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## February 18th, 2024

*1st Sunday of Lent*

### Sunday Masses

10am & 8:00pm

### Thursday Daily Mass

5:30 pm

### Confessions

Thursday, 5:00 pm

Sunday, 7:30pm

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\*In case of immediate need, call your parish office to reach a priest directly.

### This Week's Happenings

#### Monday (2/19)

Music Rehearsal 6:30pm

#### Tuesday (2/20)

SCTCC Bible Study 9am

Staff Meeting 10:30am

Peer Ministry Meeting 4pm

Student Bible Study 5:30pm

Community Focus Meeting 6:30pm

Nuts & Bolts Meeting 6:30pm

#### Wednesday (2/21)

Peace and Social Justice Committee meeting via zoom 7pm

Confirmation Class 7pm

#### Thursday (2/22)

Eucharistic Bread Baking 9:30am

Daily Mass 5:30pm

Student Social 6pm

#### Sunday (2/25):

Confirmation Retreat 12:30pm

Mass: 10am & 8pm

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Lent and the Flood

I would bet money that somewhere in your church this Lent, there's a bare tree branch draped in purple fabric and an empty bowl filled with rocks.

I'm not poking fun, the desert imagery that surrounds the season of Lent isn't a cliché — or if it is, it's only because clichés are essentially true. Lent *is* the desert. Lent is the wilderness. Lent is the time of less.

But what if Lent was also the flood?

It seems counterintuitive, floods are excessive, and we don't think of Lent as a time for superabundance. Lent is when we limit experiences outside of ourselves in order to limit proclivities within ourselves. Lent is not a time for anything to be washing over us, consuming us, carrying us away on a tide.

Unless...it is.

Consider the flood of the Old Testament. An act of destruction, yes, but also an act of purification. An endurance test for the soul, an epic trust fall exercise between God and Noah in which Noah had to ride the literal waves, clinging to life as God wiped away everything familiar. Everything sinful.

In Lent, we relinquish our weaknesses and our infirmities to the flood. It's frightening, certainly. But it's also exciting. Because just as the flood destroys everything, it also makes everything possible. It is a baptism.

Lent, like the flood, makes the world new.

*"Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit." — 1 Peter 3:18*

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### A Prayer to Begin your Lenten Journey

God of goodness and mercy,

Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace. Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to commit myself to grow closer to you each day.

Amen.

## Parish Prayers

† Michael Garrity  
† Jacob Olson  
† Carrie Ahrens  
† Michael Dale  
Serenity Sabin  
† Shawn Preisler  
Helen Trisko  
† Don Teff, brother of Bonnie Stachowski  
Glenda and Ron Prom Family  
† Arleen Boyd, Mother of Glenda Prom  
† Parisa  
Skip & Pati Rothstein  
† Julie Gabrielson

## Opportunity to support the Pregnancy Resource Center

The PRC is now holding its annual Baby Bottle fundraising campaign in area churches. Funds gathered will support their programs. If interested, we invite you to take a bottle home (available in both entryways), fill it with spare change, cash, or checks, and return it here by Sunday, March 10th. For more information about the PRC, see: [https:// www.preghelp.com/](https://www.preghelp.com/)

## Social Concerns Office for the diocese -- newsletter

Their winter-season newsletter . . . with lots of information about a wide range of social justice issues -- is available at: <https://mailchi.mp/ccstcloud.org/social-concerns-rural-life-fund-12792393>

## February Student Meal

The student meal is February 29th please sign up in either of the lobbies.

## Sacrament Dates for First Communion

Activity Day: (9-11am)

February 17 - Holy Spirit

Learning Stations: (3-6pm)

March 20 - Newman Center

March 27 - Newman Center

Sacrament of First Communion

April 14 8am (St. Anthony)

April 14 10am (Newman Center)

April 21 9am (St. Augustine's)

April 21 10:45am (St. John Cantius)

April 28 9:30am (St. Mary's)

May 5 9:30am (Holy Spirit)

## The Salvation Army is Closed Until March

A fire at Salvation Army in December caused extensive damage. With their closure, 40 beds for people experiencing homelessness have been lost along with 10 overflow spots. **Lincoln Center** and **Place of Hope** have been taking in some folks, but the need is great. **Both places need volunteers** in various ways. **Both places could also use financial support.** Loving God means loving our neighbors with the gifts we've been given. Lincoln Center - 612-868-0465, and Place of Hope - 320-203-7881 Please hold all those without shelter in your prayers, as well as they who minister to them. *Faith in Housing (a group that meets monthly to work on homelessness outreach)*

## SAVE OUR SONS: Fathers Leading Sons to Live Porn Free

Mens Chastity Workshop  
March 2, 10am-12pm  
Church of St. Peter  
930 31st Ave. N.  
St. Cloud

This workshop is tailored to equip fathers to help their sons live a life *free from pornography and free for God*. Whether you're a father or not, **all men 18+** are invited and encouraged to attend. While not strictly required, registration is encouraged so we have enough workbooks on hand for everyone. Free-will offering will be accepted.

Registration:

[www.freedomtolove.org/saintpeter](http://www.freedomtolove.org/saintpeter)

## Bulletin Submissions

If you have a submission for the bulletin, please send it via email to **bulletin@spiritandsaints.org**. All submissions need to be received by 10 am on Wednesdays. Please contact the Parish Office with questions.

## ONLINE GIVING:

Please scan this QR code to donate to the many needs of our parish. Thank you!



Daily Readings are found at [uscbb.org](http://uscbb.org)



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