

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14

“Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return.” The imposition of ashes is a solemn ritual that signals the beginning of the holy season of Lent. When we come forward to receive ashes, we are saying that we are sorry for our sins, and that we want to use the season of Lent to correct our faults, purify our hearts, control our desires and grow in holiness so we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with great joy.

Commuter Ashes

5:00 a.m. to 6:15 a.m.

Distribution of ashes at the Cherry Street entrance of the church.

Wake Up & Witness for Teens

6:30 a.m. Prayer Service with distribution of ashes in the church. High school teens are encouraged to come receive their ashes before school. Breakfast bags will be served after the prayer service and teens will be on their way to school by 7am.

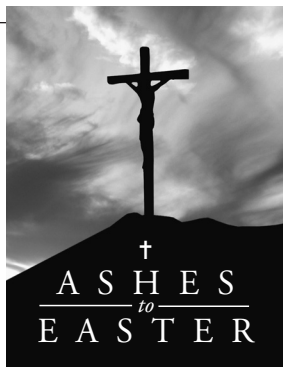
Masses with Distribution of Ashes

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Prayer service at 4:10 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Come spend quiet and reflective time in the Chapel anytime during Ash Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. The Lord knows your needs and desires. Come be in His presence and ask for guidance as you plan your Lent.



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.

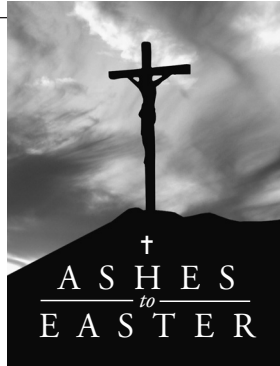
Saturday
7:00 a.m.

Starting March 2, Teen Mass every Friday in Lent 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. Teens – make the commitment to attend one extra Mass a week during Lent before school!

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil
5:30 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

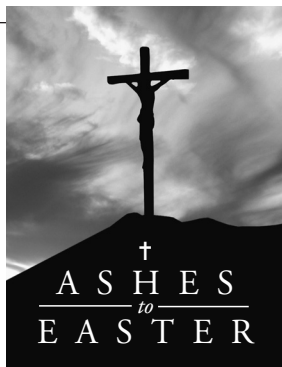
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Monday, March 26

3:00 p.m. - 9:00 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 7:00 p.m. in the church.
Each week a different Parish Ministry
leads the Stations of the Cross.**

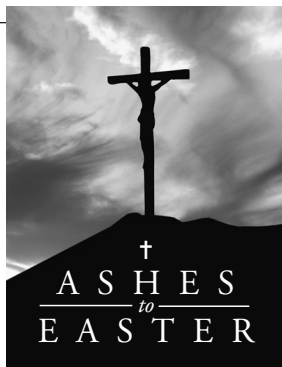
February 16 and 23. March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

March 30: Good Friday-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, February 27 at 6:15 p.m.
Thursday, March 1 at 4:00 p.m.**



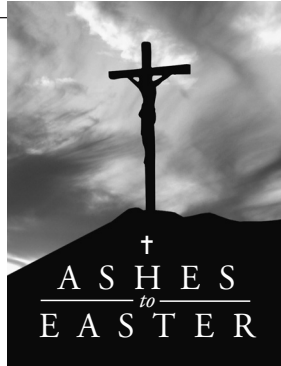
PRAY THE ROSARY IN COMMUNITY

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

Teen Rosary

Sliders & S'mores with Mary

Wednesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. in Stapleton Hall. Open to teens in grades 7-12. We begin in Stapleton Hall with a sliders supper and fellowship followed by a teen-friendly rosary around our indoor fireplace. To attend, locate 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. All men of the parish are invited to join together in prayer, scripture study and fellowship as they discuss The Book of Exodus. Try it for Lent! On Saturday, March 31, the group will hold its annual seasonal movie at a member's home.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Wednesday, March 7, Thursday, March 15, Thursday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m.

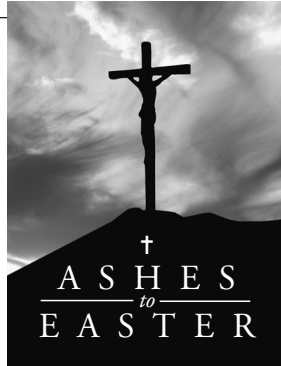
This Lent, we invite all men to join us at St. Aloysius Church to explore the role of Catholic men in today's world.

Please consult the parish website www.starcc.com for more details.

SUNG EVENING PRAYER

Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m

Come join together with members of our parish music ministry for an evening of beautiful and peaceful prayer. The musical setting will feature the St. Francis Evening Prayer, written by noted liturgical composer J. Michael Joncas. It is a setting of prayers, psalms, canticles and anthems following the Church's tradition of evening prayer. All are encouraged to come and pray the beautiful Liturgy of the Hours.



LENTEN SACRED MUSIC CONCERT

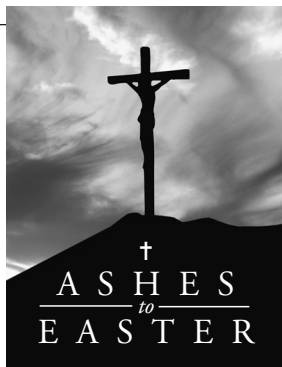
Wednesday, February 28 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Erick Sanchez and Becky Craig Doyon, accompanied by Dr. John Michniewicz will present a concert of contemporary and traditional sacred musical selections featuring tenor and soprano solos and duets. The inspiring program will present well-known sacred classics as well as beautiful modern selections offered in the spirit of prayer during the Lenten season.

TEEN DINNER 'N ADORATION: THE LAST SEVEN WORDS OF CHRIST

Wednesday, March 7 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 youth@starcc.com at www.signupgenius.com



**CATHOLIC PARENTS CONNECT:
NEVER TOO YOUNG TO SERVE**

Sunday, March 18 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.

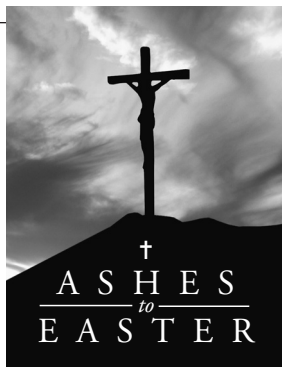
We will be assembling Easter Baskets and praying for the families of the children who will receive our baskets.

To attend, locate
youth@starcc.com at www.signupgenius.com

**MEDITATION & MUSIC: VESPERS, INTERCESSORY
PRAYER & CONTEMPORARY MUSIC**

Wednesday, March 28 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.



**THE GOSPEL, MERCY AND ME: THE
JOURNEY CONTINUES
March 17-21**

Do you think of your faith as an obligation or as a lifestyle?
We are all disciples on a journey. Father Jack Rathschmidt, our
parish retreat master returns to help us deepen our faith and discover
our own personal call. He will begin the journey at all of our
Masses the weekend of March 17-18.

**Morning Session
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

Join us for the 9:00 a.m. Mass, followed by a 45-minute retreat.

**Evening Session
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

Come at 6:30 p.m. to the candlelit church for soft music and quiet
prayer where we ask you to offer your own intentions in silence.

Teens and their parents especially invited on Wednesday night.
Can YOU answer the call to go beyond boundaries and
broaden your horizons as disciples of Jesus?

Rev. Jack Rathschmidt

A Capuchin Franciscan Friar, holds an M.Th. in spirituality from
the Weston College School of Theology and a Ph.D. from Fordham
University in Historical Theology. Presently a traveling preacher,
he has served as the Provincial of the Capuchins and helped form
young Capuchins for more than 30 years. Fr. Jack has spoken in
more than 60 dioceses in the United States, Asia and Africa.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 25

Vigil Mass, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

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

Monday

March 26

3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Confessions (Chapel)

Wednesday

March 28

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer and Meditation

Holy Thursday

March 29

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Meditation (Church)

12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m. Confessions (Chapel)

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Confessions (Chapel)

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

March 30

11:00 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

4:45 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Chapel)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Teen)

The church will remain open for silent prayer until 9:00 PM

Holy Saturday

March 31

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon Confessions

12:15 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food

3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Chapel)

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

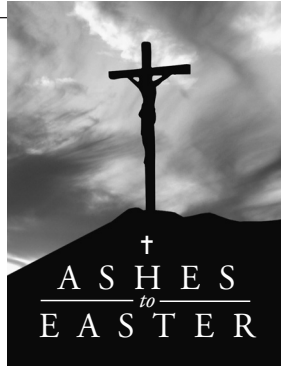
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 1

Masses at 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 (in church and gym), 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy following 12:45 p.m. Mass

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.

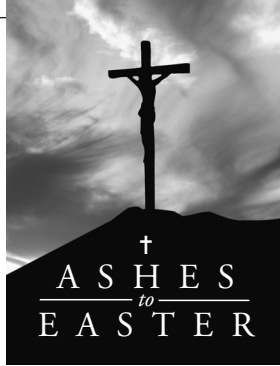
On weekdays of Lent, participation in **Daily Mass** is encouraged, as a self-imposed observance of fasting.

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.”

There are several special opportunities this year in our parish for almsgiving. Donations to the following ministries will be collected during the Lenten season:

Catholic Relief Services’ Operation Rice Bowl
Loaves & Fishes

Collection Boxes/Envelopes for these almsgiving opportunities are available in the narthex. We ask you to bring your contributions to any of the Masses the weekend of March 17-18.



STAY CONNECTED WITH...

Our Clergy

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Deacon Bill Santulli	deaconbill@starcc.com

We are here to serve you in moments of joy and sorrow and to answer your questions about our Catholic faith.

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Our Parish Bulletin

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