

Lent 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Shrove Tuesday

Pancake & Sausage Supper February 13

Feast before the Fast!
Hosted by Parish Council &
Knights of Columbus
5:00-7:00pm—Hall
Free will offering for Poor Box

Ash Wednesday

February 14

Masses:

6:30a.m. & 9:00a.m.—SE Church
7:00pm—SB Church

Soup & Bread Dinner

Hosted by Sodality
5:00-7:00p.m.—Hall
Free will offering for CHOICES

Lenten Fish Dinners

February 23 & March 16

Hosted by Knights of Columbus
5:00-7:00pm—Hall
Stations—7pm—SB Church

Communal Anointing of the Sick

February 11

at 11:15a.m. Mass—SE Church

Lenten Adult

Faith Formation

February 18 & March 18

in Parish Hall during hospitality
Catholicism Series
9:45-10:45A.M

March 1 & March 15

w/Deacon Jopp & Fr. Gabage
Pivotal Players
7:00—9:00pm - Parish Hall

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays—4:30-5:10pm—
St. Elizabeth Church

Third Sunday of each month

February 18 & March 18
9:45-10:15am—SB Church

March 21

Lenten Penance Service



Pope Francis reminds us that, "Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: **fasting, prayer and almsgiving**. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply." The fasting that we all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is an effort to share this world equally—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor.

PRAY

"Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever." (Collect for Ash Wednesday)

FAST

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of total abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, a law which binds all Catholics over 14 years of age. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th year until and including their 59th year.



GIVE

Make a special sacrifice this Lent. Rice Bowls can be picked up at church beginning on Ash Wednesday. Donations through these boxes will benefit the work of Catholic Relief Services. CRS is the U.S. Bishops response to the needs of the world. It educates people and societies to be self-sufficient through food/education exchange programs. Rice Bowl offerings are collected

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS



At St. Elizabeth Church ~ 7:00p.m.

- February 16, March 2 and March 23

At St. Benedict Church ~ 7:00p.m.

- February 23 ~ after Fish Dinner
- March 9 ~ Living Stations presented by our Youth Ministry
- March 16 ~ after Fish Dinner
- March 30 ~ Good Friday (@ 3:00p.m.)

In Spanish ~ 5:30p.m.

- February 16 @ St. Elizabeth Church
- March 23 @ St. Elizabeth Church