

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

*Transfigured*

BEFORE THEM.

MATTHEW 17:2

## Second Sunday of Lent

### TRANSFIGURATION-A TIME OF ENCOURAGEMENT

The call of Abraham to go from the land he was familiar with to a new and unknown destination represents what happens in the life of every Catechumen and Christian. Like Abraham we are all called by God during this Lenten season to abandon our old life of sin that may have given us some pleasure, satisfaction and comfort to undertake a new way of life that offers us a deeper and better relationship with God. In our Gospel to strengthen the apostles and all Christians in anticipation of the difficult journey ahead of them, Christ takes them to the mountain of Transfiguration and shows them a glimpse of the glory that awaits Him and all those who remain faithful to God's will and endure the impending suffering, crucifixion and death.

Moses and Prophet Elijah who represented the Law and the prophets also appeared on the mountain of transfiguration to testify that everything happening in the life of Christ was in accord with the plan of God. Peter, James and John were overjoyed and wanted to stay in the glory of the transfiguration. But the voice of the Father was heard saying: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." As we continue this Lenten journey, let us ask for the grace to always listen to Jesus, especially when we encounter difficulties in following Him. Let us take the words of St. Paul to Timothy seriously: "Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

**P.S. Monthly Catholic Devotions for March:** Consecrate yourself and family to St. Joseph.  
**Pope's Intention for March:** For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**Congratulations to all our children** who participated in the Lenten Mini Camp: "Walking with Jesus to Easter." May everything you learned help you to grow closer to Jesus.

**The Saints and Shrines of France Pilgrims** will be returning home this Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, pray for us.

**Period of Purification and Enlightenment:** We shall be starting the First Scrutiny for our Catechumens Elect next Sunday during the 10am Mass and the handing on of the Creed on Wednesday, March 11. Please continue to pray for them.

**P.S. Happy birthday and anniversary to all those celebrating in this month of March, may God bless and keep you!**  
*-Fr. John Eze*

## Masses for the Week

### Sunday, March 1

7:30am Rev. Robert Van Kempen  
10:00am Jane Arata

### Monday, March 2

NO MASS

### Tuesday, March 3

6:00pm Healing for Joan Brown

### Wednesday, March 4

8:00am Norma Jean Crowe

### Thursday, March 5

8:00am Birthday blessings for Claire

### Friday, March 6

8:00am Monica Gribus

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Soup supper

### Saturday, March 7

5:00pm Owen Roberts

### Sunday, March 8

7:30am Rev. Bill Sullivan  
10:00am For living & deceased parishioners

## Liturgical Ministries

### March 7 & 8

#### Lectors

5:00pm Rosemary Travis  
7:30am Ann Lushis  
10:00am Josie Trahin

#### Eucharistic Ministries

5:00pm P. Bottone, M. Korte, S. Swangin, S. Fawbush  
7:30am M. Butts, B. Harber, K. Lipke, K. Schaefer  
10:00am K. Miller, S. Miller, J. Skora, S. Skora

#### Gifts

5:00pm Volunteers  
7:30am Nathaniel Strack family  
10:00am Tim Wilhelm family

#### Ushers

5:00pm J. Burelison, J. Fawbush, J. Gordan, Volunteer  
7:30am J. Butts, P. Denihan, M. Magers, H. Strack  
10:00am C. Brown, K. Kammer, S. Wilhelm, T. Wilhelm

#### Servers

5:00pm Volunteers  
7:30am Bentley D, Wylo D, Tyler N, Matthew N  
10:00am John D, Charles D, Paul D, Laura D

#### Church Cleaning

**March 7** Holli Strack family

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**PARISH APP QR CODE**



March 1, 2026



## St. Patrick FISH FRY

March 13 4-7 pm

**Dine In & Drive Thru**

Volunteers needed. Please sign up on the Sign-up Genius or sign-up sheets at the church entrances. Please consider volunteering for this event. You can sign up on the links below:

### **Dine-in Parish Hall Sign up**

Genius: <https://tinyurl.com/3uup3ea5>



### **Drive-Thru Sign up Genius (old**

**hall):** <https://tinyurl.com/2nv37pd5>



### **Prep and Desserts Sign up Genius:**

<https://tinyurl.com/mw3jv3s3>



**OCIA 2026** – Please pray for our Catechumens and Candidates that are preparing to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please take a name from the basket by the poster of The Elect at the church main entrance and pray for them during their beautiful journey.

**Rice Bowls** are at the church entrances for Lent for Life! Help our global family and work for a world where all can thrive.

**Stations of the Cross** followed by soup supper on **Friday, March 6 at 6pm**

**Healing Night** on Wednesday, March 4 at 7pm at Immaculate Conception Church, Auburn.

**Pro-Life:** Take my hand...not my life!

**Pro-Life Meeting** will be held on **Monday, March 9 at 6pm** at Queen of Angels

**Young Adult Bible Study on Monday Evening** (18–35-year-olds) will be held on **Monday, March 2 from 6-8 pm** in the Conference Room.

**Life Teen!** Leading Teens Closer to Christ! All 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade on **Saturday, March 14 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm** in the old school building.

**Encounter Youth Group** for all 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students on **Saturday, March 7 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm** in the old school building.



**GET YOU TICKETS! St. Patrick's Party on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> after 5pm.** All proceeds benefiting The Ave Maria House Shelter in Fort Wayne. **Tickets will be sold for all parishioners during the month of February after all masses in the parish hall or the parish office** (after March 1 tickets will be open). Tickets priced at \$5.00ea, \$20/per immediate family. You must have a ticket to attend this event; 300 tickets will be sold which aligns with our parish hall capacity limit.

**Silent Auction during the Fish Fry on Friday, March 13.** If you are interested in donating anything (item, gift card, service, themed basket, etc) for the auction, please call or text Michelle Fenker at 260.615.0109. We can make arrangements to pick it up. Thanks in advance for your donation!

**Formed: A Lenten Journey** – Join us in an informal & welcoming small-group setting on **Tuesday evening March 3 after Tuesday evening Mass from 6:30-8:00 pm.** “God invites you to experience his indescribable love this Lent.”

**Queen of Angels** hosting video series “The Perfect Prayer: The Mass”, the study group will meet in the school 9 consecutive Mondays, beginning the first Monday of Lent, **February 23 thru Monday, April 20 at 6pm.** Free series.

**Save the Date! Slainte to St. Patrick on Saturday, March 14 at the Mirro Center** (10622 Parkview Plaza) Celebrating a legacy of Cheers & Catholic charities. Tickets are now on sale at: [www.ccfwsb.org/stpatrick](http://www.ccfwsb.org/stpatrick).

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Banquet on Monday, April 13 at Kruse Plaza,** doors open at 5:30 pm. Keynote: Seth Gruber. Tickets available at [ichooselife.org](http://ichooselife.org).

**Daylight Savings Time Begins** on **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.** Clocks Spring Forward one hour!

**Easter Memorial Flower Envelopes** are located at the church entrances which will help decorate the church for Easter!

**Bishop Luers NEW Freshman Registration** is NOW OPEN! Applications can be submitted online at [www.bishopluers.org](http://www.bishopluers.org). Questions contact Jenny Andorfer at 260.456.1261 ext. 3051. Experience Luers Spirit!

**Faith in Action for Our Veterans!** Our CCD students and Knights are collecting items for Clothes for Joe and the Shepherds House. Suggested items: Coffee, creamer, Cereal, Bottled water, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, twin blankets, bed sheets, pillows, etc. *Let's live out our faith by serving those who have served us.*

**40 Days for Life – Spring Campaign** Feb 18 – March 29 (2930 Lake Ave). Pray for the end of Abortion! **St. Patrick/Queen of Angels Prayer date is Wed. March 25!**

### **Weekly Offertory Collection February 16-22**

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