

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent is a time to seek the Lord in prayer and scripture; it is a time for almsgiving, self-control and sacrifice. The tradition of abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent is a long-standing Catholic tradition.

Additionally, there are many ways to practice self-control and fast throughout the Lenten season. We will share some thoughts on this in the weeks to come. For now, I encourage all of you to read Pope Francis' message for Lent 2018: "Because of the increase of inequity, the love of many will grow cold" (Mt 24:12). Following is an excerpt from the Holy Father's message which he extends to all men and women of good will, who are open to hearing God's voice.

"Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew."

On the journey,

Fr. Dennis G. Lewandowski

Below is the link to Pope Francis message for lent 2018.

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/len/documents/papa-francesco_20171101_messaggio-quaresima2018.html

Ash Wednesday – February 14, 2018

Mass with Ashes at 9:00am and 7:00 pm

Prayer Service with Ashes at 4:00 and 5:45pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Sunday during Lent

February 18 to March 19 at 12:15pm

Holy Spirit Catholic Community

Lenten Family Event

Feb. 14, 4:00 to 7:00pm, Drop in any time

Grilled Cheese Sandwich
and Tomato Soup Dinner
\$5.00 per family

Make and Take Project and more
\$5.00 per family

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday: 4:30pm (confessions at 3:30pm)
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am

Week Days Mass at 9:00am:

Monday- Friday Mass
during Lent

The Catholic Church is able to carry out its good works in large part due to the generosity of her people. Catholics financially support their Church primarily through the Sunday offertory collection.

Holy Spirit Catholic Community has 2,525 registered families.

Weekly collections for February 3-4: \$22,543 .

Thank you for your generosity!

*We pray for those who are sick, especially:
Pam Kendrick and Jean Gerkin.
We also pray for and remember
those who have gone to eternal life, especially:
Francis Matusik.*

For the complete Prayer List visit :
<http://hsccl.us/pastoral-prayer-network.php>
Joliet Diocese Vocations Prayer Calendar, visit:
www.dioceseofjoliet.org/vocations

A message from Bishop Conlon:

This year Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day coincide (February 14). For adult Catholics Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat, to signify the beginning of Lent. Valentine's Day is a wonderful occasion to express love and appreciation but not significant enough to override the seriousness of Ash Wednesday. Priests and bishops do not grant individual dispensations from the discipline of fasting and abstinence. An individual could judge in conscience, on his or her own, that there is a serious enough reason to excuse oneself. Maybe this year people could celebrate Valentine's Day on Tuesday or Thursday.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

Stephen Ministry

Love One Another as I Have Loved You . . .



In John 15:12, Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor's job—it's something Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who most need it.

If you or someone you know is going through a difficult time, contact **Kathy Ford, Stephen Ministry Coordinator** at the Church-630-922-0081 ex 28. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care—to help that person experience the healing power of Christ's love.

Saturday, February 10, 2018

- TMIY - That Man Is You in Gathering Place (7:00 AM)

Sunday, February 11, 2018

- RCIA in Multipurpose Room (9:00 AM)
- Baptisms in Worship Space and Narthex (12:30 PM)

Monday, February 12, 2018

- Stephen Ministry in Gathering Place (7:00 PM)

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

- Korean Cenacle Prayer in Gathering Place (10:00 AM)

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

- Lenten Family Event (4:30 PM)

Thursday, February 15, 2018

- Youth Group in Gathering Place (7:00 PM)

Saturday, February 17, 2018

- TMIY - That Man Is You in Gathering Place (7:00 AM)
- Ministers of Care in OFF SITE Event (9:00 AM)

Sunday, February 18, 2018

- RCIA in Multipurpose Room (9:00 AM)
- Stations of the Cross in Worship Space (12:15 PM)

Don't Give Up Chocolate For Lent (Dynamic Catholic)

Lenten Family Event Wednesday, February 14

Drop in anytime between 4:30-7:00 PM
Prayer Service with Ashes 4:00 PM and 5:45 PM

Soup and Grilled Cheese Dinner

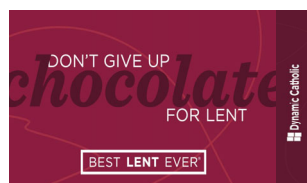
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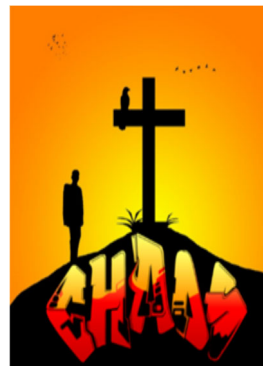
\$5.00 per project

Service Project

Hands-On Area



Register at www.hsccl.us/event!



CHAOS

Thursday
February 15th
7:00 - 8:15 pm
at Holy Spirit.

Our middle school youth group will be having its next youth night Thursday February 15 at 7:00 pm. Join us for food, faith, games & community.

Please contact Sean Curtis at echo2@hsccl.us with any questions.

Music Ministry Opportunities:

Triduum and Easter Choir: Adults & Teens

This short-term choir will sing for Masses on Holy Thursday (March 29, 7 PM), Good Friday (March 30, 7 PM), Holy Saturday/Easter vigil (March 31, 7:30pm), and Easter Sunday (10am). Singing all masses is preferred; if you cannot attend all of the masses, contact the director as flexible arrangements may be possible.



Five rehearsals will be held: March 1, 8, 15, 22 (all Thursdays from 7-9pm) and one Sunday rehearsal from 1:00-3:00pm on March 18. Participants must attend four out of the five rehearsals. Contact Rachelle Kramer, Director of Music, if you can participate at music@hsccl.us, or come to the first rehearsal.

Mass Intentions & Liturgical Ministers				
Mass Intentions	Saturday, February 10 4:30 PM Emma Nolan, wife of Fran Nolan	Sunday, February 11 8:00 AM Mary Ann Rubino	Sunday, February 11 9:30 AM People of Holy Spirit	Sunday, February 11 11:00 AM Vince Salerno, friend of the D'Agostino family
Patens	*Kevin Kappra, Don Cervenka, Sandra McLamore, William Griffith, Mariann Costello	*Lisa Ryba, Deacon Mike Ryba, Pita Rina	*Stephen Sherwin, Deacon Carlos Rubio, Thomas Casey, Judy Barrick, Patrick Noonan	*Lorrie Adamson, Susan Silhavy, Melissa Allsteadt, Nina Vittori, Sheila Domingos
Chalice	*Grace Griffith, Sue Gannon, Kristen Zeller	*Deborah Newson, Jackie Gieser	*Jeffrey Horwath, Jeff Allsteadt, Ellie Andrews	*Anthony A Edeh, Julie Zipperich, Patrick Anyaegbunam
Lectors	Stephen Sherwin, David Kammes	Kathy Hohnstedt, Joe Mazur	Chuck Kaloczi, Christopher Wrobel	Henry Sharum, Nneka Anyaegbunam
Acolytes	Grant Larkin, Elizabeth Hall	Calista Wold, Alex Wold	Donovan Watson, Charlie Watson	Lara Risdon, Adrian de Guzman
Greeter	*John Rudel, Michael Fairchild, Mike Peske, Kelly Larkin, Fred & Mary Nolan	*Kurt Jarvie, Mike Blosser, Corinne & Jim Haviley, Carl Homolka, Vivian Homolka	*Gregory Kestler, Angela Strohbeck, Jacob Strohbeck, Sara Strohbeck, Rich Strohbeck, Caleb Strohbeck, Anne Carreras, Theresa Watson	*John Rudel, Renata Pupik, Dariusz Pupik, Nicholas Fiordaliso, Jim Georgi
Monday, February 12 9:00 AM Bernard Kestel	Tuesday, February 13 9:00AM People of Holy Spirit	Wednesday, February 14 9:00AM People of Holy Spirit	Thursdays and Fridays 9:00AM People of Holy Spirit	Thursdays and Fridays 9:00AM People of Holy Spirit

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Mindfulness in Marriage,
Living and Loving in the Moment



The Inter-parish Marriage Enrichment Team (IMET) will present its 10th annual Marriage Enrichment, Saturday March 10th from 9:15am-1:15 pm. Bishop R. Daniel Conlon will deliver the opening prayer.

Explore ways to stay in the present, slow down, pay attention and communicate from the heart.

Tickets are \$30/couple or \$15/person if purchased prior to 2/14 online. Information and tickets at www.imetevents.org.

Contact Sue & Mark Bonucchi, HSCC parishioners sbonucchi@hotmail.com for more information.