



Dear Parishioners,

This coming Wednesday, March 5, is Ash Wednesday. Hence we will begin the season of Lent. Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence, meaning that no meat is to be eaten by persons 14 years and older and, for those 18-59 years old, two small meals and one regular-sized meals are to be eaten with no eating in-between meals. Of course, all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

Please note the insert in this weekend's bulletin that has the schedule for events taking place during Lent.

As I have announced previously, the Archdiocese of Omaha is once again during Lent providing "The Light is On" campaign for the sacrament of Penance. Every parish in the Archdiocese will have confessions scheduled from 5:30 to 7:00 PM on the Thursdays of March 13, 20, and 27, and April 3 and 10. On Thursday, April 10, there will be a parish Lenten Reconciliation Service at 7:00 PM. Of course, here at St. Joseph there also will be the regularly scheduled confessions on Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 PM. During Holy Week there will be additional times scheduled for confessions as well. I encourage everyone to be sure to receive the sacrament of Penance during the season of Lent, whether you go to confession here at St. Joseph or another parish in the area. Doing such is an integral part of making a good Lent and for being ready to experience the joy that the celebration of Easter brings.

Last week when I provided the topics for the Thursday evening faith enrichment series. I mistakenly scheduled a session for April 10. Because the parish Lenten Reconciliation Service will be that evening, there will not be a session that evening. Hence the lineup of topics and dates will be the following:

March 13—"Powers and Dominions: Angels, Demons, and Spiritual Warfare"

March 20—"The Shroud of Turin" (The Cloth that covered the body of Jesus in the Tomb)

March 27—"The Holy Face—The Veil of Manopello" (The Cloth on the Face of Jesus in the Tomb)

April 3—"Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?" (The Historical Evidence for the Resurrection)

These will start at 7:15 PM in the Social Hall. Please sign up for the evenings that you will be attending so that I know how many persons for which to prepare. Sign-up sheets are on the credenza in the entry area of Church.

Finally, I will be in Baltimore this coming Thursday, March 6, to Sunday, March 9, for the biannual meeting of the National Advisory Council of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Priests from Mt. Michael Abby will be here for the Masses next weekend and on Thursday. Fr. Battiato will be here for Mass on Friday. Please pray for me and the members of this committee, who are bishops, priests, deacons, and laypersons from throughout the United States, as we work hard over these days in providing input to the bishops for their June meeting. Because I will not be here and Deacon Dave is still recuperating from his surgery, there will not be a priest or deacon to lead the Stations of the Cross on Friday, so whoever gathers for these on this coming Friday can choose one amongst you to lead them (It is permissible for a layperson to lead the Stations of the Cross).

Have a grace-filled and wonderful week.
God bless you, Fr. Gutowski

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

FEB. 24 THRU MAR. 2

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| Monday | | Preist's Intention |
| Tuesday | | Regina Gamerl |
| Wednesday | 8 a.m. | Renato Girolami |
| | 6 p.m. | Lloyd Royal |
| Thursday | | Walter Gamerl |
| Friday | | Matthew Hilleman |
| Saturday | | Edith Kantor |
| Sunday | | People of St. Joseph |

ASH WEDNESDAY



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