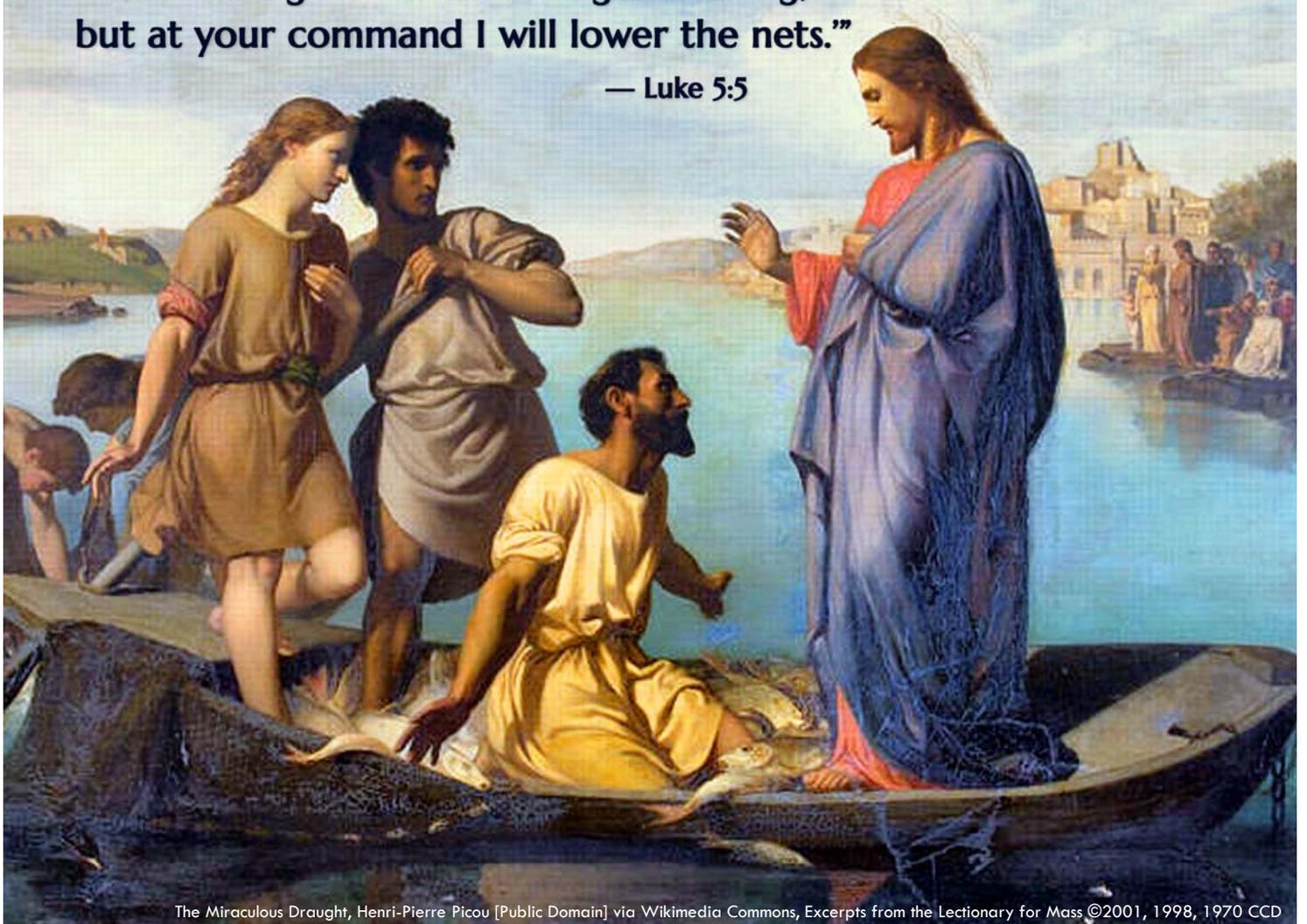




THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

“Simon said in reply, ‘Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.’”

— Luke 5:5



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FEBRUARY 10, 2019 | FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 7:30 am
Thursday 8:30 am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm

San Damiano Adoration Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration Weekdays

Mission Statement

The Mission of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is to proclaim and celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ. We fulfill our mission as Christian disciples by intentionally responding to God's call to grow in holiness.

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From the Pastor's Desk



Holy, Holy, Holy

When I was in formation for the priesthood at the St. Paul Seminary I was told that in the biblical Hebrew language the use of superlative adjectives was not very common. Examples of superlative adjectives are words like “greater” and “greatest” or “happier” and “happiest.” One of the ways to emphasize a particular noun in the Bible then was to have a repetition of the adjective. Hence the threefold repetition of the word “Holy” that appears in the first reading for this weekend’s Mass.

In the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 6:3 we read that angels declared, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!” Perhaps it goes without saying but God is really holy—as in He is *the* holiest of all possible beings that could be holy. This particular phrase shows up again in the final book of Sacred Scripture in Revelation 4:8 when angelic creatures announce, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and who is, and who is to come.” As Catholic Christians, these words are familiar to us because they have become an integral part of the Mass when we say or sing, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of your glory.” To be holy means to be set apart from that which is normal or ordinary or mundane.

Our Heavenly Father invites each of us to be like Him and grow in that holiness. In 1 Peter 1:16 we read, “Be holy, for I am holy!” With the Grace of His Son Jesus Christ, we can indeed do that on a daily basis in little and in big ways. May our lives boldly acclaim that the Lord is “Holy, holy, holy” as we ourselves grow in becoming holier and holier for His glory.



“In the sight of the angels
I will sing your praises, Lord.”

(Ps 138)

This Week's Readings and Observances

Sunday, February 10, *5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day*
Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday, February 11, *Our Lady of Lourdes*
Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 12
Gn 1:20-2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 13
Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 14, *Sts. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day*
Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday, February 15
Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 16
Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

Sunday, February 17, *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

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Come and Hear Fr. James Peterson

IC Charismatic Prayer Group invites you to hear Fr. James Peterson's presentation on how the Holy Spirit has influenced his life, Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Refreshments and good fellowship follow the meeting. All are welcome—bring a friend!



Lord, Teach Us How to Pray...

The Intercessory Prayer Ministry will present the third of five talks on contemplative intercessory prayer on Friday, February 15 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the St. Clare Room.

This month's talk is on the role contemplation plays in intercessory prayer. The talks are from a recent retreat given by Fr. Kevin Joyce, an archdiocesan priest from Omaha and founder of His Global Love, a worldwide intercessory prayer ministry.

Please bring a pen, prayer journal or notebook, and your Bible.

To reserve a seat, please call Mary Scott in the Faith Formation Office at 763-788-9062 x 208. All are welcome—invite a friend!

Spanish Mass is Coming to Immaculate Conception!

On the First Sunday of Lent, March 10, we will begin offering a Spanish Mass at 11:30 am.

All are welcome to praise and glorify the Lord in Español.

"I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name"

(from Psalm 138)



We are so blessed to have a Eucharistic adoration chapel! The chapel is available to everyone Monday through Friday beginning at 7:00 am. Come and worship, and find the peace only Jesus can give. We still need a few more adorers to cover the following hours:

- Mondays at noon, 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm
- Wednesdays at noon

We also are in need of additional substitute adorers. For information on adoration or to sign up for an hour, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246.

The Road to Discipleship

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

"Have you ever participated in various trust exercises, where you have to place your faith in others around you? Maybe it was falling backwards with your eyes closed while the person's voice speaking to you seemed to drift further away. Maybe it was jumping from a height into people's arms that didn't seem strong enough to catch you. These activities were supposed to show you the meaning of trust and help grow that trust in you for your comrades. Sometimes it worked. Other times, some prankster would actually let you fall, and then you learned to trust no one. So much for building up our ability to trust.

Trust is important, especially in our relationship with Jesus. He calls us all the time and asks for us to trust. However, because of doubt or a desire to follow our own will, we choose to disregard his request. After objecting to Jesus' request to lower his net into the water, Peter was humbled when he caught so much fish that the net began to tear. Peter was a fisherman by trade. Surely he knew what the catch was probably going to be that day. But Jesus asked him to follow his will. Peter wanted to follow his own. Peter realized that his trust from then on should be in the Lord.

Do you sometimes think your generosity will bear little fruit? Do you wonder if your surrender to God in stewardship living really amounts to much at all? Trust in Jesus, the one who calls you to this life. His word is truth, and he would never let you fall.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



"Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.' When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him."

(Lk 5:10b-11)

School

Save the date for the:

10th Annual
Queen of May

Dinner and Auction
to benefit
Immaculate Conception School

Friday, May 3, 2019

Tickets go on sale
March 9

Beyond Our Parish

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Teaching Conference

Come to the Twin Cities Catholic Charismatic Renewal Winter Teaching Conference, “Anchored in Unshakable Hope”—with Bishop Cozzens as the opening speaker. Come to the *Life in the Spirit* seminar for more of the Holy Spirit, and attend several teachings and testimonies regarding clinging to Hope being poured into us by the power of the Holy Spirit. Saturday, February 23, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Church of the Epiphany, Coon Rapids. For more information or to register, visit the website: ccro-msp.org or call 763-571-5314.

ACCW Leadership Day

February 23, 8:00 am - noon, Immaculate Conception Church

Is there a Catholic woman in your life who’s been a spiritual role model and had a positive influence on who you are today? This year’s ACCW Leadership Day, “It Only Takes a Spark” will seek what it was about those women that ignited our own gifts and talents to flourish. Learn how you too can shape future generations with your spiritual influence. We’ll hear about female biblical greats, Judith and Esther and our own Minnesota native, Gertrude Hill Gavin, first president of NCCW. You’ll also have opportunities to partake in some lively discussions, sharing stories of faith and hope. A light breakfast will be served. Register at www.archspm.org/accwlead.

Pastoral Ministry

Fellowship

This Sunday, February 10 is Fellowship Sunday—hosted by Pastoral Care. Join us in Fellowship Hall after Mass (8:30 am - 12:00 pm) for donuts, oatmeal and beverages. It’s a great time to get together with friends and meet others in the community.

Anointing Mass

Join us on Thursday, February 14 at 3:15 pm for an Anointing Mass at Crest View on 42nd, located on the corner of Central and 42nd Avenue in Columbia Heights (Rev. James Peterson will preside). All are welcome.

Individual Anointing of the Sick is available by request—call the Parish Office at 763-788-9062 x 212.

Pastoral Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, February 12, 2:00 - 3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Save the Dates!

Watch for more details in future bulletins!

- Women’s Lenten Retreat—Saturday, March 30
- Soup Lunch—Fridays throughout Lent, March 8 - April 12
- Feed My Starving Children—M&M “Fill the Tube” collection begins the weekend of March 9-10
- Minnesota Food Share—Collecting the month of March (all collected goods and cash donations go to SACA)

In Need of Prayer? Please Call Us.

To add a name to the weekend Mass petitions or the bulletin, please call Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212. For private prayer call Larene at 763-789-4246.

Pray For Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Especially *Nattalie De Laria, Bertha Margotto, Ron Shasky, Kathleen Pogemiller* and all who have died from war. May God grant them everlasting peace and joy in the kingdom of heaven.

Pray For All the Sick—Especially:

Paul Bona	Steven Lauinger	Greg Sery
Michelle Cadieux	Tom Leight Jr.	Irene Spensley
Nichole Castonguay	Roger Mack	Brian Suilmann
Mary Fredenburg	Johnnie Meyering	Bruce Plochocki
Barbara Kaminski	Janet Mihalik	Elaine Thunstrom
Gerald Krawiecki	Izzy Miller	Lois Weyers
Joan Landberg	Shawn Moulzolf	Germaine Wolsfeld

and all those on our prayer chain

If your name was removed and you would like to continue to be on the prayer list please call 763-788-9062 x 212.

Social Justice

Social Justice Meeting

Tuesday, February 19, 6:00-7:00 pm in the St Francis Room.

Monthly Prayer Intention

Please join the Intercessory Prayer Ministry in praying for this month’s prayer intentions:

May all RCIA candidates continue to grow in love with Christ and His Church.

Word of Life

“When violent crime impacts a community there is a temptation to respond with anger and vengeance. But the Gospel calls for rehabilitation, reconciliation, and restoration and teaches us to respect the dignity of all human beings, even those guilty of committing horrendous crimes.”

—“Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities”, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Traditions Explained

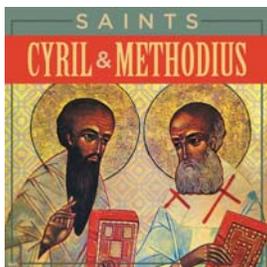
Question: *What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?*

Answer: Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's never “enough time” for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives.

If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another.

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

Have you ever felt a compelling urge to respond to a situation and then found yourself questioning whether you should do so? Fear often takes hold of us, and we find ourselves making excuses for why it is better to just mind our own business. There is a voice within each of us that is saying, “Follow me”. What does this prompting mean? The purpose of discipleship is not to secure our own station in life and enhance our comfort zone. Discipleship is about taking risks and venturing forth into the unknown, tending to the needs of others and being prophetic voices of change. We will not drink deeply of life until we listen to the voice of God within. When God asks, “Whom shall I send?”, will you reply, “Here I am ... send me!”?



Saints of the Week

Sts. Cyril & Methodius

These brothers by birth became brothers in mission. Cyril and Methodius were born to a Greek diplomat in the 800s. The two brothers served in local governmental posts before each withdrew to a monastery. Their lives changed when the political leadership in Eastern Europe—what is now Ukraine—requested priests

who spoke the native Slavic languages. Cyril and Methodius had proven themselves as able administrators and holy men, so they were sent as missionaries. First, Cyril invented an alphabet. This became the foundation for what is now used today and is still called the Cyrillic alphabet! Next, the brothers translated the Gospels, the Psalms, and other liturgical books into the native language of the people. Their work spread across Eastern Europe. God indeed raises up saints for their times!

Sunday, February 10

Mass, Intention, +*Amalia Aguellar* _____ 8:00 am
 Catholic United Raffle Ticket Sale _____ 8:00 am - 11:30 am
 Fellowship _____ 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
 Mass, Intention, *IC Parishioners* _____ 10:00 am
 Children's Liturgy of the Word _____ 10:00 am

Monday, February 11

St. Jude's Circle _____ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
 Girl Scouts _____ 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
 RCIC II _____ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
 4th Degree KC Mass & Dinner _____ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Boy Scouts Troop 119 _____ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, February 12

Mass, Intentions, *Michelle Kocon* _____ 7:30 am
 Pastoral Ministry Visitors _____ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
 School Advisory Council _____ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Charismatic Prayer Group _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, February 13

Mass, Intention, +*Michelle Reynolds* _____ 7:30 am
 Discipleship Committee _____ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Intramurals _____ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
 Confirmation I, Gr. 9 _____ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
 Parish Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday, February 14

Mass (School), Intention, +*Doris Mancino* _____ 8:30 am
 Schola Rehearsal _____ 10:00 am - 11:00 am
 Anointing Mass, Crestview on 42nd _____ 3:15 pm
 CCW Membership Meeting _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
 Bell Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
 RCIA _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, February 15

Mass, Intention, *J. V. Botzet* _____ 7:30 am
 Our Brothers Keeper _____ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Intercessory Prayer Ministry _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
 Our Lady of Guadalupe Formation _____ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, February 16

Baptism Class _____ 9:00 am - 10:30 am
 Saturday Morning Club _____ 9:00 am - 10:30 am
 Reconciliation _____ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
 Mass, Intention, +*Sebe Heintz* _____ 5:00 pm
 Girl Scout Cookie Sale _____ 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
 Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, February 17

Mass, Intention, *IC Parishioners* _____ 8:00 am
 Girl Scout Cookie Sale _____ 8:00 am - 11:30 am
 Parish Pancake Breakfast _____ 8:30 am - 11:45 am
 Mass, Intention, +*Jim Clemens* _____ 10:00 am
 Children's Liturgy of the Word _____ 10:00 am
 +Deceased

Happy Valentine's Day!



Gospel Meditations

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Do you have enough? Many of us come from a nation of material abundance. We have all the things we could possibly need not only to survive, but to thrive—food, shelter, mental ability, income, access to medical care. Most people in human history lived with far less than we. So why are we so dissatisfied? Some Christians can be drawn to the “prosperity Gospel.” This is the idea that following God will bring us material abundance in this life.

That surely seems to be the story of today’s Gospel! Peter and his friends chose—with some faith—to put out their nets a final time at Jesus’ command. “They caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking.” What gift! What abundance! What prosperity! Peter and his friends caught more fish than they’d ever seen. Yet what is their response to this material abundance, this gift from God? They leave it behind. “When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.”

Praying for God to meet our physical, material needs is not a bad thing! Jesus himself includes “give us this day our daily bread” in the prayer he teaches his disciples. The question is, how do we respond when our prayers are answered? Do we thank God briefly, or perhaps ignore Him completely and move on with our lives? Or do we respond as Peter did? “God ... You showed up in an



area that has no bearing on my eternal salvation. You gave me a gift I didn’t even really need. You love me! You really do love me.” Is our gratitude only surface level? Or do we allow ourselves, like Peter did, to respond with wonder, awe, and deeper discipleship?

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Copies of the Parish Council meeting minutes are available in the pamphlet racks at the entrances to the church.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Low gluten hosts (.002 gluten) are available. Come to the Sacristy before Mass to request one.

Pray for a Priest

Will You Pray for a Priest Each Day?

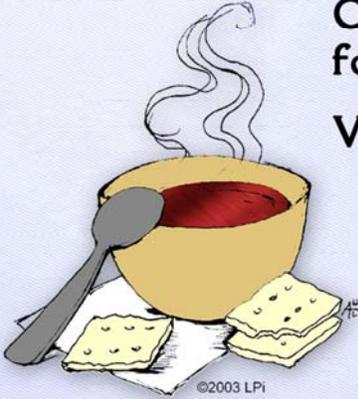
Prayer Suggestion: *Dear Jesus, hear my prayer on behalf of your priest, Father [N]. Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his priestly life. Be his comfort, his joy, and his strength. Amen.*

- February 10 - Rev. Donald Piché
- February 11 - Rev. Kenneth Pierre
- February 12 - Rev. Robert Pish
- February 13 - Rev. Stanislaw Poszwa, S. Chr.
- February 14 - Rev. Francis Pouliot
- February 15 - Rev. Eugene Pouliot
- February 16 - Rev. Michael Powell, OMI

Save the Dates!

LENTEN SOUP LUNCH

Open 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
Fridays During Lent (March 8 - April 12)



Come for Soup and Fellowship and stay
for Stations of the Cross at 2:00 pm

While they last, three soups to choose from:

Tomato Basil (served weekly)
Cream Soup,
Vegetable Soup
Served with Bread,
Crackers and Coffee.

All you can eat—free will offerings accepted!

LENTEN FISH DINNER

Three Friday evenings during Lent in Fellowship Hall
Friday, March 8, March 22 and April 5, 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Oven Baked Fish, Baked Potato,
Coleslaw, Vegetable, Bread Roll,
Dessert and Beverage
Kid's Menu: Mac & Cheese

Adults and Seniors - \$10
Ages 6 to 11 - \$5
Age 5 and under - Free



All are welcome! Invite your family and friends!

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