

[Isaiah 58:7–10](#)

[Psalm 112:4–9](#)

[1 Corinthians 2:1–5](#)

[Matthew 5:13–16](#)

Jesus came among us as light to scatter the darkness of a fallen world.

As His disciples, we too are called to be “the light of the world,” He tells us in the Gospel this Sunday (see [John 1:4–4, 9; 8:12; 9:5](#)). All three images that Jesus uses to describe the Church are associated with the identity and vocation of Israel. God forever aligned His kingdom with the kingdom of David and his sons by a “covenant of salt,” salt being a sign of permanence and purity (see [2 Chronicles 13:5, 8; Leviticus 2:13; Ezekiel 43:24](#)). Jerusalem was to be a city set on a hill, high above all others, drawing all nations towards the glorious light streaming from her Temple (see [Isaiah 2:2; 60:1–3](#)). And Israel was given the mission of being a light to the nations, that God’s salvation would reach to the ends of the earth (see [Isaiah 42:6; 49:6](#)). The liturgy shows us this week that the Church, and every Christian, is called to fulfill Israel’s mission. By our faith and good works, we are to make the light of God’s life break forth in the darkness, as we sing in this week’s Psalm. This week’s readings remind us that our faith can never be a private affair, something we can hide as if under a basket. We are to pour ourselves out for the afflicted, as Isaiah tells us in the First Reading. Our light must shine as a ray of God’s mercy for all who are poor, hungry, naked, and enslaved. There must be a transparent quality to our lives. Our friends and family, our neighbors and fellow citizens, should see reflected in us the light of Christ and through us be attracted to the saving truths of the Gospel. So let us pray that we, like St. Paul in the Epistle, might proclaim with our whole lives, “Christ and him crucified.”

The Church of The Visitation Religious Education Program is in need of Catechists.

There are several ways one can help; teaching a class, substituting, or as a Catechist Aid. Helping our children become good Catholic Christians is very rewarding work. Being a Catechist is doing God’s work, and because of this I am assured that our Lord has called our people to carry out His mission. Please, I ask you to pray and when you feel called, or would like to discern your call, please contact Fr. Darrell or I will be available at the RE Bldg after Mass or just call my cell.

Thank you in advance for your prayers,

Linda Lorenz, DRE

Church of The Visitation

Religious Education Program

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Sunday, February 9, 2020 St Lukes 2nd Annual Fashion Bingo from 1-4 with doors opening @ 12noon. Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. For tickets call: Laura Brenek: 254-718-2991 Sandy Brenek: 254-760-8393 St. Luke Office: 254-773:1561

Sunday February 9, 2020 KJT Society #28, Granger will be having their annual Pork Steak Dinner in conjunction with the Polka Mass. The Mass will be held at 10 AM at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Granger and the dinner will be held at the Parish Hall beginning at 11 AM. This year, they decided to donate the proceeds of it (along with a matching grant from the KJT Home Office) to the Church of the Visitation for the rebuilding of our church and in memory of Msgr. Ed Rabroker and Deacon John Thornton. They both served SSCM for many years and were from our parish. Serving will begin at 11 AM and plates will be \$10. A drive thru line will also be available from 11 AM - 12:30 PM. Everyone is welcome!!

Sunday February 16, 2020 Czech Mass - Vítame Vás na Corn Hill:In February we celebrate the Feast Day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, patron saints of the Czech Republic and patron saint of Slavic peoples. In honor of these saints a Czech Mass will be celebrated **at 5:00 pm**, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Corn Hill. All prayers, readings and hymns will be in the Czech language. After Mass, a Dinner will be served in the Parish Activity Center. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate this special feast day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius

PRAYER FOR OUR NEW PARISH CHURCH

Heavenly Father, author and inspirer of all things holy, hear our prayers for our new church. Send forth Your Spirit that we may humbly be guided by Your Divine Will. Touch our hearts with true generosity to raise up a house of God for the inspiration and renewal of all Your faithful. May it be a home where all are welcomed, nourished, and empowered to be Christ to others. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK				
Weekend Mass Intentions	Sat, 2-8 - 6:00 pm RE Bldg	Sun, 2-9- 9:00am	Sat, 2-15 6:00pm RE Bldg	Sun, 2-16 - 9.00am
	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	+Charlotte Ann Thornton	Parishioners	+Louise Lange	Parishioners
Altar Server	Carson Kahlig Addison Wilde Mason Wilde	Brooke Skala Madison Skala Parker Peters	Brooke Skala Madison Skala Parker Peters	Carter Kleypas Tamryn Stock Easton Green
Lector	Mark Bartek	Renaee Willberg	Dawn Willberg	Mark Bartek
Psalmist		Kay Rabroker		Kathy Thornton
Cantor		Katie Wilde		Jerry Loden
Gift Bearer		Wesley Wilde Family		Calvin Wilde Family
Ushers	Walter Carson Edward Ranly	Randy Lorenz & Carl Hubik	Walter Carson Edward Ranly	Paul Daskocil & Jeff Hering
EMHC to sick	Marilyn Rudloff	Cindy Moeller	Connie Petru	Kayla Skala
Rosary Leader	Patricia Simecek	Bradley & Marilyn Rudloff	Patricia Simecek	Bradley & Marilyn Rudloff
Money Counter	Horest & Bernice Weaver & Louis & Jerlene Vrana		Jerry & Janet Loden; Sharon Herwald; Janet Ferguson	
Vocation Cross	Raymond & Margaret Moeller		Marilyn & Bradley Rudloff	
Church Cleaner	2/8 & 2/15 Vonnice Green, Jet Kleypas, Tammy Ryan, Jill Williams, Stefanie Hering 2/22 & 2/29 Jean Herzog, Kay Rabroker, Sylvia Heise, Shawna Ranly, Audra Schneider			
Weekday Mass Intentions	Tue 2/11 8:00 am	Wed 2/12 7:20 am	Thurs. 2/13 8:00am	Fri 2/14 8:00 am
	+Jason Holy	+Don Merryfield	+Fred Hoelscher +Herbert Hoelscher	+Charlotte Ann Thornton

The Sick and the Suffering requesting our prayers: Gary Locklin, John Macha, Eva-Ann Greger, Rachel Rudloff, Charles Thornton, Annette Hoelscher, Layla Grace Evetts, JoeAnn Kalmbach, Pattie Kalmbach, Jeff Bernsen, Josie Kleypas, Dennis Fuchs, Beatrice Arnold, Mike Meyer, Bobby Bulls, Charles Ordner, Don Drake, Al Buckholt, Gene Kreger, Edwin Green, Craig Thornton, Fran Greger, Gary Herzog, Barron Shoemaker, Skylar (Savage) Wolfe & Amy Drake

Daily Prayer Service begins 6:00 pm R E Building

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sun 2-9- HS Religious Education after Mass
- Sun 2-9 - First Communion Class after Mass
- Wed 2-12 - Youth Meeting ...Hall
- Thur 2-13 - Liturgy Meeting RE 6:00 pm
- Sun 2-16 - First Communion Class after Mass

2-2 OFFERINGS:

Regular 2,660

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Deacon Charlie Wright
Deacon Julian Tyboroski (Retired)

MASSSES: Saturday – 6:00 pm, Sunday – 9:00 am
Tues 8:00am, Wed 7:20am, Thurs 8:00am, Fri 8:00am

RECONCILIATION: Prior to Weekend Mass

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
FEBRUARY 9, 2020**