

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • FEBRUARY 26, 2017

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, February 28

10:00 am – Tuesdays @ 10

6:30 pm – RCIA

Wednesday, March 1

8:00 am – Mass with Ashes

8:30 am – 11:30 am – Eucharistic Adoration

6:15 pm – Mass with Ashes

Simple meatless soup supper after Mass- Sign up!

Thursday, March 2

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Saturday, March 4

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship

Sunday, March 5

9:30 am – First Communion Class

11:00 am – Choir Mass



Readings for The First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

There will be no Hospitality on March 12th!

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT- MARCH 25!

Our annual retreat this year will be a Lenten Retreat focused on the Prodigal Son parable. Please consider joining other members of the SJF community to listen, reflect, and share your thoughts about this powerful story. Several presentations will be given by Deacon Tom Gaier, Suzanne Schneller and Jim Crosby, offering reflections and perhaps some new insights into the story and how to connect them to our own lives. We will begin at 10:00 am and finish in time to attend 4:30 pm mass if you choose. The cost is \$20.00 per person and includes lunch. For more information, contact Jim Crosby in the parish office at 561-9431 ext 113 or email jimc@sjfchurch.org

FATHER DEL STAIGERS

Father Del Staigers will be here on the weekend of March 4th and 5th to preside at our Masses. He is looking forward to celebrating the Eucharist with us, and to his eventual role as pastor of the pastoral region of Saint Veronica and Saint John Fisher later in the summer.

SUMMER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: SAVE THE DATES!

Our annual Summer Religious Education (SRE) program will be held from July 24th – August 4th, 2017. The classes are Monday through Friday from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm and are for children entering grades 1-8 in the fall of 2017. Watch the bulletin for more details or call Jim Crosby in the parish office for more information.

VISITORS FROM ST. VINCENT MISSION

This weekend Sister Kathleen Weigand, mission speaker for St. Vincent Mission in David, Ky will be at each Mass. In 1985 she joined the Mt. Tabor Benedictines of Martin, KY. Sister became executive director of St. Vincent Mission in 1999 and served in that position until this past July. Her successor, Erin Bottomlee, will be with Sister Kathleen. Parish members may meet them both after each Mass. St. Vincent Mission serves approximately 2,500 people through their annual Christmas store and monthly food pantry. They also host a volunteer-staffed Home Repair Program and Emergency Needs Program, providing food, clothing, rent assistance, household items and utility payments to the needy in the area. Community members who receive assistance are, if able, required to return the help with service hours. The mission also offers classes in health, nutrition, finances and growing their own food. There will be an opportunity to contribute donations to St. Vincent Mission.

RICE BOWL COLLECTION for PARISH CHILDREN

ENCOUNTER LENT – Please contribute to Catholic Relief Services by filling a rice bowl this Lent. Join our faith community – and 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States – in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from St. John Fisher's Gathering Space on Feb. 25-26, Ash Wednesday, and March 4-5, and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

ASH WEDNESDAY – SUPPORT the CHURCH in CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

On Ash Wednesday we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection on Ash Wednesday.

AN EVENING FOR DIVORCED CATHOLICS: MARCH 3

An evening for divorced Catholics, *Healing the Divorced Heart*, with author/speaker Rose Sweet will take place on Friday, March 3rd from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm at Ruah Woods. Please visit the Ruah Woods website at www.ruahwoods.org to register or learn more.

THANK YOU

Our donations for the Cise collection on Feb. 19th total so far \$761.00. Thank you!

All ministers may check their future schedules at:
www.ministryschedulerpro.com?user=stjfvolunteer

SERVER SCHEDULE

March 1st Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, 6:15 pm – Stephen, Matthew, Andrew Kroeger

March 4th and 5th

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Bryan & Danny Creelman

Sunday, 9:00 am – Mac Castellini, Eli & Henry Motz

Sunday, 11:00 am – Arlyn Scott

3rd ANNUAL GREATER CINCINNATI CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Mark your calendar and sign up for this event on March 4th at the Manor House in Mason. See the poster in the transition area for the details. On line registration is available at: www.catholicwomenofcincinnati.com For more information call Fran Bachmeyer, 513-231-5992, who is a parish member.

CANA DINNER

Mark your calendar for our annual Cana Dinner. It will be held on Saturday, March 11th following the 4:30 pm Mass. We honor couples who are celebrating 25th, 40th or 50th Anniversaries. You need not be celebrating an anniversary to attend; all adult parishioners are welcome! There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space if you intend to come. We need to know by March 5th.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES & SOUP SUPPER

Masses for Ash Wednesday, March 1st will be celebrated at **8:00 am and 6:15 pm**. The evening Mass will be followed by a simple, meatless soup supper (Potluck) in Pater Hall. Please sign up in the gathering space today if you plan to attend the supper... all are welcome!

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

Save the date for our annual Taize Prayer Service to be held on Tuesday, March 7th at 7:00 pm. This sung prayer, modeled after the prayer of the Taize monastic community in France, is an excellent way to enter into the mystery of our relationship with God, and the many ways we experience God in our world today.

EDUCATION SUPPLIES NEEDED

Catholic Charities teaches English, as a second language to several hundred people each year. Each participant receives a pen, notebook and 2 pocket folder. While these 3 items don't cost a lot of money, it adds up when you are providing 200-300 in a year. Catholic Charities is looking for donations of pens, 2 pocket folders and notebooks for each student. Even those notebooks your children only used part of during the school year can be useful to our students. If you can make a donation of any of these items, please contact Rachel Wiers at rwiers@ccswoh.org or 513-672-3749.

SNOW EMERGENCY! There will be **NO WEEKDAY MASS** on any day that Forest Hills schools are closed or delayed because of snow or inclement weather.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 27

12:00 pm – Mike Rohs – (Bob & Sue Winstel)

Tuesday, February 28

8:00 am – Intentions of the Kenny Family (Dympna Mulvaney)

Wednesday, March 1

8:00 am – Lorraine & Lee Kohl – (Norma Frede)

6:15 pm – St. John Fisher Community

Thursday, March 2

8:00 am – Barbara Bohne (Bill Bohne)

Friday, March 3

12:00 pm – Communion Service

Saturday, March 4

4:30 pm – Patrick Hohne (Tim & Carol Donahue)

Sunday, March 5

9:00 am – Betty Murphy (Her Family)

11:00 am – St. John Fisher Community

BLESSED PALMS

Ash Wednesday is March 1st. As always, we will collect your blessed palms from previous years this weekend Feb. 25th -26th. The palms are burned to create the ashes we use on Ash Wednesday.

FORMED – GETTING READY FOR LENT

FORGIVEN explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the rite itself, FORGIVEN communicates God's invitation to each one of us to experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The entire FORMED website is available free to our parishioners. If you have not yet signed up for FORMED, here's how easy it is: go to www.formed.org. You will see a box that says "Register-sign up using your parish code." Type in the parish code: B68MWG. Now set up a username and a password and you are all set to use all the great programs on formed.org anytime by simply logging in.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



our parishioners who are sick and in need of your prayers: , Martie Kline, Bob Kneipp, Jeannie Koepfer, Esther Montag, Barbara Mueller, Lee Murrell, Audrey Rapien, Geneva Schafer-Minnich, Anita Schafer, Katie Wellman, Jean Werning.

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