

February 18, 2024

Mass Intentions

First Sunday of Lent

Greetings Parishioners,

We have begun the 40 days of Lent. Lent is always a time for us to think about our relationships with our brothers and sisters. To work on that one thing which separates us or breaks our relationship with God. Lent is the time to build the broken bridges, by doing good works and building our relationship with God through prayer.

We have some changes in the Mass times. Please look in the bulletin at the insert we enclosed, so that you are well informed. I had to make these changes for your convenience and mine. If you have any questions, please call me or stop by the office.

Blessings from Fr. Cyril Fernandes

Collections for February 11, 2024

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 2,228.00
Loose	\$ 337.00
Candles	\$ 50.00
Building Repair	\$ 115.00
Religious Education	\$ 20.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 20.00
Total in pews:	\$ 2,770.00
 <u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 5,392.00
Repair Fund	\$ 320.00
Religious Education	\$ 115.00
Other	\$ 111.00
Total Online	\$ 5,938.00

February 17th Weekday (Saturday)
5:00 p.m. † Jerry & Jean Zorger

February 18th First Sunday of Lent
8 a.m. Parishioners
10:30 a.m. † Nancy Fries

February 19th Lenten Weekday (Mon.)
8:00 a.m. † Kathleen Fry

February 20th Weekday (Tuesday)
NO MASS

February 21st Lenten Weekday (Wed.)
5:00 p.m. † Guy Bixel

February 22nd St. Peter the Apostle (Thurs.)
8:00 a.m. † Carolyn Hinen

February 23rd Lenten Weekday (Friday)
6:30 p.m. † Dorothy Alles
Stations and Mass following

February 24th Lenten Weekday (Sat.)
5:00 p.m. † George & Jason Crowe

February 25th Second Sunday of Lent
8 a.m. Parishioners
10:30 a.m. † Justin Hinen

Installation for our new Priest

February 25th at 10:30 a.m. Mass we will be having the Installation Mass at our church. Fr. Mark Gurtner will be the presiding priest for that Mass.

Afterwards, we will have a celebration party over in the community center, where all are invited. Please mark your calendars as we officially welcome Fr. Fernandes as

our priest!

We would like to make this a carry in and the church will supply the meats and drinks and would appreciate the parishioners can bring in, salads, side dishes and desserts.

A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Please make sure to indicate the number of people in your family who are attending the party.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

February 12, 2024

Families served **127** Total people **44**

New clients **0** Gas cards **1**

Your ongoing support whether that is financial, food donations, volunteering of your time, talent and last, but not least, your prayers are each example of Jesus calls for us to love our neighbor.

NEEDS:

Specific pantry needs: Canned meat, cereal, noodles, cake mixes and spices.

If you would like to help with St. Vincent DePaul, please contact the office and leave a message for Sara St. Clair.

Thank you so very much for your ongoing support! Please keep in mind that St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is open

EVERY Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If Monday falls directly on a holiday, the pantry will not be open. Evening hours are the third Monday of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Cookie Donation Request

The Knights of Columbus are having

their annual fish fry on March 8th.

They are asking for donations of cookies for the fish fry. So, all you wonderful bakers out there, make sure you sign up. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex on the information table.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Mark your calendars for the annual fish fry by the Knights of Columbus. The fish fry will take place on Friday March 8th. It will be a drive thru only at our community center and will cost \$12.00 each meal, they will be accepting cash or check. The meals of course, have Fish, cole slaw, beans and cookies. The start time is at 4:30 p.m. till 7:30 p.m. Please bring your appetite!

SECOND COLLECTION UPDATE

This weekend we will have the collection for Black & Indian Missions. If you are not able to give this weekend, we will keep this donation time open for a while before I send the funds to the Diocese.

Our next special collection is scheduled for March 10th weekend. It will be for Catholic Relief Services. Thank you!

10 THINGS TO DO WHEN YOUR LENT PLAN FAILS

 ACCEPT IT ACCEPT IF AND HOW YOUR PLAN HAS FAILED	 GO TO CONFESSION MAKE AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE AND START OVER	 GET BACK UP REMEMBER YOUR LENTEN RESOLUTIONS AND BEGIN AGAIN	 WHAT WENT WRONG? PONDER ON THE SERIES OF EVENTS THAT LED YOU HERE	 PRAY PRAYER HELPS YOU REVIVE YOUR SOUL. LISTEN TO GOD'S VOICE
 FAST FASTING ENABLES US TO DOMINATE OUR DESIRES	 GIVE ALMS WHEN WE GIVE ALMS, WE DO OURSELVES AND OTHERS A GREAT THING	 LISTEN FOLLOW THE ADVICE FROM THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE	 FOCUS FOCUS ON ACCOMPLISHING WHAT YOU SET OUT TO DO	 ASK FOR HELP LEAN ON YOUR FRIENDS, PRIEST, MENTORS, AND FAMILY

SOURCE: CATHOLICEXCHANGE.COM



WEEKLY LENTEN RESOLUTIONS

(FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T STARTED YET)

MO PRAY OFFER THIS WEEK AS A SACRIFICE TO THE LORD	TU GIVE BE GENEROUS WITH THE GIFTS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU
WE THANK THANK THOSE WHO SHOW YOU THE GOODNESS OF GOD	TH SERVE THINK OF OTHER PEOPLE'S NEEDS
SA BE QUIET BE SILENT, KEEP YOUR INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR QUIET	FR FAST FROM EVERYTHING THAT KEEPS YOU AWAY FROM GOD
SU REFLECT THINK OF THIS PAST WEEK AND HOW YOU CAN IMPROVE	"WHATEVER YOU EAT, THEN, OR DRINK, AND WHATEVER ELSE YOU DO, DO IT ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD." 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31



Weekdays Masses

Monday: 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday: No Mass

Wednesday: 5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. (During Lent there will be NO morning Mass. Stations of the Cross will be at 6:30 p.m. with Mass following)

Saturday: No 9:00 a.m. Mass

Weekends

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Adoration Holy Hour

Wednesday: One hour before Mass

Every Friday: 8:30 a.m. till 7:00 p.m.

During Lent: Friday, Stations of the Cross at 11:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. with Mass following.

Confessions

Wednesdays: One hour before 5:00 p.m. Mass

Saturdays: One hour before the 5:00 p.m. Mass

No appointment is needed. Either stop by the church or call ahead to be sure Father is here and available. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this, please call Fr. Cyril Fernandes at 260-244-5723

Rev. Cyril Fernandes

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Pastor

St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church

Columbia City, Indiana

2024 SPRING LEGACY OF LIFE BANQUETS

BANQUET TABLE/TICKET ORDER FORM



Keynote Speaker:
Mike Fichter

Banquet Date: Monday, March 18, 2024
Carver Center, Indian Spring Middle School
Columbia City, IN

Doors Open at 6:00pm Dinner at 6:30pm



Emcee:
Nicki Venable

Saint Paul of the Cross will be sponsoring a table at the Columbia City Legacy of Life Banquet hosted by Right to Life of North Central Indiana on Monday, March 18th. If you would like to attend and sit at the parish table please contact Kim.



Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday throughout Lent. Stations will be prayed twice a day, at 11:00 a.m. and at 6:30 pm FOLLOWED BY MASS. This is a beautiful tradition of the Church and would be a wonderful addition to your spiritual life in Lent. Please bring your family and meditate with us on the Passion of Jesus.



**ON FRIDAYS
DURING LENT
MASS WILL
FOLLOW THE
STATIONS OF
THE CROSS
THAT BEGIN AT
6:30PM**

Installation Mass

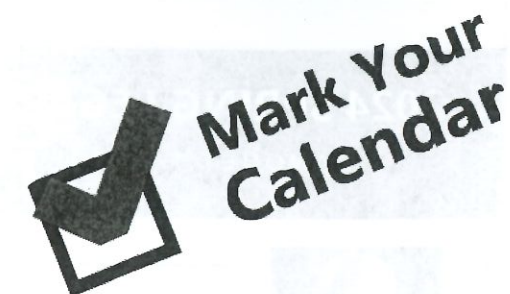
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The parish will provide the meat for the meal. We are asking parishioners to bring a dish to pass. You can sign up in the Narthex or by scanning this QR code:



FRIDAY ADORATION SIGN UP

Please sign up to cover an hour of Adoration on Fridays during the month of March. Adoration goes from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. EVERY Friday. You can sign up for an hour or for a 1/2 hour spot. Every spot must be filled. We'd like to have at least 2 people signed up for every hour



The next HOLY HOUR OF POWER will be on Friday, March 8th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Following HHP we will have Stations of the Cross and Mass. This is a beautiful opportunity to spend an extended amount of time in prayer as part of your Lenten journey.

THE FOURTH QUARTER OF YOUR LIFE

"Football games are won or lost in the fourth quarter. We have all seen it. It's heartbreaking. But it's just a game. Life isn't. There is a lot more at stake. What's at stake? Everything."

ARC will return on Wednesday, February 21st from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Deacon Joe Community Center. Kevin Rupp will be concluding his series "The Fourth Quarter of Your Life".