

## Upcoming Events - Parish

Events for Lent are listed in the newsletter

March 29: Palm Sunday Pasta Dinner 12:30 - 3:00PM Family Life Center

## Calendar - YFF & Sacraments

2/22: Regular Class

3/1: Regular Class

**2:00 - 3:30 Confirmation Class #4**

3/8: Regular Class (NO SNACK FOR LENT)

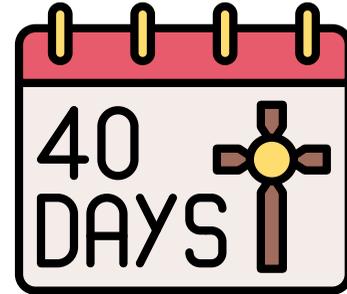
**3/15: NO YFF CLASS**

3/22: Regular Class

**2:00 - 3:30 First Eucharist Class #1**

3/29: Regular Class

**4/5: NO YFF CLASS (HAPPY EASTER)**



## Saint Michael Parish Youth Faith Formation Lent 2026



From Miss Fessler:

It is so hard to believe that we are in Lent. It is one of the most holy times of our Church year, marked by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (acts of heartfelt charity). It is also the final preparation for those adults who will be entering the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please hold in your prayers: Jameson, Laura, Deena, Ethan, and Shaun who will be receiving all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist), and Chad and Evan who will be received into full communion (Confirmation and Eucharist). These seven people have been studying, praying, and walking the journey of conversion for many months. They need as many prayers as possible as they begin the final journey of initiation.

I want to point out some special opportunities for all of us to make Lent special: our Wednesday evening devotions. Starting February 25 and ending March 25, each Wednesday will be an evening of prayer and reflection. Each evening starts at 7:00 PM. I am grateful to Barbara Spencer for facilitating the topics of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Here are the dates and topics:

February 25: Holy Hour with a reflection on Prayer

March 4: "Light is On" Penance Service\*

March 11: Holy Hour with a reflection on Fasting

March 18: Holy Hour with a reflection on Almsgiving

March 25: Annunciation / Stations of the Cross (Father Lavelle will lead)

\*The Parish Penance Service is a wonderful opportunity to experience the mercy and forgiveness of God. If you haven't gone to the Sacrament of Reconciliation in "a while", please let this be the year. God's only care is that you are open to his love. If you need a refresher or support, please reach out to me. I am here for you.

God bless,

*Miss Fessler*



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### YFF is on Instagram!

Did you know that YFF has an Instagram account? It is called "@learningfaithtogether" and you can find and follow it here:



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Please remember if you are out of town and unable to make it to Mass here at Saint Michael, take a picture of your family with the bulletin in the church and send it to Miss Fessler.

### Fill the Freedom Food Pantry

3rd Annual Food Drive for Veteran's Outreach

Thank you for your generosity! Pictures will be posted in March on our Social Media.

If you are interested in learning more about Veteran's Outreach, check out their website:

<https://veteransoutreach.org/>

### Clean Up Your Act for Lent

Our annual Parish hygiene and cleaning supplies collection has begun. If you are able please help us fill the Catholic Charities cupboard with basic hygiene and cleaning supplies. Deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, laundry soap, shampoo, sponges, feminine products, and other items are not covered by SNAP benefits.

### Why Do We Do That at Mass?

#### How many parts are there to Mass?

Growing up, I was taught there are two main parts of Mass: Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of of the Eucharist. I think my teachers at Saint Martin of Tours in Buffalo, NY were trying to keep it simple. However, in reality there are 4 parts of Mass.

Introductory Rites

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Eucharist

(\*Rite of Eucharist is sometimes separated out)

Concluding Rites

Within each of these parts we are reminded of the greatest gift of Jesus in the sacrifice of the Paschal Mystery. We also discover that nearly 90% of Mass is directly from the Bible, and I don't mean only the readings. I will add a link to the YFF page on the parish website that will give you information showing the roots of the Mass in the Bible.

*Next month: Why are there some changes in music for Lent?*

### Monthly Prayer

#### The March (Lent) Montly Prayer is:

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

Please pray the Act of Contrition with your children throughout the month at home.

We will be praying it during class time.



### Spotlight on: Lent and Holy Week at Saint Michael

Hopefully, you received the card in the mail with the schedule for Lent and Holy Week. In case it was put "someplace safe," here are the details of what is happening at Saint Michael for Lent and Holy Week.

#### Friday Lenten Devotions

Fridays, February 20 - March 27

8:00 AM Mass followed by

Stations of the Cross at 8:30 AM.

#### Parish Penance Service

Wednesday March 4 - 7:00 PM

#### Wednesday Lenten Devotions

Wednesdays, February 25 - March 25

All are at 7:00 PM. See the front page for details on each day.

#### Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 28 - 4:00 PM Mass

March 29 - 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM Masses

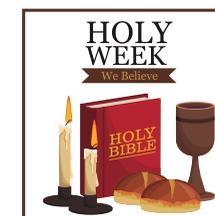
#### Holy Thursday - The Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 2 - 7:00 PM Mass, followed by

Adoration until 10:00 PM Night Prayer

#### Good Friday - The Passion of the Lord

Friday April 3 - 7:00 PM Service



#### Blessing of Easter Food

Saturday April 4 - 10:00 AM

Parish Hall

#### The Great Easter Vigil

Saturday April 4 - 8:00 PM

#### Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday April 5 - 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM Masses