

Upcoming Events

- 3/5: Ash Wednesday Masses: 8:00 am, 12:15 pm, 6:00 pm
3/7, 14, 21, 28: Stations of the Cross: 8:30 am, Fish Fry: 4-6:30 pm
3/12: Stations of the Cross with Reflections on the Nicene Creed, 6:30 pm
3/19: Communal Reconciliation Service, 7 pm
3/26, 4/2, 4/9: Lenten Reflections "There's Power in the Word of Luke's Gospel" 6:30 pm

Calendar

- 3/2: Regular Class
3/9: Regular Class "Snack Sunday"
3/16: NO CLASS
3/23: Regular Class
Confirmation Class with Sponsor or Parent, 2PM (FLC)
3/30: Regular Class
First Eucharist Class, 2 PM (FLC)
4/6: Regular Class



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From Miss Fessler:

Lent begins on March 5th, Ash Wednesday. The schedule for Masses is on the back of the newsletter and on the card mailed out last week. Be sure to check out the schedules for: Stations of the Cross, Wednesday Lenten Reflections, and our "famous" Friday Fish Fry Dinner.

With so many wonderful resources for Lent, I am hoping to have links for our families on the YFF webpage of the Parish website by Ash Wednesday. Also, I am very close to finishing brand new web pages for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation on the parish website. There are a few more items I need to upload for our website "guru" Mary Pullin, but I think that by the Feast of Saint Joseph they will be live! I am so grateful to Mary for her help and patience as we work on this project.

Finally, I am going to share a personal prayer request. My mother, Phyllis, will turn 80 on March 19th. If you would say a few extra prayers for her, I would be so grateful. She is the reason we are off on March 16th. Mom's birthday celebration is on March 15th and I will be in Buffalo for the weekend. Thank you!

God bless,

Miss Fessler

PS: If you wouldn't mind sending a few prayers for good driving weather to and from Buffalo, I would appreciate it!



Spotlight on:

Lenten Practices/Disciplines

Prayer: We are called to spend extra time with God. Perhaps add a new prayer to your daily routine, pray the rosary as a family one day a week focusing on the Sorrowful Mysteries, talk about the Sunday Gospel during family dinner.

Fasting: There are set rules for fasting during Lent. We all know about “giving up” something or “adding something.” What if we fasted from being divisive and added being peacemakers?

Almsgiving: What can we do to help those in most need? Catholic Charities, Veteran’s Outreach, Saint Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen are always looking for help or donations.



Fish Fry Dinners for Lent

Our Fish Fry is back! Mark your calendar for March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11. Dine In or Take Out from 4:00 - 6:30 pm at the Family Life Center. Cost is \$15: baked or fried fish, coleslaw, choice of mac & cheese or French fries, and dessert. Dine in also includes beverage.

Saints of March

The Catholic Church calendar is filled with feast days and Saints. Here are *some* of the Saints and feasts on the calendar this month:

March 3: Saint Katharine Drexel

March 4: Saint Casimir

March 5: Ash Wednesday

March 7: Saints Perpetua and Felicity

March 17: Saint Patrick

March 19: Saint Joseph

March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord



Monthly Prayer

Our Monthly Prayer is: Act of Contrition
My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.

In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

Amen

Please pray the Act of Contrition with your children throughout the month at home. We will be praying it during class time.



Collection for Veteran’s Outreach

Thank you for your generosity and support of Veteran’s Outreach Freedom Food Pantry. On average the Freedom Food Pantry assists 150 veterans each week! It may not seem like much, but our food collection helps to refill the shelves and help those who have served our Country.

Please remember if you are out of town and unable to make it to Mass here at Saint Michael, take a picture of your family with the bulletin in the church and send it to Miss Fessler.