

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • MARCH 5, 2017

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, March 7

10:00 am – Tuesdays @ 10

6:30 pm – RCIA

Wednesday, March 8

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

Thursday, March 9

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Saturday, March 11

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship

Sunday, March 12

9:30 am – First Communion Class

11:00 am – Choir Mass



Readings for The Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

There will be no Hospitality on March 12th!

THE LIGHT is ON for YOU

Has someone you love stopped going to Mass or feels separated from the church? Join the Lord in inviting him or her back to church. The doors of Catholic churches across the archdiocese of Cincinnati will be open for quiet prayer and confession on Tuesday, March 14th from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. The Light is On for You is a way for those who have been away from the church to experience the love and mercy of God. If the time is right, invite him or her to consider talking with a priest and receive the grace of the sacrament of reconciliation. Learn more at www.lightison4u.org

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

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.

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

The parish pictorial directories have arrived. If your family participated by having your pictures taken, please stop in the gathering space to pick up your directory after Mass today.

THANK YOU FOR WELCOMING SISTER KATHLEEN AND ERIN BOTTOMLEE

Thank you to all parish members who welcomed Sister Kathleen and Erin Bottomlee of St. Vincent Mission last weekend. They had a wonderful time. Sister Kathleen enjoyed meeting many St. John Fisher members and is looking forward to her return as our mission speaker in June. Thank you also for the many generous donations to St. Vincent Mission. The total donations were \$758.00. If you are interested in participating in the mission trip for any part of the week of June 1-17, please contact Marty Rauhen at 11rauen@gmail.com or Jim Crosby at the church office. We have room for many additional participants with a variety of skill levels. St. Vincent Mission is located in David, Kentucky, about a three hour drive from here and serves the impoverished Appalachian community with a food pantry, emergency financial assistance, classes in nutrition, gardening, and budgeting, and home repair. Please pray about joining the group this June.

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 March 4-5.

We encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org for more

THE REFRESH YOUR SOUL CONFERENCE AND XU DEMENTIA CARE SUMMIT

Xavier University and Episcopal Retirement Services Parish Health Ministry are collaborating to offer a two-day conference devoted to dementia care on March 13-14. The event targets caregivers, health care professionals, and anyone whose lives are affected by people living with dementia and Alzheimer's. The event will take place at the Cintas Center on Xavier's campus. For the Refresh Your Soul conference on March 13, visit parishhealthministry.com/RYS and for the Xavier University Dementia Care Summit on March 14, visit xavier.edu/dementia-summit.

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

Don't forget to pick up and use the Little Black Books for Lent. They are in the gathering space this weekend.

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

SERVER SCHEDULE
March 11th and 12th

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Please sign-up
Sunday, 9:00 am – Philip Messerly, Lauren Sayre, Need one more server please!
Sunday, 11:00 am – Joey Restle, Need 2 more servers please!

CANA DINNER/ LAST DAY TO SIGN UP

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.

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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL UPDATE

To date, the 2017 Catholic Ministries appeal has raised just over \$2.4 million in pledges from 13,000 families! The appeal is off to a great start, but we still have a ways to go to reach the \$5 million goal. St John Fisher has a goal of \$21,612 and so far we have pledges of \$4,570.00. As you see we have a long way to go. There are envelopes in the transition area for your convenience. Thank you to all those who have participated.

HOW REAL ARE ADAM AND EVE AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

On March 9th, the Comboni Mission Center is hosting a Kolbe Center for Creation Talk for people of all ages interested in learning about the Origins of the Universe and the Creation of Humankind. It is a dynamic, educational, and eye opening Catholic presentation exploring theistic evolution. The talk is free and will be held from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at the Comboni Mission Center, 1318 Nagel Rd. doors open for registration and light refreshments at 6:00 pm. Our presenters are: Hugh Owen, director of the Kolbe Center and Dr. Thomas Seiler, a highly respected physicist. For details and additional information, please email layfaithfulimmaculata@gmail.com, or by phone at 513-604-0100.

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, March 6

12:00 pm – Intentions of family of Luke Gratkowski (Max & Amy Buot)

Tuesday, March 7

8:00 am – Intentions of Claire Bruemmer (Mary Ann Fagel)

Wednesday, March 8

8:00 am – Anna Lou Smethurst

Thursday, March 9

8:00 am – Margaret Kiefer

Friday, March 10

12:00 pm – Communion Service

Saturday, March 11

4:30 pm – Miriam Burkhart (Ellen Duncanson)

Sunday, March 12

9:00 am – Jack Jennewein (Ruth Jennewein)

11:00 am – St. John Fisher Community

COLD AND FLU SEASON

If you are sick or not feeling well, use your good judgement and stay home on Sunday and miss Mass.

If you feel you may be contagious, and you are here at Church, you may choose not to shake hands or drink from the cup. If you use tissues during Mass, please take them with you when you leave church. Thank you.

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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