

1st Sunday of Lent

[Genesis 2:7–9; 3:1–7](#)

[Psalm 51:3–6; 12–14, 17](#)

[Romans 5:12–19](#)

[Matthew 4:1–11](#)

In today's Liturgy, the destiny of the human race is told as the tale of two "types" of men—the first man, Adam, and the new Adam, Jesus (see [1 Corinthians 15:21–22; 45–59](#)).

Paul's argument in the Epistle is built on a series of contrasts between "one" or "one person" and "the many" or "all." By one person's disobedience, sin and condemnation entered the world, and death came to reign over all. By the obedience of another one, grace abounded, all were justified, and life came to reign for all.

This is the drama that unfolds in today's First Reading and Gospel.

Formed from the clay of the ground and filled with the breath of God's own Spirit, Adam was a son of God (see [Luke 3:38](#)), created in His image (see [Genesis 5:1–3](#)). Crowned with glory, he was given dominion over the world and the protection of His angels (see [Psalms 8:6–8; 91:11–13](#)). He was made to worship God—to live not by bread alone but in obedience to every word that comes from the mouth of the Father.

Adam, however, put the Lord his God to the test. He gave in to the serpent's temptation, trying to seize for himself all that God had already promised him. But in His hour of temptation, Jesus prevailed where Adam failed—and drove the devil away.

Still, we sin after the pattern of Adam's transgression. Like Adam, we let sin in the door (see [Genesis 4:7](#)) when we entertain doubts about God's promises, when we forget to call on Him in our hours of temptation.

But the grace won for us by Christ's obedience means that sin is no longer our master.

As we begin this season of repentance, we can be confident in His compassion, that He will create in us a new heart (see [Romans 5:5; Hebrews 8:10](#)). As we do in today's Psalm, we can sing joyfully of our salvation, renewed in His presence.

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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Friday's during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm in the Religion Building followed by Mass.

Westphalia Knights of Columbus Scholarship applications are being accepted until April 13, 2020. Two \$500 Scholarships will be awarded to two Seniors from the Church of the Visitation Parish. Please contact Mark Hoelscher at 254-584-5102 for additional information.

Westphalia Knights of Columbus will be selling Shrimp and Fish plates with beans, slaw and fries at the Parish Hall Pit during Lent each Friday thru April 3rd from 3:30 pm till 7:15 pm (or until sold out) cost is \$10.00 per plate.

Collection Envelopes Are available to pick up this weekend.

Beginning of Lent - This weekend Saturday, February 29 & Sunday, March 1 small crosses will be handed out to each family of our parish. These crosses have been made from the square nails found in the rubble from our past church & are also blessed. If your family does not receive one, please contact Tina Locklin 254-644-8934 or Peggy Hrabal 254-721-7302

The Altar Society will award two \$500 scholarships to high school seniors who are members of our parish. Please visit the http://www.churchofthevisitation.org/Altar_Society.shtm or contact Rita Kleypas for a copy of the application. Deadline is March 31, 2020.

FROM THE DIOCESE: For the second time this week, the Diocese has received word that a group going by the name, **Mary Queen of the Third Millennium**, has been soliciting door to door contributions in our diocese. Please note that this is not and would not be a method of fundraising that the Diocese would ever suggest or support.

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, 2-29 - 6:00 pm RE Bldg	Sun, 3-1 9:00am	Sat, 3-7 6:00pm RE Bldg	Sun, 3-8 9:00am
	1 st Sunday of Lent	1 st Sunday of Lent	2 nd Sunday of Lent	2 nd Sunday of Lent
	+Ben & Zita Kahlig +Respect Life / Pro-Life	Parishioners +Leroy Garvey	+Laurie Hoelscher +Ronnie Ranly	Parishioners
Altar Server	Colton Ranly Grant Meyer Maverick Cannon Jr	Carson Kahlig Addison Wilde Mason Wilde	Carson Kahlig Addison Wilde Mason Wilde	Brooke Skala Madison Skala Parker Peters
Lector	Jerry Loden	Shawna Ranly	Caroline Hoelscher	Renae Willberg
Psalmist		Margaret Arney		Kay Rabroker
Gift Bearer		Charles Willberg Family		Jason Willberg Family
Ushers	Walter Carson Edward Ranly	Brian Wilde & Joseph Dorskocil	Walter Carson Edward Ranly	Calvin Wilde Craig Ordner
EMHC to sick	Doris Wright	Mark Bartek	Donna Hoff	Geraldine Kahlig
Rosary Leader	Patricia Simecek	Edna Spivey & Dorothy Smith	Elmer & Geraldine Hoelscher	Edna Spivey & Dorothy Smith
Money Counter	Neal & Tammy Ryan ; Charles & Cindy Moeller		Mike & Sylvia Heise; Gary & Melissa Frei	
Vocation Cross	Randy & Linda Lorenz		Chris & Peggy Hrabal	
Church Cleaner	2/22 & 2/29 Jean Herzog, Kay Rabroker, Sylvia Heise, Shawna Ranly, Audra Schneider March 7 & 14 Bernadette Hurta, Ruth Dorskocil, Connie Petru, Kathy Hoelscher, Debra Colon, Margaret Arney			
Weekday Mass Intentions	Tue 3/3 8:00 am	Wed 3/4 7:20 am	Thurs. 3/5 8:00am	Fri 3/6 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
	+Gilbert & Pauline Wilde	+Charlotte Ann Thornton	+Louise Lange	+Don Merryfield

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 & Barbara Longmoe

Daily Prayer Service begins 6:00 pm R E Building	2-23 OFFERINGS:
UPCOMING EVENTS:	Regular 2,212.00
Sun 3-1 HS Religious Education after Mass	
Sun 3-1 First Communion Class after Mass	
Sun 3-1 Altar Society meeting after Mass	
Wed 3-4 - Youth Meeting	
Wed 3 4- Choir Practice 6:30 pm	
Wed 3 4- Historical Society Meeting 6:30 pm Convent	

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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

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