

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 5, 2017



## Traditional Lenten Disciplines

### Fasting & Abstinence:

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays in Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics age 18 to 59 are to fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.

### Prayer:

Catholics are encouraged to pray more during Lent, especially with Scripture. Lent is also an ideal time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

### Almsgiving:

Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money they saved by eating, drinking or buying less as they rely more upon God's abundant grace.

*The Season of Lent consists of six Sundays and forty weekdays which are designed to prepare us for the high feast of Easter.*

*Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper in the evening on Holy Thursday.*

*Holy Week is a term that is still used even with the renewal of the Triduum.*

*It refers to the week beginning with Palm (Passion) Sunday and ending with Holy Saturday. It includes the last days of Lent.*

*The Triduum, the ancient "Great Three Days," celebrate the heart of our Christian Faith.*

*It begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, continues through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, and culminates in the Easter Vigil.*

*The Triduum actually concludes with Evening Prayer of Easter Sunday.*

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**We welcome you...**

Welcome to the greater New Prague Area Catholic Community which includes the Church of St. Wenceslaus and the Western Catholic Community of St. John the Evangelist and St. Scholastica. We are happy you are here. Should you be visiting just for today, WELCOME! If you are seeking a church home, we would be honored to have you consider joining our faith community. If you are interested in a membership, please phone the parish office for assistance and registration. If you are over the age of 21, we ask that you register. Please feel free to stop by the parish office during office hours to register or you may do so online. Again, we are happy you are here.

**At the Church of St. Wenceslaus****PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

**MASS SCHEDULE****Weekend Masses**

Saturday..... 4:00 pm  
 Sunday..... 8:30 & 10:30 am

**Morning Word & Communion**

Monday & Tuesday ..... 8:00 am

**Weekday Masses**

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday ..... 8:00 am

**SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION****Anointing of the Sick**

Available to those who are seriously ill or suffering from a prolonged illness. Call 952-758-3225

**Confirmation**

Preparation required. Call 952-758-5131

**Reconciliation**

Saturdays at 3 pm in the church.

**Baptism**

Preparation required. Call 952-758-3225

**Marriage**

Six months to one year preparation time required.  
 Call 952-758-3225

**Rosary**

Monday – Friday 7:30 am & Saturday 8:00 am in the church.

**Fatima Prayer Cell**

Monday – Wednesday after 8 am service in the chapel.

**Adoration**

Friday 9:00 am to midnight in the chapel

**Early Morning Scripture Study**

Wednesday 6:45 to 7:50 am - Pius X Room in church basement.

**Fr. Kevin's Bible Study**

Saturdays 9:30 to 11 am - Pius X Room in church basement.

**Prayer Chain**

Judy: 952-758-2220 or Arnita: 952-758-4943

**A Note From Our Pastors**

***“Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in His word, in the sacraments, and in our neighbor.” Pope Francis***

Lent has begun, and we would like to invite you to participate in many of our programs that will help you “encounter Christ.” In Lent, we look to reconcile with God for our shortcomings and walk with Jesus as he approaches the cross on Good Friday. Ultimately, we end this journey at the empty tomb and the promise of resurrection.

You should have received a schedule of activities and programs that will help you personally participate in Lent. Please check our website NPCatholic.org for the schedule to stay up to date. We recognize that life is very busy for all of us. Many of us are drawn in many different directions and it can be easy to set our faith lives aside. Perhaps, the best first step you can take is to commit yourself to weekly worship at one of our three sites. The Masses during Lent are a rich source of reflection on how Jesus models for us what it means to be a disciple and to live a full enriching life.

Thanks to your generous support, we are able to offer special programs at all three worship sites. We are personally inviting you to take advantage of at least one activity that will be occurring at our parish. There are programs for people of all ages, and remember, regardless of where you worship, you are welcome at any activity no matter where it is held.

The 40 days of Lent is a journey in which we explore our response to the unmerited love God gives to each of us as personified in Jesus Christ. Our God welcomes us no matter where we are in our journey of faith. Join with your friends and neighbors this Lent to see the ways God's love is present in your life and respond to the life-affirming call to be a Disciple of Jesus. We look forward to celebrating this season of Lent with you.

**Rev. Kevin I. Clinton**  
 Pastor Regional

**Rev. David Barrett**  
 Associate Pastor

# Western Catholic Community

## From the Desk of Father Dave

### Simply Adorable

When we think of adorable, do we think of babies or those pet videos? What is important enough in our lives for us to adore? Family, friends, or even Jesus can be who we adore the most. In terms of Jesus, we have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This is where we take the consecrated Host and place it in a holder called a luna. This luna is placed into a shiny stand called a monstrance. The Blessed Sacrament is put on the altar of a church. Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament can be quite moving. Many people like silence before the Lord where they can have a conversation with God or do some spiritual reading. It can be a devotional time. One can share an hour of their week with the Lord in order to build faith and consolation.

Every Friday from 9 am until midnight there is an opportunity for adoration in the chapel of the Parish Activities Center. Dedicated individuals offer their time so that the prayer can keep going. I thank the adorers and to all who organize this effort of adoration. Call the parish office at St. Wenceslaus if you are interested in coming to adore the Lord for an hour.

On Tuesday, March 7th, there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. John in Union Hill. Scripture will be read and a short homily will be preached. This will be followed a time of silence and the sacrament of reconciliation. The hour wraps up with Benediction, prayer, and song. Another Holy Hour, that will be formatted the same way, will be on Tuesday, April 10th, at St. Scholastica. Both run from 6:30-7:30 pm. On the four Tuesdays in between, there will be conversations on prayer led by me. The first three will be held at the parish house at St. John. The next week there will be a conversation about the Mass at St. Scholastica. Each Tuesday will be independent of the others, so you can enjoy any or all of the offerings. People of all ages and area churches are welcome to attend. See the Lenten mailing for more details.

**Fr. Dave Barrett**  
Regional Associate Pastor  
New Prague Area Catholic Community

## Important Information

- Weekend Masses**  
 Saturday..... 8:15 pm      St. John's  
 Sunday ..... 8:00 am      St. Scholastica  
 Sunday ..... 10:00 am      St. John's
- Weekday Masses**  
 Wednesday ..... 5:00 pm      St. John's  
 Thursday ..... 5:00 pm      St. Scholastica

### SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

- Reconciliation**  
 Wednesday ..... 5:30 pm      St. John's  
 Thursday ..... 5:30 pm      St. Scholastica

**Baptism & Confirmation**  
 Preparation required. Call Fr. Dave Barrett

**Anointing of the Sick**  
 Call Fr. Dave Barrett

**Marriage**  
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**Adoration**  
 Fridays 9:00 am to midnight at St. Wenceslaus Daily Chapel

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### **Mass Schedule Volunteers - St. John's & St. Scholastica**

March 11 & 12, 2017	Saturday St. John's 8:15 PM	Sunday St. Scholastica 8:00 AM	Sunday St. John's 10:00 AM
<b>Lector</b>	Carol Weiers	Karen Odenthal	Dan O'Brien
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	MaryCarol Wolf	Ann Prochaska, Becky Colwell & Gary Odenthal	Lori Wooten, Jill Holden & Jonila Weiers
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## PARISH AND AREA NEWS



### God Bless the Newly Baptized

Welcome and congratulations to *Bennett Coy Jackson*, son of Coy & Michelle Jackson. We rejoice with your family on this joyful occasion!

### St. Wenceslaus Adult Discussion Group

For Lent, the Adult Discussion Group will meet at 6 pm at the Parish House every Sunday beginning March 5th through and including April 9th. The topic is "The Gospel of Matthew". The reading for the first session will be: The Gospel of Matthew, Chapters 1, 2 and 3. As always, reading the material in advance is not necessary to attend and participate. ALL ARE WELCOME! Bring your Bible; bring a friend. If anyone has any questions, please give Dave or Susan Karan a call at (952) 461-3067.

### Area Separated & Divorce Support Group

Area Separated & Divorce Support Group meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month, 7-8:30 pm, in the Parish Office Building. The Topic for March 7 & 21 is "Being Attentive to the Signs of God's Presence". If you or a loved one is experiencing the loss of a long-term relationship, married or unmarried, you may desire to connect with this group since they understand what you are going through at this time in your life. Questions? Please call Deacon Bob Wagner at (952) 758-0463 or Mary Pieper at (952) 873-6781.

### What is Lent?

Join us for *Encounter Christ: A Lenten Experience*

Wed., March 8th at 5:30 pm

*Encounter our Neighbors ~*

Learn about the countries that CRS is supporting this year through intimate family stories and by sharing a meal made from Rice Bowl recipes ~ come taste and see.

*Encounter Ourselves*

Try out some new prayer experiences:

Learn more about lectio divina, Stations of the Cross, adoration, and the examen.

*Encounter our God: Encounter Christ*

Live Stations:

Follow Jesus' 14-station journey to crucifixion in preparation for resurrection.

**To register for the meal (so we know how much food to prepare), please call Laura at (952) 758-5131 or e-mail [laura.schoenecker@npcatholic.org](mailto:laura.schoenecker@npcatholic.org) by Mon., March 6th. Thank you!**

### Stations of the Cross

For Catholics throughout the world, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with Lent, Holy Week, and especially, Good Friday. This devotion is also known as the "Way of the Cross," the "Via Crucis," and the "Via Dolorosa." It commemorates 14 key events on the day of Christ's crucifixion. It honors His final walk through the streets of Jerusalem, carrying the Cross. The Stations

originated in medieval Europe when wars prevented Christian pilgrims from visiting the Holy Land. European artists created works depicting scenes of Christ's journey to Calvary. The faithful installed these sculptures or paintings at intervals along a procession route, inside the parish church, or outdoors. Performing the devotion meant walking the entire route, stopping to pray at each "station." Don't miss these last opportunities for Stations of the Cross this Lent.

### New Prague Area Catholic Community's Stations of the Cross

St. John: Wed. Evening ~ March 8 @ 7:15 pm

St. John: Wed. Evenings ~ March 15, 22, 29,  
April 12 @ 6:30 pm

St. Wenceslaus: Fri. Mornings ~ March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31,  
April 7 @ 8:30 am

St. Wenceslaus: Fri. evenings ~ March 31 &  
April 7 @ 7 pm

### Attention Catholic Gentlemen

The New Prague Knights of Columbus are looking for new members. One of the benefits to becoming a Knight is having the chance to make a difference in the lives of others in your Community, in your Church and in the area schools, especially St. Wenceslaus. If you have three or four hours to spare in a calendar YEAR, then you have all the time needed. At the very least, you will become a part an organization founded on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Please consider this great opportunity. The initiation ceremony will begin at 10:30 on Sun., March 12th at the New Prague KC Hall. Contact Greg Solheid at (952) 367-6063 or Mike Bartusek at (952) 454-0544 for more information.

### Lenten Craft Event

When: Sat., March 9th 8-9:30 am

Where: St. Wenceslaus Church basement

Bring your children and make a craft! Breakfast will be provided. Please RSVP to [lynn.sticha@npcatholic.org](mailto:lynn.sticha@npcatholic.org).

### SW CCW is Mixing It Up!

Ladies of St. Wenceslaus Parish, the Council of Catholic Women is mixing it up a little. Watch upcoming bulletins for more details. If you want to learn more, plan on attending our meeting March 20th.



### Environment Worship Committee

The Environment Worship Committee here at St. Wenceslaus is looking for additional people to join this important ministry. This committee is responsible for helping the church community celebrate the changing of liturgical seasons by creating an inviting and prayerful environ-

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ment. They meet five times a year and are responsible for preparing the church for Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Holy Week. If you are interested in getting more involved (behind the scenes) here at St. Wenceslaus, this committee is for you! Please contact Lisa in the Parish Office if you are interested. Thank you so much for your consideration!

### March Food Drive

Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign is the largest food drive in the state and relies on the generosity of congregations like yours to be the heart of the campaign. All monetary and food donations go directly to Peace Center Food Shelf to help those in need in our community. Please consider donating. There is a collection box at the back of the church. Peace Center is in need of many items including: seasonings/spices, canned meat and fruit (mixed fruit, pineapple), condiments (mayonnaise, mustard, and ketchup), salad dressing, and peanut butter.

### CRS Rice Bowls Are Available

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- 1 month of food for a family



Fill your CRS Rice Bowl with dollars and coins or give online at [crsricebowl.org/give](http://crsricebowl.org/give). They are available on the credenzas.

### Veseli Mens Club "Made from Scratch" Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

Sun., March 12th, serving from 8:30-12 noon in the Holy Trinity church basement. Adults ~ \$8, 5-12 ~ \$4, under 5 Free.

### March Cursillo Ultreya

Western Ultreya will be held on Sun., March 12th at St. Hubert Catholic Community in Chanhassen. We will begin in Room 116 with a potluck to welcome our new 4th day members. We will hear from a variety of individuals that volunteered at the recent Cursillo weekends (easy access through door 8 on the south side).

### Annual Roman Barten Memorial Benefit Breakfast

When: Sun., March 26th 8 am-1 pm

Where: New Prague KC Hall

This year all proceeds go to the care of 1-year-old Payton Smith (daughter of Matt & Sarah Smith) of Belle Plaine. To learn more, visit [www.caringbridge.org/visit/payton-faithsmith](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/payton-faithsmith).

~ If you cannot attend, monetary donations will be gratefully accepted (all donations are anonymous). Donations can be made to the "Payton Smith Benefit Account" at State Bank of Belle Plaine.



## FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

### Passion Pantomime & Live Stations of the Cross

Don't forget the Passion Pantomime auditions this weekend, **March 5th at 1 pm!** Live Stations of the Cross practice will be held **March 5th at 6 pm** in the church basement.



### Youth Ministry Eye Spy Event

Everything you ever wanted to know about aspergillum and more! YM will meet directly after 10:30 Mass on March 12th for Eye Spy ~ what do you spy in your sanctuary?



## SCHOOL NEWS from SWS

### School Happenings:

Registration is now open for K-8 students.

### Annual SWS Fish Fry

Friday, March 10th, 2017, Church Cafeteria

Lunch 11 am ~ 1 pm

Dinner 4:30 pm ~ 7:30 pm

#### MENU

~ Fish (baked or fried)

~ Cheesy Potatoes

**New this year:**

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~ Creamy Cole Slaw

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with questions

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**LUNCH DELIVERIES AVAILABLE!**

## WESTERN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY St. John's & St. Scholastica

### Our Lady of Good Help CCW Meeting

Our Lady of Good Help Council of Catholic Women's meeting is Mon., March 6th at St. Johns' School basement. Rosary starts at 6:45 with lunch at 7 pm. **ALL** women of the parish are welcome! The lunch committee is Cindy Jirak, Julie Prchal, Charlene Skluzacek, Helen Weiers, Pat Hrabec, and Doreen Seuer.

### Catholic United Financial Meeting

The quarterly Catholic United Financial Council meeting will be held on March 13th in the St. John's school basement at 7 pm with the rosary before.

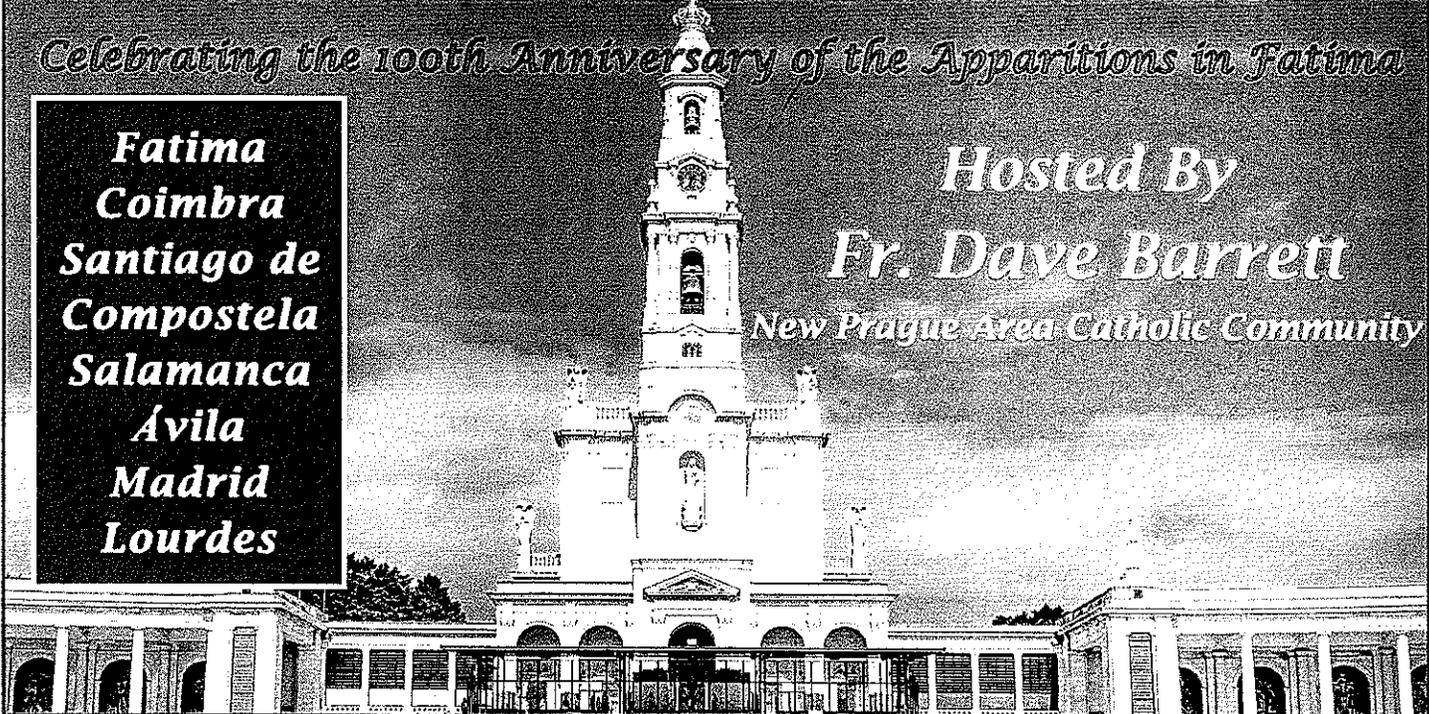
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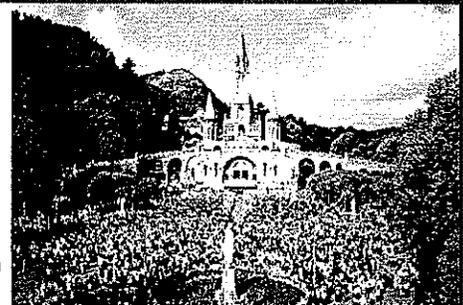


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**Rosary at St. Wenceslaus**  
**MONDAY – FRIDAY at 7:30 am**  
**SATURDAY at 8:00 am**

**Monday, March 6**

8:00 am ..... Word & Communion – SW

**Tuesday, March 7**

8:00 am ..... Word & Communion – SW

4:00 pm ..... Mass – Mala Strana

6:30 pm ..... Holy Hour w/Confessions – SJ

**Wednesday, March 8**

8:00 am ..... Julia Simon Zweber – SWS Mass – SW

5:00 pm ..... Mass – SJ

5:30 pm ..... Confessions – SJ

7:00 pm ..... Live Stations of the Cross – SW

7:15 pm ..... Stations of the Cross – SJ

**Thursday, March 9**

8:00 am ..... Mass – SW

5:00 pm ..... Mass – SS

5:30 pm ..... Confessions – SS

**Friday, March 10**

8:00 am ..... Mass – SW

8:30 am ..... Stations of the Cross – SW

**Saturday, March 11**

3:00 pm ..... Confessions – SW

4:00 pm ..... Fran Pexa, Joseph & Margie Soukup,

Wencel J. Kubes – Last 4 pm Mass – SW

8:15 pm ..... Mass – SJ

**Sunday, March 12 ~ Daylight Saving Time Begins**

8:00 am ..... Marcella Kaufenberg,

Bob Hauer – Mass – SS

8:30 am ..... Julia E. Tupy – Mass – SW

10:00 am ..... Randy Seurer – Mass – SJ

10:30 am ..... John Mamer, Arlene Mamer,

Carol Mamer – Mass – SW

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**ST. WENCESLAUS MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR**

WEEK OF MARCH 6-12, 2017

**Monday, March 6: No Events**

**Tuesday, March 7:**

Separated & Divorce Support Group, 6:45 pm –

Parish House, Deacon Bob's Office

Bible Timeline Study, 7 pm – Parish Office

**Wednesday, March 8:**

Early Morning Scripture Study, 6:45-7:50 am –

Parish Office

Children's Choir I & II – Choir Room

CORE Team, 5 pm – Faith Formation Office

Encounter Christ, 5:30-7:30 pm – AC

Youth Alive, 6 pm – Parish Office, Upper Parlor

Faith Formation 1-8, 6:15 pm – Campus Wide

Adult Bells & Choir – Choir Room

**Thursday, March 9:**

Teen Choir, 2 pm – Choir Room

Road to Discipleship, 6:30-8 pm – Chapel, PAC

WINE Book Club, 6:30-8 pm – FF Office

**Friday, March 10:**

Adoration, 9 am-midnight – Chapel, PAC

SWS Fish Fry, 11 am-1 pm & 4:30-7:30 pm – CB

Marriage Encounter Mtg, 7 pm – Parish Office

**Saturday, March 11:**

Prep & Serve Meal at Dorothy Day – St. Paul

Breakfast with Dad & Lenten Craft,

8-9:30 am – CB

Adult Scripture Study, 9:30-11 am –

Pius X Room, CB

**Sunday, March 12:**

CLW at 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses – SW Chapel

Sunday School during 8:30 am Mass

– Clubhouse

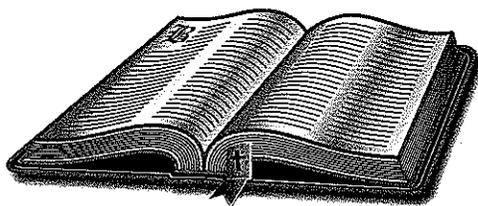
Grade 9 Candidate/Sponsor Supper & Speaker,

4-7 pm – PAC

Adult Discussion Group, 6 pm – Parish Office

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

WEEK OF MARCH 6-12, 2017



**Monday, March 6:**

LV 19:1-2, 11-18 / MT 25:31-46

**Tuesday, March 7:**

IS 55:10-11 / MT 6:7-15

**Wednesday, March 8:**

JON 3:1-10 / LK 11:29-32

**Thursday, March 9:**

EST C:12, 14-16, 23-25 / MT 7:7-12

**Friday, March 10:**

EZ 18:21-28 / MT 5:20-26

**Saturday, March 11:**

DT 26:16-19 / MT 5:43-48

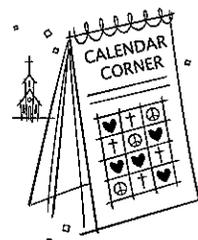
**Sunday, March 12:**

GN 12:1-4A / 2 TM 1:8B-10 / MT 17:1-9

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**Lenten Prayer**

*God of all people,*

*You walk with us on our life's journey.*

*You know our joys and struggles.*

*You know us better than we know ourselves.*

*This Lenten season, may we too learn to walk with others. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, may we encounter you in our neighbors in need and live your call to serve our human family. Amen.*

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