

## FEBRUARY 18, 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*"To receive the grace of God you must go into the desert And stay awhile."* – Bl. Charles de Foucauld

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

**NO MASS**

12:00 noon AA (H)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

12:00 noon AA (H)

**NO MASS**

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

**NO MASS**

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

**NO MASS – Father Ted's Day Off**

12:00 noon AA (H)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

**NO MASS**

12:00 noon AA (H)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (CH)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

4:00 p.m. Confessions (CH)

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (pg. 50)

Theresa Tiberi By Mary Kay Wood

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass (pg. 50)

Christopher D. Strawser (Anniv.)  
By The Jeff Strawser Family

11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass (pg. 50)

The People of St. Joseph Parish

**OUR PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:** Hold in your prayers **Tony Howerton, Adam Douglas, Gregory Shires, Billy Ralph Blevins, Sara McConnell, Sara Short, and Elisabeth Davis**, and all those who are on our prayer chain. If you have permission and wish to put a friend or loved one on the email prayer chain, or are interested in praying as part of our prayer chain, please contact Jackie Rose at [diggersdaughter@yahoo.com](mailto:diggersdaughter@yahoo.com) or (614) 595-7633. If you would also like to have a name listed in our church bulletin for prayers, please notify us at [office@saintjosephcircleville.com](mailto:office@saintjosephcircleville.com) or call 477-2549, ext. 300.

**CONDOLENCES** to the family and friends of **William Browning**, who died on **February 10, 2018** and **William R. Geddis**, who died on **February 11, 2018**. Please remember them in your prayers, along with their families and all who love them.

**LENTEN FOOD DRIVE:** It is that time of year for our Annual Lenten Food Drive to benefit the local food pantry. This drive will run from today through March 4th. Please bring your non-perishable food items and place them in the box along the wall near the baptismal font. The food pantry is particularly in need of peanut butter, jelly, boxes of mac and cheese and tomato and chicken noodle soup. Your generosity is appreciated. The Christian Services Committee.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** All parishioners are welcome to the Social Meeting February 19th at the Hall on North Court Street to come hear a presentation by Deborah Lowe Wright on early black families in Pickaway County in honor of Black History Month.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** If you wish to donate a spring flower in memory of a loved one, please use the envelope in your packets; there are also extras available in the church. We request a \$15.00 donation per flower. Be sure to include the name on the envelope of the individual whose memory you are honoring, and do not put loose checks in the regular collection basket without the special envelope. Donations must be received by Monday, **March 19th**, in order for their names to appear the weekend of Easter Sunday.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. **Your almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul Society will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.** Don't forget to place any toiletry items in the containers at church and office. Thank you for your support.

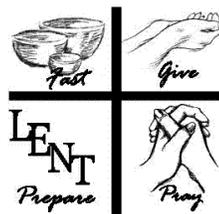
**HOSPITAL & HOME-BOUND PARISHIONERS:** If you or a loved one are home or hospital-bound for any length of time, and desire to receive the sacraments, please call the Parish Office. Father Ted and Mary Kay no longer have access to the local chaplains' list; therefore, they will not know of your needs unless they are notified.



**CATHOLIC TIMES** It's not too late! You can still sign up for *Catholic Times*. For a minimum donation of only \$17.00 (less than 39 cents per issue), Catholic news from the diocese and around the world will be delivered right to your mailbox. Use the envelope provided in your February packet, or simply write your name and "*Catholic Times*" on a plain envelope, make your check payable to the parish, and drop it into the collection basket. As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages all Catholic households in the diocese to receive and read our diocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Times*. You need the *Catholic Times* to keep up on all of the news throughout the diocese and the Catholic World.

### Encountering Christ in Lent

Lent is often referred to as a journey—one that begins in the desert and ends in a garden. Each Sunday of Lent draws us closer to the great high point of the liturgical year—celebration of the Triduum and immersion into the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. When viewed in this manner, we focus less on giving *up* and more on giving ourselves *over*. Framed with three traditional practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we offered a precious opportunity to encounter Christ as we make our way towards Easter.



◆ **Encountering Christ in Prayer**—prayer is an integral part of Lent. The prayer practices specific to Lent—such as Stations of the Cross offer ways to reflect upon and contemplate the great mystery of Jesus' suffering and death. Here are some ways you can Encounter Christ in Prayer.

- ⇒ Adoration: Sunday, March 4 @ 2 p.m.
- ⇒ Reconciliation Service: Sunday, March 18 @ 4 p.m.
- ⇒ Stations of the Cross: Friday, Feb. 16-March 23 @ 7 p.m.
- ⇒ Lenten Lunchtime Prayer: Wednesday, March 21 @ 12 noon
- ⇒ Tenebrae Service: Friday, March 30 @ 7:30 p.m.

◆ **Encountering Christ in Fasting**—the Lenten practice of fasting and abstinence calls upon us to relinquish certain habits or desires in order to embrace others. Fasting also entails kenosis—an emptying out of ourselves in order to make room for Christ. Thus, by fasting for hurtful attitudes, selfish behaviors, ego-drive desires, and other soul-killing patterns, we open ourselves to greater compassion and understand an mercy and kindness.

◆ **Encountering Christ in Almsgiving**—giving generously to other is a form of self sharing that leads to radical transformation. By giving ourselves over to the suffering of others we come to encounters to enable us to face our own suffering with greater strength and trust in the ever-present mercy of Christ.

**Week 1:** Feb. 18: Animal Shelter: Dawn dish soap, laundry detergent, towels (used are great), pet toys, food and water dishes

**Week 2:** Feb. 25: Food Pantry—non-perishable food items: peanut butter, can fruit and vegetables, can soup, boxes of mac-n-cheese, cereal, and canned meats.

**Week 3:** March 4: Haven House: women's razors and deodorant, toilet paper, body wash, shampoo, laundry detergent, tooth brushes & tooth paste, and hair brush/combs.

**Week 4:** March 11: Elizabeth Hope: baby diapers (any size), baby onesies, sleepers.

**Week 5:** March 18: Men's shelter: deodorant, toilet paper, razors & shaving cream, shampoo, paper towels, and socks,

**Week 6:** March 25: Gospel Road Mission Trip: paint brushes, painter's tape, roller pan

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#### Dates To Remember:

- ◆ New Server Training-  
**Feb. 24** at 11 a.m. at the Church
- ◆ Diocese Catholic Youth Conference—**Mar. 3**
- ◆ Adoration-**Mar. 4** @ 2 p.m.
- ◆ Reconciliation Service — **Mar. 18** @ 4 p.m.

### PRAYER CORNER

*First Sunday of Lent*

Let us pray

Lord Jesus, during my Lenten journey, help me to hear your voice in the quiet of the desert.

AMEN

Live the Gospel:

The desert of "wilderness" are rich symbols during Lent. What distractions can we strip away this week (or throughout Lent) so we can make our way into an interior desert, a quiet place to be with God and away from the world?

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### First Communion Preparations

Parent session 1 (Chapters 1 & 2) will be held on **Sunday, February 18** in the classroom during PSR.



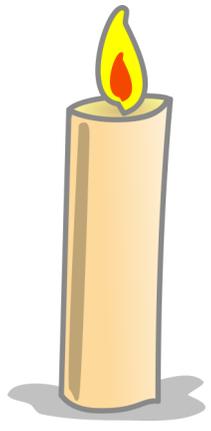
### Confirmation Preparations

There will be a meeting with parents and confirmadi (current 6th & 7th graders) to start the confirmation process on **Sunday, April 29 at 6:30-8:30 p.m.** in the church hall. At this meeting, we will go over requirements and do lesson one of the program.

### Tenebrae Service scheduled for Good Friday

The Spiritual Life Committee along with our parish youth are working together to put on a Tenebrae Service for Good Friday.

Tenebrae (Latin for shadows or darkness) is part of the Liturgy of the Hours that was celebrated in the evening during the Triduum and dates from the 7th or 8th century. The mood is somber, quiet and reflective. Rich in symbolism, the service of Tenebrae incorporates the use of light and darkness to evoke the spiritual reality recalled within the prayer. Candles are lit and are extinguished one by one so that by the end, only one candle is left burning as we contemplate the temporary triumph of the prince of darkness over the Light of the World. The Tenebrae service will be **Friday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m.** Mark your calendar and plan to attend this prayerful experience.



### The Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference

STILL TIME TO REGISTER!

Contact Vanessa to registration.

**Date:** March 3, 2018

**Cost:** \$50 includes food & T-shirt

### DONUT SUNDAYS

We will be starting Donut Sundays (1st Sunday of the month) back up in April. If you are interested in being our host after the 8 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. Mass, please let Vanessa know. Thank you for giving of your time to provide this service to our parish.



### Cheese & Pie Fund Raiser

Once again we will be selling cheese and pies to raise funds for youth attending Gospel Road.

Watch bulletin for an order form soon. Cheese and Pies will be available in time for EASTER!

**2018 STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

<b>Friday, February 23</b>	7:00 p.m.	Choir
<b>Friday, March 2</b>	7:00 p.m.	PSR Program/ Catechist
<b>Friday, March 9</b>	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
<b>Friday, March 16</b>	7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Life Committee/ Sacristans
<b>Friday, March 23</b>	7:00 p.m.	Cemetery Board
<b>Sunday, March 25</b>	1:15 p.m.	Cemetery, led by Spiritual Life Committee
<b>Friday, March 30</b>	7:30 p.m.	Tenebrae Service – Youth

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK:**

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**RCIA** Will meet in the Church Hall Wednesday, February 21st. Topics covered will be People of God and Living Lent.

*Following in St. Joseph's Footsteps  
 Restoration Progress*

Goal: \$1,720,240

Pledged (to date): \$1,826,818.67

Paid (to date): \$1,271,035.48

Due (to date): \$555,783.19

Stained Glass Window Shares Sold: 69 of 100

*Please continue to join your parish family in offering.*

**LISTEN TO CATHOLIC RADIO AM 820 THIS LENT:** Try something new this Lent and consider listening to Catholic Radio AM 820. Listening to AM 820 is a good way to deepen your knowledge and love of the Catholic faith!

**THE 2018 MEN'S CONFERENCE FEATURES:** Become Fishers of Men with this year's Catholic Men's Conference and welcome three internationally-renowned speakers, Jeff Cavins, Scott Hahn, and Chris Stefanick to Cardinal Hall at the Ohio Expo Center! Saturday, February 24, 2018 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration opens at 7:00 a.m. with Adoration beginning at 6:00 a.m..

**OFFERING:  
 FEBRUARY 11: \$6,948.04**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:  
 FEBRUARY 24TH & 25TH**

***If you are unable to fulfill your responsibility, please be sure to find a replacement. Servers, Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – please check your name off the list at the back of the church when you arrive each week.***

**Saturday, February 24th, 5:00 p.m.**

**Servers:** Simon Cameron, Dylan Cameron

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Jim Schneider\*, Grace Elliott, Joan Fontaine, Patricia Griffith, Dee Mogan

**Lectors:** Mary Ann Raterman (1), Peg Burton (2)

**Ushers:** Jerry Zielinski, Becky Zielinski, Teri Mogan, Joe Mogan

**Greeters:** Don Dennis, Andy & Amy Vance

**Sunday, February 25th, 8 a.m.**

**Servers:** Paige Strawser, Audrey Meyer

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Linda Nutter\*, Mary Beth Poe, Amy Goode, Doug Baker, Steve Ford

**Lectors:** Amy Rhymer (1), Merle Valentine (2)

**Ushers:** John Callahan, Russell Kamler, Brendan Kleman, Steve Ford, Tom Miner

**Greeters:** Molly & David Schiff, Meg & Doug Baker

**Sunday, February 25th, 11:15 a.m.**

**Servers:** Anna Gill, Mick Skaggs

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Mike White\*, Daniel Huggett, Mary So, Pam Smith, John Bowen

**Lectors:** Brian Neff (1), Amy Sahr (2)

**Ushers:** Dexter Hill, Anita Yaple, Dennis Blubaugh, Tom Kopec

**Greeters:** The Stolarz Family, Tom Klitzka