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February 17, 2021

Ash Wednesday



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- social distancing coming and going, choosing a seat, and using a single line when receiving Communion
- taking your bulletin home
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- keeping the Mass moving and shortening the sermon

The Staff is

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- carefully cleaning the churches after every Mass



OUR DOORS ARE OPEN: No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your age, race, background, personal history, etc., no matter what your own self-image — you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at Holy Family Parish. Our doors are open!

Ash Wednesday February 17th

8:15 AM Mass St John XXIII School Lois Donisi

This Mass live streamed - staff and students only in attendance!

12:10 PM Mass St John Church Judy Pressler7:00 PM Mass St John Church Jack Wagner

HOLY FAMILY PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mondays

6:00 PM Mass Holy Trinity Church

Tuesdays

8:15 AM Mass St. John XXIII School - students / staff only!

12:10 PM Mass Holy Trinity Church

Wednesdays

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Thursdays

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Fridays

8:00 AM Mass Holy Trinity Church

Saturdays

4:30 PM Mass St. John Church

Sundays

9:00 AM Mass Holy Trinity Church

9:00 AM Mass live streamed and available on the website anytime.

10:30 AM Mass St. John Church

2021 Lent & Easter with Holy Family Parish

Find this listing of events and special services for Lent and Easter at the parish website www.holyfamilymiddletown.com. Read about Reconciliation, Holy Week, the Easter Vigil, the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, and Easter Sunday Masses, plus a Lenten letter from Holy Family Pastor John Civille.

Ash Wednesday 2021 - Guidelines from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Due to the challenges created by the COVID pandemic, ashes will be sprinkled on the head instead of traced on the



forehead in the shape of the cross. The wearing of ashes, while customary, is not an obligation, so anyone who is fearful of becoming sick does not need to come forward to receive ashes.

A Lenten Thought

We can look upon Lent as a journey. Think about the trips we take - long ones that can take days, even weeks to complete.



Journeys have their ups and downs.

We don't really expect them to go smoothly. If we are going to drive across the country, we expect a few car problems, some bad weather, some detours, some missed connections and so forth. We prepare for those things and we deal with them as they come up. Oftentimes, when people go along the journey of Lent, and something goes wrong (for example, they break their Lenten resolution), they cash it in and think that their Lenten observance is ruined.

But it would be a lot better to deal with Lent the way we deal with every other long and sometimes difficult journey. I don't expect Lent to be a perfect journey. It will have its ups and downs. But I can make a good start and deal with the breakdowns and disappointments along the way. My goal is Easter, and right now it's a long way off. I'm ready for the long haul. I'll deal with whatever comes my way. Little Books of the Diocese of Saginaw

Special Collections in February ~ Personal Care Items & Sleeping Bags

This year we're working with Hope House Mission, collecting personal care items for the men, women, and children staying in their shelters. Please bag up new products and drop them in the blue donation bins at the doors of the churches or call ahead, Monday - Friday 9 AM - 5 PM to let us know you're dropping items on the back porch of the parish office.

There's no SHALOM this year, leaving some of the Middletown homeless without shelter during these cold winter months. Sleeping bags are easy to roll up and carry and some are specifically designed for colder temps, so this collection is for sleeping bags only. Please drop them off at church or on the parish office back porch. Thank you!





Annual Lenten Fish Fry Fridays



5 to 8 PM Fridays in Lent **Starting February 19th!**

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Busted Halo® Lent in 3 Minutes

What is Lent all about? Why do Christians receive ashes on Ash Wednesday?



Why 40 days? If you're looking for answers, you've come to the right place. In an updated version of our classic video (with a bonus minute - there's a lot happening here!), Busted Halo explains the significance of this season of prayer, fasting, and giving, and how you can make the most of this time of repentance and renewal. Visit Bustedhalo.com/lent for more Lenten inspiration. ALSO! Check out Creighton University Online Ministries where you can find weekly guides

for daily prayer plus Pope Francis' Annual Lenten Messages since 2014,



be part of a worldwide Lent reading group as well as make an online retreat each week of Lent, download audio presentations, and find special Lenten recipes.

Find Creighton and Busted Halo at our website LINKS!

How Much Do YOU Know About the Catholic Faith? I the answers on the last page!

Try this Special LENT & EASTER Quiz!	Fina
 is a 40-day retreat for the entire Church. (a) Easter (b) Mardi Gras (c) Lent (d) Christmas 	6 G((((
 The main purpose of Lent is to give up something we like for 40 days. True False 	7 sh (
3. In Spanish, the word for Lent is? (a) Tentación (b) Desierto (c) Lento (d) Cuaresma	((8. Th
 Lent was originally a special time for payer and fasting for people preparing to be baptized and become Catholics. True False 	(((9 F)

5. Giving up candy or TV for Lent makes God love us.

False

True

6.	is when we disobey
	God, hurt others, and hurt ourselves.
	(a) Eating candy



- b) A mistake
- c) Sin
- d) Laziness
- is a Lenten practice of naring one's riches with those in need.
 - a) Prayer
 - b) Almsgiving
 - c) Fasting
 - d) Confession
- ne Easter Triduum includes Holy Thursday, ood , and Easter Sunday.
 - a) Friday
 - b) Monday
 - c) Tuesday
 - d) Wednesday
- Every Sunday of the year is considered a "litter Easter Sunday" celebration.

True False

Readings for Ash Wednesday

First Reading - Joel 2:12-18

Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment. Perhaps he will again relent and leave behind him a blessing, offerings and libations for the Lord, your God. Blow the trumpet in Zion! proclaim a fast, call an assembly; Gather the people, notify the congregation; Assemble the elders, gather the children and the infants at the breast; Let the bridegroom quit his room and the bride her chamber. Between the porch and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep, and say, "Spare, O Lord, your people, and make not your heritage a reproach, with the nations ruling over them! Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" Then the Lord was stirred to concern for his land and took pity on his people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Brothers and sisters: We are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him. Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says: *In an acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you.* Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

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Gospel - Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Prayers and Responses

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those

called to the supper of the lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Fridays in Lent 7 PM Holy Trinity Church
Join us at Holy Trinity Church at 7:00 p.m.
Friday evenings during Lent - February 19th
and 26th and March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th -

for Stations of the Cross and Benediction. Wearing facemasks and social distancing will be observed.



Find interesting articles, suggestions for faith study and prayer, local to international news, and more!

Pray the Rosary - St. John Center Wednesday Nights at 7:00 PM

During the colder months you're invited to pray the Rosary INSIDE the St. John Center with other parishioners and friends of Holy Family!

"The Rosary is spiritual medicine." POPE FRANCIS

Hymns for Ash Wednesday

Distribution of Ashes - Ashes

- We rise again from ashes, from the good we've failed to do.
 We rise again from ashes, to create ourselves anew.
 If all our world is ashes, then must our lives be true,
 An offering of ashes, an offering to you.
- We offer you our failures, we offer you attempts,
 The gifts not fully given, the dreams not fully dreamt.
 Give our stumblings direction, give our visions wider view,
 An offering of ashes, an offering to you.
- 3. Then rise again from ashes, let healing come to pain,
 Though spring has turned to winter, and sunshine turned to rain.
 The rain we'll use for growing, and create the world anew
 From an offering of ashes, an offering to you.
- 4. Thanks be to the Father, who made us like himself.
 Thanks be to the Son, who saved us by his death.
 Thanks be to the Spirit who creates the world anew
 From an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

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Communion - Deep Within

Refrain

Deep within I will plant my law, Not on stone, but in your heart. Follow me, I will bring you back, You will be my own, And I will be your God.

- 1. I will give you a new heart, A new spirit within you, For I will be your strength.
- Seek my face,And see your God,For I will be your hope.
- Return to me,
 With all your heart,
 And I will bring you back.

Text: Jeremiah 31:33; Ezekiel 36:26; Joel 2:12; Music: David Haas © 1987, GIA Used with Permission, A702646

Closing - Hosea (Come Back to Me)

- Come back to me with all your heart.
 Don't let fear keep us apart.
 Trees do bend, though straight and tall;
 So must we to others' call.
 Long have I waited
 For your coming home to me
 And living deeply our new life.
- 2. The wilderness will lead you
 To your heart where I will speak.
 Integrity and justice
 With tenderness you shall know.
 Long have I waited
 For your coming home to me
 And living deeply our new life.
- You shall sleep secure with peace;
 Faithfulness will be your joy.
 Long have I waited
 For your coming home to me
 And living deeply our new life.

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Answers to the Special Lent / Easter Quiz

1. (c) During Lent Catholics reject sin and recommit themselves to living as disciples of Jesus. 2. (False) Lent is a time to turn away from sin and turn toward God's love. Prayerful self-denial can help us recognize the things that have become more important to us than God. Giving something up is only a small part of Lent. 3. (d) The word Cuaresma is similar in Spanish to the word for 40: cuarenta. 4. (True) After a long period of formation, people seeking to become Catholics use Lent as a time of intense, final preparation before their Baptism at Easter. 5. (False) God loves us because we are his children. Nothing we can do can make him love us more. He sent his Son, Jesus, to show us how much he loves us (see John 3:16-17.) 6. (c) "Sin is an offense against God... Sin sets itself against God's love for us and turns our hearts away from it" (CCC, 1850). 7. (b) Many Catholics believed that giving to the poor is as central a spiritual duty as going to Mass and receiving Communion. 8. (a) The Church views these three days of celebrations as one magnificent liturgy that celebrates the Last Supper and Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. **9.** (True) "Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the 'Fest of feasts'" (CCC, 1169).

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Baptism Preparation Class - These classes are held quarterly: March, June, September and December.

The actual date, time and location will be announced in the weekly bulletin. Please call the parish office to register.

Baptisms - Please call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

Becoming a Member of Holy Family Parish - Fill out a Census Form at the parish office or download it under FORMS at www.holyfamilymiddletown.com. Drop your completed form in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. Becoming Catholic - Please call the parish office to find out more about the RCIA process.

Bulletin Deadline - Submit announcements in hard copy or to monica@holyfamilymiddletown.com by noon Tuesday.

Hospitalization or Death in the Family - Please notify the pastor as soon as possible by calling the parish office.

Marriages - Couples wishing to be married must set the date with the pastor at least six months in advance.

Nursery - Due to the coronavirus, the 10:30 AM Mass Nursery is temporarily closed.

Parish Religious Education Program - Due to the coronavirus, Sunday Preschool is canceled and Monday K-8th Grade have an in home program. Contact Dee Golembiewski, DRE, with questions.

St. John XXIII Catholic School - Parish school for Preschool - 8th Grade - www.stjohn23school.org.



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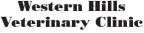
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