

## March 5 – Second Sunday of Lent

**HIS FACE SHONE LIKE THE SUN.**

*O Christ, give us a glimpse.*

*Let us find you shining  
in silver echoes from the moon,  
in geese streaking for home,  
in the evening sky,  
in the spider's intricate web.*

*In workers, coffee growers,  
climate crisis workers,  
crossing guards, and homeless folks.*

*Let no one and no place ever be hidden  
from the glow of your godly, earthly presence.*

*Let us find your glory in all things.*

### What a Blessing!

Today's readings don't seem Lenten. They are uplifting, not penitential. God makes promises to Abram of extraordinary good fortune, political protection, and international status. The man must have been thrilled. Paul reminds Timothy that the life of holiness and blessing to which we have been called is a gift from God; always available to us, and not a reward for any good works we might have performed. And then we hear of Jesus' transfiguration in the sight of a few disciples. They were so overwhelmed by that spectacular experience they wanted to pitch tents so they wouldn't have to leave the place. How are such wondrous ideas penitential?

While God's marvelous blessings are free gifts, we are expected to respond to them appropriately, to accept them and use them for the common good. Abram's blessings were not simply for him and his family. "All the families of the earth will find blessing in you" (Genesis 12:3). His blessings would open a door to others—other nations, other ethnic groups, other religious communities. Abram was not simply chosen by God. He was chosen so that others might be blessed through him.

Timothy was instructed to "bear your share of hardship for the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:8). The blessing might be a gift, but it carried the responsibilities of discipleship. The voice from heaven told the disciples, "Listen to him" (Matthew 17:5). Being chosen by God or having seen the glory of Jesus calls for a change of mind and heart. This change isn't easy to accomplish. It is the reason for penance. † (Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA)

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

March 5 – Floyd and Erma Harlemert

March 12 – Harriet Kunz

March 19 – Lucille Simon

### MASS INTENTIONS

March 4 – Ray Geis

March 5 – Dennis Schwering

March 11 – Walter and Annabelle Busch

March 12 – Richard and Dolores Wagner

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### Saturday – March 11 at 4:00 PM

*Servers:* Sam Simon, Ava Wagner

*Lector:* Judy Steuri

*Gifts:* Mike and Cathy Wagner

*EM:* Terry Harmeyer (Hall), Beth Simon, Rita Kress

#### Sunday – March 12 at 10:00 AM

*Lectors:* Cindy Weisenbach, Grace Truesdell

*Gifts:* Greg and Amy Kinker

*EM:* Dana Newhart (Hall), Katie Spreckelson, Vicki Wagner

#### Saturday – March 18 at 4:00 PM

*Servers:* Ella Wagner, Ava Wagner

*Lector:* Jack Ferkinhoff

*Gifts:* Mark and Rosie Lunsford

*EM:* Judy Steuri (Hall), Terry Harmeyer, Janet Wagner

#### Sunday – March 19 at 10:00 AM

*Lectors:* Julie Stephens, Amanda Schutte

*Gifts:* Steve and Ann Wagner

*EM:* Cindy Weisenbach (Hall), Leslie Hicks, Vicki Wagner

### PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2328.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 20.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 549.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$2897.00
Lent	\$1115.00
Capital Improvement	\$705.00
Black & Indian	\$312.00
Religious Ed	\$30.00
Eastern Europe	\$60.00

**MAY YOUR LENTEN ALMSGIVING BE  
ACCEPTABLE TO THE LORD! THANK YOU.**

*"We have not seen with our own eyes the face of Jesus shining like the sun. However, we too were given the Word of Salvation, faith was given to us, and we have experienced the joy of meeting Jesus in different ways... 'Rise, and have no fear.'" ~ Pope Francis*

**175TH MEETING** – TODAY, Sunday, March 5, 8:30 AM, in parish hall.

**YOUTH EVENT** – Greensburg Bowling Alley today, Sunday, March 5, after the 10:00 AM Mass. Meet in the parish hall.

**WELCOME TO ST. MAURICE** – We are happy to welcome **Edward and Elizabeth Herbert** to our faith community. May they experience the presence of Christ among us!

**DON'T MISS** – “The Church’s Ministry of Exorcism” by Fr. Vince Lampert this Tuesday, March 7, 6:00 PM, in the parish hall. Take time to read the flyer that will be handed to you as you leave Church today.

**ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED** – Children in Preschool through Grade 5 will meet on Wednesday, March 8, 6:45 PM. Children in Grades 2, 3, 4, and 5 will participate in the Sacrament of Penance.

**JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED** – There will be no classes next Sunday, March 12, for Grades 6 through 11. Enjoy your Spring Break!

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH** – Adoration will begin Wednesday evening, March 8, at 7:00 PM, and go through the night and all during the day on Thursday. Adoration will conclude on Thursday evening, March 9, at 6:30 PM, with closing service, reflections, and benediction. Consider attending part of this spiritual opportunity.

**EVENING OF LENTEN REFLECTION** – Fr. Jim Farrell will present reflections on the Eucharist: “Do This in Memory of Me” on Sunday, March 12, 4:30 PM, at St. Mary Church in Greensburg.

**WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT** – Sunday, March 25, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, in St. Catherine of Siena Hall at Enochsburg. “Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.” (Flyer on bulletin boards.)

**LENTEN PARISH MISSION** – March 20–22, 10:00 AM or 7:00 PM, at Holy Family Church, Oldenburg. (See flyer on bulletin board for each night’s theme.)

### **LENTEN SEASON**

**Adoration:** The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed each Friday in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Come, let us adore Him!

**Way of the Cross and Holy Communion:** Each Friday of Lent at 6:00 PM.

**Confessions:** Before and After Mass.

### **4:00 PM MASS GREETERS**

March 11 – Paul Simon, Eric Busch

March 18 – Brian Horan, Steve Gilland

March 25 – Dennis Wagner, Gary Wagner

### **10:00 AM MASS GREETERS**

March 12 – George and Mary Bultman

March 19 – Steve Wagner, Kevin Tunny

March 26 – Paul and Arlene Gehl

**HISTORY OF ST. MAURICE PARISH** – St. Maurice, an officer of the Roman army in the third century when Maximian was Emperor, was ordered to offer sacrifice to the gods for the success of his expedition, but he and his companions refused, saying, “We are your soldiers, but we are also servants of the true God. We owe you military service and obedience, but we cannot renounce Him who is our Creator and Master.” As a result of this profession of faith, St. Maurice and his companions were killed.

St. Maurice became the patron of sword makers, of weavers and dyers, and of soldiers, especially fighting men in the infantry. His feast is celebrated on September 22.

During this 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Maurice Church, let us pray for all men and women in the military who have given their lives in service to our country. St. Maurice, pray for us.


A relic of St. Maurice was inserted in the new baptismal font in the sanctuary.

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – “Last Halloween, there was a knock on the door. I looked out the window and then shouted to my wife upstairs, ‘Honey, there's a witch at the door. What shall we do?’

“My wife shouted back: ‘Just give her some candy and tell her to get lost.’

“My mother-in-law hasn't spoken to me since.”  
(via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft, Dover, DE, The Joyful Noiseletter)

# March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
<p><b>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH</b></p>  <p><b>For Victims of Abuse:</b> We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.</p>			<p>RE Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Adoration 8:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>Way of the Cross and Communion 6:00 PM</p> <p><i>DAY OF ABSTINENCE</i></p>	<p>Mass - 4:00 PM</p> <p>Pick Pockets</p> <p>Blood Pressure Checks</p> <p>Confessions Before &amp; After Mass</p>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>175th Meeting 8:30 AM</p> <p>RE Classes 8:30 - 9:45 AM</p> <p>Mass - 10:00 AM</p> <p>Pick Pockets</p> <p>BP Checks</p> <p>Donuts and Coffee</p>		<p>"Church's Ministry of Exorcism" by Fr. Vincent Lampert in Parish Hall 6:00 PM</p>	<p>RE Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM</p> <p>Penance Service for Grades 2, 3, 4, and 5</p> <p>Adoration at Millhouse begins at 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Adoration at Millhouse continues until 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Adoration 8:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>Way of the Cross and Communion 6:00 PM</p> <p><i>DAY OF ABSTINENCE</i></p>	<p>Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM</p> <p>Confessions Before &amp; After Mass</p>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p>NO RE Classes - Spring Break</p> <p>Mass - 10:00 AM</p> <p>Confessions Before &amp; After Mass</p> <p>Donuts and Coffee</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Begins</p>			<p>NO RE Classes Spring Break</p>	<p>Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Adoration 8:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>Way of the Cross and Communion 6:00 PM</p> <p><i>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</i></p>	<p>Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM</p> <p>Confessions Before &amp; After Mass</p>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p>RE Classes 8:30 - 9:45 AM</p> <p>Mass - 10:00 AM</p> <p>Confessions Before &amp; After Mass</p> <p>Donuts and Coffee</p> <p>FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH</p>	<p>FIRST DAY OF SPRING</p>		<p>NO RE Classes Spring Break</p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration at St. Louis, Batesville (See Bulletin)</p>	<p>Eucharistic Adoration at St. Louis, Batesville (See Bulletin)</p>	<p>Adoration 8:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>Way of the Cross and Communion 6:00 PM</p> <p><i>DAY OF ABSTINENCE</i></p>	<p>Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM</p> <p>Confessions Before &amp; After Mass</p>
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