

HAPPENING@ROL

Holy Mass for Ash Wednesday This year, Ash Wednesday is February 26. Holy Mass with the Imposition of Ashes will be at 6:30 AM and 7:00 PM. There will also be a Prayer Service with the Imposition of Ashes at 12 Noon. *Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.*

Lenten Potluck Supper Before the Stations of the Cross on Friday, February 28, at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall, join us for a Lenten Potluck Supper. Bring your favorite “meatless” dishes (and recipes) to share!

Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday in Lent at 7:00 PM in the church. All are welcome!

Parish Lenten Mission Our Lenten Mission will be on Monday & Tuesday evenings, March 9 & 10, at 7:00 PM in the church. This year our young adult ministry, EPIC, will be providing the presentations and the music. Don't miss these nights of inspiration and renewal!

Lenten Penance Service Our Lenten Penance Service will be Wednesday, March 11, at 7:00 PM. There will be several priests available for confessions. All are encouraged to attend.

Lenten Movie Night On Friday, March 20, after the Stations of the Cross, we will show the movie, *The Face of Mercy*. From Sr. Faustina's powerful visions of a merciful God to her countryman Pope John Paul II, watch the story unfold of this message of Divine Mercy onto the world stage!

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration ROL will observe a 24-hour period of Eucharistic Adoration beginning Sunday, March 22, after the 6:00 PM Mass until Monday, March 23, with Solemn Benediction at 7:00 PM in the church.

Holy Week Schedule 2020

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, April 4, 5:15 PM; April 5, 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM

Holy Monday – Holy Wednesday, April 6-8, Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM

Holy Thursday, April 9 – Morning Prayer, 8:00 AM; Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM, followed by Solemn Adoration until Night Prayer at 11:00 PM.

Good Friday, April 10 – Morning Prayer, 8:00 AM; Stations of the Cross, 12 PM; Solemn Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM.

Holy Saturday, April 11 – Morning Prayer, 8:00 AM; The Great Vigil of Easter, 8:00 PM.

Easter Sunday, April 12 – Holy Mass at 7:30 AM & 9:30 AM. No 6 PM Mass tonight.

Holy Mass with Confirmation & First Holy Communion This special celebration for our young people will be on Sunday, April 26, at 9:30 AM. Please remember them in your prayers!

Family Fun Day Our Children's Ministry will wrap-up the year on Sunday, May 3, with Holy Mass at 9:30 AM (Grades K-5 singing) and the Family Fun Day at Crestview Park immediately following.

Baccalaureate Mass High school seniors will be honored at our special Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, May 3, at the 6:00 PM.

KEEPING THE CHURCH SAFE

When parishioners and guests attend Mass on Sunday, the last thing we want them to worry about is their safety and security. We want them to be able to worship and pray in peace. That's why we have others who are part of our ROL Church Safety Team to think about different security scenarios and train for them.

A year ago, Bishop Silva asked every parish in the diocese to develop an Emergency Preparedness Plan, including active-shooter training, disruptions at Mass, theft, and vandalism, as well as medical and fire emergencies.

Major Karmalita Irlmeier, United States Army, is our Church Safety Coordinator. She joined the Iowa Army National Guard in 2000, attending Basic Training and AIT at Fort Jackson, SC in April 2002. She deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from April 2003 to April 2004 with the 185th Rear Operations Center, Jefferson, Iowa and was commissioned through the ISU Army ROTC Program in 2007 as a Military Police Officer in the United States Army. She was promoted to Major in January 2018 and selected for foreign ILE at the New Zealand Advanced Command and Staff College, followed by an opportunity to teach their Captain's level course, the New Zealand Command and Staff Intermediate Course. She has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal, a Master's degree in Business and Organizational Security Management and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies. Her husband, Kenny, works for a HVAC Company on island and their two boys, Furious (8) and Ransom (5) attend Waikele Elementary School.

While stationed in San Antonio, she headed up a Task Force at the Air Force Security Forces Center that was responsible for the DoD response to the Sutherland Springs First Baptist Church shooting in November 2017. The incident was the deadliest shooting in an American place of worship in modern history. The Task Force was responsible for collecting after-action reports to ensure local and service-specific lessons learned and worked with the FBI to review and standardize procedures for DoD inputs into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database which is utilized to flag offenders and prohibit weapon purchases.

Kami has been busy studying church security, gathering information, meeting with other parishioners in law enforcement, and speaking to our ushers who serve at the different Masses. While the ministry has already begun, the training will take place over the next year.

The best way to think about our security efforts is in layers. The first layer involves different physical features on our campus, including security cameras and access control. The second layer is our ushers and hospitality ministers who are "eyes and ears" during Mass and special events. You will see the ushers in their yellow security vests stationed at the entrance/exits of our campus, at the doors of the church, and walking through the parking lot and pastoral center during Mass. Our third layer is invisible and is made up of our off-duty law enforcement officers, healthcare workers, and other first responders at Mass.

In her meetings with our Church Safety Ministers, Kami is always quick to point out that the goal is to deter problems in the first place, deescalate situations when they arise, and treat everyone with respect and dignity while protecting the safety of our parishioners.

If you have a law enforcement background (civilian or military) and you are interested in supporting this ministry, please contact the Parish Office. We are so grateful to those in our parish who use their time and talent to keep the church safe!

"I look forward to serving the Lord by helping to build a team that is committed to ensuring the security and preparedness of our parish."

