



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

March 9th & 10th

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1st SUNDAY OF LENT -- FAST FROM FOOD, FEAST ON THE BIBLE

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart." —Romans 10:8; see also Deuteronomy 30:14

Lent is a time of fasting, but Lent is not a time of famine — that is, a famine for the word of God (compare Am 8:11). Yes, give up food for fasting, but also begin a feast: a feast for the Word of God. Feast daily on the Bible this Lent. Through daily Bible reading:

-you won't be as hungry for food, for God's word will feed you and satisfy your hunger (Mt 4:4),

-you will experience the power of Scripture to lead to conversion and salvation for both yourself and those with whom you share it (Rm 1:16),

-you are set free to overcome temptation and the devil through the power of the Holy Spirit wielding God's Word through you (see Jn 8:31-32; Eph 6:17; Mt 4:4-11),

-you will know Jesus more deeply, for "ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ" (Catechism, 133), and

-you will store the words of the Bible in your heart to help avoid sin (Ps 119:11).

This Lent and all your life, the devil will tempt you to stay away from daily Scripture reading. Defeat Satan by reading extra passages of the Bible each day in Lent (see Acts 17:11). Let your Lenten Scripture feasting be a foreshadowing of the heavenly feast (Rv 19:9).

Prayer: Father, this Lent may hundreds of thousands of Catholics begin reading and sharing the Bible daily.

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
 Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
 Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
 Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
 Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
 Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
 First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
 MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.
 COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Sun, Mar 10 - 8.30 a.m. +Henry & Anna Detta Family By Alice Kuehler
 Mon, Mar 11- 7:30 a.m. +Henry & Anna Detta Family By Alice Kuehler
 Wed, Mar 13 - 6:00p.m Stations of the Cross
 Thurs, Mar 14 - 7:30a.m. +Henry & Anna Detta Family By Alice Kuehler
 Fri, Mar 15 - 7:30a.m. +Henry & Anna Detta Family By Alice Kuehler
 6:00p.m Stations of the Cross
 Saturday, Mar 16 - 5:30p.m. +Henry & Anna Detta Family By Alice Kuehler

Church Cleaning for March

Neysa Friemel, Julie Friemel, Jessica Britten, Carolyn Brooks, Joannie Kling, Jan Britten, Tonda Torres, Laura Kuehler, Barbara Homer, Doris Homer, Kathleen Barkley, Adela Kotara, Melanie Hinson, and Karen Brown

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Alan Acker, Dale Brooks, Shirley Burgin, Matthew Gary Britten, Johnny Brumley, Karen Berry, Doris Britten, Dylan Stafford, Lynita Brown and Phillip Ollinger

Family Chalice Program

March 9/10. Rita and Mike Lister
 March 16/17. Kay and Cobb Britten
 March 23/24 Nick Bohr
 March 30/31 Bill and Linda Bohr
 April 6/7 Nick Kuehler Family
 April 13/14 Alice Kuehler

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 9th Pam Ashford
 March 11th Jeremy Britten
 March 12th Karen Brown, Toby Burgin, & Amy Weinheimer
A-March 12th Kevin & Kara Brown
 March 14th Blake Barnett, Leo Britten, & Bill Britten
 March 15th Ava Britten

Stewardship Reports

03/03/19

Individual	\$2,730.00
Loose	\$ 153.00
Children	\$ 4.00
Total	\$2,887.00

03/03/19 Building Fund

Individual	\$ 20,410.00
Loose	\$ 93.00
Total	\$ 20,503.00

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Mar 9th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Damon and Stephen

Lectors: RonKuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten & Kevin Brown

Sunday, Mar 10th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Ali and Madison

Lectors: TYM

Extraor. Com. Minister: Barbara Homer, Joannie

Kling, & Tabitha Egge Meyer

Saturday, Mar 16th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Phineas and Trace

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea & John

Connelly

Sunday, Mar 17th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Kate and Carrigan

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler, Sandie

Hickey, & Susan Britten

Saturday, Mar 23rd, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Derek and Ryan

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown & John

Connelly

Sunday, Mar 24th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Owen and Hugh

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Barbara

Homer & Joannie Kling

Announcements:

Second Collection:

Mar 6th Ash Wednesday

Christian Mothers Meetings:

Mar 11th in the Parish Hall @ 6:30

We are having a Lenten retreat at Groom on March 16th. We will be starting with a potluck at 12. The sisters from prayer town will be giving the retreat and will end on Saturday with adoration before Mass. Please come show your support and love for the Sisters from prayer town. They always do such an amazing job and what better time than during Lent to get a little closer to God. If you have any questions you please call Tabitha at 806-651-9176

***St. Mary's in Clarendon is having a fish fry Friday Mar 22. Each night will start at 5:30 and serve until 7:30. We will serve Fish, french fries, beans, cole slaw, hush puppies and dessert for \$12.00 a plate for adults and \$5.00 for kids.**

Announcements:

*Spring Break March 10-16 No CCD

*Wednesday, April 3rd – 6pm CCD Classes and 7:00pm Parish Lenten confessions

*Wednesday, April 17 No CCD Classes

*Wednesday, May 1, Last Day of CCD with Party

*Sunday, May 5th – First Holy Communion at 8:30am Mass

*Sunday, May 12 – Confirmation at 8:30am By our Bishop Patrick J. Zurek followed by TYM Mother's Day Breakfast and reception for confirmation kids.

*Sunday, May 19 – Graduation Mass at 8:30am Mass

*Sunday, June 9th – Picnic Mass at 11:00am at the Mr. Chris Britten Ranch

***During Lent**, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season. It's a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we **pray**, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him. It's a time to **fast**. With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that's why it gets all the attention. "What are you giving up for Lent? Hotdogs? Beer? Jelly beans?" It's almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ. It's a time to **work** on discipline. The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. "I'm going to exercise more. I'm going to pray more. I'm going to be nicer to my family, friends and coworkers." It's about dying to yourself. The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it's about more than self-control – it's about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form. Don't do too much. It's tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but it's best to keep it simple and focused. There's a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don't try to cram it all in one Lent. That's a recipe for failure.