Stop by the Parish Office for a complete list of dates and times.

**LOCAL EVENTS**

**March 26 Beta Sigma Phi Spring Salad Supper** at 6:30pm in Parish Hall. Entertainment by K-State Tap Dance Ensemble featuring Taybor Smith from Marysville. Advance tickets for \$8 can be purchased from Tami at Alliance Insurance or by calling Brenda at 713-0296.

**AREA EVENTS**

**March 15 St. Michael's Annual St. Patrick's Soup Luncheon, Axtell.** Homemade chili and chicken noodle soup, bread and pie served from 11am - 2pm. Games, country store and bingo with auction starting at 2:00pm. Adults \$6, Children 6-12 years \$3, Preschool \$1.

**March 28 My Lenten Journey through Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.** A Day Retreat for All led by Joe Heschmeyer from Holy Family School of Faith. 9:00am - 4:00pm at Cigna Center Annunciation Parish, Frankfort. Mass with Archbishop Naumann at 4:00pm. Stop by the Parish Office for registration form.

**March 28 Annual Women's Spirituality Conference** at St. Thomas More Parish Center in Manhattan from 8:30am - 3:30pm. Register online at <http://bit.ly/20WomConf> or stop by the Parish Office for form.

**March 28 All You Can Eat Boiled Shrimp, Smoked Pork Chops and Frog Legs** sponsored by Axtell Knights of Columbus. 5:00-8:30pm at Axtell Legion/Community Building. Advanced tickets are Adult \$16, Children \$8 and available at CJ Express or Hometown Lumber.

**March 28-29 Living in Love Retreat** for married couples hosted by Sts Peter and Paul in Seneca. Casts a vibrant and hopeful vision for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Equips couples to live the vision with practical strategies and insights, Reminds couples of their purpose and mission to be a sign of Christ's love for the Church, and Forms couples to mentor the engaged. Registration and details can be found at [www.archkck.org/livinginlove](http://www.archkck.org/livinginlove).



## ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Preschool Preview** - We would like to invite you and your child to join us for one of our two **Preschool Preview nights on Tues., March 24th and Wed., March 25th from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.** You will be able to see the preschool classroom, meet our preschool teacher, and your child will have the opportunity to participate in fun activities. St. Gregory's offers both a 3 year-old and a 4 year-old preschool program. To be eligible for our preschool program, children must be 3 on or before Aug. 31, 2020. Please contact the school office at 562-2831 or through email at [kfarrell@stgregorychurch.org](mailto:kfarrell@stgregorychurch.org) to learn more.

**School Enrollment** - Enrollment for all students, **Preschool through sixth grade, will be on Tues., March 31st and Thurs., April 2nd at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.** At enrollment, an overview of the past school year and the upcoming school year will be given, information will be provided about school fees and fee assistance, and enrollment packets will be provided. We hope to see you here!

**Spring Concert** - Due to a scheduling conflict on April 29th, the St. Gregory Spring Concert will be moved to **Wednesday, April 22nd at 10:00a.m. and 7:00p.m.** Thank you for your flexibility!

### CELEBRATE

#### BIRTHDAYS

**Mar. 9** Brian Rothfelder  
**Mar. 10** Joan Hartner, Galen Hormann  
**Mar. 12** Katherine Pacha, Fran Grauer  
**Mar. 14** Amanda Cohorst, Isaiah Wetter, Frank Nietfeld  
**Mar. 15** Rich Landoll

#### ANNIVERSARIES

**Mar. 10** Dave and Charlene Behrens  
**Mar. 13** Armand and Rosanna Charbonneau

### PRO-LIFE JOB POSTING

Willow Center in Beatrice is seeking an Executive Director to execute the functions of its pro-life mission to help women in SE Nebraska and NE Kansas choose life. Hours for this part time position can be set to a workable schedule for the director. Pay is up to \$18/hr depending on credentials. Provide your resume and contact info to [info@willowcenter.net](mailto:info@willowcenter.net) for further details.

### KANSANS FOR LIFE MEETING/MOVIE

Kansans For Life informational meeting on the "Value them Both" Constitutional Amendment and a free showing of **Unplanned** on Sunday, March 15th at 5:30pm in the Hanover Community Building. Permission forms to sign for youth under 17. Free and open to the public.

### KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



*Please pray for* Linda Mitchell, Rick Ham, Mallory LeSage, Lori Stohs, Liz Arth, Evelyn Anderson, Mike Watters, Doug Ryan, Betty Melcher, Steven Appel, Tony Evans, Karen Palazzola, Shane Molton, Teresa Reiling, Bruce Leonard, Doug Wende, Breckyn File, Melody Germann, Brittany Pappada, Mary Landoll, Scotty Hudson, Fr. Jim Shaughnessy, Dolores Wassenberg, Jim Nordhus, Don Cudney, Tori Dettke, Margaret Schotte, Kristi Meyer, Scott Throm, Joel Rivera, Janet Holle, Bill Mullins, Parker Price, Jolene Fisher, Jessie Sawin, Christen Hatzenbuehler, Janet Kirkland, Mary Feldhausen, Boston Bieler, Hubert Faulkner, Hudson Gartner, Rosie Brinker, Raymond Throm, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Mary Ann Lehman, Keith & Teresa Peeks, James & Jessa Sublette, Annette Pacha Smith, Bill Brinker, Joan Wacek, Rick Weigel, Barry Baber, Jordan Mackey, Wayne Price, Angie Miller, Bill Schwindamann, Scott Frerking, Wayne Kruse, Dorothy Peschel, Andy Kwapnioski, Larry Wissmann, Jane Frangel Williamson, Grace Koelzer, Libby Muchow, Jennifer McKeen, Leah Wassenberg, Walt & Charlotte Zimmerling, Tom Nolte, Margaret Stoehr, Francis Kloeker, Sandy Schmitz, Martha Meier, Marty Clark, Emily Larson, Debbie Jueneman, Jim Davis, Bernard Bussmann, Pat Plegge Pratt, Jim D. Schmitz, Carl Walston & Fred Behrens. *To make changes call Margaret Huffman at 713-9653 or the Parish Office.*

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**Parish Council:** Sandy Schmitz

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**Cemetery:** Frank Staggenborg at 562-8047

**Parish Hall Reservations:** Contact Parish Office

**K of C Hall Reservations:** Joe Peschel at 562-3161

**Baptisms:** See website for information

**Weddings:** Contact Father Nathan

*If someone is in need of the Eucharist taken to them, please call the Parish Office.*





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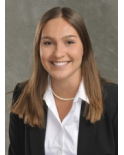
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