

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
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Looking for direction?

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Mass Intentions

Mon, March 13—Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

7:30 am Cathy & Ed Gallagher †

Tues, March 14—Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

7:30 am Marilyn Ryan †

Wed, March 15—Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

5:30 pm Dave Gonzales †

Thurs, March 16—Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

7:30 am Steve Ludwig † (No School Mass)

Fri, March 17—Lenten Weekday [St. Patrick, Bishop]

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

7:30 am Shirley Kurtz †

Sat, March 18—Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

5:15 pm Mark Sutton †

Sun, March 19—3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:00 am Dr. Al Dolan †

11:00 am Joe Squiers †

Baptismal Preparation

The next preparation class meets on **April 10, 7pm in Church Hall at St. Edward.** To register, please go to www.waterloocatholics.org.

St. Patrick's Day Dispensation

St. Patrick's Day this year falls on a Friday of Lent, and as celebrations often include serving meat, Catholics in the Archdiocese of Dubuque are dispensed from the obligation to abstain from meat on that day.

Those people who take advantage of this dispensation are encouraged to perform some other good work, for example, participating in Holy Mass that day, or abstaining from watching television, or donating to charity the same amount of money spent on food and beverage at the St. Patrick Day celebration.

- Archbishop Michael Jackels

Save the Date

Lenten Soup Suppers: March 8 - April 5, Wednesdays in Lent after 5:30pm Mass

Evening Prayer: 4pm Sundays in Lent

Stations of the Cross: 5:30pm Fridays in Lent

Communal Penance: March 19

Liturgical Ministers Retreat: April 1

Palm Sunday & Agnus Dei Ministry: Journey of Mercy: April 9

Paschal Meal: April 12

Divine Mercy Weekend & Pancake Breakfast: April 23

Totus Tuus: July 23-28 at St. Edward School

From the Pastor

A couple of things. . .

● The scriptures from today's Mass feature major Biblical figures being led by God in ways that they would have not gone without His direction. From the first book of the Bible, Genesis, we hear today of Abram (later "Abraham") who is led from the land of his ancestors into the unknown new land where he will become the father of countless generations of his offspring. Then, in the gospel, we see Jesus, God with Us, leading his disciples up a mountain where Jesus is transfigured and reveals God's glory to his followers. In faith, we believe God led these biblical figures along His way. Of course, we wonder: how does God lead us today? And, assuming He does, how do we discover how and where God is leading us in our lives?

● The great expert among our Christian tradition about discovering the direction into which God might be leading us in our lives is St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the religious order called the Society of Jesus, AKA "the Jesuits." I've been reading about Ignatius (from his own writings) during these last weeks and expect to continue to do so as the focus of my Lenten reading. While a presentation of his theory of discovering ("discerning") God's will not fit comfortably in the approximately 600 words that comprise this weekly column, I can offer a couple comments that might be helpful if you are looking for direction—and who isn't? For Ignatius, the bottom line is that discernment of God's direction is **IMPOSSIBLE** without prayer. We may not lament, therefore, that we don't understand God's ways if we are not regular and faithful in our prayer. In our tradition, prayer comes in two major forms: public prayer and private prayer. Preeminent among public prayer is the Mass. ("Public" does not mean merely praying where others can see us. The word has its root in the Latin word "publicus," meaning "of the people." Public prayer indicates when we pray together as God's people.) Our private prayer is when we pray alone. Both types of prayer are necessary.

● Assuming we're praying, about what should we pray if we are discerning God's direction in our lives? **First**, St. Ignatius suggests that the best way to prayerfully discern God's direction in our lives is simply to ask Him to show you. It was his experience and the experience of many Christians that sometimes God simply shows us his direction—and when He does, it is so clear that we have complete confidence in this. So, when looking for God's direction in our lives, begin by simply asking God to show you His way. God's showing us is much different that our figuring out His path for us.

● **Second**, sometimes God's ultimate direction is not as clear. If we have not been given the confidence of God telling us the way, we are then prayerfully to consider and to weigh our options and ask for the desire to take the next step towards His direction. In this, we are not shown our final destination, but just our next step. Then, we prayerfully consider the next step and ask for direction. We must be ready that this might be a process of "two steps forward, one step back." As is often said, "God writes straight with crooked lines." Or, as the prophet Isaiah said long ago, "**For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways. . . . For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, my thoughts higher than your thoughts**" (Is. 55:8-9). In the end, in faith we are confident that when we are looking for direction, #GodSatisfies.

Fr. Scott Bullock

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

#GodSatisfies Through Prayer!

Lenten prayer opportunities abound! Besides the ultimate experience of Eucharistic Liturgy/Mass, you have lots of opportunities to join your parish family in prayer this Lent. Evening Prayer will take place at 4pm each Sunday--an excellent way to round out the Lord's Day, we will pray the Liturgy of the Hours which includes antiphonal psalms, other Scripture, intercessory prayer, and reflection. It lasts no more than a half hour. The Rosary for peace is prayed each Monday at 6pm. Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday at 5:30pm--walk the steps of the Passion and enter into the sacrifice of our loving God.

Prayer resources can be found at all parish entrances to help you make a fruitful Lent. Not only can you still get your hands on a key tag to remind you to seek the Lord in all things, but there are also booklets for children, families, and adults. You'll also notice some extra #GodSatisfies postcards--why not take a few to use as invites for friends or family to join our parish family for the Lent and Triduum liturgies and events?

St. Edward Vocations Thank You

St. Edward Parish, I just want to thank you for the recent 50/50 raffle you had at Trivia Night for supporting seminarians. The support my parish gives in support through prayers and money is much needed and appreciated. I have felt a lot of it in my last 4 years in seminary. Right now I am in Cedar Rapids at St. Matthew's Parish doing my spring pastoral internship. Please continue to pray for all seminarians and know you are all in mine. Thank you!

- Tom Heathershaw

Sunday, March 19 at 4pm
Sacred Heart Church



Paschal Meal - April 12 at 6pm



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all spots are full.
Pick up a form at the
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233-8060.

Ministry Spotlight

Ministry Spotlight: Home-bound Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

The Homebound Eucharistic Minister (EM) is a commissioned Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion who takes Holy Communion to parishioners unable to attend Mass for a prolonged period of time. This may be in a person's home or to an individual or group in an assisted living or care facility. The need for Homebound EMs varies at any given time. However, when we hear of a need, we desire to respond promptly. Having people at the ready to minister is important. We have a need! If you are a commissioned EM, or you are interested in serving this ministry, please contact Pam Nichols, coordinator of the homebound EM ministry at pnichols19@mchsi.com phone: 319-226-5901.

Funeral Dinner Ministry

When family and friends gather for a meal after a Funeral Mass, they enjoy fellowship and share memories of their deceased loved one. Families often express deep appreciation for this ministry. The Funeral Dinner Ministry always welcomes new helpers in the areas of:

- * Drivers to transport leftovers to area agencies
- * Funeral Dinner Coordinators "in training" - try it out by working with another Coordinator
- * Volunteers to bake cakes and serve at Funeral Dinners (always a need)

If you are available to serve in any of these areas, **please contact Toni** at dbq210s@dbqarch.org or **319-233-8060**. Your support is a blessing appreciated by so many!

Ongoing Ministry Needs:

- Coffee & Donuts Coordinator
- Funeral Dinner Helpers
- Funeral Dinner Coordinators
- Meals-on-Wheels Drivers
- Heart-to-Heart Ministry
- Retirees' Luncheon Helpers
- Ushers for 5:15 pm and 11 am Masses
- Children's Liturgy of the Word helpers for 9 am Mass
- Homebound Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion
- Parish Life Gatherings & Family Meals
- Drivers for weekend Masses

Want to sign-up for a ministry online? Go to www.sted.org and click on the tab, **Share My Gifts** at the top of the page. For more information, contact the Parish Center at 319-233-8060.

Have Your Ministry Preferences Changed?

St. Edward members can update their ministry service preferences or sign up for new ones online! Visit our website to submit your updates.

New Address, Email, or Phone Number? Don't forget to update your parish!
Give us a call, 233-8060 or go online: www.sted.org > Home > Update My Info!



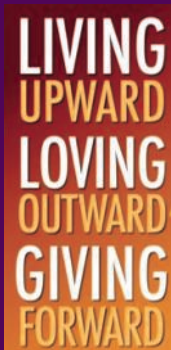
This past year, St. Edward partnered with a Haitian physician, Dr. Eugene Macklin to distribute 15,000 cholera kits in Grison Garde, Haiti. Each kit contained chlorine tablets, soap, bleach, and oral rehydration salts.

Living Upward Red Bag Collection

This campaign's recipient is:

House of Hope - a 2 year transitional house for homeless single women and their children. The program is designed to empower mothers to move from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

Items they can always use: toilet paper, paper towels, trash bags, multi-purpose cleaner, diapers (esp. size 4,5,6), dish soap, and laundry detergent



Red bags will be collected under St. Joseph through Holy Thursday, 4/13.

Lenten Almsgiving

"**Almsgiving**," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (CCC, § 2462).

COR @ 220 East

Upcoming Events:

March 15: Listening Session for Inactive Catholics, 7 pm

March 17: Movie Night with Fr. Bullock, 7 pm March Movie – *On the Waterfront*

March 19: Discussion Night, 7 pm Topic: Who is God? How do I know and feel his love?



#GodSatisfies - Our Need for Direction

In this early stage of our Lenten journey, we receive a preview of transfigured life given to Jesus. In the Gospels, the Transfiguration account appears after the first of three references about Jesus' suffering and death. Jesus bluntly informs his followers that their journey to Jerusalem will lead to his arrest and execution. Jesus immediately adds that his disciples must also surrender themselves to God's way of salvation. True discipleship demands imitating Jesus' willingness to give up this present life for greater life. Immediately after this fearsome call, Peter, James, and John, who will also accompany Jesus in Gethsemane, receive a vision of glorious life brought out by death. In the midst of this revelation of what is to come, the disciples are called to "listen to him." *In what ways do you feel directionless? How can this vision of the Transfiguration encourage you when you feel directionless?*

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

LENTEN RECITALS SERIES -- Wed, March 15. 12:10-1pm. Westminster Presbyterian Church, Waterloo. Contact Westminster at 319-319-234-5501.

INACTIVE AND ALIENATED CATHOLICS -- Wed, March 15. 7pm. 220 E 4th St, Waterloo. For information contact Dave Cushing at 319-233-0498 (email: dbqwcaf@dbqarch.org).

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (AGE 18-39)

Save the Date: Seven Churches Visitation – Holy Thursday Night, April 13. All young adults are welcome to join in this ancient tradition of making a spiritual pilgrimage to seven of our local parishes and chapels. More details to come!

*Please see www.waterloocatholics.org for additional information on COR @ 220 East and area faith formation activities for all age groups.

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