

# February 18 – First Sunday of Lent



## The Spirit Drove Jesus into the Desert

*Drawn to the Desert  
by the Holy Spirit.*

*And tempted!*

*His only food,  
the will of the Father.*

*Jesus,  
Let your surrender summon us also,  
to your revolution of tenderness.  
Let it be our life-giving  
food for the fast.*

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## SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

The movie “Passengers” opens in outer space with the starship Avalon on autopilot heading to a new colony world. On board the mammoth ship are 5,000 passengers who are all in hibernation pods for the 120-year journey. They are part of a mass exodus of Earth’s population.

This exodus reminds us of Noah and the giant wooden ark filled with all God’s creatures. When the rains pelted down, the ark lifted on the rising waters, simply floating free. Meanwhile, the Great Flood engulfed the world and washed it away. It was a new beginning.

God’s promise to Noah links us to that dramatic event. Despite our concerns about rising sea levels and global warming, there will never be a Great Flood again. (Deacon Dick Folger, Celebration)

## PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., Feb. 21	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer
Fri., Feb. 23	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Feb. 17	4 PM	Mike Fasbinder
Sun., Feb. 18	10 AM	Louis Dickman
Sat., Feb. 24	4 PM	Julie Eckstein
Sun., Feb. 25	10 AM	Irene Barnhorst

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – February 24 at 4:00 PM

*Greeters:* Paul and Beth Simon

Ken and Dottie Hellmich

*Server:* Kara Merkel

*Cantors:* Joe Wagner, Sarah Wenning

*Lectors:* Elizabeth Hermesch, Judy Steuri

*Euch. Ministers:* Terry Harmeyer, Roseann Wirth  
Bill Deller, Janet Deller

### Sunday – February 25 at 10:00 AM

*Greeters:* Jason and Lauren Wagner – *back*

Kurt and Shannon Kuntz – *back*

Greg and Becky Simon - *side*

*Servers:* Brady Borgman, Seth Weisenbach

*Cantors:* Gene and Patty Simon

*Lectors:* Blake Simon, Logan Cobler

*Euch. Ministers:* Bob Schwartz, Shirley Schwartz  
Ray Merkel, Mary Merkel

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2611.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$ 12.47
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 301.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$2924.47
Religious Ed	\$360.00
Central Europe	\$345.00

## **Blessed Lenten Season!**

*"We need to find God, and God cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature – trees and flowers and grass – grow in silence. See the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence. The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life." ~ St. Teresa of Calcutta*

**STEWARDSHIP** – The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves – at God's service in and through the Church."

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** – The sanctuary light will burn February 18 through February 25 for Dale Tunny. We have openings for these memorials for March and April.

**BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION** – This weekend, we are asked to help support our local African American and Native American communities. Please drop your envelope in the regular collection.

**ADORATION** – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held twice this week: Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 PM and Friday morning from 8:00 until 12:00 noon. Come, let us adore Him!

**FATHER JOHN GEIS** – This Sunday, February 18, 3:00 PM, in our Parish Hall, Father John Geis will share with us what "setting his faith on fire" means to him by sharing personal and ministry experiences. Don't miss this time of sharing by our own Sacramental Minister! This talk is being sponsored by our Faith Formation Committee.

**WAY OF THE CROSS** – The Way of the Cross with Communion will be held on Friday, February 23, 6:00 PM at St. John, Osgood. There is also a Fish Fry in their parish basement from 4:30 to 7:00 PM that evening. Let's support our cohort parish and the Knights of Columbus through our attendance at this supper.

**RELIGIOUS ED** – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, February 21, 6:45 PM. A meal will be served. Beginning this week, the children will begin the "Pennies for Posterity" program. Start saving those pennies!

Classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, February 25, 8:30 AM. Also on February 25th, the Confirmation class will participate in the Sunday morning Mass.



**ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING** – The committee for the 40+ anniversary evening will meet on Wednesday, February 21, 6:00 PM in the St. Francis room. Members of this committee are: Terry Harmeyer, Greg and Amy Kinker, Dolly Stirn, Margie Thole and Flora Wagner.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION** – Meeting Sunday, February 25, 8:30 AM.

**FOOD FOR THE POOR** – Please join us the weekend of March 3-4 to hear Rev. Robert White speak at all the Masses about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Fr. White will share personal witness about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Father was ordained for the Diocese of San Diego in 1970. He studied at the Gregorian University in Rome. Join me in welcoming Father White in two weeks.

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – Americans do not like Rome; they heard it was not built in a day. (Douglas Woodruff)