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The Babbling Bruch

What's in your heart?

"Beloved sons" abound in this Sunday's readings, and God is moving in big ways around them. In the end Abraham did not have to sacrifice his beloved son - though he was willing to - but either way it's a harrowing story. Saint Paul invokes a God whose support for us is vouchsafed in the handing over of God's own Son, thereby causing our fears to crumble. And once again we hear, "This is my beloved Son," a "secret" too great to be kept entirely hidden.

Have I ever had to sacrifice something dear to me for a greater good? How did this sacrifice enrich my relationship with God? As much as anything, today's scripture is about faith - willingness to follow God's command, really believing God is for us, gradually coming to realize glory will also involve the cross. Do I respond to God's call as readily as Abraham? Does God give me strength? Am I willing to walk the road of suffering in order to reach true fulfillment?

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The health issues I have been experiencing continue to improve daily and hopefully I will be up and running soon, in the meantime I'm taking it one day at a time. Your prayers for continued healing are very much appreciated!

- Fr. Jim

February 25, 2018 2nd Sunday of Lent

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday, February 26

No Mass

Tuesday, February 27

8:30 a.m. at St. Malachy's Fr. Bruch
+Alice Mealy

Wednesday, February 28

8:20 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Fr. Nguyen

Thursday, March 1

8 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Fr. Nguyen
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Malachy's Fr. Bruch
+Kelly Geneser & Gladys Geneser York

Friday, March 2

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. John's Fr. Nguyen
+Thomas & Margaret Keenan

Saturday, March 3

4 p.m. Mass at St. Malachy's
+Lawrence & Beatrice Reardon
+Ken Seemann
5:30 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart

Sunday, March 4

8 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
9 a.m. Mass at St. Malachy's
+Mary Ann Grace
10 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
11 a.m. Mass at St. John's
+Susie Anthony

St. Malachy

Ministers for Weekend of March 3-4, 2018

Saturday at 4 p.m. Sunday at 9 a.m.

Lector:

Saturday: Tammy Loew

Sunday: Cherri Johnson

Eucharist:

Saturday: Ron Seemann

Sunday: Volunteer

Precious Blood:

Saturday: Nancy Seemann, Jerry Loew, Ron Mudge, Carolyn Erwin

Sunday: Dcn. Verne Burke, Mindy Burke, Marguerite Diederich, Margaret Evans

Mass Servers:

Saturday: Isabel Atkinson, Sabrina Polich

Sunday: Owen Burkhart, Kyle Kruckenberg

Ushers:

Saturday: Tom Atkinson, Bruce Baumgarn

Sunday: Steve Rimathe, Ries Morrissey

Greeters:

Saturday: Adam & Emily Ostert family

Sunday: Scott & Bobbi Jo Smith family

Gift Bearers:

Saturday: Adam & Emily Ostert family

Sunday: Scott & Bobbi Jo Smith family

Sacristan:

Saturday: Ron Mudge

Sunday: Dcn. Verne Burke

St. John

Ministers for March 4, 2018 at 11 a.m.

Lector:

Sunday: Steve Banks

Mass Servers:

Sunday: Aubrey Keenan, CeJay Jones

Ushers:

Sunday: Barb Henning, Bill Staebler

Preparation of Gifts:

Sunday: Ray & Kathy Gaul

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sunday: Joe D. Smith, Kirsten Smith, Matthew Graham, Traci Kieffer, Cindy Moses

Sacristans:

Sunday: Andrea Smith

Collection Counting:

Jessica Christensen, Traci Kieffer

Please pray for the following parish family members:

Brandon Bougher – the grandson of Helen Fisher

Collection Ash Wednesday + February 18, 2018

Adult...\$136.50 Loose...\$15.10 Ash Wed...\$95.00

Ash Wed Loose...\$5.00 Home Missions...\$30.00

Aid to Worldwide Churches...\$70.00

Total...\$1451.60

Religious Education:

Wednesday, February 28th

Class 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Thank you to all of the volunteers and formation team members for organizing and hosting the Women's CRHP retreat this weekend at St. John's.

Please keep all the women attending the CRHP retreat in your prayers!

St. John's parishioners are kindly reminded to follow up on the brochures outlining the upcoming changes for Ministry 2025 that were distributed in January.

So far, only two households have returned the portion of the brochure that indicates what ministries you are interested in becoming involved in.

If you have any questions, please reach out to any of our council members!

Madrid Home EMHC

Homebound

March 3rd

March 2nd

Carolyn Erwin

Fr. Bruch

Please pray for the following parish family members:

Chuck Ostermeier and Patti Vignovich

Collection February 17-18, 2018

Adult...\$1845.00 Youth...\$20.00 Loose...\$189.00

Improvement...\$115.00 Candles...\$17.00 Initial offering...\$8.00

Parish Society Dues...\$5.00 Soup Supper...\$38.00 CRHP...\$45.00

Sponsor children...\$2.00 Solemnity of Mary...\$10.00

Aid to Worldwide Churches...\$225.00 Home Missions...\$230.00

Easter Flowers...\$10.00 Lenten Offering...\$745.00

Total...\$3504.00

Counters Wednesday, February 26th –

Charla Kudej and Cheryl Mordni

Religious Education:

Wednesday, February 28th

PreK-Confirmation 6:30-7:45 p.m. – 1st Reconciliation

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 1-10 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplets

6-6:30 p.m.

Please pray for the women attending the Christ Renews His Parish retreat this weekend here at St. John's. May they be filled with the holy spirit and a new sense of renewal in their faith.

Thank you to all the parishioners & community members who supported the Amore dinner! We raised 75% of our total goal for the youth group pilgrimage to the Steubenville Conferences at Franciscan University in Chicago this summer.

Please pray for St. Malachy's second grade religious education class as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, February 28.

Join other Boone County Catholic women in a Lenten book study on "The Friendship Project," a book about how we can seek, create and utilize authentic Christian friendship modeled by the Saints to draw closer to God. The book study will begin with an opening meeting on Sunday, February 11 at St. John's in Ogden at 3:00 PM and will conclude on Sunday, April 15 at 3:00 PM at St. Malachy's in Madrid (the rest is online!). The first ten women from each parish to register will receive a free copy of the book! See DREs Kelley (St. Malachy) or Megan (St. John) or sign up via the email/Facebook link.

Stations of the Cross will be offered at St. John's this Monday night, February 26th starting at 6 p.m. A soup supper in the parish hall will follow. Please consider joining us this Lent!

Women's Bible Study is on Thurs. evenings at 7 pm in Hansen Hall.

All women are welcome to attend. The study focuses on the readings for the following Sunday so no booklet except your Bible is needed. Come and share God's word and the friendship of your parish family.

St. Malachy's Knights of Columbus are always looking for volunteers to help with the Lenten Fish Fry's. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Greg Grimm at 515-460-0003.

Following the instruction of Our Lady of Fatima, the Men and Women of Boone County CRHP will be leading the rosary on the First Five Saturdays of 2018 before Mass. Join us in prayer for reparation of our sins, personal intentions, and for peace in our homes, community, nation and world:

Sunday, March 4, 2018 – 10:30 a.m. at St. John's; Saturday,

April 7, 2018 – 3:30 p.m. at St. Malachy's; Saturday,

May 5, 2018 – 5 p.m. at Sacred Heart

PARISH MEN! Include in your Lenten journey the Iowa Catholic Men's Conference March 10th. See Fliers around the church for more information. Contact Pat Huston at drphuston@yahoo.com for details.

Save the Date for the 2018 Diocesan Women's Conference!

March 17, 2018 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll.

Keynote speakers: Emily Cavins, Karmen Darwin and Mary Brandt.

We will have a carpool leaving St. Malachy's Hansen Hall at 6:15 a.m. For more information call Mindy Burke at 795-3378.

Why bake treats for Easter?

The Madrid Home Spring Bake Sale is scheduled for Sunday, March 25th from 1-3 p.m.

Donated goods will be accepted and greatly appreciated anytime on Saturday and before 11 a.m. on Sunday.

There will be cookies, coffee and punch served in the dining room from 2-3 p.m.

It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. It can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. You are not alone...

Healing the Pain of Abortion One Weekend at a Time

This step by step process provides a powerful "therapy for the soul," a safe and gentle journey to open unspeakable wounds to the grace of God.

Rachel's Vineyard of Iowa is a ministry which serves the state of Iowa in a supportive and confidential way.

For more information please call 712-943-5550 or email rachelshelpersofiowa@gmail.com

Attention Married Couples: "God reveals Himself through the Love of a couple" Attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.** For information and to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 or email: JLJwwmeo8@Gmail.com

Daily Readings February 26 – March 4, 2018

Monday – Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday – Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday – Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28

Thursday – Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31

Friday – Lenten Weekday; World Day of Prayer

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday – Lenten Weekday; St. Katherine Drexel

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

Boone County Weekend Masses

Saturday:	4:00 p.m.	St. Malachy's; Madrid
	5:30 p.m.	Sacred Heart; Boone
Sunday:	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart; Boone
	9:00 a.m.	St. Malachy's; Madrid
	10:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart; Boone
	11:00 a.m.	St. John's; Ogden

Boone County Reconciliation

Saturday:	3-3:30 p.m.	St. Malachy's; Madrid
	5-5:15 p.m.	Sacred Heart; Boone
Sunday:	Appointment	St. John's; Ogden

New Parishioner?

Please call the parish office for information and a registration.

New Contact Information?

Please notify the parish office with updated information on phone, address and e-mail.

Baptism Class

This class is required for 1st born child or if it's been several years since your last class. Register prior to the birth of your child, baptisms will be scheduled upon completion of the class! Please call Fr. Bruch or the parish office for more information.

Marriage Preparation

A six-month Marriage preparation is required. Please call the parish office or Fr. Bruch prior to making any arrangements.

Pastoral Visits/Hospital Calls

Please notify the parish office or Fr. Bruch if you or a family member are ill or in the hospital. Also, please notify the hospital that you would like a visit from your Pastor.

Mass Times While Traveling

Check out www.masstimes.org to find out the Mass times at your destination. You will need the Zip Code or Phone number of the Parish you plan to visit for this service.

