Dear Friends,

It’s almost here: everybody’s favorite time of year, Lent! In all earnestness, Lent is a beautiful season filled with opportunities to grow in our faith, live lives more fully united to Christ, and even grow as a community. Fish Fries and Stations of the Cross were always highlights of the spring months growing up. Please take full advantage of all that will be happening in the parishes over the coming 40 days.

When considering what we might “do” for Lent, I encourage everybody to avoid what I call “Dad’s lima bean plan.” My father used to (claim) he gave up lima beans every year during Lent. Truth was he never ate lima beans—ever—so this wasn’t much of a sacrifice and probably didn’t make an impact at all in his spiritual life. As you think about what to do in terms of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent, might I humbly suggest doing something which will help you grow closer to the Lord and bear fruit even beyond Easter?

One spiritual practice to consider for Lent is attending daily Mass and adoration. Beginning the first full week of Lent, every Tuesday Mass will be at 5:15 PM preceded by a Holy Hour with adoration at 4:15 PM. Spending some extra time with our Lord in prayer is always a great way to journey through Lent. In addition, March 4th will be our customary monthly Wednesday evening of adoration and reconciliation.

Ash Wednesday Masses are listed in the bulletin. Please note the Noon Distribution of Ashes service will not be a Mass, but a liturgy of the word with Distribution of Ashes. Priest are limited to saying three Masses per day, with no option of a “Vigil Mass” for Ash Wednesday. This adjustment to our normal Holy Day schedule is necessary.

In the Lord,
Fr. Trevor Chicoine
Parish Priest…………………… Rev. Trevor Chicoine
Bookkeeper……………………Maureen Doherty
Office Manager……………………..Kris Wernimont
Faith Formation Coordinator…………..Julie Williamson

LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS
Reconciliation 3:30 PM Saturday (SSPP) 8:00 AM Sunday (St. Mary’s)
Weekend Masses 4:30 PM Saturday (SSPP) 8:30 AM Sunday (St. Mary’s) 10:30 AM Sunday (SSPP)
Weekday Masses 7:00 AM Tuesday & Friday (SSPP) 9:30 AM Wed (Care Facilities) 9:00 AM Thursday (St. Mary’s)
First Friday Devotion Mass 7:00 AM followed by Eucharistic Adoration until Noon (SSPP)
First Saturday Devotion Mass 9:00 AM (SSPP)

WEEKLY READINGS

FEBRUARY 23RD:
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday, February 24th
Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 25th
Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37

Ash Wednesday, February 26th
Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20–6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday after Ash Wednesday, February 27th
Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

Friday after Ash Wednesday, February 28th
Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday after Ash Wednesday, February 29th
Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

MARCH 1ST:
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

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FAMILY GOSPEL REFLECTION

The automatic reaction to injury is to lash out with angry words or actions. Following Christ is not easy, we must pray for those who hurt us.

This week, pray for someone who has hurt you.
At the end of the week discuss how it felt.
FEbruary 23, 2020: SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Feb. 23rd  Coffee & Rolls
               St. Mary’s after 8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday, Feb. 25th  Community Dinner
                  5:30 PM  SSPP Parish Hall
               No Walking with Purpose

Wednesday, Feb. 26th  Ash Wednesday Mass/Ashes
                      7:00 AM  SSPP
                      Noon Distribution of Ashes
                      5:00 PM  SM
                      6:30 PM  SSPP
               After School Program
                      2:00 – 4:00 PM
               FF Class Grades K – 5th
                      4:00 – 5:15 PM  Classroom
               FF Class Grades 6th – 12th
                      Mass at 6:30 PM

Friday, Feb. 28th  Stations of the Cross
                  5:15 PM  SSPP
               K of C Lenten Fish Dinner
                      5:30 – 7:00 PM SSPP PC Hall

FISH FRY DINNERS FRIDAY’S DURING LENT
Baked or Fried
Serving 5:30–7:00 PM
Adults $10     12 and Under $5    Family $30

WELCOME FR. WAYNE GUBBELS
We are thankful to have Fr. Wayne Gubbel from
Harlan celebrating Mass with us this weekend.
Fr. Trevor had a successful wisdom teeth extraction!

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of Lent.
Please join us this Wednesday
February 26th
Mass/Ashes at 7:00 AM (SSPP)
Distribution of Ashes at Noon (SSPP)
Mass/Ashes at 5:00 PM (SM)
Mass/Ashes at 6:30 PM (SSPP)

EXPOSITION—RECONCILIATION—MASS

Tuesday evenings during Lent beginning March 3rd
SS Peter & Paul will be offering
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 4:15 PM
followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Mass will begin at 5:15 PM
Come enjoy the company of our Lord for all or any part of
these Tuesday evenings!

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

May the souls of the faithful departed through the
Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

LORIS GRETEMAN of Carroll,
father of Patty Greteman
MARGERY CROTTY of Pocahontas,
mother of Kathy (Greg) Smith

ST. MARY’S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JOIN YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS FOR
Coffee & Rolls after Mass this weekend.

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS IN CARE FACILITIES:
Clara Baggenstoss, Helen Blum, Mary Faust, Cindy Hensley, Lynn Lawson, Brenda Norman,
Wayne Rice, Donna Rourick, Helen Schmitz, Florence Thelen, Dave Testa, Ron Wittrock, Irene Rydl

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:
Jason Thelen and Austin Flescher