



From the Pastor's Desk

Lenten Season and Ash Wednesday 2017

This Wednesday, March 1st is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season. The schedule of masses for Ash Wednesday for our pastoral region is:

at St. Margaret Mary Church: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

at Assumption Church: 9:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Distribution of ashes will take place during each mass. Join us as we begin this time of penance and renewal.

Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

will be taken on Ash Wednesday. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles from the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations helps to **restore the strength of the church and build the future** in the region. Visit www.usccb.org/ccee to learn more.

2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to those who have supported the 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. For more information and to pledge online, please visit CatholicAppeal.info. Thank you!

Lenten reminders -

regulations regarding fast and abstinence:

Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017 and Good Friday, April 14, 2017 are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal.

With regard to Good Friday, the teaching of the Second Vatican Council should be recalled. *Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday, and where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear minds.* (Constitution on the liturgy, No 110)

The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (canons 97 and 1252). With regard to the obligatory days listed above, however, there are frequent questions about the degree of seriousness of the matter. The teaching of Pope John Paul II are recalled: *the obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the penitential days specified by the Church is also serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard; failure to observe an individual day of penance is not considered serious.*

With Sympathy

Please pray for the soul of James Norris whose mass of Christian burial was offered last week. May he rest in peace.



OUR LADY OF GRACE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

All School Mass

Tuesday, February 28th at 10:30 A.M.

Fr. McMullen – Presider

Ash Wednesday

March 1st at 10:30 A.M.

Fr. Gardner - Presider

Lunch Menu

Monday – Hamburger on Bun

Tuesday – Sub Sandwich

Wednesday – Cheese Pizza

Thursday – Spaghetti & Meatballs

Friday – Mini-Pizza Bagel

Fish Fry

Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association Fish Fry will be held on March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7th at St. Therese Little Flower from 5:00 – 7:30 P.M. Drive thru and Carryout available and credit cards can be used.

Chili-Fest Tickets

Chili-fest tickets are on sale. Tickets are \$30.00 a couple. The big event is Saturday, March 18th. For tickets call Sally Hader @ 522-4776 or Peggy Stiens @ 522-0657.

This Week in the Parish

Tuesday	2/28 YAG Sports League	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday	2/22 Legion of Mary	9:15 A.M.
	Ash Wednesday Masses	9:15 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.
Thursday	3/2 Soup Supper	6:00 P.M.
Sunday	3/5 Soup for the Soul	Noon

Collection

February 19th\$ 6,041.84

5200 Club

Week #22 Winner: Linda Stewart
 Seller: Same
 Ticket: 0717

Mass Intentions

Monday	February 27
8:30 A.M.	Mary Doyle
Tuesday	February 28
8:30 A.M.	Anthony Perchermeier
Wednesday	March 1 Ash Wednesday
9:15 A.M.	Elaine Herb
7:00 P.M.	Dawn Heitfeld
Thursday	March 2
8:30 A.M.	Communion Service
Friday	March 3
8:30 A.M.	Communion Service
Saturday	March 4
8:30 A.M.	Assumption Purgatorial Society
4:00 P.M.	For the Parish
Sunday	March 5
9:00 A.M.	Angie Wurzelbacher
11:00 A.M.	Marylou Butsch

Bob Evans Fundraiser

The March Bob Evans Fundraiser will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Flyers available on line and at the parish office. Your support is appreciated.

Soup Supper

The annual soup supper will be Thursday, March 2nd at 6:00 P.M. in the Parish Center. Please join the Adult Faith Formation and Respect Life Groups from Assumption for dinner. After dinner, Paula Westwood from Cincinnati Right to Life will speak.

Local Fish Fries

American Legion Post 513 on Hamilton Avenue will be having a fish fry every Friday during Lent from 4:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Madonna K of C on Seward Avenue will be having a fish fry beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 1st from 4:30 P.M. till 7:00 P.M. and then on every Friday thru Good Friday from 4:30 P.M. till 7:30 P.M.

American Legion Breakfast

The American Legion Post 513 on Hamilton Avenue will be hosting an all you can eat breakfast on Sunday, March 5th from 8:30 A.M. till 11:30 A.M.

From Adam Couch

Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation Sacraments Class Schedule (9:50 – 10:50 AM)

	Feb. 26	Mar. 5
1 st Communion	CLASS	No Class
Confirmation	No Class	CLASS + SPONSORS

Confirmation Retreat

Confirmation parents, a friendly reminder to sign and return the Confirmation Retreat registration page that was mailed to your homes. Contact me with any questions regarding the retreat.

Movie @ Assumption TODAY! – *The Prince of Egypt*

All are invited to a special showing of *The Prince of Egypt* TODAY (February 26) beginning at 12:05 pm in the Parish Center. This family-friendly animated movie (rated: PG) captures the biblical story of Moses from his infancy to the beginning of the Israelite's 40 years in the desert as they journey to the Promised Land and serves as a great way to prepare for our own 40 day journey of Lent which begins just 3 days later! Lunch, snacks, and beverages will be provided – all ages welcome!

Faith Night @ Fibonacci's

A Lenten 'Faith Night @ Fibonacci's' will be hosted on Monday, March 6, at Fibonacci Brewing Co. (1445 Compton Rd.) beginning at 7:00 PM. The presentation and table discussions will be on the New Commandment Jesus gave his disciples at the Last Supper: "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another". Join us for this lively evening of small group discussion and communal sharing as we journey together in this topic.

Save the Date – Lent Mission

Mark your calendars and invite your friends to this year's Lent Mission on Sunday, March 12 and Monday, March 13 beginning at 7:00 PM in Assumption church. Jeanne Hunt and Fr. Norm Langenbrunner will dynamically present these two evenings on the topics of Mercy and Forgiveness as they present "Leave the Lights On Parish Mission". We are very privileged and excited to have these two nationally renowned speakers and authors join us! This is a great opportunity to invite anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or returning to the Church, as it ties in well with our Leave the Lights ON evening on Tuesday, March 14 (7 – 9 PM, Assumption church).

Contact me at

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