

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Fr. Juan Areiza, Pastor

First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2018

**the GOODNESS
and MERCY of GOD**

**PARISH
LENTEN
MISSION**

Sun	5:30 pm	Potluck Dinner
Sun	6:30 pm	Talk in Marian Hall
Mon	6:30 pm	Mass and Mission Talk
Tues	6:30 pm	Mass and Mission Talk
Wed	6:30 pm	Penance Service/Confessions

FEB 18-21

with Fr. Rich Lewandowski

Worship at St. Francis of Assisi

Mass Schedule

Sat/Sun: 4:30 PM/ 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM Sp.

Daily Mass: Mon to Sat: 9:00 AM

Adoration: Mon to Fri: 9:45 – 12:00 PM

Reconciliation: Sat: 3:30-4:15 or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS: 10-4:30 Mon-Thurs

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Pastor: Rev. Juan Areiza, Pastor

Priest in Residence: Fr. Richard Wise

Deacons: Dcn. Larry Casey, Dcn. Paul Dietz,
Dcn. John McGuire, Dcn. John Barone



Journey to the Foot of the Cross Things to Remember for Lent

1. **Remember the formula.** The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas: 10 Commandments, 7 sacraments, 3 persons in the Trinity. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.
2. **It's a time of prayer.** Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.
3. **It's a time to fast.** With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that's why it gets all the attention. "What are you giving up for Lent? Hotdogs? Beer? Jelly beans?" It's almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.
4. **It's a time to work on discipline.** The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. "I'm going to exercise more. I'm going to pray more. I'm going to be nicer to my family, friends and coworkers."
Bishop Davin Ricken, Green Bay, WI

Mass Intentions

First Sunday of Lent

Feb 18-24, 2018

Sat/ Sun

- 4:30p L Lew Caputa
(Judy Baldwin)
- 8:30a Rubino Family
(Nancy + Grant Toman)
- 11:00a † Karl Gruensteidl, Jr
(Grizio Family)
- 1:00p People of St. Francis

9:00 a Masses

2/19 Mon L Joan Tufford

2/20 Tues † William Porter
(Mike & Jeanne Borowski)

2/21 Wed † Jerry Albers
(Dorothy Albers)

2/22 Thu L Lew Caputa

2/23 Fri † Brian Sorrelle
(Bob & Anne Sorrelle)

2/24 Sat † Richard Werner
(Merry Bachunas)

4:30 Vigil Sat People of St. Francis

Next week - 9am-1pm
\$5/adult, \$3/child, \$15 family

**Church
Breakfast**

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Parish website: www.stfrancisblairsville.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/sfablairsville

News for You

Quick Updates:

- **The Heresies Class** to be taught by Fr. Wise on Wednesdays is cancelled due to a health concern. Other classes may be considered after Easter
- The **Wisdom Bible Study** class will not meet this week due to the mission. There is still time to sign up.
- The **Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible** begins this Thursday at 1pm and again at 7 pm. This study takes you through the Bible in eight weeks.
- **Catholic Moms Group** meets this Tuesday at 10:00, Childcare provided
- **Women's Guild** meets this Tuesday at 10 in Marian Hall. Cricket Aull will be our guest speaker on nutrition. All women of the parish are invited!
- **Marian Hall Kitchen Clean-up** – Friday, Feb 23 @ 10. We need all the help we can get.
- **Parish Dinner Circles** kicks off Saturday, Feb 24 with dinner. Get to know parishioners in a small group, meeting monthly for one year.



Martha Brown	Catherine Gallagher	Fr. Wise
Maureen Wilson	Jo Schilling	Patty Potter
Kiyo Clendaniel	Mary Bernier	Susan Bee
Thomas Biddle	Paul Van Scoten	Nathan Bee

Pope Francis' February Prayer Intention

Say "No" to Corruption. That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

Simple Supper Assignments

- 2/23 St. Vincent de Paul
3/02 Hispanic Community
3/09 Franciscans/Prayer Group
3/16 Finance/Pastoral Councils
3/23 Evangelization/Young Adult



February 11, 2018

First Collection

\$6371.00

No Second Collection

Next week: Black & Indian Missions

Thank you for your generosity toward

St. Francis of Assisi parish.

Parishioner Linda Johnston will present to the *Friends of Union County Library* Feb 21 @ 2 pm "Know Your Book Collection." How to evaluate and preserve your collection. At UC Public Library Community Room. Come!

Make this a Great Lent

How many of these parish events can you participate in during Lent? Set your goal high!

- Friday **Simple Suppers** (6 pm)
- Friday **Stations of the Cross** (7 pm)
- Parish Mission** starts Sunday, Feb. 18 at 5:30 pm with a pot luck dinner followed by a talk at 6:30 by Fr. Rich Lewandowski. Mon and Tues Mass @ 6:30 pm with mission talk in homily. Wed. confessions @ 6:30 pm
- Men's Retreat-** Thursday, March 1 from 6-9 pm in Marian Hall. Fr. Juan.
- Vigil Project, music group concert (Mar 11 @ 6 pm). Great!
- 30 Hour Devotion – Mar 23-24 Adoration
- Bible Studies and Classes**
 - Wisdom Bible Study – Mon @ 10 and 7 pm
 - Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible – Thurs @ 1 & 7 pm
 - Pivotal Players – Sun @ 9:45, Rm. 11 *St Thom Aquinas
- Service/Volunteer Opportunities**
 - Parish Clean-up Kitchen 2/23 @ 10
 - Church Clean-up
 - Food Pantry needs volunteers Thursdays
 - Parish Library needs helpers
- Regular Groups**
 - Wednesday Prayer Group @ 10:00 in Marian Hall
 - Holy Listening – Tues @ 10 (2nd and 4th Tues)
 - Catholic Moms Group – Tues @ 10 (1st and 3rd Tues)
 - St. Francis Dinner Circles Kickoff – Sat, Feb 24 @ 6pm
 - Catholic Book Club – 1st Tues of the month
 - New Evangelization Group - Fridays @ 10 (1st & 3rd)

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

EL SIGNIFICADO DE NUESTRO BAUTISMO

Cuaresma es la época del año que dedicamos a escudriñar nuestras vidas a la luz de nuestro Bautismo en la muerte y resurrección de Jesús. Las lecturas de hoy son como un catecismo abreviado de lo que nuestras vidas de bautizados significan. Tal como Noé pasó por las aguas del diluvio a una alianza con Dios, así también nosotros entramos en una alianza, una relación con Dios prometida por nuestro Bautismo. El salmo nos recuerda que si realmente vivimos la alianza, el modo de vida que Dios quiere que vivamos no va a ser una carga, sino una fuente de amor y verdad. La carta de Pedro ofrece una explicación de lo que significa nuestro bautismo: es una plegaria a Dios pidiendo una buena conciencia. ¿Cómo obtenemos esta buena conciencia? Las palabras que Jesús proclama justo después de su tentación nos señala el camino: “Arrepiéntanse y crean en el evangelio”. Podría ser un buen ejercicio espiritual mantener estas lecturas a nuestro alcance durante todo el tiempo de Cuaresma, un medio para ayudarnos a volver a una vida vivida según nuestras promesas bautismales.

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