

St. Alban's E-Blast  
The Week of 2/24 - 3/1/20

Judith's Ramblings for Shrove Tuesday

A little humor with a bang for our Ash Wednesday. Or, at least, food for thought. The following was published in the magazine *First Things*, author Dave Barnhart.

Ten Reasons Ash Wednesday is Better than Christmas:

10. No braving the malls looking for Lent gifts.
9. No pressure to send "Merry Ash Wednesday" cards.
8. No explaining why using chi-rho isn't "X-ing Jesus out" of Lent.
7. No dominionist fundegelicals trying to fight culture wars by putting "Jesus resisting temptation in the wilderness" displays on public property.
6. No celebrity holiday albums.
5. No Ash Wednesday sitcom specials.
4. No saccharine email forwards about "the true meaning" of Ash Wednesday.
3. No tacky Ash Wednesday sweaters.
2. "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return": extremely difficult to use in consumer marketing strategies.
1. Nobody ever says, "Ash Wednesday is really about the children".

*Judith+*

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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

COMING on Good Friday – An Interactive Prayer Walk. On Sunday at Church, Jane Shovar mentioned that we will be offering an interactive Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. It is described as a "guided prayer walk through the Journey to the Cross." One will have space and time to reflect on the events of Jesus' crucifixion in a unique and meaningful way. Mark your calendars for April 10!

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## SHROVE TUESDAY

Tonight is the feast of pancakes, sausage, applesauce and fun, to continue this tradition. It will be a free will donation to allow Nicole to receive additional songs for your choir. And now that the day is here and I see the feast to be prepared tonight...**PLEASE COME AND EAT ALL THIS FOOD!** Many thanks to all who donated for this supper, but especially to Michelle Dierickx who provided us with ample homemade batter to enjoy! And thanks to God to not let the snowstorm hit! I have a class tonight and sorry I won't be able to attend for the first time in 30 years! ☹

No birthdays or anniversaries this week

Memorial: 2-27 Parker (Hepner)

## EVENTS COMING UP

**Wed, Feb 26:** Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm, with Fr. Sinclair Ender from the Cathedral as guest Celebrant

**Wed, Mar 4:** The first Lenten Soup Supper at 5:00 pm with a discussion following on prayer. There is a sign-up sheet for both meat and meatless soups as well as bread to donate.

**Mar 6 – 8:** A Lenten Retreat sponsored by St. Peter's Church and held at Benet House Retreat Center, 2200 88<sup>th</sup> Ave., West in Rock Island. "Boundless Compassion" is the theme and is based on the writings and teachings by Sr. Joyce Rupp. "In an era of violence, hostility and a them or us attitude, how can the wide divisions and enmities be lessened? What will it take to draw forth the loving-kindness inherent within one's self and others? What can be done to live more compassionately? Registrations are on the narthex table.

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### Readings, Readers and more for 3/01/20

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson    Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7  
Psalm        32  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson    Romans 5:12-19  
Gospel        Matthew 4:1-11

#### 8:00 am

1<sup>st</sup> Reader/Psalm    Don France  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reader         Judy Murdock  
Prayers             Vern Murdock  
Leader               Karen  
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Altar                 Judy Murdock

#### 10:15 am

1<sup>st</sup> Reader/Psalm    Marshall Callaway  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reader         Nicole Gabriel  
Prayers             Sue McCoy  
Leader               Charlie  
Rodriguez  
Preacher/Gospel    Robin Sade  
Acolyte             Loretta Rice  
Usher                Marshall Callaway  
Altar                 Loretta Rice  
Counters            Robin Sade  
                          Sue McCoy  
LEM                 Sherry Rodriguez  
LEV                 Charlie & Sherry  
                          Rodriguez

### WORSHIPING WITHOUT JUDITH

We all pray for Judith and Gary's ministry and safe travels to the Netherlands. We pray also for hearts and minds be opened to the message they bring.

But .... please don't decide to stay home because "we won't have a priest" on those Sundays. We still come to church for corporate worship, for communion and to listen to the lessons.

We will still hear the readings and we will also listen to "guest" preachers tell us what they believe the Gospels are telling them. Nothing changes except the voices that speak to us.

We will be given blessed sacraments.

We all love Judith's sermons and look forward to her return, but don't let that deter us from attending on those Sundays when she's gone, to hear the Word of God. He's still here.

	3/1	3/8	3/15	3/22	3/29
WL 8:00	Karen K				Judy/Vern
WL 10:15	Charlie R				Sue M
LEM 8:00	Ann C	Judy M	Karen K	Judy M	Judy/Vern
LEM 10:15	Sherry R	Sherry R	Jane S	Robin S	Karrie D
Acolyte	Loretta R	Jon B	Angie R	Cohen C	Angie R
Lect 1	Don F	Vern M	Judy M	Don F	Vern M
Lect 1	Marshall C	Kim F	Charlie R	Sue M	Nicole G
Lect 2	Judy M	Don F	Vern M	Judy M	Don F
Lect 2	Nicole G	Jon B	Robin S	Bev K	Sherry R
Interc	Vern M	Judy M	Don F	Vern M	Judy M
Interc	Sue M	Sherry R	Laura S	Marshall C	Jon B
Usher	Marshall C	Jon I	Chris C	Scott S	Marshall C
Altar	Judy M	Judy M	Judy M	Judy M	Judy M
Altar	Loretta R	Michelle D	Sue M	Sherry R	Robin S
Cntrs	Sue/Robin	Sherry/Chris	Charlie/Michelle	Robin/Sherry	Sue/Michelle
LEV	Charlie/Sherry	Sue M	Judy/Vern	Charlie/Sherry	Sue M

No Flowers

Birthdays: 3-3 Jodette Collins / 3-6 Troy Mader / 3-7 Max Smith / 3-8 Nancy Dugan, Brandon Kalarovich  
3-12 Steve France / 3-14 Rob Dvorak / 3-15 Loretta Rice / 3-22 Dan Kanakares  
3-23 Julie Williams / 3-30 Nathan McVey //// 4-3 Joshua McVey / 4-4 Eric Curtis

Anniv: -0-

Memorials: 3-4 Elizabeth (Dierickx) / 3-9 Martha LaPera / 3-10 Heraldean (Sade) / 3-11 Alice (Shovar)  
3-12 Jill Wilcher / 3-16 Herbert (Dierickx), Brigitte (Dierickx) / 3-17 Jack Chapman  
3-17 Amelia (Litterst) / 3-18 Dan (Showers) / 3-20 Tip Tyler / Deborah (Merryman)  
3-27 Polly Haise //// 4-1 Karl (Dierickx) / 4-3 Edith (Rodriguez)

