



February 27, 2022 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lent Fasting Rules Explained

- •Eating meat on Ash Wednesday: Catholics will avoid meat, including beef, pork, chicken, ham, and lamb, on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and other Fridays during Lent.
- •Ash Wednesday is a Day of Fasting. Good Friday is also a day of fasting.
- •Giving up for Lent: As Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lent season, many people will choose to give up something for 40 days.



Young Adult's Mardi Gras

Calling all young adults of the parish! We would like to invite you to celebrate Fat Tuesday in style. Join us on Tuesday, March 1st from 6-9pm at the House of Gratitude for an evening of fun, fellowship, and feasting!

Please contact Fr. Louie at frfloeder@divinemercy.cc so we can prepare for you!

When: March 1st, 6-9pm Where: 130 Mercy Drive Who: young adults ages 21-35

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sir 27:4-7 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45	1 Pt 1:3-9 Mk 10:17-27	1 Pt 1:10-16 Mk 10:28-31	2 JI 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
8:00 am Mass DMCC John Cleary † 10:00 am Mass (ASL interpreted) DMCC Joan Johnson †, Jeremy Johnson †, and Jennifer Johnson Williams 12 Noon Mass (Spanish) DMCC Family Alcala de Santiago 5:00 pm Mass DMCC Parish 6:30 pm Choir #2 Rehearsal	6:45 am High School Bible Study IC-TC 12:00 pm Bulletin announcements due to Bulletin Editor. Occasionally deadlines vary due to holiday schedules. 5:00 pm Reconciliation DMCC 5:30 pm Mass DMCC Barb Durano †	8:00 am Reconciliation DMCC 8:30 am Mass DMCC (blessing of prayer shawls/baptismal blankets during Mass) Dan Culhane † 9:00 am DMCC Quilters IC-TC 9:00 am Prayer Shawl/Baptismal Blanket Meeting DMCC-SFC 10:00 Reconciliation at Trails Edge 2:00 pm FCTV Mass from previous weekend: Consolidated Communications channel 10, Charter channel 181 2:30 pm CCW Meeting DMCC-SFC 3:00 pm Young Adult Mardi Gras 7:00 pm KC Meeting DMCC-SFC 7:00 pm Son's of Thunder Men's Bible Study DMCC-Farmhouse	8:30 am Mass IC Jean Reuvers † 10:30 am Mass IC Bob Heine † 5:30 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 MSB-Atrium 5:30 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 2 MSB-Atrium 5:30 pm Moms Group IC-TC 6:00 pm Mass DMCC Judith Lewis † 7:30 pm Mass (Spanish) DMCC Gloria Terrones †

Locations Key

DMCC—New Site (SFC—St. Faustina Commons; BDR—Bishop Dudley Activity Room; JP II—John Paul II Portico; NAR-Narthex); HOG—House of Gratitude; DMCS—Divine Mercy Catholic School; GYM—DMCS Gym; IC-Immaculate Conception; KC—KC Hall; MSB—Mother Samuel Building; TC—Tomlinson Center (youth room) MCF—Minnesota Correctional Facility PLM—Pleasant Manor



Message from Father Cory Rohlfing

Jesus tells us, "anyone who gives a cup of water to someone in need in my name will not lose their reward" (Mark 9:41). Water is essential to life, but giving someone a cup of water seems like a little thing, virtually insignificant. For most of us, it is. We are blessed to have drinking water in abundance. For some, though, water is scarce and precious. Sharing a cup of water in such a circumstance is reminiscent of the poor widow who "offered her whole livelihood" (Luke 21:4). While we have an abundance of water, most of us do not feel we have an abundance of time. If we are asked to give up our time, it can feel like too big a sacrifice. Yet, just as the gift of a simple cup of water to someone in need ensures a reward, giving of our time in service pleases Our Lord and brings us blessings.

In Genesis 4:9, "God asked Cain, 'Where is your brother Abel?' He answered, 'I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" In the Gospel of Luke, the "scholar of the law...wished to justify himself and asked Jesus, 'Who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:25, 29). Both passages indicate an unwillingness to be responsible for others. Just as we are called to generous service in the use of our time, we are called to serve others in the testimony of our lives. When we speak against or behave in ways contrary to the Church's teaching, we can be stumbling blocks to others' faith. And "an attitude or behavior which leads another to do evil" is called "scandal"; further, "The person who gives scandal becomes his neighbor's tempter" (CCC 2284).

We are meant to encourage one another and to draw others to Christ through our witness and our words. What happens when our faith becomes lukewarm? We lose the positive influence we are meant to have on those around us, and we can gradually become desensitized to sin in our own lives. Faithfulness to Christ means being willing to sacrifice whatever it is that draws us away from him, and he emphasizes this through a series of hyperbolic statements. It is out of love that Jesus lets us know that "mortal sin is a radical possibility of human freedom...our freedom has the power to make choices for evil, with no turning back" (CCC 1861).

God bless, Fr. Cory Rohlfing

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3 Deut 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25 8:30 am Mass DMCC Helen Beucler 9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 MSB-Atrium	4 Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15 7:45 am St. Anne's Choir Practice DMCC-BDAR 8:00 am Reconciliation DMCC	5 Is 58:9b-14 LK 5:27-32 8:00 am Reconciliation DMCC 8:30 am Mass DMCC Jeannine Bongers +	6 Deut 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13 8:00 am Mass DMCC Bob Vogelsberg † 10:00 am Mass (ASL interpreted) DMCC Parish
7:00 pm Prayer Group DMCC	8:30 am Mass DMCC Gladys Stassen † 1:00 pm CCW Retreat Set-up DMCC-SFC	9:00 am Reconciliation DMCC 9:00 am CCW Meeting DMCC 4:00 pm Mass DMCC George Bultman	12 Noon Mass (Spanish) DMCC Agustina Rubio Paulina † 5:00 pm Mass DMCC Pamela Dillion †

PreK-Grade 12 Education

Annual BA Easter Flower Sales! The Bethlehem Academy Activities Association (BAAA) annual Easter flower fundraiser is now online! The BAAA will receive 30% of all plant sales, with proceeds going to offset the costs of athletic uniforms, choir robes, Robotics fees, etc. Find the link under NEWS on the BA webpage (www.bacards.org). ID = 440 and BA is the seller's name. Orders must be completed by 10 PM on Thursday, March 10. Products will be available for pick up in BA's lobby April 12 & 13. Contact Clarice with questions at 507-838-8073. Thank you for your support!

2022-2023 BA/DMCS New Student Applications Now Open - BA and DMCS are excited to welcome new student applications for the 2022-2023 school year! Apply online for spots in our PreK-Grade 12 classes at www.dmcs.cc or www.bacards.org. Tuition assistance is available!

DMCS Summer Care Registration Open! Registration is now open for the summer care program at Divine Mercy Catholic School for preschool and K-5 students. Contact DMCS at 507-334-7706 for more information.

BA/DMCS Tours and BA Student Shadow Information - Family tours are offered Monday-Friday from 9am-4:30pm at both Bethlehem Academy (Gr 6-12) and Divine Mercy Catholic School (PreK-Gr 5). Contact Ginger Van Hecke at DMCS (gvanhecke@dmcs.cc or Kris Sauer (ksauer@bacards.org) at BA to schedule a tour. Student shadow days generally offered Tuesday-Friday at Bethlehem Academy for students entering Grades 6-12. Email Kris at ksauer@bacards.org to set up a shadow day.

Synod

Synod 2022 Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.



On March 5, Father Cory and representatives who were active in the small groups last fall will be gathering for discussion and prayer in order to make recommendations to Archbishop Hebda for the Synod Assembly this Pentecost. Throughout the Synod process, prayer has been crucial to understanding how the Holy Spirit desires our Archdiocese to journey forward together. Please consider praying for our parish synod leadership team on March 5 by visiting the adoration chapel or praying at home during the time that they are meeting.

Ministry of Mission and Outreach

Pastoral Care/Mission and Outreach

Ash Wednesday: Ashes will be available at the desk in the narthex at Divine Mercy Catholic Church and in the Adoration Chapel on Ash Wednesday for those who have services at facilities on Ash Wednesday or bring the Eucharist to people in their homes. There will be a signup sheet available when you get the ashes, and we are asking you to sign the sheet again when you return the ashes. Ashes can only be given on Ash Wednesday. There will be instructions available for administering ashes when you pick up the ashes.

Lent is just around the corner: When Ash Wednesday rolls around each year, it can catch us off guard when it comes to our prayer life. We know Lent is important and it helps prepare us for Easter. Most Catholics recognize Lent as a solemn period where we repent. As such, during Lent, we might feel pressure to "up our game" when it comes to prayer. The reality is that prayer is important during Lent. Very important. But fasting and almsgiving matter, too. So do all the other actions we might take to help us let go of our own desires and align with God's call for us. God doesn't call us to pray *longer* during this time. Or pray "better"—whatever that means. A great starting point for drawing closer to God and improving our prayer life during Lent is simply the desire to improve our prayer life during Lent. If you're reading this, chances are you already have that desire. So, let's start there.

Happy Birthday Susie Lambert! Once again Divine Mercy Parish will have a centenarian. Happy Birthday to Susie Lambert who turns 100 on March 3rd. May her day and the year ahead be filled with many blessings!

Pastoral Care celebrates parishioners who turn 90 or 100: We honor parishioners who celebrate a 90th birthday with a card and prayers. We celebrate in the bulletin those who celebrate a 100th birthday. If you are aware of a parishioner who will be celebrating his/her 90th or 100th birthday, please call (507-331-7253) or email Bernadette Tatge at btatge@divinemercy.cc or Sister Kathleen at srkathleen@divinemercy.cc.

CCW

Join your fellow parishioners for our first Lenten Soup Supper on Monday, March 7. Soup will be served in the St. Faustina Commons following the $5:30~\rm pm$ Mass. Families with last names beginning with A - D are asked to bring a dessert item to share. For the March 14 supper, families with last names beginning with E - H are asked to bring a dessert item to share.

Respect Life

For decades, abortion has been hailed as a "woman's right" or "empowerment", but it has only made what should be the safest place in the world for a child, a mother's womb, a war zone. Abortion has destroyed sacred bonds of love between mothers and children, fathers and children. Abortion has desecrated motherhood and fueled the mistreatment of both women and their children, as well as the destruction of fatherhood. Every day the atrocity of abortion remains legal, we lose another 2,363 precious and innocent children-truly one of the gravest, if not the gravest moral tragedies in human history. May God have mercy on us.

Mark your calender for Friday March 11 at 7:00pm in the Faustina Commons... Our *Ultryea* will be hosting Fr. Louie as guest speaker. Snow canceled his scheduled talk in January and he has agreed to join us again. Pray for good travel weather.

Reminder: All Restful Waters Ultreyas will be at Divine Mercy Catholic Church this year on the second Friday of the month at 7:00pm.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Father Kevin Finnegan was so happy with the name of our new Divine Mercy Church that he wanted a relic of St. Faustina for our altar. There were several stipulations we had to meet to get a relic, one being we had to pick it up in person. On March 3rd, 2010 he and a small group of parishioners flew to Poland; St. Faustina's Church and Convent is located in Lagiewnikach just outside of Krakow. There we met Sister Gaudia and all the nuns who still reside there and received the relic at a Mass celebrated by Father Kevin.



The relic is now in our altar and comes out for veneration on Divine Mercy Sunday.

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: "Can a blind man act as guide to a blind man? Why look at the speck in your brother's eye when you miss the plank in your own? A good tree does not produce decayed fruit...."

It is true that donations of time and money come to the Society of St Vincent de Paul Food Shelf because a good person produces goodness from the good in their heart.

Sons of Thunder

Tuesday Nights at 7:00 PM at DMCC Farmhouse

Men of the Church,

You are invited to join a men's group formed to help us grow in our walk with God, to answer His call, and to give us an opportunity for fraternity. We call ourselves Sons of Thunder. This was the name Jesus gave two of his disciples, James and John (Mark 3:17), when he appointed the Twelve. This group will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.

What to expect: Opening Prayer, Reading of following Sunday's Mass Readings, Refreshments, & Fraternity.

Please plan on joining us for about an hour or so. After closing prayer, we will have refreshments and social time.

Prayer Shawl

The prayer shawls and baptismal blankets will be blessed on the First Tuesday of every month at the 8:30 am daily Mass. We will then have our meeting in the St. Faustina Commons from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Our next blessing and meeting will be March 1st. We would like to welcome everyone who is interested in making prayer shawls and baptismal blankets to join our meeting. We will knit, get yarn, share information, and have fellowship. If you have completed prayer shawls or baptismal blankets and cannot come to the daily Mass, you can drop them off at the church anytime. If you have any questions please contact Winnie Hughes at 507-339-9160, Carol McHugo at 507-412-9714, or Betty Berge 507-332-8796. If you know of anyone who could use a prayer shawl, please contact one of us or call the Church office.

"33 Days to Merciful Love Retreat"

Looking for a way to make your Lent a little more prayerful? Please join Fr. Louie for a six-week Divine Mercy retreat. The retreat is based on the book 33 Days to Merciful Love by Fr. Michael Gaitley. We will meet Saturday mornings at 9:15am for six weeks starting on March 19th. At the end of the series, we will make our consecration to Merciful Love on the feast of Divine Mercy Sunday. Please sign up at www.divinemercy.cc/33days and join us as we dive into God's Merciful Love!"

Ministry of Communion

Adoration Chapel

Mother Samuel Building 104 Second Ave SW

There are many hours we need to fill over the night hours at our adoration chapel. The chapel is currently closed from 12MN-6 a.m. due to so many open hours. It is our hope to return to Perpetual Adoration as it has been since 1998. Please prayerfully consider signing up for a night hour and help make this possible. There will be a sign-up table with open hours in the narthex next weekend. "When I see a place where my Jesus is, I could not be happier, and I say, "You are here, my God and my All." Venerable Jean-Jacques Oliver

Current available hours:

Friday 6-7 a.m.

Friday 2-3 p.m. (prayer partner needed) Saturday 8-9 p.m.

Please contact Libby at 507-331-0860 if you can take an hour.





Seven Sisters Apostolate-Praying for our Priests

The "perfect sacrifice" of the Eternal High Priest is central to the liturgical season of Lent, and is coupled with the priesthood of the Lord. Lenten reflections on the Passion of Christ beckon us to a deeper encounter with incarnate divine love. Christ, who freely suffered on account of love, places upon the ministerial priesthood the weight of his love for his Bride, the Church. Lent reminds us that sacrificial love is the essence of Christ's priesthood.

Ministry of Administration

Stewardship of Tithing: Financial Gifts

Envelope/Plate Contributions: February 20, 2022 \$ 16,575.24 Automatic (ACH) Contributions:

Community News

Mardi Gras Bingo - All are invited today to St. Michael's in Kenyon for their annual Mardi Gras Bingo Party. Bingo begins at 2 pm. Cash prizes, door prizes, silent basket auction.

You are invited to join the Church St. Michael's in Pine Island Lenten Fries on Friday evenings during Lent (March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 & 8) serving from 4:30 to 7:00 PM! Both baked & fried fish! Prices: Adults \$12.00, Children 5-12 \$6.00, and family maximum \$40.00. Take out available! Location: Church of St. Michael, 451 5th St. SW, Pine Island, MN Tel: 507-356-4280.





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