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MASSES

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

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Mondays, 8:30 a.m.

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Hospitality Sunday

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Lent - a time for Family and Relationship Conversion

Lent can be a good time to reflect on the people who mean the most to us and the relationships we hold most dear. For those of us who live in industrialized countries, it can be jarring to realize that our time together as a family might amount to no more than a few minutes a day. Our lives are independent as we scatter in different directions each day for work, school or childcare.

This season of reflection and renewal might be an appropriate time to pray about our family lives and how we can be more thoughtful and prayerful about Lent as a family. Perhaps we could hold a family meeting over dinner or some other relaxed place. We could discuss Lent and the symbols of the season using the resources here. We might want to talk about how our faith life is not a journey we make alone, but one we are in as a community, as a family.

One Lenten family practice might include a daily act of love for our family. Can we look around and see

some small thing that needs to be done to make our lives together better? Is there laundry to sort or dishes to be washed? Is there a floor that needs sweeping or a room that needs dusting? Just one effort by each of us each day can make a dramatic difference in sharing the workload in the family. The grace we are reaching for goes beyond getting the garbage taken out, for example. We know it is a grace when my experience of taking the garbage out, feels to me like an act of love, an act of solidarity as a family. Perhaps the simplest way to prepare for this grace is to pray:

Dear Lord, may this simple, ordinary sacrifice of my time for the sake of those I love, draw us closer together as a family whose hearts you are drawing to yourself in the togetherness of our family love.

One of the real graces of Lent has to do with forgiveness and reconciliation – mercy and healing. This is never simply a matter between Jesus and me. It always has something to do with my family and with my relationships – how we are with each other. What in us needs mercy and healing? What patterns that we have need our reflections and common family choices and actions this Lent?

The Sanctuary Candle burns

March 8 thru March 14

in memory of

John & Joan Eicher

from Ed & Mary Lou Palguta.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER / LUCK OF THE IRISH RAFFLE

Our St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 16 from 12:15 - 2:15pm in our social hall. **Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, March 9. No tickets will be sold at the door.** Adults: \$10; children 10 and under: \$6. Dine-in only.

The **Luck of the Irish Raffle** will be held during the dinner. First prize is \$10,000. Tickets are \$100, and only 500 are sold. To date, we have 290 tickets sold. To purchase a ticket *and/or split one with friends/family*, please call the rectory at 330-743-1109.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 9

1st Sunday of Lent

11:00am Jennie Colla

Monday, March 10

8:30am Joseph Connolly

Wednesday, March 12

8:30am *Mass at St. Angela Merici*

Friday, March 14

8:00am *Mass at Christ the Good Shepherd*

Sunday, March 16

2nd Sunday of Lent

11:00am Gordon & Joan Welsh

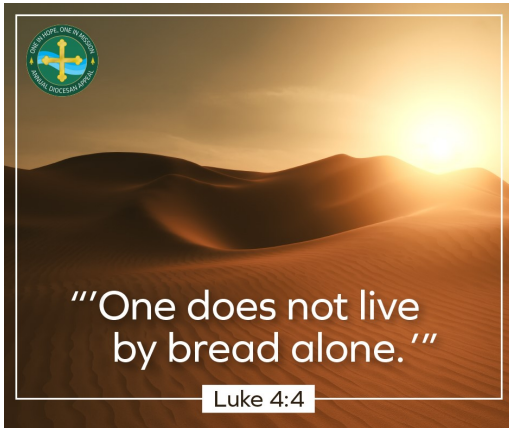
Monday, March 17

St. Patrick

8:30am Marsha Baskey

10:30am AOH Mass

March 9, 2025



DIOCESAN APPEAL

The desert can be a place of dryness, of barrenness. Temptation is often strongest when we are weakest and in such a place as our own personal deserts. But God assures us that when we call, “He will answer” (Psalm 91:15), for “[H]e will shelter you with His pinions, and under His wings you may take refuge” (Psalm 91: 4). Jesus’ temptation in the desert is yet another example of His willingness to suffer humility out of love for us. He serves as a model of what trust in God looks like. He overcomes Satan’s false promises in the company of the Holy Spirit and with God’s help. When we trust in God and invite the Spirit into our lives, we seek to follow Christ’s example. We then can be bearers of Christ’s consolation to others, such as supporting the Annual Diocesan Appeal, which brings His light and protection and strength to those it serves.

SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us on **Fridays** during Lent for soup and Stations of the Cross. The schedule will be Soup at 5:30pm and Stations at 6:15pm.

*****Calling all soup makers!** If you would be interested in making a crockpot of soup for one of the Fridays, please call the rectory at 330-743-1109.

Stewardship at St. Patrick

Regular (64 envelopes)	\$4,695.00
Visitor	575.00
Electronic Giving (37)	2,106.00
Weekly Budget Amount	8,700.00
Difference	- 1,324.00
Novena	89.00
Preservation	416.00

Attendance at Mass: 167

Thank you for your continued generosity!

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

I hope your Lent has gotten off to a good start as your family is working to observe the three Lenten pillars; fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. For the next three weeks we will take a brief look at each of these pillars. As you fast from something or "give up" something this Lent make sure you are replacing it with something that moves you closer to Christ. Fasting is about more than just going without something that you enjoy or love. Fasting is about recognizing how that thing keeps your attention from Christ. Make sure you are using the fast to refocus and keep Christ at the center of all you do.

Remember that after our class on March 9 we will not meet again in person until March 30! March 16 will be a Full Family Formation Sunday. Students will receive sheets on March 9 to be completed at Mass on March 16.

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“THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU”

AN EVENING OF RECONCILIATION

“How good it feels to come back to Him whenever we are lost,” Pope Francis tell us. Please join us for “*The Light is ON for You ~ An Evening of Reconciliation*” on **Wednesday, March 19, 2025**. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the Diocese. If you know of family members or friends who have been away from the Catholic Church, please invite them to come home this Lent —*the light will be ON for them.*

CRS RICE BOWL

Since 1975, Catholics across the United States have come together each Lent to respond to global hunger through the CRS Rice Bowl program. Learn how people like you have made a local and global impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in need and why our prayers and almsgiving are still needed today. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-1 to read this week’s Story of Hope.