



## Parish Schedule and Mass Intentions



## From the Pastor's Desk

March 4 5:00pm	Saturday Lenten Weekday; St. Casimir Mass ( <i>James Hugh McCormick</i> )
March 5 8:30am 9:45am 11:00am	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> Mass ( <i>Mildred Smith</i> ) PSR Communal Penance Service (Church) Mass ( <i>People of the Parish</i> )
March 6 8:30am 7:30pm	Monday Lenten Weekday Mass ( <i>Poor Souls in Purgatory</i> ) Bible Study "Joy of the Gospel" (Hall)
March 7 8:30am 7:00pm	Tuesday Lenten Weekday; Ss. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs Mass ( <i>Sister M. Carmalita, O.P.</i> ) <b>Our Faith/RCIA (Hall)</b>
March 8 12:00Noon 8:00pm	Wednesday Lenten Weekday; St. John of God, Religious Mass ( <i>All preparing for Sacraments</i> ) AA Meeting (Church Hall)
March 9 8:30am 7:00pm	Thursday Lenten Weekday; St. Frances of Rome, Religious Mass ( <i>Priestly and Religious Vocations</i> ) <b>Eucharistic Holy Hour and Benediction</b>
March 10 8:30am 7:30pm 8:00pm	Friday Lenten Weekday Mass ( <i>Reverend Francis G. Van Bergen</i> ) <b>The Way of the Cross</b> <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>
March 11 4:00pm 5:00pm	Saturday Lenten Weekday <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Mass ( <i>Theodore M. Terzano, d. 3/12/ 2007</i> )
March 12 8:30am 9:45am 11:00am	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> Mass ( <i>People of the Parish</i> ) Parish School of Religion (Woodridge) Mass ( <i>Elaine Hammond</i> )

This past Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, Ash Wednesday, found many of the parish coming to church to have their foreheads marked with ashes as a sign of the desire to begin Lent by prayer and penance. Now on this First Sunday of Lent we observe the Lord fasting for forty days and being tempted by the devil. The Lord's resolve in the midst of temptation is example for us making our journey of these days of Lent to Easter. Even as we may rethink our chosen penance as too challenging, pray to the Holy Spirit, listen well to the Scriptures and do not lose heart ... God in his merciful love will be our strength... Let us pray:

*Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.*

*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, First Sunday of Lent, Roman Missal, 3rd Edition*

### Candidates for First Holy Communion

*Alexander Aguilar, Zachary Jaegers, John Kloss, Carley Shriver, Jack Terlop, Henry VanGinkel, James Weigand*

### 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, the refugees (so many are children), those seeking spiritual healing, and all who are forgotten...



### TIME CHANGE

Remember to change your clocks  
next Sunday by 2:00am.  
**Spring forward ONE hour!**

### Scriptures for Week of March 5, 2017

Sunday	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11
Monday	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Sunday	Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



*Read and pray  
the Scriptures daily.*



*March 5, 2017  
 First Sunday of Lent  
 "All these I shall give to you, if you  
 will prostrate yourself and worship  
 me." At this time, Jesus said to him,  
 "Get away, Satan!"  
 Matthew 4:9-10*

**For March**

*Holy Father's Intention for Evangelization: Support for Persecuted Christians... That persecuted Christians maybe supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.*

**General Intercessions**

*That God's power will break the hold of addictions and heal the shame that isolates and destroys families.  
 Let us pray to the Lord.*

**Family Perspectives**

*Jesus faced real temptations in the desert and he had to make some hard choices. During these weeks of Lent, look at the choices that are facing you. Pray, weigh the actions and ask, "What will be life-giving to me and my family?" Be open to a new direction from the Lord for "not by bread alone shall you live but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."*

**Passion and Purpose**

**St. Francis de Sales Parish, Akron** is hosting a **Regional Retreat for Women, March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, from 9am-3pm.** The theme is **"Living with Passion and Purpose"**. There will be inspiring talks, Adoration, confession, and fellowship. The cost is **\$15** (includes light breakfast and lunch). **Registration and more info can be found at [www.stfparish.com](http://www.stfparish.com), or email [therese@stfparish.com](mailto:therese@stfparish.com).** Bring a friend and come for a day to see what delights the Lord has in store for you.

**Young Adult Retreat**

Are you experiencing a lot of change in your life? Come meet other young adults and reflect on your transitions as they connect with Jesus' journey to Resurrection. The **"What Next"** retreat will be held **Saturday, March 25 at 8:30am until noon on Sunday, March 26 at Bethany Retreat Center in Chardon, OH.** Mass is included in the retreat. The cost is **\$45** (includes meals and supplies). Scholarships are available. **For more info/to register, visit [www.CharisMinistries.org](http://www.CharisMinistries.org) or contact Sr. Kelley Rush, SND at [krush@ndec.org](mailto:krush@ndec.org) or 440-241-3124.**

**K of C 3410 Lenten Fish Frys  
 2055 Glenmount Ave., Akron, OH 44319  
 330-773-3410  
 4:30-7pm  
 Every Friday during Lent  
 March 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7 & 14.**

**Hi Everyone,**

**The monthly statistics for the Fr. Hilbert Ozanam Center for the month of February, 2017 follow:**

**1. Food Pantry**

**Total number of people served was 1017.  
 Total number of households served was 337.  
 Total number of children served was 369.  
 Total number of seniors served was 124.**

**2. Clothing Bank**

**Total number of families served was 226.  
 Articles of clothing given away: 2246  
 Winter coats given away: 97**

**3. Furniture Bank**

**Total number of clients served was 22.  
 Couches given away: 10  
 Armchairs given away: 8  
 Mattresses/box springs: 14  
 Dressers given away: 7  
 New cribs given away: 1  
 Misc. given away: 37**

**This month we started to give out two new bath towels and two washcloths to every family coming in for food, thanks to the Blanket Sunday money that was donated by our generous parishioners. We will be continuing this towel giveaway until 500 families receive them. As always, thank you all for the great work that you do.**

**Jim and Cathie Perusek**

**Second Collection This Weekend**

*This weekend we join in the 134<sup>th</sup> annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast, including our diocese. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support!*

**Weekend of February 26, 2017**

<b>Sunday Offering</b>	<b>1,707.00</b>
<b>Monthly Offering</b>	<b>575.00</b>
<b>Church Maintenance</b>	<b>20.00</b>

**Thank you for your generosity!**