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Season of Lent 2020 Important Dates:

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, February 26 (Mass at 7:30am and 6pm)

Mass Times:

Sundays: Vigil: Saturdays: 5pm; Sundays: 8am and 10:30am

Weekdays: 7:30am everyday

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) **Schedule:** (The Sacrament is celebrated weekly ON SATURDAY'S throughout the year from 4-4:40pm or ANYTIME by request)

Additional opportunities:

Tuesday, March 3: 5:30pm-6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, March 11: THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU: Every Church in Erie County is open for Confession from 5-7pm (Stations of the Cross and Benediction will occur as usual)

Sunday, March 15: After 10:30am Mass

Wednesday, March 18: 5pm-6pm

Saturday, March 21: After 5pm Mass

Sunday, March 22: After 10:30am Mass

Tuesday, March 24: 5:30-6:30pm

Saturday, March 28: After 5pm Mass

Sunday, March 29: After 10:30am Mass

Wednesday, April 1: 5pm-6pm

Saturday, April 4: After 5pm Mass

Sunday, April 5: After 8am Mass

Tuesday, April 7: 8-9am and 6-7pm

Friday, April 10: After Good Friday Services

Saturday, April 11: 4-4:40pm

**Please see the Bulletin for Area Penance Service Dates and Times.*

Stations of the Cross with Benediction and Simple Supper (beginning at 6pm) on the following

Wednesdays:

March: 4, 11, 18, 25

April: 1, 8

Adoration:

8pm on Thursdays* (*schedule subject to change, please check weekly bulletin/myparishapp)

Friday, March 20: **24 HOURS FOR THE LORD at the Cathedral: St. Francis Xavier will have the 9pm-10pm Hour at the Cathedral. If you are interested, please sign up in the Gathering Space beginning the weekend of March 6/7)**

Friday, March 6 and Friday, April 3: 8am-6pm (First Friday Adoration)

Bible Study: Every Thursday from 7pm-8

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Other important events: (more information on our website, in our bulletin, myparishapp, and social media)

1. Operation Rice Bowl: We are taking part in this drive with our Religious Education Students. Rice Bowls will be available beginning Ash Wednesday at the entrances of the Church.
2. Homeless Shelter Drive: We are taking part in this drive with our Religious Education Students as well. Please see the information in the bulletin on how you can help!
3. The Shack and Lent: A two week presentation (on Tuesday, March 3 and 10) on the blockbuster book and how it can help us to live a Holy Lent: 7pm in the Church. (it would help for you to read the book beforehand, if possible).
4. Bible Study every Thursday from 7-8pm. All are welcome!
5. **Palm Sunday Weekend: April 4/5**
6. **Passion Play:** 7pm on Sunday, April 5 in the Church. Our Religious Education Students will help us understand the Passion better.
7. **Chrism Mass:** Monday, April 6 at 4pm in the Cathedral
8. **EASTER TRIDUUM:**
 - Holy Thursday** (April 9): *Mass at 7pm with Adoration until Midnight*
 - Good Friday** (April 10): *Service at 3pm with Confessions after*
 - Holy Saturday** (April 11): *Blessing of Food at 11am and Mass at 9pm*
 - Easter Sunday** (April 12): *8am and 1030am Masses*
9. Divine Mercy Sunday: April 19 -Regular Mass Schedule with Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed after all three Masses.
10. Carry your Lenten Commitments into the Easter Season!

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.

