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Dear Parish Family,

Here we are, ten days into Lent, and maybe we can't wait for Easter. Maybe it's that we haven't gotten used to the fasting yet. Or maybe it's that we haven't been as good at the extra prayer we promised ourselves that we would do. Even the church recognizes that we need a little boost to move us along. That's why we hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration on this Second Sunday of Lent. It is just a little foretaste of what Easter is to be. For those of us who are already baptized, and for those who are preparing for baptism, the image of the glorified Christ stands as a beacon of what we are to become when we share in the fullness of the Resurrection.

Remember to hold in your prayer these Lenten days, our "Elect" - those who look forward to becoming full members in the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday night. Preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are Yazel Roque and Beatrice Goodermote. Those already baptized as Christians but preparing for full membership in the Catholic Church through Confirmation and Eucharist are Martin Pursati, Jr., Steve Plucinik, and Alec Carr.

Paul writes to the Philippians that Christ "will change our lowly body to conform to his glorified body." That is the hope that is held out to us as we progress through Lent. In this season we unite ourselves to Christ so that we may become more like him.

During Lent, we pray, fast, and give alms to grow in our union with Christ. Our almsgiving, our care for the poor, is a reflection of Christ's love for everyone. Our efforts in prayer lead us to act more like Jesus in our kind speech, in our patience with one another, in our respect for each individual, in our gift of time to someone in need. Christ's giving of himself, even to the point of death, found fulfillment in his resurrection from the dead.

When we care for others through our own sacrifice, we are helping to transfigure their lives, letting a little bit of God's glory be seen through our love. The Transfiguration reminds us what awaits us after our own suffering if we are faithful disciples of Christ.

Peter, James and John were fortunate to be in the company of Jesus as he prayed and was transfigured; his face changing and his clothes dazzling. They "caught a glimpse" of the glory of God; an "inkling" of the divinity of Jesus. Their immediate desire was to prolong this vision, to capture it in tents. But God said "No, just listen to him."

We are also fortunate. We hear the loving words of Christ, giving himself to us in each Eucharist. In union with Christ we are commissioned to go forth at the end of Mass in his name. There are glimpses of God in our lives everyday if we are attentive to looking. We have "inklings" of our Creator and Savior when we see beauty, feel compassion, experience wonder and awe, gain courage over fear. These experiences cannot be captured and contained; but they nurture our faith. Go and pray every day with Jesus and be attentive to the transfiguring moments in your day - see the transfiguration in yourself, your companions, strangers. See the transfiguration in seemingly impossible situations when we "listen to him."

God bless and love you all,

Sister Diane

Week-end Schedule

Saturday Mass, 4:00 PM, St. Michael Church, Lyons

Sunday Mass, 8:30 AM, St. Patrick Church, Savannah

Sunday Mass, 10:30 AM, St. John Church, Clyde

Reconciliation: Anytime by appointment;
or at St. Michael Church, Sat. from 3:15-3:45

Mission Statement of our Cluster Pastoral Council: We, the Cluster Pastoral Council of St. Michael, St. John the Evangelist, and St. Patrick, are committed to creating one cooperative parish, with three worship sites, guided by the faith and wisdom of our Parishioners and through the teachings of Jesus Christ.

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