





Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. A few reminders about Ash Wednesday:

- 1. Check your local parish for Mass times to make sure you get ashes on your forehead.
- 2. Not a Holy Day of Obligation, but highly recommended as the beginning of the Lenten season.
- 3. Having the ashes encourages evangelization as people ask about the ashes.
- 4. Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence and fasting.

More information on Ash Wednesday provided at: EWTN - http://www.ewtn.com/library/answers/ash_wed.htm USCCB - http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/index.cfm







During Lent, we are asked to seek the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to sacrifice through fasting. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to fast in other ways throughout the season. More Information at http://www.usccb.org/lent

Daylight Savings Time will be on Sunday, March 10, 2019. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead by one hour when you go to sleep on Saturday night.

We'll move the clock back again on Sunday, November 3, 2019



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March:

"That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected."





March 2019

March 1-3: Young Adult Retreat 2019 - A Grown Up Look At the Virtues: Looking to get away to spend some time with the Lord during the season of Lent? Join us from Friday March 1st at 7 pm - Sunday March 3rd and take this time for prayer, presentations, recreation, reflection, and fellowship at Pretty Lake Camp (9123 West Q Ave., Mattawan, MI 49071). Cost is \$50 per participant. Please register by contacting Tim McNamara (tmcnamara@diokzoo.org).

March 2: Mardi Gras Fundraising Dinner: Live Jazz Music, Cajun Food, Nursery and Teen game/movie room after dinner. Tickets and other information available at saintisidorechurch.org

March 5: Discovering Our Deepest Desire is a marriage enrichment series has been very well received by many married couples in the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Sessions will be held at St. Monica (Community Bldg), Kalamazoo, every Tuesday, starting March 5th, 2019, and ending on April 16th from 6:30 - 8:30pm. Cost for materials is only \$30 per couple. Register online: https://www.diokzoo.org/marriage-enrichment. For info call Keith & Hope Marotti at 269-353-1213 or Socorro Truchan at 269-903- 0199. Limited to 12 couples.)

March 7: Holy Brew for Adults in their 20's and 30's - Join Fr. Michael Hennessy, CSP at the 7 Monks Taproom on Michigan Avenue in Grand Rapids from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on March 7. Discussion topic will be Friendship and Faith over a pint and a meal. Registration required by calling 616-459-7267 or email register@catholicinformationcenter.org

March 14: Lumen et Vita Speaker Series: Deacon Dean Vernon will present on Mary, the Mother of God – Why a devotion to Mary? Rediscover the Blessed Mother of God and the many treasures she has revealed! Recently ordained, Deacon Dean Vernon never doubted God was calling him to the permanent diaconate. He grew up watching his father serve as a deacon and first heard the call himself in 1999 through a series of events that has God's fingerprints all over it. The preparation and wait was finally over in 2017 when he was ordained at the Cathedral of St. Andrew and appointed to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. More information maybe found at https://stpaulapostle.com/Lumenetvita/

March 19: St. Joseph's Day with Sr. Damien Marie Savino, FSE starts at 6:30pm at the Franiciscan Life Process Center in Lowell. St. Joseph, or San Giuseppe in Italian, is the patron saint of the family. We celebrate his feast day on March 19, when Italian families create beautifully decorated St. Joseph's Day altars in their homes and gather together to share traditional St. Joseph Day foods. Gather around a special St. Joseph's Day altar and learn how to make two classic St. Joseph's desserts: ricotta-filled sfingis and cream-filled zeppoles. In the spirit of San Giuseppe, everyone will take home some pastries to share with their families. Cost: \$25. Please go to www.lifeprocesscenter.org to register.

Save the Date: Holy Family Radio's Spring Pledge Drive will start earlier this year on March 18.

There are numerous events throughout both the dioceses during the month of March.

Please visit our online calendar at HolyFamilyRadio.net.





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