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MASS TIMES:
Weekdays: See page 2 for schedule
Saturday Evening: 5:30 PM (April to September)
4:00 PM (October to March)
Sunday Morning: 9:30 AM
Holidays: As announced in the bulletin
Reconciliation: First Saturday evening before Mass

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Weston, IA



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MASS TIMES:
Sunday Morning: 8:00 AM
Holidays: As announced in the bulletin
Reconciliation by appointment

February 28/March 1, 2026 2nd Sunday of Lent

READING I Genesis 12:1-4a
PSALM 33: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
READING II 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9

March 7/8, 2026 3rd Sunday of Lent

READING I Exodus 17:3-7
PSALM 95: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
READING II Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
GOSPEL John 4:5-42

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Taken from "Pastoral Patterns" by GIA Publications, Inc.

Today we hear the account of Jesus' transfiguration, when the Lord suddenly shone like the sun in front of his closest disciples, knocking them to the ground in awe. On this Second Sunday of Lent, we realize that we still have the opportunity to transform our lives, to become a different person, to shine like the sun and amaze those closest to us. May this celebration of the Eucharist strengthen us to transfigure our lives and make them more closely conform to our Lord's.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

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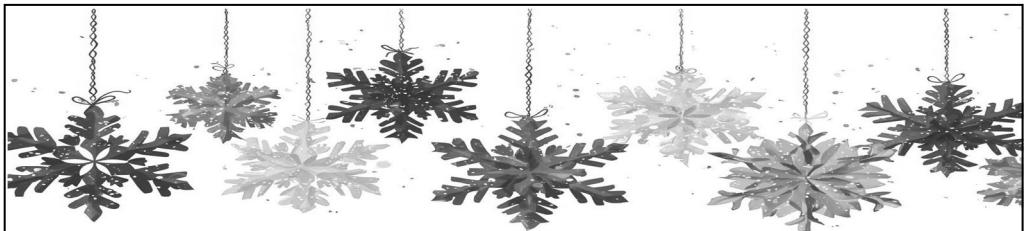
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well please," we hear in today's Gospel as Jesus is transfigured at the top of a high mountain. "Listen to him." Listening is important, so important that it is the Father's sole command to the three disciples who accompanied Jesus up the mountain. Let us now obey that command and listen to God's word - to Abraham, from Paul to Timothy, and Matthew's account of the Transfiguration - for we too are the Son's disciples, eager to grow in faith and understanding.

According to Matthew, Mark, and Luke, about a week before the Transfiguration, Jesus told his disciples for the first time that he would suffer and be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead. Then he asserted that those who follow him must deny themselves and take up their crosses. (John did not write about the Transfiguration at all.) Therefore, it is only a few days after this challenging news that Peter, James, and John hear the Father's voice coming from a cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (Matthew 17:5). My beloved Son just told you he was going to suffer, die, and be raised on the third day. Listen to him. He told you that you must deny yourselves. Listen to him. He commanded that you each take up your cross. Listen to him.

Question of the Week

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How can I see myself transfigured between now and Easter? How will accepting my cross and following Jesus more closely help transform my life?



Weekday Masses

- Mar 2 - No Mass
- Mar 3 - St Patrick Parish - Jerry Konz 8:30 AM
- Mar 4 - St Columbanus Parish 6:00 PM
- Mar 5 - No Mass
- Mar 6 - St Patrick Parish - Jean E. Fischer 8:30 AM

Weekend Masses

- Mar 7 - St Patrick Parish - Louis & Charlotte Ring family 8:30 AM
- Mar 7 - St Patrick Parish - Mary Pat Schierbrock 4:00 PM
- Mar 8 - St Columbanus Parish - Terry Ravlin 8:00 AM
- Mar 8 - St Patrick Parish - Cliff & Clara Talty 9:30 AM

MARCH 7, 2026 - 4:00 PM

Lector - Ashley Lopez
Servers - None

EME - Scott Brooks
Andrea Bolte
Travis Bolte

MARCH 8, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Lector - 3rd Grade Class
Servers - Jordan Harder
Maysen Lausen

EME - Scott Brooks
Rhea Gross
Chad Harder

MARCH 14, 2026 - 4:00 PM

Lector - David Mann
Servers - None

EME - Scott Brooks
Bonnie Wredt
Norm Baker

MARCH 15, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Lector - Vivian Gross
Servers - Kaden Kozeal
Ali Leaders

EME - Emily Leaders
Angie Kozeal
Max Kozeal

MARCH 21, 2026 - 4:00 PM

Lectors - Max Michels
Servers - None

EME - Scott Brooks
David Mann
Maureen Mann

MARCH 22, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Lectors - Rita Heinen
Servers - Jack Murphy
Natalie Scriven

EME - Geri Bjorling
Eric Busch
Shannon Nye

TITHE COUNTERS

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| Mar 1 - Cecilia Powell | Peggy Thielen | Rita Heinen |
| Mar 8 - Diane Rodenburg | Dani Baxter | Roger Hall |
| Mar 15 - Sue Stenlund | Anne Brummett | Jim Mahlberg |
| Mar 22 - Roberta Morse | Cecilia Powell | Peggy Thielen |

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

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| Mar 1 - Jeannie Disalvo | Liz Lyons |
| Mar 8 - Carolyn McDermott | Samantha Nye |
| Mar 15 - Roberta Morse | Norm Baker |
| Mar 22 - Jeannie Disalvo | Liz Lyons |

ST. PATRICK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION: St. Patrick Catholic Church of Neola, IA scholarship application is now available. Applicants will need to pick up and fill out two forms. Application and Sacrament information sheet must be obtained in person, by the applicant only, from only Father Julius. Forms are not available online and will not be mailed nor emailed out. Forms must be submitted in person, by the applicant only, to only Father Julius. Mailed, emailed, scanned or faxed forms will not be accepted. Forms must be submitted by the end of Mass on April 12, 2026. This scholarship is not associated with any other scholarships.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: Today, as we hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration, Peter proclaims, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." In that sacred encounter, the disciples glimpse Christ's glory and are transformed. Stewardship begins the same way—by recognizing the gift of Christ among us and responding with gratitude. Today is Annual Diocesan Appeal Sunday, an opportunity for **Sowing God's Spirit** across our Diocese. The greatest resource to Sow God's Spirit is already here—in you. You are blessed with gifts that strengthen ministries, forms future priests and deacons, and serves those in need. Please join in prayerful and material support of the ADA. Every gift will create encounters. To make a donation, drop your check into the collection basket clearly marked "ADA", mail to the parish office or visit www.DMDiocese.org/giving to make an online gift. Our parish goals this year are: 1) \$27,663 for St Patrick and 2) \$6,571 for St Columbanus.

Calendar of Events:

- Mar 3 - Pastoral Council Meeting, St Patrick, 7:00 pm
- Mar 4 - Stations of the Cross, St Columbanus, 5:30 pm
- Mar 6 - Stations of the Cross, St Patrick, 5:00 pm
Fish Fry, St Patrick, 5-7 pm
- Mar 7 - Reconciliation, 3:00-3:45 pm
- Mar 8 - Third Sunday of Lent
Children's Mass / Daylight Savings Time
All Family Faith Formation & High School, hall, after Mass
- Mar 11 - Stations of the Cross, St Columbanus, 5:30 pm
Confirmation Class, 7:00 pm
- Mar 13 - Stations of the Cross, St Patrick, 5:00 pm
Fish Fry, St Patrick, 5-7 pm
- Mar 14 - St Columbanus Mass & Potluck, 6:00 pm
- Mar 14/15 - Catholic Relief Services collection
- Mar 15 - Faith Formation Classes, 10:35-11:35 am
Rooted Families Class, 10:35-11:35 am
Fundraiser for Brielle & Hazel, parish hall, 11:00 am
High School Class, 6:30 pm
- Mar 17 - St Patrick Day Mass & Soup Supper, 5:30 pm
- Mar 18 - Stations of the Cross, St. Columbanus, 5:30 pm
Pastoral/Finance Council Meeting, St Columbanus, after Mass
- Mar 20 - Stations of the Cross, St Patrick, 5:00 pm
Fish Fry, St Patrick, 5-7 pm
- Mar 22 - Faith Formation Classes, 10:35-11:35 am
- Mar 24 - Finance Council Meeting, St Patrick, 6:00 pm
- Mar 25 - Communal Penance, St Columbanus, 5:00 pm
Confirmation Class, 7:00 pm
- Mar 27 - Stations of the Cross, St Patrick, 5:00 pm
Fish Fry, St Patrick, 5-7 pm
Chrism Mass, St Ambrose Cathedral Des Moines, 5:00 pm
- Mar 29 - Palm Sunday Mass Time Changes
St Columbanus, 8:00 am
St Patrick, 10:00 am
No Faith Formation Classes
- Mar 29-31 - Holy Week Bible Study with Deacon Scott, 6-7 pm
- Mar 31 - Communal Penance, St Patrick, 7:00 pm

Offering Report

	Last Weeks	Fiscal Year to Date
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,295.00	\$ 70,065.78
Ash Wednesday	\$ 20.00	\$ 429.00
Open Offering	\$ 207.25	\$ 6,359.75
Children's Offering	\$ 24.00	\$ 541.11

Memorial Calendar

- Mar 1 - National Women's History Month begins
- Mar 3 - Memorial of St. Katharine Drexel
- Mar 4 - Memorial of St. Casimir
- Mar 6 - World Day of Peace
Employee Appreciation Day
- Mar 7 - Memorial of Ss. Perpetua & Felicity
- Mar 8 - Daylight Saving Time begins



St Patrick Dunlap Annual Fundraiser

"Around the World"
Saturday March 7th, 5:00pm
Staleys Chicken Dinner & Live Auction
Giving away \$9,500 in cash!

NUN RUN, March 27-28: High school girls & young women who have ever wondered about religious life are invited to join us for a special "Nun Run" on March 27-28. This free, two-day trip is an opportunity to visit several religious communities, attend Mass, tour convents, meet the Sisters, & learn more about discerning a vocation. We will travel together to meet the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles, the Servant Sisters of Mary, & the Sisters Poor of Jesus Christ in both Kansas and Missouri. Visit StPatrickCB.org for more info.

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Fish Fry

FRIDAYS

St. Patrick Parish Hall, Neola IA

When:

February 20 February 27
March 6 March 13
March 20 March 27

5:00 PM to 7:00PM

Adults: \$15.00 - Children (5-10 Yrs.): \$5.00
- Children Under 5: Free

*Dinner includes: Fried & Baked Alaskan Pollock,
Baked Potato, Mac & Cheese, Orsi's Bread,
Cole Slaw, Relishes, & Dessert!
(May substitute grilled cheese for fish)*

For Questions, contact the Parish Office at 712.485.2750
For Carry Out's call 712.485.2433

Sign-Up Genius for help needed:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DAAAD2AA1F4C25-62160283-fish>

Neola Busy Members
4H Breakfast
Saturday March 7th
8AM-12PM
Neola Area Community Center
FREE WILL DONATION

Tough Like BRIELLE & HAZEL

BENEFIT AUCTION

March 15, 2026

St. Patrick's Parish Center • Neola, Iowa
Free Will Offering Lunch | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Live Auction | 1:00 PM

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PLEASE JOIN US.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SOUP SUPPER

MARCH 17, 2026
AFTER 5:30 PM MASS

ST PATRICK NEOLA PARISH HALL

If you'd like to bring a food item or help at the event, please see the sign-up genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BAAAD2AA1F4C25-62452538-stpatrick>

First Annual

Birthright of Council Bluffs Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, March 28, 2026
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
4 Valley View Drive, Council Bluffs

No admission charge to public
Food and drinks available for purchase

Calling all **Arts & Craft Vendors***
\$20 per table (limit 2 tables max per crafter)
Donate one item for raffle to benefit Birthright*

*If you are interested in participating
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Questions call Barb 402-452-7365

or scan QR code for online registration form

March Birthdays		March Anniversaries	
Julie Klein	1	Trenton Huebner	7
Lisa Pape	1	Andrew Baxter	8
Anna Baragary	1	Kelly Alfors	9
Helen Lewis	2	Audrey Haverkamp	10
Nancy Ryan	2	Dani Baxter	10
Kelly Dollen	2	Chyane Sparks	10
Morgan Lausen	2	Vince Wilson	11
Adam Goeser	3	Ashley Lopez	11
Rob Larsen	4	Kurt Hulsing	12
Rachel Hundtofte	5	Sheila Heilman	12
Patrick Andersen	5	Vern Bertelsen	12
Mike Greiner	6	Tyler Weidner	12
Pat Ausdemore	6	Andrew Morse	13
Matt Fletcher	6	Chuck Waters	13
Nikki Scriven	6	Pat Fischer	14
Darrel Petersen	7	Tim Slobodnik	15
		Matt Ryba	15
		Sam Hulsing	16
		Kathleen Roane	16
		Eugene Johnson	16
		Lexi Powell	16
		Heath Rodenburg	17
		Walter Ausdemore	17
		Mary Beth Bladt	18
		Ellie Wollenhaupt	19
		Bill Busch	20
		Michael Ring	20
		Marilyn Alfors	21
		Jackie Bertelsen	21
		Jean Hofmaster	21
		Baylon Harman	21
		Nancy Rohatsch	22
		David Kramer	23
		Ben Fischer	24
		Kaylee Lopez	26
		Evan Reineke	27
		Chris Corrin	28
		Lori Eckrich	29
		Angie Rodenburg	29
		Jack Murphy	29
		Adam Ring	30
		Isabella Buckholdt	30
		Michael Denning	31

We welcome you into God's family! If you are interested in learning more about our church, or would like to join, please pick up a registration form at one of the entrances of the church, stop by the parish office, or call Father Julius for an appointment.

For information about Baptism, Sacrament of the Sick, Pastoral Visitations, Reconciliation, RCIA, Marriage, Adoration, or the Prayer Chain, please visit our website at <https://stpatricksneola.com/> or contact the Parish Office at 712.485.2750.

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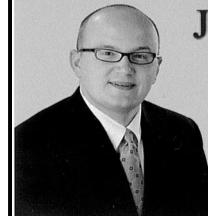
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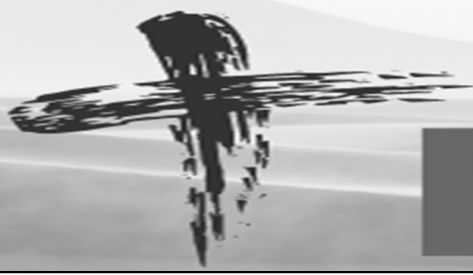
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Living LENT

MINISTERS & FEET WASHING NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK: We are utilizing Sign-Up Genius this year. If you are able to help at any of the Masses, please sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DAAAD2AA1F4C25-62346868-holy>

MEMORIALS: If you'd like to make a donation (perhaps in memory of a loved one) towards the cost of the Lilies that adorn our sanctuary during the Easter season, please put your donation and the name(s) of the person in an envelope and mark it "Lilies". Drop the envelope in the collection basket or deliver it to the parish office. Deadline is Sunday, March 29th.



COMMUNAL PENANCE NIGHTS:

- St. Columbanus - March 25 - 5:00 pm
- St. Patrick - March 31 - 7:00 pm - 2 priests will be available

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held every Wednesday evening at 5:30 at St Columbanus Weston and every Friday evening at 5:00 at St Patrick Neola. Here is the schedule of who will be leading the Stations at St Patrick:

- March 6 - Sam & Alex Nye
- March 13 - Wollenhaupt family
- March 20 - Norm Baker & Grace Shively
- March 27 - Roger & Jenny Hall



HOLY WEEK BIBLE STUDY: Deacon Scott will be having a 3-night Bible Study about Holy Week. This will be held in the Faith Formation Building on March 29th, 30th, & 31st from 6 to 7 pm. Everyone is invited. Free to attend.

CHRISM MASS: Bishop William Joensen will bless oils and Sacred Chrism at the Chrism Mass at 5:00 pm on Friday, March 27 at St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines. Everyone is invited to this special Mass. The oil and Chrism will be used for sacraments throughout the Diocese in the coming year.

PALM SUNDAY MASSES: All Palm Sunday Masses will begin in the Parish Hall. Please note the time change for the Sunday Masses:
St. Columbanus Weston: 8:00 am
St. Patrick Neola: 10:00 am

GOOD FRIDAY:

- Reminder that Good Friday is a fast day for all Catholics ages 18-59, which means 1 regular meal, 2 snacks not equal to a meal, and no meat.
- This year the Good Friday Service will be at St Columbanus Weston.
- Stations of the Cross will be at 2:30 pm, followed by Good Friday Service at 3:00 pm.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: Please note the time changes:
St. Columbanus Weston: 8:00 am
St. Patrick Neola: 10:00 am

2026 Lent Project

The Parish Pastoral Council voted that for this year's Lenten Project, we assist both Legacy Grove Senior Veterans Apartments and the Fundraising Benefit for Hazel and Brielle.

Monetary donations will be collected from Ash Wednesday (February 18) to Easter Sunday (April 5). Here are the ways to make a donation. Please clearly mark that the donation is for the "Lent Projects".

- Place in the box on the donation table at the front of church marked: "2026 Lent Project" or mail your donation directly to the parish office at P.O. Box 127, Neola IA 51559.
- Please make all checks payable to St. Patrick's Church.
- All monetary donations will be split evenly between the two unless otherwise noted.



New Visions Homeless Services is incredibly proud to share that we have been working tirelessly this year to confront the growing crisis of homelessness, because we know in our hearts and through our work that the only true solution to homelessness is housing. We are honored and deeply moved about our newest project, Legacy Grove Senior Veteran Housing, a 46-unit permanent supportive housing community for senior veterans in Omaha.

This project represents hope, dignity, and gratitude in action. We have already secured the land, raised more than half of the funds needed to bring Legacy Grove to life, and will begin ground infrastructure work this year, turning vision into reality.

This work is urgent! Of the 16 million veterans in the United States, more than half are over the age of 65, and senior veterans are now the largest group of veterans experiencing homelessness for the first time. These are men and women who served our country, raised families, built communities, and sacrificed so much, yet far too many are being left without a safe place to call home in their later years. That is not acceptable to our organization, and we know it is not acceptable to our community. Legacy Grove is our commitment to saying "no more" and to ensuring that those who once protected us are protected in return. We invite you to stand with us, support this project, and help us honor our senior veterans with the housing, respect, and stability they so deeply deserve. For more information or to get involved message this page our email bwallar@newvisionshs.org.

Tough Like BRIELLE & HAZEL

BENEFIT AUCTION
March 15, 2026

St. Patrick's Parish Center • Neola, Iowa
Free Will Offering | Lunch | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Live Auction | 1:00 PM

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Hazel's Story (Age 5)

On November 10, 2025, little miss Hazel was admitted to Children's Hospital in Omaha and began the fight of her life. She was diagnosed with Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (aHUS), an extremely rare (1-2 cases per million people per year), life-threatening genetic disease. Hazel was placed in an induced coma for several days and spent nearly six weeks in the hospital. She received blood transfusions, plasma, platelets, kidney dialysis, and the life-saving medication Soliris. Today, Hazel continues outpatient Soliris infusions every two weeks and will rely on this medication indefinitely. This diagnosis is lifelong, and Hazel will face challenges related to aHUS for the rest of her life.

Brielle's Story (Age 15)

On December 18, just one day after Hazel was released from the hospital, her big sister Brielle attended an appointment at Children's because she had been experiencing persistent pain while running cross-country. Within an hour of her appointment, Brielle and her family received devastating news. Imaging revealed a massive tumor in her pelvis, spine, and left femur. She was admitted immediately for pain management and a biopsy, which confirmed a diagnosis of Chondroblastic Osteosarcoma. This type of cancer is often resistant to chemotherapy and difficult to surgically remove due to the tumor's location. Brielle has begun chemotherapy with the hope of shrinking the tumor ahead of a hemipelvectomy surgery scheduled in April at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Despite the pain she had been experiencing for months, Brielle continued to compete at an extraordinary level. She qualified for the Iowa Girls State Cross Country Meet in November, placing 76th, showing remarkable strength and determination. She also pushed through rodeo season, competing in barrel racing and pole bending with her horse, Lani. **Tough Like Brielle** - she is here to prove that the comeback is always stronger than the setback.



LENT

Faith Conversations

Week of March 1-7

SUNDAY READINGS: *Genesis 12:1-4, Psalm 33, 2 Timothy 1:8-10, Matthew 17:1-9*

ADULT REFLECTION

Our First Reading at Mass has God calling Abram out into the unknown with only a promise of steadfast blessing. St. Paul encourages the young Timothy to endure hardship, holding fast to the promise of God's grace and call. And Jesus, with his closest friends, experience a foretaste of the glory which will come . . . after the cross.

Human life is so tenuous and uncertain. Just when we think we're on top of things, another challenge arises that changes the script. Has that ever happened to you? These challenges—whether arising from ordinary life (a broken-down car, a sick child, loss of employment) or from a personal calling from God (new skills to be mastered, hearts to move, funds to be raised)— can leave us feeling worn down or adrift. As people of faith, we have a lifeline: hope in the promises of God. A God who is steadfast, Good, and sees at once the expanse of history and beyond to eternity. A God that loves us.

Reflection Questions:

- *Read slowly through this Sunday's readings again. What promise of God stands out to you, like God is making that promise to you personally today?*
- *This Sunday's Responsorial Psalm has a beautiful line about trust. "Our soul waits for the Lord." What current situation has you waiting for the Lord?*

FAMILY CONVERSATION STARTERS

In this Sunday's readings, we can see a theme of hope. Hope means to trust in the goodness and power and wisdom of God. We believe that God is faithful to his promises and brings good out of every situation. How might this be different from our ordinary use of the word "hope"? (I hope it won't rain, I hope to do well on this test, etc.) How is it similar?

Go back over the readings. For what were the people in these readings hoping? What do you think helped them to hope? Hope is actually a supernatural gift from God received at Baptism. As a family, what are we hoping for? What helps us to hope?



PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we believe in you. We hope in you. We love you. We trust that you have good things in store for us this Lent. Thank you for the gift of supernatural hope. Increase it within us that we may share it with others this week and always. Amen.



FASTING

Trusting God sometimes means letting go of fears, plans, or misplaced "securities." What do you need to let go of this week so you can trust God more?



ALMSGIVING

God often keeps his promises through the goodness of others. For whom specifically will we be instruments of hope this week?



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