

As we enter the second week of **Lent**, I hope we are all doing penitential acts and becoming more holy. Remember that as Catholics we are required to go to confession at least once a year (St. Pope John Paul II went every week). The priest is available before Masses routinely and after Mass by request. We are also having our **Evening of Reconciliation** (Penance Service) March 11 after the 7pm Mass at St Ann. We will have a few priests here to hear confessions. This is a necessary part of Lenten penances, and should be a routine part of a Catholic life.

Stations of the Cross will continue on Wednesday at St Ann at 6pm followed by a Holy Hour until 7:30 with **Exposition and Benediction of the Holy Eucharist**; and at St Mary on Fridays at 6pm with Stations and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass followed by a Holy Hour. These are long standing Lenten traditions of Holy Mother Church to help us take time out and focus on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, as we strive to become more and more like Jesus.

Rural King is having another **Church Week from March 14-27, 2021**. They are again going to give back **10%** of the purchase price to the Church. Easy Money!! If you are planning to buy spring equipment, plants or supplies, please consider Rural King during these 2 weeks. All you need to do is register a receipt online or drop it in the collection basket and we can register it for you.

We have been blessed to have **Fr. Ryan Schmit** assigned as our pastor beginning in July. Out of respect for the priesthood, which is Sacred and Ordained by the Church, please address him as "Fr. Schmit" unless he formally asks for another form of address. Specifically I am asking not to call him by his first name unless he gives you direct permission. **Respect for the priesthood** is respect for Holy Mother Church and especially respect for Jesus Christ who acts through his priests in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the other Sacraments.

Pray, Fast and Give Alms!!!

Viva Cristo Rey!!