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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### A Sabbath Thought

The lesson of Lent is that deliverance comes only through transformation. Untold blessings and bountiful peace shall follow today's trials for those reborn in God's image.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### GENESIS 15:5-12, 17-18

God is faithful. This God commands our homage and showers untold blessings on those who are faithful in turn.

#### Responsorial Psalm: 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14

**R. The Lord is my light  
and my salvation.**

#### PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1

The cross of Christ should rule the lives of believers. In the end, glory awaits those who are imitators of Christ.

#### LUKE 9:28B-36

On the mountain, Jesus' appearance changes radically. But the disciples are changed too because they have seen the glory of the Lord.

### ENTRANCE RITE (Psalms 91:1-2)

*V. You, who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty*

**R. Say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in Whom I trust."**

*V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### TRACT – Psalm 27:8-9

**V. "Come," says my heart, "seek God's face;" Your face, Lord, do I seek!**

**R. Do not hide Your face from me; do not repel Your servant in anger.**

### THE GOSPEL – Luke 9:28B-36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord!**

# Worship Services

**TODAY – March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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**WED. – March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Stations of the Cross**

**7:00 PM**

**“Free” Lenten Meal Before**

**@ 5:30 PM**

**“FISH FRY”**

**Sponsored by the YMS of R**

**Hand Battered Fish Filet**

**Sandwich, French Fries**

**and Cole Slaw!**

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**SUNDAY – March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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**WED. – March 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Stations of the Cross**

**7:00 PM**

**“Free” Lenten Meal Before**

**@ 6:00 PM**

**Sponsored by the YMS of R**

**PIZZA!**

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## LENT

Today is the second Sunday of Lent. I hope that everyone is committed to our solemn Lenten journey as we follow our beloved Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ along the path of His Passion. Please be diligent in your daily prayers and meditations during this Lenten Season assisted by the Devotional Booklets available on the table in the vestibule. Remember also to try to abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays as a form of penance in honor of our Lord's passion and sacrifice. A blessed and prayerful Lent to all.

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## Cemetery Adornments

In preparation for the Spring Clean Up of the Parish Cemetery, we ask that if you have any adornments on your gravesites that you wish to keep, that you please remove them soon or they will be disposed of. Thank you for your prompt attention.

## INTENTIONS:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Michael Lucas, Eric Meck, Damon Grossman, Gwen Grossman, Lukas Grossman, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Father Carmen Bolock, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Greg Potash, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Cheryl Weinhold, Dwayne Schwarz, Joe Bezek, Bud Hoffman, John Halecky III, Jer and Tim Checket, Leina Jean Meier, Cassidy Durante, Dre Curto, Brenda Hoffa, Teri Hettinger, Joe Gimont, Dan Chujko, Chester and Cherrie Kitchman and John DeHart. **Our Father....**

**If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today, March 16<sup>th</sup>;** The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

**Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>;** The ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 AM Mass.

**Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>;** Lenten Penitential Service at 7:00 PM.

**Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>;** YMS of R Egg Sandwich sale after each Mass. Don't miss out on these famous sandwiches.

**Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>;** The Book Club will resume by meeting in the library at 7:00 PM. New members are always welcome. Please join us!

**If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!**

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## NEW PICNIC TABLE DRIVE

The YMS of R is asking for donations to purchase new, lightweight, plastic, folding tables for use during the Annual Picnic. Our old, existing tables are wooden and quite heavy to move from the church to the picnic grounds and back, plus this is damaging them in the process. It is proposed to purchase about twenty new tables at a cost of approximately \$85.00 each. Donations, if made in cash, should be placed in a separate envelope marked "YMS of R Table Drive" and checks should be made Payable to "St, Stephens YMS of R" and noted for Table Drive. Donations are coming in nicely but there is more work to be done so please help if you can.

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## PIEROGI MAKING

The Picnic Committee has established tentative dates for pierogi-making. They are as follows: March 14 & 15, March 28 & 29 (Potato); April 11 & 12 (Potato); April 25 & 26 Cheese); May 9 & 10 (Cheese), May 30-31 (Cheese); Sauerkraut- to be determined. A sign-up sheet will be available in the vestibule for volunteers.

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## 24<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL MISSION & EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

The 24<sup>th</sup> National Mission and Evangelism Workshop will be held on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, June 1, 2025 at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in Denver, Colorado. Please see the Pamphlets on the table in the vestibule for more information. The registration fee for this event is waived but you will be responsible for your travel and lodging expenses. Registration is limited to one hundred so please act soon if you plan to attend. Registration deadline is May 13<sup>th</sup> for the event and May 1<sup>st</sup> for the hotel. For more info, please contact Father Senior Donald.

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## COFFEE, DONUTS and FELLOWSHIP

**We are pleased to gather for Fellowship in the Church Hall following each Mass.**

**Coffee and donuts will be served with the coffee being free and the suggested donation for donuts being \$1.00 each. I hope that many of you will join us.**