

The Season of Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 17

Masses with the Distribution of Ashes at 8:00 am, 12:10 pm, and 7:00 pm

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS—SOUP AND SOUL FOOD

Wednesday evenings during Lent

** Note that an additional 5:30 pm Mass will be held each Wednesday during Lent. **

Mass—5:30 pm

Soup Supper—6:00 pm

Talk—6:45 pm

February 24—Fr. Jeff Godecker—Religious

Identity: Reflections from Israel and America

March 3—Fr. Eric Augenstein—Week One:

The Reconciling Ministry of Christ

March 10—Fr. Mike Hilderbrand—

Forgiveness

March 17—Fr. John Meyer—St. Patrick and the Cross

March 24—Fr. Dan Atkins—The Symbols of Holy Week

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, February 19—6:00 pm

Friday, March 12—6:00 pm

Friday, April 2 (Good Friday) - 8:00 pm

LENTEN SUNDAYS—VESPERS

Sunday afternoons during Lent, 4:00 pm

February 21 and 28, March 7, 14, 21 and 28

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Lenten Reconciliation Day – Thursday, March 18, 9:00 am-9:00 pm (Priests will be available throughout this time period for the Sacrament of Reconciliation; short prayer services will be held at 9:00 am, 12 noon, and 7:00 pm)

Fridays in Lent, 12 noon – 1:00 pm (February 19, March 5, 12, 19 and 26)

OLPH School Reconciliation Service—Thursday, March 4, 9:30 am

LENTEN RETREAT FOR THE PARISH

Thursday through Saturday, March 11-13

Held Thurs. and Fri. evenings and Sat. morning, the Lenten Retreat offers a time of spiritual renewal with other parishioners. This year's theme is "Called by God, Equipped by Christ." Call the parish office to register.

Join with Catholics around the country participating in the annual Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. Rice bowls will be available in the church vestibule beginning February 13.

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TENEBRAE SERVICE

Wednesday, March 31, 8:00 pm

A traditional Holy Week prayer service of light and darkness to prepare for the Triduum.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS

The season of Lent is marked by a penitential character, including the traditions of fast and abstinence. Fasting is understood to mean eating only one full meal each day and nothing between meals. Abstinence is understood to mean not eating the meat of land-dwelling animals or birds. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence, binding those age 18 through 59. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence, binding those age 14 and above. People who need to eat because of health conditions, pregnancy, or physical labor are excused from the regulations of fast and abstinence but are encouraged to take on a different penitential practice.

The Three Holy Days: The Triduum

HOLY THURSDAY—APRIL 1

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm

Prayer in the Chapel of Reservation until 11:00 pm, concluding with Communal Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 2

School Prayer Service, 8:00 am

Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion, 2:00 pm

Living Stations of the Cross, 8:00 pm—presented by Youth Ministry

HOLY SATURDAY—APRIL 3

Morning Prayer for Holy Saturday, 8:30 am

Easter Vigil, 8:30 pm—Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation

EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 4

Easter Mass, 9:00 am and 11:00 am