



If God is for us, who can be against us?
—Romans 8:31b

Collections

| February 18, 2018 | |
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| Adults | 665.00 |
| Plate | 139.00 |
| Children | 5.00 |
| Eastern Europe | 35.00 |
| Diocese Appeal | 10.00 |
| | 854.00 |

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be on Wednesday at 6:15 during Lent. All are welcome to come.

FAITH FORMATION

February 28, 2018—Elem Snack: No Class

High School Meal: (No class if girls go to State Girl's BB)
 McMillan-Peters, Sue Schimonitz

March 7, 2018—Elem Snack: Betty

High School Meal: (No class if boys go to State Boy's BB)
 Storer, Jorgensen

PENANCE SERVICE—St. Luke's—March 7

St. Patrick's—March 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

DIOCESE APPEAL—We are in need of donations to pay our Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our Goal is \$5,232.00. We have collected \$4,045.00. We still need to collect: \$1,332.00. Our deadline to pay our appeal is June 1, 2018. All donations and pledges are appreciated.

SOUP SUPPER—The Confirmation class will be having a free will donation soup supper fundraiser on Sunday, March 4, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for the McCall/Hopping family to help them with some of their expenses as they continue their stay in Omaha with baby Hadlee.



Baby Hadlee and the McCall/Hopping families. Baby Hadlee is in need of prayers for healing.

Cards can be sent to Ben, Alexa and baby Hadlee at the following address:

Children's Hospital
 8200 Dodge Street
 Omaha, NE 68114

Hadlee McCall—Room 213 PICU

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, February 25

Rosary: Jo Perlinger
 Lector: Jeremy Spurgin
 EM: Cal & Terri Hoover, Pattie Perlinger
 Greeters: Randy & Cher Perlinger
 Gifts: Alf & Marge Perlinger
 Servers: Ryan Fox & Dane Storer

Sunday, March 4

Rosary: Mark Perlinger
 Lector: Delbert Dack
 EM: Bill & Lori Holmstedt, Vesta Dack
 Greeters: Jody & Lisa Rhodes
 Gifts: Barry & Jo Perlinger
 Servers: Aidon Perlinger, Dalton Gartrell

Please find a substitute if you are not able to keep your assignment.



THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND JESUS

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

**I will make your
descendants as countless
as the stars of the sky**

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2018

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalms -- I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading -- God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel -- This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion

Wednesday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

Friday: Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer

Saturday: St. Katharine Drexel; First Saturday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The second Sunday of Lent every year recalls the Transfiguration of the Lord. Since the fourth century, Mount Tabor has been the focus of devotion to this event. As mountains go, it is not particularly lofty, rising about fifteen hundred feet, within view of the Sea of Galilee and very close to Nazareth. Scripture doesn't identify the mountain, but in the year 348 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem said he preferred Mount Tabor to Mount Hermon as the site of the Transfiguration, and his opinion won. It has long been a strategic military site, and ancient fortresses are visible on the heights. Over the centuries, churches and fortified monasteries rose on the mountaintop, only to be destroyed by various invaders. Six hundred years ago, local Christians started to decorate the ruins with flags and banners on the Feast of the Transfiguration. In 1631, the Sultan granted permission to the Franciscans to live on Mount Tabor, and they have been there ever since, discovering the ruins of an old Crusader church and constructing the present church on the site in 1924.

The top of the mountain is divided into Greek Orthodox and Latin (that's us) zones. At one time, tourists arrived on the summit by bus, but this is no longer permitted. Some ride bicycles up a challenging and winding path, while others take the four thousand three hundred steps constructed for Christian pilgrims in the fourth century. It's hard to imagine the fishermen following Jesus up this craggy mountain without complaint. Visitors will sympathize with Peter's plan to construct booths and stay put with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah for a while, enjoying the view, and planning the trip back down.

--Rev. James Field

IMPRESSION

When we try to make an impression, that's the impression we make.

--Anonymous

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please have items for the Bulletin in by Thursday morning at the church office 386-4300. Email: sacredheart@gpcom.net.

PRAYER CHAIN—Please call Ardis Engler 239-4334 or Marge Perlinger 239-4425 to get it started.