

Our Lenten Journey 2023

In addition to our regular Mass Schedule (Weekdays at 7:30 a.m.; Weekends at 6:00 p.m. Saturday and 8:00 a.m./10:30 a.m. Sundays; Confessions on Saturdays from 5:00-5:40 p.m. and anytime by request), please follow the schedule below of the many ways to enrich your Lenten Journey! Please check the Website, Bulletin, Facebook, MyParishApp, E-mail, and Twitter regularly for additions/modifications to this schedule as needed! (For Drive-Up Opportunities for Confession, you MUST call the EMERGENCY NUMBER 814-453-7737 x2249)

Reminder of Fasting and Abstinence:

Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years of age and older.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are also days of fasting for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. (On these days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to ones needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)

All Fridays throughout the year (except solemnities) outside of Lent remain days of penance. The United States Bishops highly recommend the traditional abstinence from meat, together with fasting, for the cause of peace in the world. However, some other practice of voluntary self-denial or personal penance may be substituted.

+ Ash Wednesday (February 22): Masses will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Ashes and Holy Communion will also be distributed in the Parking Lot at the conclusion for those joining us via livestream in their cars.

+ Thursday After Ash Wednesday (February 23): Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 a.m.-Noon and 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. for our weekly Praise and Worship Holy Hour (available in-person/livestream).

First Week of Lent:

- + Monday, February 27: *Wisdom & Works of Mercy Study* at 6:30 p.m.
- + Tuesday, February 28: *Forgiven Series* (Session 1: Where are You?) 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- + Wednesday, March 1:
 - + *Wisdom & Works of Mercy Study* at 10:00 a.m.
 - + **Stations of the Cross and Benediction** at 6:00 p.m.; will occur in-person and via livestream. All are welcome to stay for Soup Supper in the Gathering Space. You can sign up to bring Soup, Bread, or a Beverage (iced tea/lemonade) on our website.
- + Thursday, March 2: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 a.m.-Noon and 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. for our weekly Praise and Worship Holy Hour (available in-person/livestream).
- + Friday, March 3: First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. with Benediction at 5:50 p.m.
- + Saturday, March 4:
 - + 22:32 Men's Conference 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. (in-person at St. Jude Parish. We are hoping to have a great representation of the parish. Please let Fr. Jason know if you signed up and if in need of financial assistance.)
 - + Extra Confession Opportunity after 6:00 p.m. Mass.

Second Week of Lent:

- + Monday, March 6: *Wisdom & Works of Mercy Study* at 6:30 p.m.
- + Tuesday, March 7: Estate Planning with Thomas Hoffman, II, Esq. at 6:30 p.m.
- + Wednesday, March 8:
 - + *Wisdom & Works of Mercy Study* continues 10:00 a.m.
 - + Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.
- + Thursday, March 9: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 a.m.-Noon and 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. for our weekly Praise and Worship Holy Hour (available in-person/livestream).
 - + Extra Confession Opportunity during the evening Holy Hour.

Third Week of Lent:

- + Sunday, March 12: Confessions available after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- + Monday, March 13 *Wisdom & Works of Mercy Study* at 6:30 p.m.
- + Tuesday, March 14 *Forgiven Series* (Session 2: An Encounter with Mercy) 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- + Wednesday, March 15:
 - + *Wisdom & Works of Mercy Study* at 10:00 a.m.
 - + Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.
- + Thursday, March 16: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 a.m.-Noon and 8:00—9:00 p.m. for our weekly Praise and Worship Holy Hour (available in-person/livestream).
- + Friday, March 17: (St. Patrick Day; Diocesan Feast Day): Prayer for Vocations in person/livestream after Mass with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available after 7:30 a.m. Mass until Noon. You are also dispensed from the Lenten Fast/Abstinence today.

Fourth Week of Lent:

- + Sunday, March 19: Confession available after 10:30 a.m. Mass.
- + Monday, March 20: *Wisdom & Works of Mercy Study* at 6:30 p.m.
- + Tuesday, March 21: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
 - + *Forgiven Series* (Session 3: The Order of Confession Explained) 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- + Wednesday, March 22:
 - + Extra Confession Opportunity: 8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.
 - + *Wisdom & Works of Mercy Study* at 10:00 a.m.
 - + Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.
- + Thursday, March 23: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 a.m.-Noon and 8:00—9:00 p.m. for our weekly Praise and Worship Holy Hour (available in-person/livestream).
- + Saturday, March 25:
 - + Women's 1:38 Conference at St. Jude from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (We are hoping to have a good representation at this conference. Please let Fr. Jason know if you signed up and if in need of financial assistance.)
 - + Extra Confession Opportunity after 6:00 p.m. Mass (also available as a Drive-Up Opportunity until 7:30 p.m.)

Fifth Week of Lent:

Passiontide

- + Sunday, March 26: The Sacrament of First Reconciliation: 11:45 a.m. (Open to our Students/Families of Second Grade only)
- + Monday, March 27: *Wisdom & Works of Mercy Study* at 6:30 p.m.
- + Tuesday, March 28:
 - + Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
 - + Extra Confession Opportunity: 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
 - + *Forgiven Series* (Session 4: Biblical Foundations) 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- + Wednesday, March 29:
 - + *Wisdom & Works of Mercy Study* at 10:00 a.m.
 - + Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.
 - + **THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU:** Many Churches in Erie County (including St. Francis Xavier) are open for **Confession** 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- + Thursday, March 30: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 a.m.-Noon and 8:00—9:00 p.m. for our weekly Praise and Worship Holy Hour (available in-person/livestream).
- + March 30-April 1 -- *Ecce Homo* Virtual Retreat - More details will be forthcoming.



HOLY WEEK:

** Please join us however you can in person/livestream and remember ALL ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!*

***Again, more information/schedule changes will be communicated throughout the season via our Bulletin, Website, MyParish App, and Email.*

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2:

- + Masses are celebrated at 6:00 p.m. (April 1) and 8:00 a.m./10:30 a.m. on Sunday. Palms will be distributed. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after all three Masses.
- + Sunday Evening at 7:00 p.m. is our Passion Play in the Church brought to us by Faith Formation Youth. All are welcome.

MONDAY, APRIL 3: 1:00 p.m. Chrism Mass at the Cathedral (attendance by livestream and in person; the link will be available on our Facebook/Website Pages).

TUESDAY, APRIL 4:

- + Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- + Extra Confession Opportunity: 7:30 p.m.-8:15 p.m. (Drive-up option also available)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5:

- + Extra Confession Opportunity (Drive-Up Option Only): 8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.
- + Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6:

- + Morning Prayer (Time TBD): Available for In-person/Livestream Worship
- + **Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 p.m.** (Available for In-Person/Livestream Worship)
- + **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until Midnight IN THE PARISH CENTER. Also join us for a vigil procession possibility. More information to come.**

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7: (DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE)

- + Morning Prayer (Time TBD): Available for In-person/Livestream Worship
- + **Service of the Passion: 3:00 p.m.** (Available for In-person/livestream Worship)
- + **Extra Confession Opportunity after the Service (drive-up option available)**
- + *Divine Mercy Novena Begins...*

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8:

- + Morning Prayer and Blessing of Easter Food: 11:00 a.m. (available for In-Person/livestream Worship)
- + **Extra Confession Opportunity: 5:00 p.m.-5:40 p.m.** (drive-up option also available)
- + **Easter Vigil: 9:00 p.m.** (Available for In-Person/Livestream Worship)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9: The Resurrection of the Lord:

- + **8:00 a.m. Mass:** Available for In-person/Livestream Worship.
- + **10:30 a.m. Mass:** Available for In-Person/Livestream Worship.

Please keep your prayer resolutions going throughout Easter and the rest of the year by participating in Mass every Sunday and during week; Regular Confession, Adoration, as well as the following opportunities below (more will be added as they become available).

- + Sunday, April 16: Sunday of Divine Mercy: Regular Mass Schedule with Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayed after all three Masses (and procession between Masses).
- + Adoration on Tuesdays from 5:00–8:00 p.m.; Thursdays 8:00 a.m.-Noon and 8:00 -9:00 p.m. (except May 4)
- + From Holy Week through April 23, The *Wisdom & Works of Mercy Study Group* will read *You Did it to Me* on our own. We reconvene on April 24 at 6:30 p.m. and April 26 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the reading. All are welcome.
- + Tuesdays during the Easter Season, April 11-April 23, join us for *The Mysteries of the Rosary* a new 7-week series that calls us into the Mysteries of Christ and Rediscover the Power of the Rosary. This series is made available for free by *Paradisus Dei*.
- + Additional Confession Opportunities as scheduled in the bulletin.
- + During the Month of May: The Rosary will be prayed before all Sunday Masses.
- + May 6: May Crowning during 6:00 p.m. Mass followed by Confirmation Rehearsal
- + May 8: Confirmation at 7:00 p.m.
- + May 18: Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses at 7:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
- + May 19: Begins Novena to the Holy Spirit
- + May 27/28: Pentecost Weekend: We will have overnight Eucharistic Adoration beginning after 6:00 p.m. Mass and concluding with Benediction at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday.

- + The Church is currently in a 3-Year Eucharistic Revival. The “Parish Year” will be kicking-off this on June 11th, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Join us that weekend for:
 - + The Blessed Carlos Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit, viewable after All Masses in the Parish Center
 - + First Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. Mass
 - + Eucharistic Procession following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.
- + FORMED/KIOSK – Many resources continue to be available via our Parish Subscription to Formed and the Kiosk at the back of the Church. Continue to explore both contents and share with Family and Friends.
- + Community is so important to growing in Faith. Join us for any of our Group Studies: *Wisdom and Works of Mercy*; *Forgiven Series: The Transforming Power of Confession* during Lent; or *The Mysteries of the Rosary* during Easter.
- + 10th National Eucharistic Congress – July 17-21, 2024 – We are looking to put together a trip to enable anyone who is interested in participating in the extraordinary event, culminating the 3-Year Eucharistic Revival Initiative. More information will be forthcoming; to be “in the know” contact Irene.
- + On-Going – Fr. Mike Schmitz began *Catechism in a Year* podcast in January. You can join this podcast and/or *Bible in a Year* at any time. We are holding informal discussions on the Catechism on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. Consult the Bulletin for official dates.