

First Sunday of Lent March 1, 2020

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

<u>IT'S FOOD SUNDAY:</u> Baskets are out for Simple Supper, which funds our Transition Projects dinners, and the food pantry at Immaculate Heart Parish.

<u>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME</u> begins next weekend. Remember to spring ahead one hour when you go to bed on Saturday night.

<u>LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE/ SOUP & BREAD SUPPERS:</u> On Tuesdays during Lent, beginning Tuesday, March 3rd and continuing through March 31, we will gather for a 6:00 PM Lenten Prayer Service followed by a simple meal of soup and bread. This is a wonderful tradition at St. Elizabeth's, and we hope that everyone can enjoy at least one of our Tuesday night gatherings during Lent.

A SIGN-UP SHEET for next Tuesday, March 3rd is in the gathering area.

<u>HELP NEEDED:</u> We need someone willing to arrive by 5:30pm before the 6:00pm Lenten Prayer Service to make certain the food is set out properly. If you can help, please indicate on the sign-up sheet.

JOIN THE CHOIR FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER! If you enjoy singing or if you play an instrument, please consider joining our choir for Holy Week & Easter.

CHOIR PRACTICE is every Tuesday, now through April 7 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS FOR LENT:

Drive Through History: The Gospels: The Extraordinary Life of Jesus of Nazareth will meet on Tuesdays, March 3 – April 7 from 4:15pm to 5:45pm in the Little House next door. This group is led by Sharon Finley.

Bishop Barron's Word on Fire: Conversion: Following the Call of Christ

will meet on Wednesdays, March 11 – April 8 from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm at the O'Scannlain Residence and will be led by the O'Scannlains.

Flyers with additional info on both groups are available next to the sign-up sheets in the gathering area.

<u>Catholic Relief Services RICE BOWL:</u> The materials are out if you'd like to participate in Rice Bowl this Lent. Twenty-five percent of the Rice Bowl collection is awarded in small grants to parishes or parish-supported organizations to supplement their charitable efforts addressing hunger and poverty.

READING/MEDITATION MATERIAL AVAILABLE FOR LENT:

The Parish has reading materials for Lent available in the gathering area. Please take only what you will use.

We begin the forty-day Lenten journey in the desert where the new Adam becomes freer as the conscience becomes sharper. United with all who are suffering from famine and oppression, Jesus, the new Moses, relives the forty years of Israel's struggle in the solitude of the exodus. Through the descriptive narration of this ordeal, the evangelists suggest that Jesus, true God and true man, was tempted by Satan throughout his life.

Jesus' mission is the focus of his adversary's attack. Would he be able to accept being poor, ignored and weak? Would he be able to refrain from selling short the reality of his incarnation by using miracles, force and seduction as if he were superhuman? Would he be the Servant-Son according to the heart of God, or Prometheus, relying upon his own power to steal fire from heaven? Every time Jesus felt in his heart the temptation to be a worldly messiah, he rejected it, relying solely on the word of God. He fled the crowds who clamored for his marvels and wished to make him king. He rebuked Peter who came between him and the way to his passion. Jesus wished to drink the bitter cup of his death, not to save himself once he was nailed upon the cross.

This stands as a strong judgment against many of our choices, our appetite for consumerism, our solicitation of profit and our unbridled ambition. How can we set up priorities at the beginning of Lent without contemplating Jesus who is turned toward the one source of all his actions, the word of God?

Every spring, during the <u>SW HOPE FEED THE HUNGRY CAMPAIGN</u>, local faith communities and businesses in Southwest Portland partner together to raise food and money for Neighborhood House's food pantry. Neighborhood House's food pantry is the largest food pantry on the west side of Portland, providing emergency food boxes to more than 1,400 people a month. This year, St. Elizabeth will be a food collection location. During the campaign, please place any food to be donated in the blue Neighborhood House barrel(s) located in the gathering area (there is a list of most needed food items on the barrel) or you may make a cash/check donation by placing an envelope in the regular collection with "Feed the Hungry Campaign" written on it. A list of campaign events and additional information is available in the bulletin insert. Thank you for helping our less fortunate neighbors!

RECONCILIATION SERVICES DURING LENT:

March 7	10:00 am	Our Lady of the Lake
March 11	7:00 pm	Resurrection
March 19	7:00 pm	St John Fisher
March 24	7:00 pm	St. Cyril
March 31	7:00 pm	St Anthony
April 1	7:00 pm	Our Lady of the Lake
April 3	7:00 pm	St. Clare
	to be determined!	

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Baptism and Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office.

Marriage: Six months' notice required.

COLLECTION: Last Sunday \$3,320.00 THANK YOU!

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND- March 7th & 8th:

Saturday Wine & Cheese - Stark, Bozich & Peck

9:00 AM - Tom & Traci Galbraith

11:00 AM - Kerry & Anne Heisler

Please come early. If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you!

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: First Sunday of Lent. Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7/ Psalm 51/ Romans 5:12-19/

Matthew 4:1-11.

Monday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/ Psalm 19/ Matthew 25:31-46.

Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11/ Psalm 34/ Matthew 6:7-15. Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10/ Psalm 51/ Luke 11:29-32.

Thursday: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25/ Psalm 138/ Matthew 7:7-12.

Friday: Ezekiel 18:21-28/ Psalm 130/ Matthew 5:20-26.

Saturday: Deuteronomy 26:16-19/ Psalm 119/ Matthew 5:43-48.

Next Sun: Second Sunday of Lent. Genesis 12:1-4a/Psalm 33/2 Timothy 1:8b-10/

Matthew 17:1-9.