



This week we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. We have Mass at 8 am and 7 pm with the distribution of ashes. As always, we strive to grow in our love for the Lord and our neighbor. Lent is a time where we once again detach ourselves from material things and worldly desires and replace them with a desire for God and God's work. Often, we give up a material item for Lent, such as a favorite food or even some form of entertainment such as television. This

can be a good thing to do as it causes us to see how attached we are to material things. This discipline is something we should incorporate into our life even when Lent is over. It just doesn't have to be every day. Another approach to Lent would be taking up something good that will help us be a better Christian. I know of two priests who have challenged each other to read three chapters of the Bible each day this year. Introducing some more Bible reading would be a good idea for all of us. It does not have to be the whole Bible. It could possibly be one of the major prophets such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel or Daniel. Or you might commit yourself to reading the Gospel of Mark or the letters of Paul or the Psalms. This Lent, make an effort to set aside fifteen to thirty minutes each day for some spiritual work.

We have scheduled two Penance Services for Lent this year. The first one occurs on Saturday, February 25th at 10 am for our second graders. Anyone from the parish is invited to attend. We also will be having Penance service on Tuesday, March 13th at 7 pm. Priests from other neighboring parishes will be at both of these services. I will also hear confessions Monday of Holy Week, April 2nd from 7 to 8 pm. As always, I am available for confessions before the Saturday Mass at 3:15 or upon request.

Fr. John Raphael Hadnagy, OFM Conv returns to our parish for Mass on St. Joseph Day, Monday, March 19th at 7pm, followed by a healing service. Preceding the Mass, there will be a dinner at 5 pm. Please check the bulletin for other Lenten activities and services.

Father Kitmiller

LENT 2012

ASH WEDNESDAY is February 22. The Masses are at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. There will be a collection at the Masses for **JOIN - Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs** which operates under Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Columbus. JOIN provides emergency assistance to the poor and vulnerable of Franklin and surrounding counties in the form of food, prescription help, utilities, infant needs, identification papers, transportation, eyeglasses, burial assistance, senior items and referrals to other service providers.

Fasting: During Lent anyone between the ages of eighteen and sixty is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those with special health issues are excused. Fasting means that one eats two small meals and one main meal during the day.

Abstinence: Anyone over the age of thirteen is required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, and all Fridays of Lent.

THE WORD AMONG US for Lent is available in the gathering space. Please take one for your family. It has reflections each day on the scripture readings of the day.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - a devotion that reflects on the passion and death of Christ will be prayed as a community on the Fridays of Lent beginning this Friday, February 24. This devotion consists of meditation on fourteen events of Christ's passion from his condemnation to death to his burial. All are welcome to join in this prayer together this Lenten season.

PENANCE: The sacrament is available every Saturday at 3:15 pm or by appointment. Lenten Penance Services:
Ss. Simon and Jude - Tuesday, March 13, 7 pm
St. Mary Magdalene - Sunday, March 18, 3 pm
St. Aloysius - Sunday, April 1, 3 pm

BULLETIN INSERTS - Each week there is an insert that has a reflection on the readings and also suggestions for actions during the week to help your observance of Lent.

RICE BOWLS, a traditional part of Lent and almsgiving are available and benefit Catholic Relief Services.

LENTEN CLASS OFFERED: The season of Lent is a time for prayer, spiritual discipline, self denial, and reflection on the saving grace of God. What is done in great public prayers of the church must begin quietly with in the hearts of individual women and men. Not even the greatest of liturgies can replace the sincerity and eager searching of hearts turn to God.

Prayer exists on different levels just as our conversation may be more or less intense. At the most intense level, words are unnecessary. The three major expressions of the life of prayer recognized and encouraged by our tradition are vocal prayer, meditation and contemplative prayer. Join us on March 1st at 7 p.m. here at Ss. Simon and Jude. The workshop is called "Prayer -What? When? How? When? Where? The presenter is Norma Feeman from St. Patrick in London. If you have any questions see or call Dr. Teena Gallagher. The workshop is open to everyone! Plus it is free.



Next Saturday, February 24 at 10:00 a.m. there is a Penance Service here. Twenty 2nd grade PSR students will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers. All are welcome to participate in the service and go to confession.

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS COLLECTION is next weekend. This national campaign for America's mission lands has been serving the Catholic Church for 126 years. Proceeds from the collection are distributed as grants to dioceses supporting and strengthening evangelization programs, which would otherwise be in danger of disappearing among the Black, American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut communities of the United States. Through our prayers and generosity, we share in spreading Christ's Gospel message in Black and Indian communities across the country. There is a special envelope in your box of offertory envelopes. Extra ones are available from the table in the gathering space.

SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held June 25th, 26th, and 27th in the evening. There is another planning meeting Sunday February 19th at 9:45am. If you are interested in helping with VBS but are unable to attend the meetings, please contact Angie Copeland at 851-9027 or acopeland@columbus.rr.com.



Masses For The Week

Sat. Feb. 18	4:00 p.m.	+Bob Rains
Sun. Feb. 19	8:30 a.m.	+Carla Himes
	11:00 p.m.	Parish Family
Mon. Feb. 20	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tues. Feb. 21	8:00 a.m.	+Fr. Otto Ipoly
Wed. Feb. 22	8:00 a.m.	+Frances Evans
	7:00 p.m.	+Dick Lang
Thur. Feb. 23	8:00 a.m.	+Joe Murnane
Fri. Feb. 24	8:00 a.m.	+Bambi Hackett Markley
Sat. Feb. 25	4:00 p.m.	+Jack Chesshir
Sun. Feb. 26	8:30 a.m.	Parish Family
	11:00 p.m.	+Jerry Hamilton

Liturgical Roles

Ash Wednesday	Feb. 22 8:00 am	Feb. 22 7:00 pm	
Eucharist	C. Manger	J. Knapke	
	M. Byers	R. Fitch	
	K. Finnegan	M. Huffman	
Lector	M. Reinhard	E. Pfau	
	S. Walls	D. Rice	
Servers	M. Berchtold	Z. Pearson	
	D. Collins	S. Pearson	
	C. Saul	T. Gallagher	
Ushers	M. Berchtold	B. Hundley	
	H. Kuhlwein	T. Sommer	
	Feb. 25 4:00 pm	Feb. 26 8:30 am	Feb. 26 11:00 am
Eucharist	M. Byers	J. Knapke	P. Burke
	A Penquite	R. Fitch	M. Huffman
	D. Rains	L. Sanders	G. Slane
Lector	C. Saul	J. Finnegan	P. Haney
	B. Schneider	K. Finnegan	K. Lux
Servers	T. Gallagher	D. Casey	M. Haney
	A Conley	D. Collins	P. Haney
	A Opatt	B. Holden	J. Knapke
Ushers	B. Schneider	M. Berchtold	L. O'Reilly
	C. Covault	C. Fischer	M. O'Reilly
	L. DeFrank	J. Fischer	T. Sommer
	S. Sterling	J. Frericks	P. Troyer

Stations of the Cross Altar Servers: February 24 at 7:00 p.m. Daniel and Jacob Moratt and Rita Fitch

Youth Group News!

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS!

Sunday Feb. 26 we're headed to **Mad River Mountain for an afternoon of TUBING!** We will leave Church at 1:30pm and return at 7:30. If you're in high school, you better be there! And mark your calendars for the **Diocesan Youth Rally** on March 10 & 11 in Westerville, and the **St. Matthew Youth Conference** on March 16 & 17 in Gahanna! They will change your life! Forms for all events are in the gathering space or in the office. Questions? Contact Brendan - 740-215-3281 or borourke@stsimonjude.org.

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD PANTRY: Item of the month for February is canned meats or tuna. There is also a constant need for working microwave ovens, toaster ovens, hot plates, or crock pots for needy clients. If anyone has one they'd like to donate please contact Linda Collins 614-879-9186.



Readings of the Week

Mon. Feb. 20	Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
Tues. Feb. 21	Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
Wed. Feb. 22	Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-18
Thur. Feb. 23	Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Fri. Feb. 24	Is 58: 1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Sat. Feb. 25	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sun. Feb. 26	Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon. Feb. 20	Catholicism Study, 10 am
	Choir, 7 pm
Wed. Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday, Masses 8 am & 7 pm
	No RCIA
Fri. Feb. 24	Stations of the Cross, 7 pm
Sat. Feb. 25	1 st Reconciliation, 10 am
Sun. Feb. 26	PSR
	Bible Study, 4-6 pm
	Youth Group, 6:30 – 8 pm
	Catholicism Study, 9:45 am or 12:10 pm
Mon. Feb. 27	Catholicism Study, 10 am
	Choir, 7 pm
Wed. Feb. 29	RCIA, 7 pm
Thur. Mar. 1	Prayer Workshop, 7 pm
Fri. Mar. 2	Stations of the Cross, 7 pm

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS TO THE PARISH

	Actual	Needed	Difference
Weekend Feb. 12	\$4,010	\$6,240	-\$2,230
Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2011)	\$208,735	\$205,920	+\$2,815
Building Fund	\$921		

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE: The feast of St. Joseph is Monday, March 19 and our traditional potluck dinner will be held at 5 pm before the Mass and Healing Service at 7 pm. All are invited to attend. Please bring an entrée and a side dish. The women's group will provide the place settings and beverages. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

TOLE PAINTERS: We have some bird feeders that we would like tole painted to sell at the church bazaar in November. This is a project that you can do at home at your own leisure. If you would be able to help with this project, please see Charlotte Manger or call her at 879-7230.

NOTE FROM THE BAZAAR CRAFT COMMITTEE: Do you have a craft project that you started and never seemed to find time to finish? How about digging it out and finishing it for the Bazaar. If you don't think you will finish it, then contact Charlotte Manger at 879-7230 and she will find someone who will finish it for you. Also, we have some sewing projects already started. If you sew and could finish these projects, Charlotte will be happy to get them to you. Now with a couple more winter months ahead of us is a good time to work on these projects.

LITURGY COMMITTEE: Next month's meeting is moved to Tuesday, March 20 at 7 pm due to St. Joseph's Table, Mass and Healing Service on Monday, March 19.

THE COLUMBUS CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE, "Call to Action: Be the New Man in Christ" will be held Saturday March 3rd at the Lausche Building at the Ohio State Expo Center 717 E. 17th Ave, Columbus. For information contact Scott Williamson at 614-798-1792 or ColumbusCatholicMen.com.