



March 5, 2023 | 2nd Sunday in Lent
"He was transfigured before them;"

Dear Friends in Christ,

Do you remember the six words I gave you last week to reflect on God's plan of salvation for all of us? I gave you temptation, transfiguration, thirst, testimony, tomb, and triumphant! Every week, I will talk about how God works in our lives to save us. How was your first week of Lent? I hope you feel the difference! If you have not yet done anything, you still have time to do it! You only need to want to do it! This Lent 2023 could be the season that you remember for the rest of your life because, in this time, you can feel the goodness of our God.

I heard a beautiful story that I shared with you a long time ago, but I would like to remind you again this year.

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things in order, she contacted her Pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. Everything was in order and the Pastor was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her. "There's one more thing," she said excitedly. "What's that?" came the Pastor's reply. "This is very important," the young woman continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand." The Pastor looked at the young woman, not knowing what to say. "That surprises you, doesn't it?" the young woman asked. "Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by your request," said the Pastor. The young woman explained. "My grandmother once told me this story, and since then, I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who need encouragement. In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the main course dishes were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part because I knew something better was coming...like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful and with substance!" So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand, and I want them to wonder, "What's with the fork?" Then, I want you to tell them, "Keep your fork...the best is yet to come." The Pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman goodbye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than people twice her age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. She knew that something better was coming. At the funeral, people were walking by the young woman's casket, and they saw the cloak she was wearing, and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the Pastor heard the question, "What's with the fork?" And over and over, he smiled. During his message, the Pastor told the people about his conversation with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and what it symbolized to her. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either. "The transfiguration of Jesus is a small glimpse of the destination journey, heaven!"

— Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez

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Mission Statement
"We are a welcoming spiritual home
that provides community and personal growth
through liturgy, evangelization, the Word of
God and a call to His service."

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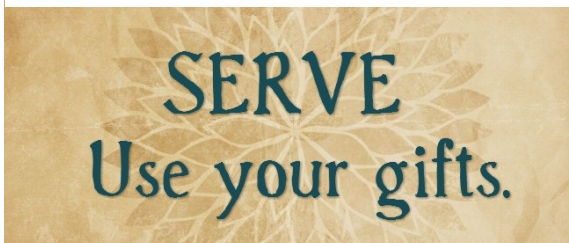
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM St. Joseph

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday 11:00 AM St. Raphael
 Thursday, Friday 11:00 AM St. Joseph
 Saturday 4:00 PM St. Joseph
 Saturday 6:30 PM St. Raphael
 Sunday 9:00 AM St. Raphael
 Sunday 11:00 AM St. Joseph

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:30 PM St. Joseph
 Sunday 8:30 AM St. Raphael
*May also be offered during Adoration
 or by appointment*



Mass & Ministry Schedule

St. Joseph of Onekama

Saturday, March 11, 4:00 PM

Lector Mary Jerore
 Body of Christ **Volunteer Needed**
 *Blood of Christ (2) **Volunteers Needed**
 Altar Server Anhalts

Sunday, March 12, 11:00 AM

Lector Nan Kamaloski
 Body of Christ Maria Somsel
 *Blood of Christ (2) Tom & Kris Greve
 Altar Server William & Allison Aguilar

St. Raphael of Copemish

Saturday, March 11, 6:30 PM

Lector Peaches Sanovic
 Body of Christ Ann Fouchey
 *Blood of Christ (2) Bonnie Hyder
 Altar Server Michael Schaub

Sunday, March 12, 9:00 AM

Lector David Clous
 Body of Christ Pat Mullen
 *Blood of Christ (2) Flo Smith
 Altar Servers Cathy Noggle

***EMsHC Note:** Deacon will be one of the ministers of the cup when he is assisting at Mass.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday, March 7th

10:00 AM Adoration & Stations of the Cross St. Raphael
 11:00 AM Mass St. Raphael

Wednesday, March 8th

11:00 AM Mass St. Raphael

Thursday, March 9th

10:00 AM Mass **St. Joseph**
 11AM-8PM Adoration through 8PM **St. Joseph**

Friday, March 10th

11:00 AM Mass St. Joseph

Saturday, March 11th

4:00 PM †Richard Jasinski (Wayne & Betty Janicki) St. Joseph
 6:30 PM Bishops & Priests (Fernanda Acosta) St. Raphael

Sunday, March 12th

8:00 AM TV Mass for the Homebound Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3)
 9:00 AM Phil & Janet Phelps (Pat Mullen) St. Raphael
 11:00 AM †Bob Cummings (Chris Sattler) St. Joseph

Prayer Requests

**Please pray for all service personnel and first responders
 who are and have served our country including:**

Pvt. 1st Class, Andre Brown, Army	Mike Meyers, Air Force
Sgt. Gabe Caldwell, Army	Sgt. Melaney Miller, Army, NG, Band
Mark J. Debano, Jr., OD LT, MSC, USN	Adam O'Neill, Army
2 Lt. Daniel J. Debano, Engineer, MIARNG	Capt. Courtney Pierce, RN, Army
Sgt. Chris DeVoll, Army	Capt. Karina Pierce, Army
Spc. Renada DeVoll, Army	Sgt. Benjamin Pingel, Navy
2nd Lt. Connor Fitzpatrick, Army	Adam Schuessler, Army, USAF
Caleb Fouchey, Marine	Hunter Scoggins, Army
Olivia Fouchey, USAF	Austin Soller, Navy
Charles Fouchey V, Army, NG	Sgt. Dylan Somsel, Army
Aaron Logan, US Border Patrol	Daniel Tanner, Navy
Lt. Col. Christi Logan, USAF	Trevor Tomkinson, Marine
Capt. Matthew Logan, Firefighter EMT	Capt. Kent Turner, Army
Jay Long, Air Force	Yeoman John Tucker, CG
	Yeoman Sarah Tucker, CG

**Please remember in your prayers all the homebound, those who are in the
 Medical Care, adult foster care homes, and those who are ill including:**

June Bartlett	Pat Gurn	Becky Petersen
Gary Bentley	William Hogarth	Judy Pendencygraft
Dennis & Janice Berben	Addy Hollifield	Reed Family
Colette Bernard	Tammy Holmes	Rich Russell
Rev George Bernard CSC	Dennis Humphrey	Peaches Sanovic
James Bernard	Nancy Kuczynski	Kelli Sattler
Kyleigh Borah	Stephen Kuczynski	Bob Saul
Carlina Breitrener	Joyce LaFleur	Peyton Scheda
Ned Brown	Ryan LaHaie	Chad Schualer
Sharon Burkl	Tami Laurent	Pat Siuda
Anna Charlich	Nancy LaVeque & Family	Maria Somsel
Jayne LaFleur Daley	Joseph Lizon	Larry St. Onge
Mark Dagnall	Marilyn Lotz	Mary Steen
Karen Daldine	George Macko	Jane Sweet
Martha Dirksen	John David Martuch	Jack Sysko
Christine Eckhout	Mary Ellen Martuch	Kay Thompson
Blake Elmer	Tammy May	Tom Volkema
Mary Evans	Julie Miller	Eleanor Wall
Erik Florit	Kelly Miller	Donna Wallace
Norma & Arnold Fraley	Olivia Miller	Tom Wasco
Ken Franklin	Lisa Milliron	Gordon & Frieda Wilson
Michele Gillaspie	Dale Moody	
Don Gurn	Nielsen Family	

Why do we have penitential seasons?

Jesus gave the example of a penitential retreat, spending prayerful time in the desert preparing for his ministry, reflecting on God’s will, and determining how he’d freely make that happen. Penitential seasons offer us this same opportunity: to withdraw from our routines and evaluate our spiritual progress or regression. We do this through reflection and repentance, which enable us to identify our weaknesses and make reparation to amend our sinful ways. Penitential seasons create time to reflect on our need to make God the focal point of our lives. The result can be spiritually rewarding.

Stewardship by the Book

Bear your share of the hardship which the gospel entails, St. Paul tells Timothy in today’s second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

Vocation View

The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There’s no telling what we can become by responding to God’s invitation to us.

Stewardship Reflections

“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.” Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.”

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming.

Mass followed by Adoration | Thursday, March 9th

Our Lord will be waiting for you at Adoration on Thursday, March 9th, at St. Joseph of Onekama. On this day, Mass will be held at 10AM, followed by Adoration from 11AM through 8PM. We are asking you to please sign up so that we are sure to have at least two people with our Lord throughout the day and evening.

“The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth.” – *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

Lenten Soup Luncheons, Dinners and more...

On Tuesdays, please join St. Raphael of Copemish for Adoration along with Stations of the Cross beginning at 10AM, Mass at 11AM, followed by their **Lenten Soup Luncheons** at 11:45 AM. A sign up sheet for the Soup Luncheons is in the church vestibule.

Lenten Soup Suppers will be held on Wednesdays at 5PM, at St. Joseph of Onekama. All free-will donations will be put towards the trip expenses for the three pilgrims attending World Youth Day '23 with the Pope next summer. Thank you to the SJ Ladies Guild for hosting. A sign-up sheet is in the SJ vestibule for those willing to share their culinary soup skills!

We hope you will plan to join us for these weekly Lenten events.

Meatless Meals

Maryland Crab Cakes | Serves 4

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| 1 lb. crabmeat | 1 tsp Dijon mustard |
| ½ cup dry bread crumbs | 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce |
| 1 egg, beaten | 1 Tbsp Old Bay® Seasoning |
| 1 Tbsp mayonnaise | 2 Tbsp butter |

In a medium-sized bowl, combine the bread crumbs and the crabmeat. In a separate bowl, stir the beaten egg, mayonnaise, Dijon mustard, Worcestershire sauce and Old Bay Seasoning. Lightly mix these ingredients into the crabmeat mixture, being careful not to overwork the crab. Form into 8 round, flat cakes. Heat butter in a skillet over medium heat. Fry the cakes on each side in the skillet, until crusty and golden brown. Serve warm.

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 6th

1 PM Stained Glass Ministry St Joseph

Tuesday, March 7th

11:45 AM Lenten Soup Luncheon St Raphael

6 PM Faith Formation St Joseph

6 PM RCIA St Raphael

Wednesday, March 8th

9 AM Bible Study | Ephesians St Raphael

5 PM Lenten Soup Supper St Joseph

5:30 PM SJ Finance Council Mtg St Joseph

Friday, March 10th

9 AM Bible Study | Ephesians St Joseph

1 PM Stained Glass Ministry St Joseph

6 PM Stations of the Cross St Joseph

Celebrating Anniversaries ♥

03/10 M/M Paul Bristol

Celebrating Birthdays 🎂

03/08 Peter Bologna

03/10 Joseph Knoche

03/11 Kristie Harless, Betty Janicki

03/12 Krista Anhalt, Carol Dyer

WinSome Women Christian Retreats

WinSome Women is presenting award-winning musician Aaron Shust, along with speakers Karen Abercrombie, Karen Ehman, and pottery lady, Carol Wolaver, at the 2023 Spring Retreats. The WinSome Women purpose of the retreat is to allow you to have time away from life’s everyday distractions, and experience the blessing and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Come with your mother, daughters, sisters, and friends to experience enriching speakers, uplifting worship, and the ambiance of the Great Lakes Center for the Arts in beautiful Bay Harbor, MI. Mark your calendar for the Spring retreats on May 4 & 5, and May 5 & 6, 2023. Register online at www.wretreats.org.

Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you so very much for your giving of time, talent and treasure to our parishes.

It is truly appreciated!

St. Joseph of Onekama

Envelope Offertory\$1984

Loose Offertory\$611

Mass Stipends\$10

Vigil Candles\$70

Building Fund\$20

Total\$2695

Food Pantry\$92

St. Raphael of Copemish

Envelope Offertory\$2066

Loose Offertory\$511

Mass Stipends\$19

Vigil Candles\$29

Building Fund\$20

Total\$2645