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Saturday: 5 pm @ St. Isidore
Sunday: 8:30 am @ St. John
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As stated in the weekly bulletin
Confessions Sunday: 8 am or by appointment

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:
8 am - 5 pm
Friday:
7 am - 3:30 pm

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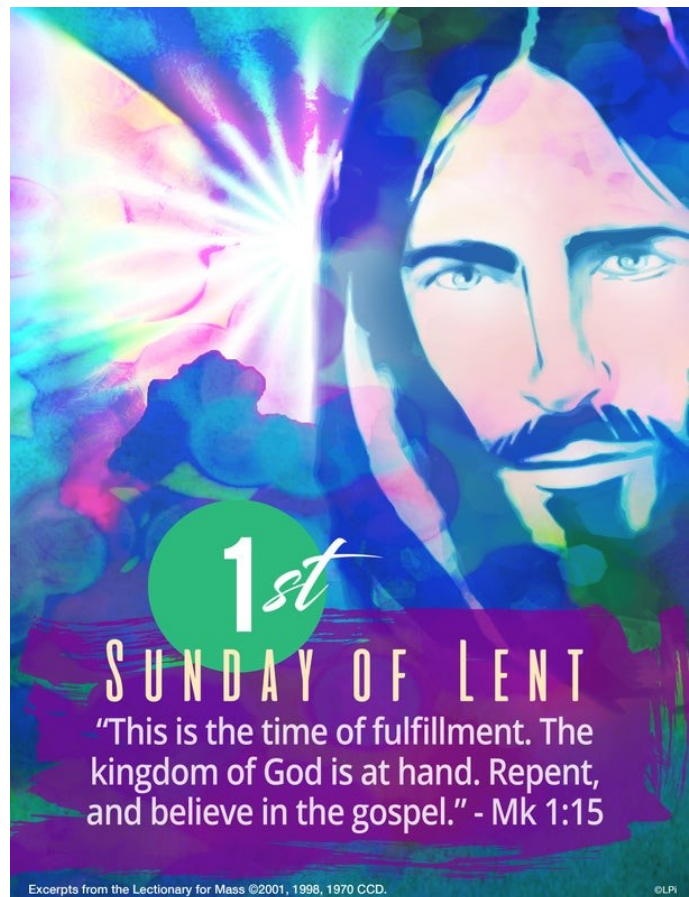
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Year of Seeking and Healing through Prayer and Kindness

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Something to consider for Lent:

High School Faith Formation's topics for this month are the Bible and Lent. In our Dynamic Catholic Decision Point video, Matthew talked about beginning to read the Bible. His recommendation is to read these three books: The Gospel of Matthew, Genesis, and the Psalms. The High School Team is reading and discussing the Gospel of Matthew (one chapter a night for several weeks) with the high school students. You may want to make reading and praying with the Bible part of your Lenten practice. You can begin with one of these books of the Bible, or you may already know about Ascension Press' daily podcast called, The Bible in a Year with Father Mike Schmitz. He began the podcasts January 1st (You won't miss anything; you can go at your own pace starting at any time). You can go online and get signed up for the podcasts. All you need to do is go to Ascension Press and Father Mike's Bible in a Year will pop up. You simply sign up and will receive a link to the podcasts which are generally about 20 minutes in length. Father Mike reads the Bible and then he gives a brief reflection.

May you have a prayerful Lent and draw closer to God.

Faith Formation Information by Linda Hansmeier

"This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the throngs of the yoke: Setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke: Sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; Clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own." Isaiah 58: 6-7

Lent is the season of the Church year from Ash Wednesday (February 17) to Easter Sunday. Lent is a time of growing closer to God, turning away from sin into the living arms of our loving God. The Lenten season challenges us...

- to hear and follow God's call.
- to take time to pray and seek God's guidance in our lives.
- to turning more fully to God which includes treating our neighbors with love through acts of justice, compassion, and service.
- take time to consider our choices and to look at our relationships for ways to be more loving, more fair, more forgiving, and more compassionate.
- take time to share God's love through acts of service and justice.
- renew our belief in the Easter promise that we share in Jesus' resurrection.
- prepare for renewing our baptismal promises during the Easter liturgies.

The season of Lent gives us the opportunity to grow closer to God. There are three ways we can grow closer to God during Lent - y praying, by serving (traditionally called almsgiving) and by fasting. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, like the legs of a tripod, make up the traditional practices of Lent. Praying nourishes our spirits. Fasting teaches us about sacrifice. And works of Service/Almsgiving enlarge our hearts as we serve the needs of others. May you have a prayerful Lent and draw closer to God.

Bible in A Year Podcast By: Theresa Sundstrom

Lately, if I'm up early with a cranky baby, I have been turning on Fr. Mike Schmitz's "Bible in A Year" podcast and walking back and forth in the living room. (Exercising both mind and spirit!) I am amazed at how much I didn't know about the Old Testament. Like so many of us, I was taught the child's version of these stories, and never really dove deeper into the meaning of them in my own life as an adult.

Through the podcast, I have been reminded of the brokenness of these Old Testament families. How easy it is to forget that they are just like our own families - full of betrayal, struggles and addictions. Despite this, God made covenants with them and used them in the story of Salvation.

Let's not forget that we, too, are called by God to continue this story in our own lives. It is not always easy, but God is always at our side. A story that really stood out to me, was the sacrifice of Isaac by Abraham. I have always thought about how Abraham was obedient to God, even until it hurt. Father Schmitz pointed out that Isaac obediently carried a load of wood for his own sacrifice - just as Christ carried the cross to Mt. Calvary. This was an amazing reflection during Lent. "The New Testament is hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is revealed in the New."

BLESSING OF HEALTH CARE WORKERS:

Fr. Andrew will have a blessing for All Health Care Workers on Sunday, March 7th. If you are a Health Care Worker please plan to attend.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

Fr. Andrew will be holding Anointing of the Sick Sunday, March 21st during Mass.

2020 Giving Tree Thank You:

Thank you so much for your kind donation (\$640) to our Lady of the Mississippi Abbey and your support to us in our life of prayer. We were delighted by the unexpected generosity of your community and we are so touched. What a way for us to state the New Year.

In gratitude and prayer,
M. Rebecca and all the Sisters at the Abbey

Your generosity to the Sisters of Mercy who taught you, cared for you, worked alongside you, and continue to pray for you is a lovely tribute to our retired Sisters. Thank you for your gift of (\$665.00).

In gratitude, Lynn Couvillion Poly, CFRE

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Mail you donation directly to Catholic Charities, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave., Dubuque, IA 52003.

Lenten Schedule can be found on our website stjohnmv.org

Liturgical Ministers February 28th

- Sacristan: Jim Kendall
- EM: Cindy Kendall Diane Kimm
Fr. Andrew Dave Klostermann
- Lectors: Charlene Vig Vicky Wieseler
- Servers: Lauren Stolte Michael Covington
- Hospitality: Mike & Ruth Clark family
Dave & Lesley Panos family
Troy & Tracey Louwagie family

Weekly contributions needed..... \$5,326.92

February 12 & 14

Budget, Adult.....	\$ 7,165.00
Loose Coin/Currency.....	\$ 53.00
Facility Up-Keep	\$ 100.00
Total Collected	\$ 7,318.00

YTD collection needed.....	\$175,788.36
YTD collections received	\$190,901.78
YTD over/ short	\$ 15,113.42



Wednesday, February 24th

8:30 am - Adrienne Smith

Friday, February 26th

8:30 am - John & Annice Lane

Sunday, February 28th

8:30 am - Dolores Suchomel



LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*** All Fridays of Lent - after 8:30 am Mass***

Sunday, February 21st

5:30 pm - Led by Rhomberg/Louwagie Families

Wednesday, February 24th

6:55 pm - Led by Junior High Students

Sunday, February 28th

5:30 pm - Led by Keegan/Goodlove Families

Sunday, March 7th

5:30 pm - Led by Hartelt/Nissen Families

Sunday, March 14th

5:30 pm - Led by Loyd/Slaymaker Families

Sunday, March 21st

5:30 pm - Led by Justin & Cara Dix/Kasey Dix Families

Wednesday, March 24th

6:55 pm - Led by High School Students

Sunday, March 28th

5:30 pm - Led by Clark/Ryan Families

