



Parish Schedule and Mass Intentions



From the Pastor's Desk

February 25	Saturday	Wkdy in Ordinary Time; BVM
5:00pm	Mass	(People of the Parish)
February 26	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:30am	Mass	(Cletus R. Smith)
9:45am	Parish School of Religion (Woodridge)	
11:00am	Mass	(Doris Shriver)
1:30pm	Confirmation Meeting (Church)	
February 27	Monday	Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:30am	Mass	(Rose Alvarez)
7:30pm	Bible Study "Joy of the Gospel" (Hall)	
February 28	Tuesday	Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:30am	Mass	(Reverend Robert L. Lussier, S.S.S.)
March 1	Ash Wednesday	
8:30am	Mass	(Ashes imposed) (All Souls)
12:00noon	Lenten Service (Ashes imposed)	
7:00pm	Mass	(Ashes Imposed) (Pro populo)
8:00pm	AA Meeting (Church Hall)	
March 2	Thursday	Lenten Weekday
8:30am	Mass	(Reverend Daniel L. Begin)
7:00pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour and Benediction	
March 3	Friday	Lenten Weekday;
	St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin	
8:30am	Mass	(The Hlabse Family)
7:30pm	The Way of the Cross	
8:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
March 4	Saturday	Lenten Weekday; St. Casimir
4:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
5:00pm	Mass	(James Hugh McCormick)
March 5	First Sunday of Lent	
8:30am	Mass	(Mildred Smith)
9:45am	PSR Communal Penance Service (Church)	
11:00am	Mass	(People of the Parish)

In Your Charity

Please pray for The Reverend Daniel L. Begin, Pastor of St. Mary Parish and Our Lady of Hope Parish in Bedford. Also remember in your prayers The Reverend Robert L. Lussier, S.S.S. May Father Begin and Father Lussier live forever in the joy of the Resurrection and may their families and friends be granted consolation. Amen.

Scriptures for Week of February 26, 2017

Sunday	Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34
Monday	Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday	Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11



Read and pray the Scriptures daily.

In just a few days we begin our Lenten journey to Easter. On this Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time how appropriate it is then, that we reflect on our dependence on God and not on ourselves or anything else. How appropriate that we are reminded in this Sunday's Gospel "...seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness..." (Matthew 6:33) as we are about to enter the days of Lent. Days where by prayer, penance and deeds of service to others we will encounter once again the way to true holiness and life in the Lord. Let our prayer this weekend then be not only for ourselves, but for all the nations and peoples of the earth during this sacred time...

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by Your peaceful rule and that Your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Collect, 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Roman Missal, 3rd Edition

Encounter Lent 2017

Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, March 1, is a day of prayer and penance. A day when fasting and abstinence is observed. Fasting is to be observed by those ages 18 through 59. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence from meat is obligatory for all Catholics age 14 and older. Lent is much more. It is a time of conversion, grace, and new direction. What is the way? What are we to do? We are to pray. We are to fast from what we do not really need. We are to share. We are to do more rather than less. Why not plan on going to daily Mass, participating in our parish's Lenten devotions (Eucharistic Holy Hour, Stations of the Cross, Sacrament of Reconciliation)? You might plan on reading the Bible, spiritual literature, the lives of the Saints, and praying the Rosary with family and friends. Take more time for personal prayer. Participate in the Rice Bowl Lenten Project...sharing in order that others might have enough. Join our faith community, and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States, in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. There is even a CRS Rice Bowl app that can be downloaded. Pray these 40 days truly help us to be better encounter Lent journey to the glory of Easter and new life in the Lord. Blessings on our shared time of grace!



February 26, 2017
 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 "You cannot serve God
 and mammon..."
 Matthew 6:24

YOU DID IT FOR ME.

Family Perspectives

So what's it going to be? God or stuff? Do you ever wake up in the middle of the night consumed with sleep-stopping worries about job, money, clothing, shelter and more? Jesus knows we do and insists we can defeat useless worry by turning all of our concerns over to God in prayer. This makes God the master of our problems and allows his grace to empower us. We have a choice: constant, useless worry or productive trust in God. Which will you choose?

General Intercessions

For the grace to put God in first place above our worries and before our wants; to seek first his ways. Let us pray to the Lord.

Please Pray For



Ann, Arthur, Monica Baird, Garth Bender, Violet Benich, Richard Bennett, Celia Bican, Dennis Babb, Logan Boone, James Brigotti, Heidi Burmeister, Johannah Conner, Frank, Millie Fritz, Tom Gardner, Chris Gibbs, James Ging, Marilyn Griffith, Angie Grimes, Jennifer Grimes, Tayha Hostetler, Kathy James, Ellen Jansen, Jill, Kathleen Jones, Maureen Joyce, Marca Kaplar, Helen Kracker, Carol Leach, Ramona Lucas, Paul Marcene, John McDermott, Megan, Annalisa Menke, Audrey Menke, Menke Family, Bill Misencik, Marjorie Morgan, Molly, Ashley Munoz, Natalie, Nate, Carroll O'Donnell, Richard Edward and Richard William Parker, Anika Patrick, Bridget Perez, Michael Phillips, Jacqueline Polcen, Edna Raber, Rita, Bruno Ruppel, Rosanne Sanford, Bonita, Steve Sheets, Dylan Trecaso, Mallory Trecaso, Theresa "Tess" Slenn, Miriam Sommers, Stephen Sommer, Shirley Southard, Amy Stephen, Paul Stephen, Bruce Styles, Marla Sliwinski, Clara Szydlowski, Patty Tesmer, Laura Tories, Marianne, Stephen, Paul Trecaso, Sylvia Trecaso, Minnie Wagner, Patricia Wiatrowski, Frank Zorichak, all in need of prayer or who have been forgotten...

Thank you for your prayers and donations for the Catholic Charities Appeal! This appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support it's mission of a society that stands united in its support of the "least among us." **If you would still like to donate, please fill out a Catholic Charities Annual Appeal envelope found in your pew. If you have received the mailing, please respond to it.** Your support of the 2017 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal helps us to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us: I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Please consider a generous gift that will change the lives of the 400,000 who are served each year in Northeast Ohio. Please pray for the success of the appeal, which provides for essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland. On behalf of the poor and needy of Northeast Ohio, thank you! View more stories of inspiration as well find additional information at www.catholiccommunity.org/2017Appeal.

Second Collection Next Weekend

The weekend of 4-5 March 2017 is designated for the Annual Collection for the Black and Indian Missions here in the United States. Pope Francis reminds us in Lumen Fidei (51), "Faith helps us build our societies in such a way that they can journey towards a future of hope." Your support of this collection helps build the Church in our African American and Native American communities from coast to coast, (including our diocese, which received over \$70,000.00 from the Black and Indian Mission Collection last year.) Parish Religious education programs, evangelization projects, youth & young adult outreach efforts and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help us spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution. Once again thank you for your continued support.

Weekend of February 19, 2017

Sunday Offering	2,298.00
Monthly Offering	350.00
Initial Offering	100.00

Thank you for your generosity!