

## Our Lenten Journey 2024

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)

**+ Ash Wednesday (February 14):** (DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE) Masses will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

- + 4:45 p.m. – “Pray More” this Lent Event – *Understanding what prayer is and why it’s important. Discover resources to help develop a prayer routine. (Bring your Smart Phone or Tablet.)*

**First Week of Lent:** (“The Eucharist in Scripture” Study begins this week; please see website/bulletin for more information.)

- + Monday February 19: *The Eucharist in Scripture: The Lamb’s Supper Part I at 6:30 p.m.*
- + Tuesday, February 20: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- + Wednesday, February 21:
  - + *The Eucharist in Scripture: The Lamb’s Supper Part I 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, February 22: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 a.m.-Noon and 8:00-9:00 p.m. (*The evening opportunity is available in-person/livestream.*)
- + Saturday, February 24:
  - + Extra Confession Opportunity after 6:00 p.m. Mass.

**Second Week of Lent:**

- + Monday, February 26: *The Eucharist in Scripture: The Lamb’s Supper Part II 6:30 p.m.*
- + Tuesday, February 27: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- + Wednesday, February 28:
  - + *The Eucharist in Scripture: The Lamb’s Supper Part II 10:00 a.m.*
  - + Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.
- + Thursday, February 29: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 a.m.-Noon and 8:00-9:00 p.m. (*The evening opportunity is available in-person/livestream.*)
  - + Extra Confession Opportunity during the evening Holy Hour.
- + Friday, March 1:
  - + First Friday Adoration available from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. with Benediction at 5:50 p.m.
  - + *Seeking the Heart of God in Scripture and in Art* Lenten Mediation by Sacred Artist, Ann Schmalsteig Barrett. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space, Talk begins at 6:30 p.m. RSVP via our website or calling the parish office so we can accommodate for dinner. All are welcome for any part of the evening.
- + Saturday, March 2:
  - + 22:32 Men’s Conference 9:00 a.m.-1:00 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/or if you need financial assistance to attend.)

**Third Week of Lent:**

- + Sunday, March 3: Confessions available after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- + Monday, March 4: *The Eucharist in Scripture: The Fourth Cup Part I 6:30 p.m.*

- + Tuesday, March 5: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- + Wednesday, March 6:
  - + *The Eucharist in Scripture: The Fourth Cup Part I* 10:00 a.m.
  - + Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.
- + Thursday, March 7: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 a.m. – Noon and 8:00--9:00 p.m.  
(*The evening opportunity is available in-person/livestream*).
- + **Fourth Week of Lent:**
- + Sunday, March 10: Confession available after 10:30 a.m. Mass.
- + Monday, March 11: *The Eucharist in Scripture: The Fourth Cup Part II* 6:30 p.m.
- + Tuesday, March 12: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- + Wednesday, March 13:
  - + Extra Confession Opportunity: 8:00-8:45 a.m.
  - + *The Eucharist in Scripture: The Fourth Cup Part II* 10:00 a.m.
  - + Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.
- + Thursday, March 14: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 a.m. -- Noon and 8:00-9:00 p.m.  
(*The evening opportunity is available in person/livestream*).
- + Saturday, March 16: 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 17: Fellowship Weekend
  - + The Sacrament of First Reconciliation: 11:45 a.m. (*Open to our Students/Families of Second Grade only*)
- + Monday, March 18: Feast of Saint Patrick Celebrated.
  - + *The Eucharist in Scripture: Consuming the Word Part I* 6:30 p.m.
- + Tuesday, March 19:
  - + **THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU:** Many Churches in Erie County (including St. Francis Xavier) are open for **Confession (and Adoration)** 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- + Wednesday, March 20:
  - + *The Eucharist in Scripture: Consuming the Word Part I* 10:00 a.m.
  - + Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.
- + Thursday, March 21: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 a.m.-Noon and 8:00-9:00 p.m.  
(*The evening opportunity is available in person/livestream*).

#### *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.



## **HOLY WEEK:**

\* *Overflow Seating will be available in the Gathering Space if needed.*

\*\* *Please join us in person/livestream and remember ALL ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!*

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

## **PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24:**

- + Masses are celebrated at 6:00 p.m. (March 23) 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.

## **MONDAY, MARCH 25:**

- + Chrism Mass at 1:00 p.m. at the Cathedral (attendance by livestream and in person; the link will be available on our Facebook/Website Pages).
- + *The Eucharist in Scripture: Consuming the Word Part II* 6:30 p.m.

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 26:**

- + 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, MARCH 27:**

- + Extra Confession Opportunity (Drive-Up Option also available): 8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.
- + *The Eucharist in Scripture: Consuming the Word Part II* 10:00 a.m.
- + Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.

## **HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28:**

- + 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.**  
*A list of other churches with their "Altar of Repose" times will be provided so you can make a "Seven Church" visit.*

## **GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29: (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 is over (drive-up option available)**  
*Divine Mercy Novena Begins...*

## **HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

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

## **EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31: 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).*

- + Friday, April 5: First Friday Adoration
  - + Sunday, April 7: Sunday of Divine Mercy: Regular Mass Schedule with Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayed after all three Masses (and procession between Masses).
  - + Sunday, April 14: Adoration Mini Retreat following the 10:30 a.m. Mass until 2:00 p.m.
  - + Tuesday, April 16: Begin *Preparation to Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary* (Details will be coming.)
  - + Saturday, April 20: Women's 1:38 Conference at St. Jude from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (We are hoping to have a good representation at this conference. Please let Fr. Jason know if you signed up and/or if you need financial help to attend.
  - + Adoration on Tuesdays from 5:00–8:00 p.m.; Thursdays 8:00 a.m.-Noon and 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (except May 2 for the evening Holy Hour)
  - + Additional Confession Opportunities as scheduled in the bulletin.
  - + During the Month of May: The Rosary will be prayed before all Sunday Masses. You can sign-up to lead the Rosary by visiting our website after Easter.
  - + May 5: May Crowning Weekend
  - + May 9: Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation).
  - + May 10: Begins Novena to the Holy Spirit
  - + May 18/19: 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.
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- + We are in the midst of a Eucharistic Revival. Visit [www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org) for more information and resources you can receive via email. This is not meant to be a “program,” but an ongoing transformational movement of growing closer to Jesus through the Eucharist. We support this movement by offering:
    - ❖ Frequent Opportunities of Adoration
    - ❖ Studies that help us better understand the Gift of the Eucharist
    - ❖ Attending the National Eucharistic Congress July 17-21 (Room is still available, please contact us for more information.)
    - ❖ Pilgrimage in June to Pittsburgh for the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Procession. Anyone is welcome.
    - ❖ Pilgrimage on August 15 to a Marian Shrine in Thanksgiving for the Eucharistic Congress. Anyone is welcome.
  - + Visit the KIOSK at the back of Church for various resources for you and your friends. Also utilize FORMED (online or app), or these Apps: HALLOW, iCATHOLIC, AMEN
  - + On June 1<sup>st</sup> we will celebrate First Holy Communion at the 6:00 p.m. Mass and have a Eucharistic Procession. Please join us and keep our First Communion Candidates and families in your prayers.
  - + We have various ministries to serve one another: Bereavement, Knights of Columbus, Food Pantry, Sunshine Circle, Hospitality, Liturgical Ministries, Faith Studies for Adults, Faith Formation for Children and Youth, Children's Liturgy of the Word. Consider how you may want to get involved!