

St. Irenaeus Catholic Church

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Lent is a season that we, as disciples, focus our efforts on drawing closer to God. Across the world, Christians journey individually and as communities, following the pattern of Jesus' sojourn in the wilderness, through practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

The Gospel readings during Lent speak of the challenges Jesus faced in the last weeks of his ministry – belligerence, resistance, suspicion, hostility, and threats. None of this stopped Jesus in his steady journey to Jerusalem and the Cross. Let us reflect on how we respond to burdens, challenges, and deep struggles on our spiritual journey.

The purpose of the practices of Lent include spiritual growth and conversion of heart. In these holy days, accept the invitation to listen to Jesus and deepen your response to his offer of love. With confidence and trust, we embrace our role as witness and follower once again in the journey to Calvary.

adopted from "2018 Sourcebook for Sundays, Season, and Weekdays"

Worship God!

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14

8:30am & 7pm – Mass with imposition of ashes

12 noon – Liturgy of the Word with imposition of ashes

Self-imposition of ashes available 9:30-11:45am, 12:30-6:30pm

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday at 8:30am

Saturday – 5pm, Sunday – 8, 9:45, and 11:30am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

7pm Fridays – February 16 thru March 23

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

9:15 – 11:45am First Tuesday of the month

7 – 8pm every Monday during Lent (except February 19)

HOLY THURSDAY, March 29

7pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, March 30

1:30pm – Liturgy and Adoration of the Cross

Seek Reconciliation with God!

Individual Confessions:

Every Saturday (except March 31) from 3:30 – 4pm

St. Irenaeus Communal Penance Service:

Sunday, March 18 at 3pm

Grow Your Faith!

Men's Prayer Group – 8-9am Saturdays: February 17, March 3 & 17

Bible Study – 10am-12 Thursdays: February 15 & 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22

Good Friday March 30 – Living Stations of the Cross presented by the St. Irenaeus Youth Group at noon. Liturgy begins at 1:30pm.

Retreat!

February 17 – 21, "The Way of Discipleship"

Featuring national speaker and author, Professor Emeritus at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, Fr. Tony Gittins, CSSp

- Homilist at all weekend liturgies and weekday morning Mass
- **Sunday Feb. 18, 3pm:** reflection on "Discipleship: What on Earth is it?" in Parish Hall - dinner to follow
- **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (Feb. 19-21) 9:15am:** reflection in Parish Hall
- **Monday & Tuesday (Feb. 19-20) 7pm:** reflection in Parish Hall

Pray, Fast, Give!

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting for those 18 through 59 years of age: eat one full meal as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those age 14 and older; this includes poultry and amphibians, but not fish and seafood. The idea is to eat simply to promote spiritual growth.

The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. See the parish bulletin and website for our parish's 2018 Lent almsgiving project.

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