

St. Irenaeus Catholic Church

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Ashes to Easter – Our Hope is in the Lord!

As we soon begin Lent, it may feel like we have already been through the desert wilderness this past year given our experiences with the pandemic, social isolation, and tensions in society. Now more than ever, we need HOPE... the transformative and joyful HOPE that only comes from a relationship with our loving God.

Lent gives us a perfect opportunity to journey together as a parish family. These 40 days provide us a time of reflection, action, and renewal in our relationship with Jesus and each other. The traditional spiritual practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving provide us with the tools for spiritual growth and conversion of heart.

Let us begin this season with a sense of purpose and hope and be confident that the Light of Christ can heal our innermost being and illuminate our path forward as a community of believers. And as Jesus' time in the desert prepared Him for public ministry, let us be mindful that we are all called to mission – to witness the Good News of Jesus Christ!

We wish you a blessed and fruitful Lent as we journey from Ashes to Easter. Our HOPE indeed is in the Lord!

Worship God!

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 17th (*Contactless Imposition of Ashes*)

9am & 7pm – Mass with imposition of ashes (RSVP)

Imposition by Minister – 11am – 6pm

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Monday and Wednesday at 9am

Saturday – 5pm, Sunday – 9:45am and 12pm (RSVP)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7pm Fridays – February 19 through March 26

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

7 – 8pm every Monday during Lent

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1

7pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper (RSVP)

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2

1pm – Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion (RSVP)

Seek Reconciliation with Our Loving Father!

Individual Confessions:

Every Saturday during Lent from 3:30 – 4pm

Lent Communal Penance Service at St. Irenaeus – Family of Parishes (with St. Andrew and St. Mary of the Hills)

Tuesday, March 16th at 7pm with Individual Confession

Act of Perfect Contrition – Opportunity for forgiveness for those UNABLE to attend Reconciliation due to COVID pandemic.

Grow in Your Relationship with Jesus!

- ***Embrace Daily Prayer*** – commit to a time and place to pray, either individually or with your family. Begin a habit of talking to God daily!
- ***Lenten Reflection Booklets*** – available beginning February 7 in Gathering Area. What is God asking of you this Lent?
- ***Daily Email of Lenten Reflections*** – by either Bishop Barron or Matthew Kelly (Dynamic Catholic); sign up on website or Facebook.
- ***Family Focused Lent*** – journey through Lent as a family; share meals, pray together, fast from social media, be quick to forgive, reach out to others, attend Adoration or Stations of the Cross.

Love and Serve Your Neighbor!

Be the hands and feet of Christ this Lent! Help us bless our hungry brothers and sisters served by Hope Shelter, Baldwin Center, and Manna Meal by making sandwiches, packing lunches, preparing dinner, and assembling 'Care-Pax'.

Support OCIMA to help improve the health, medical care, and education of the poor in Guatemala, Ecuador, and other countries.

To RSVP or for More Information

The Masses indicated with "RSVP" require advanced registration on the parish website due to our COVID safety protocols and capacity limits. You may also contact Patrick Barkey at pbarkey@stirenaeus.org or 248-651-9595 x 113 if you require assistance or do not use internet.

Please see the parish website and bulletin for updated and comprehensive information on Lenten activities; sign up for the parish email too – it takes just a moment!

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