

Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com.

Jodi Aerts
Dylan Anderson
Robert Berry
Patricia Bonnewitz
Michael Burke
Sandra Burke
Julie Byron
Toni Capute
Riordan Cavoris
Justin Curtis
Tony Donehoo
Carol Donato
Islea Duncan
Alan Ekberg
John Evans
Kathy Evans
Earl Fishback
Linda Gardner
Elizabeth Gillam
Lorraine Brennen Gilliam

Lynn Goss
Kathleen Hamilton
Jeanne Harper
Jeannine Iannaco
Pablo Ignacio
Patrick Ignacio
Meja Irvin
Leslie Jarrett
Carolyn Martin
Jamie Martin
Greg Moore
Kathleen Moore
Beverly Moyer
Chris Moyer
Ray Moyer
Don Notestein
Patsy Notestein
Angel Ortiz
George Perry
Wendy Pessaro

Gary Peters
Laurie Peters
Frank Powell
Nelson Sanchez
Princess Sanchez
John Seaquist
Ray Servis
Jane Sliwinski
Margaret Smith
Chere Tew
Fred Toth
Amy Tracy
Charles Watson
Danielle Weedon
Laura Williams
Louise Williams
Michael Williams
Travis Williams
Betty Jo Wolfrum

March Birthdays

Keith Hamilton, Sr. (March 2)
Betty Craft (March 3)
Bernadette Servis (March 4)
Pat Hirtz (March 16)
David Gaydos (March 16)
Charlie Graf (Mrch 21)
Patti West (March 25)
Rob Jackson (arch 25)

March Anniversaries

Reed & Jackie Johnson (March 14)
Earl & Mary Fishback (March 15)

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

The Transfiguration of the Lord (Mark 9:2-10)

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Holy Eucharist

Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Thursday 12:15 PM

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A Pastoral Moment with Fr. Jim

We hear in Genesis 22:1-18 about an apparent request from God to Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac.

Some background: The pagans surrounding the Jewish people were already sacrificing their children to the pagan gods and goddesses. So naturally, the voice that Abraham thought he heard was his own Lord, God [Yahweh]. As we read to the joyful end of the story, we learn that Isaac's life was spared. This was not only a story about Abraham and Isaac, but it is a "watershed" event.

The Jewish people learn that the Lord God does not desire human sacrifice. Rather, we will learn that through Jesus God will shed God's blood to get to us and that God will be Jesus. The ram that Abraham finds in the bushes is a symbol of Jesus who will give his life for you and me.

Sadly, however, our culture of death sacrifices our children to the pagan Gods. Many are killed by fentanyl or are addicted to other drugs. Our children live under the threat of being shot at school. All of our schools have active shooter drills for a reason. Children are exploited in many ways.

On a positive note, parents and guardians are stepping up to protect our young. Mothers are getting down to earth by having talks with their daughters about the ways of the world so young girls will no more be victims. Dads are speaking to their sons about what it means to be a gentleman while dating. While learning about hunting with their uncles and dads, children are learning about responsible gun ownership. Guns in the homes are unloaded, locked up and the key to the cabinet is hidden.

Parents teach about responsible drinking by having designated drivers if they drink at all.

Parents are teaching about how to respond when being stopped by law enforcement for traffic violations. The parents are encouraging their children to make and be friends with police. Perhaps the children and youth can talk with Todd Craft, Boyd Arnold and Deacon John (who used to be police officers).

All of us can be leery about the person who is withdrawn but holds grudges.

The story of Abraham and Isaac is a story of no longer sacrificing children to the pagan gods of 2024.

Announcements & News



Congratulations! Caile McCabe and Kenneth Hamilton were confirmed on Thursday evening (February 22) at St. Thomas More Catholic Church by Bishop Knestout. Caeli's sponsor is Cecilia Harmon and Kenneth's sponsor is his mom, Kathleen Hamilton. Both Caeli and Keith along with their families are so thankful that so many of you attended the mass to show your love and support.

March Lenten Calendar:

Friday, March 1: Stations of the Cross (6:15 PM)
Saturday, March 2: Communal Reconciliation (10:00 AM)
March 3: Third Sunday of Lent
Friday, March 8: Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross Catholic Church 6:15 PM) (soup supper to follow)
March 10: Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 17: Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 24: Palm Sunday
March 28: Holy Thursday Service (7:30 PM)
March 29: Good Friday Service (7:00 PM)
March 30: The Great Vigil of Easter (7:15 PM)
March 31: Easter Sunday Mass (8:30 AM)

Annual Appeal: Our goal for the annual appeal is \$4,380. We will receive 50% back if we reach our goal. There are envelopes in the pews to mail your donations.

Grief Workshop: A follow-up workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 2, from 1:30-3:30 pm. Please gather at 1:00 pm to sign in and enjoy coffee, tea and light refreshments and fellowship.