

LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

Come to the banquet frequently during this season of Lent. “The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion is an intimate union with Christ Jesus. Indeed, the Lord said: ‘He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.’ Life in Christ has its foundation in the Eucharistic banquet.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1391).

Weekday Masses

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday
7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m.

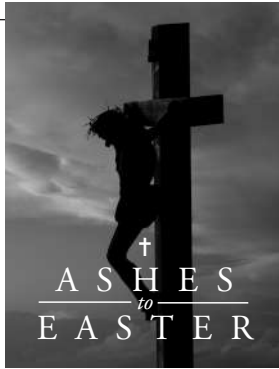
Saturday
7:00 a.m.

Lenten monthly before school Teen Mass - Friday, April 5 at 6:30 a.m. in the Maple Street Room. Breakfast bags will be provided and teens will be on their way to school by 7:00 a.m.

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil
5:00 p.m. (organ and cantor)

Sunday
7:00 a.m. (no music) 8:30 a.m. (organ and cantor)
10:00 a.m. (Youth Choir) 11:30 a.m. (Parish Choir)
5:00 p.m. (Teen Mass with contemporary music)



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Come receive God's forgiveness and mercy, even if it has been some time since your last confession. Your priests are here to help you. "Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them, 'Peace be to you!' And when he had said this he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples therefore rejoiced at the sight of the Lord. He therefore said to them again, 'Peace be to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.' When he had said this, he breathed upon them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained.'" John 20:19-23

First Fridays in Lent

One half hour before each Mass

Saturdays in Lent

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday, April 15

3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 19

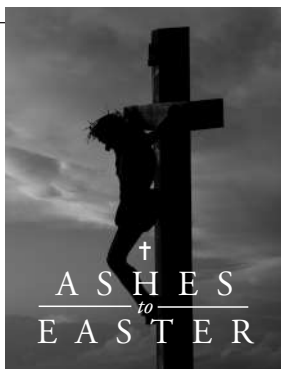
10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 20

10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. It is a time to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, Death, and Resurrection, and to connect what He encountered with our lives and realize Christ's love for us. Make this a weekly family devotion this Lent. "We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps."

**Every Friday in Lent at 7:30 p.m. in the church.
Each week a different Parish Ministry
leads the Stations of the Cross.**

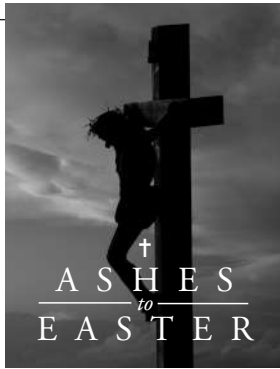
March 8, 15, 29 and April 5, 12 and 19

**March 22: Living Stations Hosted by
Youth Ministry**

Join us as our parish high school teens bring the stations to life through action, reading and music. These interactive stations are middle and high school oriented and designed to challenge and invite young people to reflect and join Jesus on His journey to Calvary. Adults are also encouraged to attend and support our young people.

**Religious Education-Stations of the Cross
(all are welcome)**

**Tuesday, March 26
Wednesday, March 27
6:15 - 7:00p.m.**

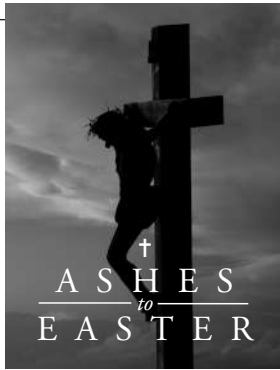


PRAY THE ROSARY IN COMMUNITY

**Lunchtime Rosary on Wednesdays
in Lent at 12:15 p.m. in the Chapel**

Teen Rosary

Thursday, April 4 at 6:45 p.m. in Stapleton Hall. Open to teens in grades 7-12. The Catholic Daughters and teens will join to pray a Rosary for Life at the Birthright Baby Shower. To attend, locate the sign up under youth@starcc.com at www.signupgenius.com



SPECIAL LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

Saturdays in the Maple Street Dining Room. Enter through the Maple Street kitchen door. Bible study begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 9:30 a.m. The doors open at 7:30 a.m. for casual discussion, refreshments and fellowship.

MEN'S MINISTRY

This Lent, we invite all men to join us for our 30-day Lenten Challenge and Meeting series
March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 & 11 at 7:30 p.m.
Maple Street Dining Room

A 30-day program that perfectly complements our meeting format and provides rich content for the 6 weekly meetings.

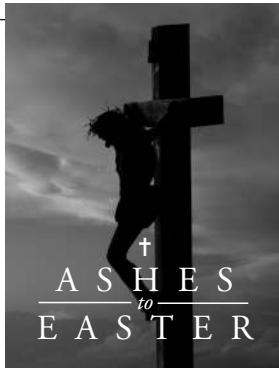
RSVP to St.Aloysius.Men@gmail.com

Sign up for the Challenge at www.MenRiseUp.Org

MEDITATION & MUSIC: VESPERS, INTERCESSORY PRAYER & CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel

In the tradition of our faith, you are invited to come together for Vespers at the end of the day to give God thanks for all that has happened in the day and to place ourselves in God's care during the night to come. The forty-five-minute service will include meditation on Scripture and intercessory prayer.



LENTEN SACRED MUSIC CONCERT

Sunday, March 17

2:00 p.m.

The Saint Aloysius Adult and Youth Choir join to sing John Rutter's choral masterpiece, the Requiem. The work is a musical setting of parts of the Latin Requiem Mass with added psalms and biblical verses in English. Rutter's music is beloved around the world for its timeless, memorable melodies, and masterful harmonies. The concert, presented with a chamber orchestra of strings, harp and organ, will be a wonderful Lenten musical offering highlighting God's faithfulness in this life and the next. Music celebrating St. Patrick's Day will also be presented.

A light reception will follow in Stapleton Hall.

TEEN DINNER 'N ADORATION: HERE I AM

Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY TEA

All Seniors of the Parish are invited to this intergenerational event hosted by some of our Emmaus Teens.

Sunday, March 24 3:00-4:00 p.m.

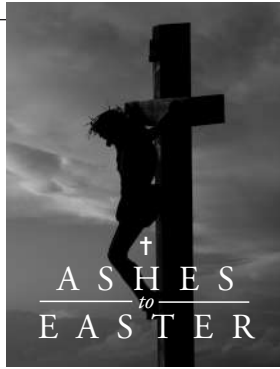
Stapleton Hall

To Attend, RSVP to Chris Otis at (203)652-1154

THE LAST SEVEN WORDS OF CHRIST

Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Teens are invited to the Youth Room for dinner and then to the darkened church to sit under the cross in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Their peers will guide them with scripture, reflection, music and silence. To attend, locate the sign up under youth@starcc.com at www.signupgenius.com



CATHOLIC PARENTS CONNECT: NEVER TOO YOUNG TO SERVE

Sunday, April 7 at the Hospitality Coffee in the St. Aloysius School Gym immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Family Mass.

Our young disciples and their parents/grandparents are invited to participate in Christian service to others as we shine God's love to children from low-income and single-mother households. Each family will bring a filled Easter basket and will be making Easter cards and praying for the families of the children who will receive our baskets.

To attend, locate the sign up under
youth@starcc.com at www.signupgenius.com

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

"God With Us"

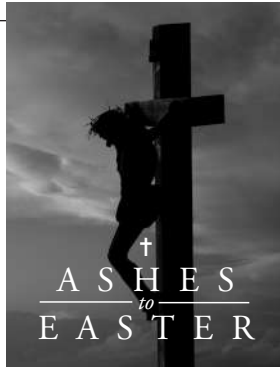
March 31 Family Afternoon in Stapleton Hall 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Journey with Jesus and encounter His miracles, His astonishing teaching and His unsurpassed bravery. Children and adults alike will be captivated by this account of Jesus' life, featuring vivid storytelling.

"King of Kings"

April 7 (Part 1) and April 14 (Part 2)
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Maple Street Dining Room

An American Biblical epic film that features a dramatization of the story of Jesus Christ from his birth and ministry to his crucifixion and resurrection.



IGNATIAN PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Saturday March 9, 16, 23 and

April 6

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Stapleton Hall

**Are you searching for deeper meaning and purpose in your life?
For a more personal relationship with God?
Are you interested in new ways of praying?
Fairfield University's Murphy Center for Ignation Spirituality
is offering a parish program that may satisfy your spiritual hunger!**

Based upon the life and teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola the focus of this pilgrimage will be on the practical methods of prayer and discernment that flow from St. Ignatius's own life experiences.

To register for this series please fill out the registration form located on www.starcc.com or in the Church Narthex.
Any questions please call (203)966-0020.

FORMED

FORMED is a free online resource for the all Saint Aloysius Parishioners. Go to the Parish Website (www.starcc.com) and click on the FORMED link located on the bottom right of the homepage. Explore the many films, lectures, and other resources available to you!

Here are three recommendations for Lent:

The Forgiven – A Lent to Remember
A five-part series of 30-minute videos.

My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent By Bishop Robert Barron

Journey through Lent with Dr. Tim Gray

HOLY MOMENTS

At Christmas, our gift to you was Matthew Kelly's book, "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity." In the book, we come to realize that it is possible that, just like the saints who have gone before us, we all can all be holy. We are introduced to the concept of Holy Moments. Matthew Kelly shares, *"A Holy Moment is a moment when you are being the person God created you to be, and you are doing what you believe God is calling you to do in that moment. It is an instance where you set aside self-interest, personal desire and what you feel like doing or would rather be doing and embrace what you believe will bring the most good to the most people in that moment."*

***It is our opportunity to
COLLABORATE WITH GOD!***

Our Parish Mission this Lent is to seek and create Holy Moments. Imagine how the world around us will be affected if we each strive to create just ONE Holy Moment each day! As we make an effort to know and do God's will, we are more closely attuned to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. This might start as a whisper, but over time, as we collaborate with God to create more and more Holy Moments, the voice will grow louder and clearer.

Will you and your family join us on this mission?

Ask Yourself . . .

"Lord, what is it that you want most for me and from me in this moment?"

If you do not have the book, we have limited supplies in the parish office. Come on by and pick one up.

***"Don't let the sun go down today without giving the world a Holy Moment.
Holiness is possible"
Matthew Kelly***

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, April 14

Vigil Mass, Saturday, April 13 at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Monday, April 15

7:00 a.m.

Mass (Church)

3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Confessions (Chapel)

5:30 p.m.

Mass

Tuesday, April 16

7:00 a.m.

Mass

12:15 p.m.

Mass

5:30 p.m.

Mass

Wednesday, April 17

7:00 a.m.

Mass

9:00 a.m.

Mass

5:30 p.m.

Mass

Holy Thursday, April 18

7:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer (Church)

7:00 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:30 p.m. – Midnight

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday, April 19

7:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer (Church)

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Confessions

12:00 Noon

Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Confessions

7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

The church will remain open for silent prayer until 9:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 20

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Confessions

12:30 p.m.

Blessing of Easter Food

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Confessions

8:00 p.m.

The Vigil of Easter

Blessing of the New Fire

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Blessing of Water

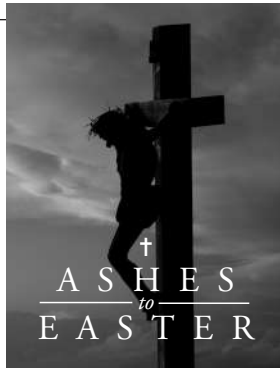
Sacraments of Initiation

for New Catholics

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 21

Masses at 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 (an additional Mass will be celebrated in the school gymnasium at 10:00), 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

Please note: No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday



LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. The Law of Abstinence pertains to abstaining from eating meat.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age to 59 years of age. Those who are bound by this regulation may take only one full meal a day, but are not prohibited from taking other food keeping in mind the reason for fasting and penance.

On weekdays of Lent, participation in **Daily Mass** is encouraged, as a self-imposed observance of fasting.

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. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is “a witness to fraternal charity” and “a work of justice pleasing to God.”

The Loaves and Fishes Program is a convenient way to give.

Envelopes for Loaves and Fishes are available in the Narthex. We as you to bring your contributions to any of the Masses during Lent.

You can also put your Loaves and Fishes donation in the Poor Box in the Narthex.