My Friends,
This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday that begins our 40 day observance of Lent. We prepare ourselves to celebrate the paschal mystery through acts of self-denial and growth in the spirit. If sin ruptures our relationship with God, it is grace that restores us to God’s favor. Jesus summarizes the whole law in two simple commandments. We are to love God with our whole heart and our neighbor as ourselves. Thus, the Church offers us the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as a remedy for our sins.

In prayer, we restore our relationship with God. Prayer makes us conscious of God’s presence in our life. The Eucharist deepens our bond with God. We are called into communion in his love. Find time to read the Bible. The pamphlet, The Word Among Us, is a helpful tool in reading the scriptures everyday. There are copies available at the church entrance.

Fasting assists us in disciplining the ego, helping us to abstain from things that control our lives. We are becoming an addictive society where things become our gods.

Finally, almsgiving is the discipline that addresses our relationship with our neighbor. Jesus teaches us that we are to think of the other first. In fact, we are to lay down our life for them. We are so possessive of the things of this world. We are so preoccupied with things that we lose sight of the greater good that is ours in Christ. We need to recognize and love Jesus in one another.

May this Lenten season be a time of dying to ourselves, picking up our cross and following Jesus. Through the disciplines of this penitential season, may we deepen our relationship with the Lord and one another.

Fr. Charlie

In Memoriam
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bob Thompson and for the consolation of his loved ones.

Congratulations Cliff & June Essemacher on the celebration of their 70th Wedding Anniversary
February 23, 2022.

March 2nd, 2022
Mass Schedule:
8:30am, 12:15pm & 7:00pm

Fasting and Abstinence
Ash Wednesday, March 2nd and Good Friday, April 15th are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast that is limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday.
This Week in our Parish

Sunday February 27th
11:00 a.m. Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building
11:00 a.m. Confirmation Retreat beginning with 11:00 Mass
Church & Weigand Room

Monday February 28th
4:00 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room
5:45 p.m. Finance Council - Conference Room
6:30 p.m. Elementary P.S.R. - St. Joseph & Marian Buildings

Wednesday March 2nd
11am-1pm Pierogi Lunch - Parish Hall - Take-Out ONLY
6:00 p.m. Retreat Team Meeting - Green Room

Thursday March 3rd
9am - 2pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
7:00 p.m. Bible Study - Cahill Library

Friday March 4th
11am-1pm Pierogi Lunch - Parish Hall - Take-Out ONLY
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church

Sunday March 6th
After 8:00 & 9:30 Masses Donuts & Coffee - Weigand Room
11:00 a.m. Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building

200 Club Winners: 02/27/22 Sylvia Gormley #30

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS:
Tuesday, March 22nd 2022, Bishop Martin Amos will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation in our parish. Adults having received Baptism and First Holy Communion who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Sister Mary Dorothy at the Parish Office 323-5539.

Our next Senior Luncheon will be Monday, March 14th. We will begin with lunch at Noon. The cost of the luncheon is $5. Please call in your reservations to Sister Mary Dorothy at 323-0140. We look forward to a great meal, good fellowship and game of BINGO for those who wish to stay. Bring a friend and enjoy a great afternoon.

Senior Activities
The St. Mary Altar & Rosary Society will be having a PURSE SALE April 2nd/3rd.

We are now accepting donations of gently used purses/wallets/totes – the 'PURSE DONATION BOX' is located outside the Weigand Room.

Lent is rapidly approaching and so are our PIEROGI LUNCHES. Lunches will be available 11am-1pm. Ash Wednesday - Mar. 2nd & the next 6 Fridays - March 4, 11, 18, 25, Apr. 1 & 8!

Lunch Cost: $9.00 - includes 5 Sophie Choice potato/cheese Pierogi, salad, roll, applesauce & water or pop.

TAKE-OUT ONLY - St. Mary Hall. [follow the signs]
Call in orders 440-323-5539 x231

St. Mary School enrolls children in Kindergarten through Grade 8. We also have a Preschool for three & four year olds. We invite anyone considering the education of their children, to come meet our teachers, tour our buildings, and learn about our challenging curriculum in a Christ-centered environment.

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year for Preschool, Kindergarten and NEW students to St. Mary School has begun. St. Mary School accepts EdChoice Scholarships and other tuition assistance is also available.

Please call the School Office at 322-2808 for registration information and/or to set up a tour of the School.

What's happening at St. Agnes ~
'Table of Plenty' Food Pantry 611 Lake Ave., next distribution date: Mar. 26th. Gate opens at 9:30am. Food distribution is 10am - Noon. Enter on Bath St. Car trunks should be clean & empty. The Pantry is usually the 4th Saturday of each month. Elyria residents only. Anyone interested in helping with the Food Pantry, contact Mary Ann Schaefer at 440-669-4468 or Debbie Jerrome at 440-669-1290. Thank you!

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM. MARCH 4th. "Evangelization" Our speaker will be Fr. Damian Ference. Join the First Friday Forum for spiritual refreshment, fellowship & good food. LCCC Spitzer Conference Center - 11:30am. Tickets: $25. RSVP by 6pm Mon., Feb. 28th. You can pay at the door or mail a check to: First Friday Forum of Lorain County, 320 Middle Ave., Elyria OH 44035 or call *440-213-2132 or e-mail: ffrlorain@gmail.com. [Please indicate the parish/group you're associated with.]


We are invited to pray with our families and faith communities; fast in solidarity with those who hunger; learn more about our global community & the challenges of poverty overseas; and give sacrificial contributions to those in need. Rice Bowls are available at the entrances of the Church. Please take one home during Lent and return it during Holy Week. Thank you.

The Wellness Committee will continue to meet via Zoom in March - Tues., 3/1 at 7pm.
Please contact Kathleen at 440-365-0365 by Mon., Feb. 28th if you are interested in joining the meeting.