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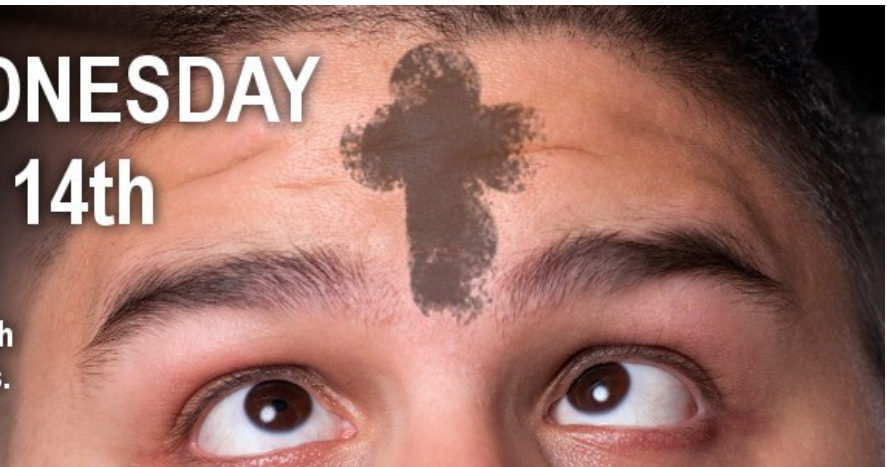
“A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.”

-- Pope Francis

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14th

Check your local parish bulletin for Mass times.



Lent begins on **Wednesday, February 14th** (Ash Wednesday). 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>



LENT - 2018

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>



On Saturday, February 10th from 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm., enjoy a wonderful evening at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, including dinner (cash bar), dancing and an inspirational talk from Bill & Rebecca Donaghy.

Tickets and Registration: CherishMarriage.net



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EVENTS

February 2018

KEPHA Conference 2018 will be held at West Catholic High School on Saturday, March 10th. Featured guests include: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Steve Bollman, Chris Muglia, Justin Fatica and Most Reverend David Walkowiak. Tickets and more information are available at BuildingaLegacy.org.

GR Diocesan Women's Conference will be at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Belmont, Michigan, on Saturday, March 17, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. More information including registration may be found at DioceseOfGrandRapids.org.

Feb. 14 thru Mar. 25 - 40 Days for Life. This is a grassroots effort to end abortion through fasting and prayer in front of an abortion clinic. Sign-up online for a time to pray at the peaceful vigil in front of the only free-standing surgical abortion facility in Grand Rapids. More information may be found at: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/grand-rapids/>

Feb. 16 - Mar. 23 - "The Gift" is a six-week session on Life in the Holy Spirit. God wants every one of us to experience His love daily in a powerful way! Come join us for a nice meal, good conversation, and great presentations on how to invite the Holy Spirit into your life so that you can live as God is calling you to, in a close, intimate, and loving relationship with Him. More information at ignitedinchristnacc.com.

Feb. 17, 2018 - St. Joseph Parish will host a retreat featuring **Fr. Peter Fennesy, SJ**. The theme of the retreat is, "**Art as a Doorway to Prayer.**" The half-day retreat will be held at St. Joseph Parish, Rose Center 301 Wayne St., St. Joseph, from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. More information at stjoestjoe.church

Feb. 22 - 25 - Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any woman, man or couple who struggle with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. More information may be found at the Catholic Charities website - ccwestmi.org/what-we-do/social-justice/project-rachel/

There are numerous events all over the diocese during the month of January. Please visit our online calendar at HolyFamilyRadio.net.



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