

## Upcoming Events

- 3/8, 15, 22: 8:00 am Mass, 8:30 am Stations of the Cross AND  
4-7 pm Parish Fish Frys
- 3/23, 24: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (regular Mass times)
- 3/28: Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 pm;  
Adoration immediately following; 10 pm Night Prayer
- 3/29: Good Friday - The Passion of the Lord 7 pm
- 3/30: Blessing of Easter Food - 10 am, Parish Hall  
The Easter Vigil - 8 pm
- 3/31: Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord (regular Mass times)

## Calendar

- 3/3: Regular Class  
\*\* Parent Session: Lent and the Seven Sorrows of Mary
- 3/10: Regular Class  
First Eucharist Class, 2PM (Parish Hall)
- 3/17: Regular Class
- 3/24: Regular Class  
Confirmation Class with Sponsor, 2PM (Parish Hall)
- 3/31: **NO CLASS: Happy Easter!**



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From Miss Fessler:

As we fast approach Easter at the end of this month, I reflect back on my own realization of the sacredness of the Triduum, the three days that mark the fullness of salvation and cornerstone of our journey of faith: *Holy Thursday*: the day Christ instituted the Eucharist; *Good Friday*, the day Christ gave his life for us; *Holy Saturday*, the night Christ conquered death and rose from the dead.

Growing up, both my parents worked and didn't take my sister and me to these liturgical celebrations. When I joined the parish choir in high school, I experienced them for the first time in my memory. Holy Week 1987 was the week my life was forever changed.

To this day, I find myself reflecting on the same things as I did in 1987. I think of the look on the apostles faces as Jesus kneels and washes their feet. I think of Jesus praying the garden, begging God for another way and yet accepting God's will. Would I yell, "crucify him"? Would I deny him? Would I stay and weep as he passed on the road with the cross? I think of Mary, watching her only child die a brutal and painful death. Would I join the women who went out so early on Sunday morning to properly prepare Jesus' body only to be the first to learn that Jesus has risen?

1987 is the year I truly understood Easter joy. Perhaps that was when God planted the seed in me for my lifelong journey of ministry in the Church. I do know with absolute certainty: Holy Week is the best week of the Church year. It is an emotional rollercoaster, but worth every moment of it.

God bless,

*Miss Fessler*



## Spotlight on: Holy Week

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: We start the holiest week of the Church year rejoicing as Jesus enters Jerusalem then recount his passion and death on the cross.

Chrism Mass: Tuesday of Holy Week when Bishop Bonnar blesses the sacred oils:

Oil of the Catechuminate, Oil of the Sick, and Sacred Chrism.

Holy Thursday: The Mass of the Lord's Supper. Father Lavelle washes feet to remember the call to be servants. We commemorate the institution of the Eucharist. We spend time in adoration of Christ in the Eucharist. It is our time to sit and pray with Jesus as his apostles did in the garden.

Good Friday: Passion of the Lord. The day when no Mass is celebrated in the Church. We venerate the cross, pray very special universal prayers and receive Communion that was consecrated on Holy Thursday.

Holy Saturday: the most sacred of our liturgical celebrations. We celebrate Christ's resurrection. Jesus has conquered darkness and death!



## Saints of February

The Catholic Church calendar is filled with feast days and Saints. Here are *some* of the Saints on the calendar this month:

March 3: Third Sunday of Lent

March 7: Saints Perpetua and Felicity

March 8: Saint John of God

March 10: Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 17: Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 19: Saint Joseph

March 24: Palm Sunday of the Passion  
of the Lord

March 28: Holy Thursday

March 29: Friday of the Passion of the Lord

March 30: Holy Saturday

March 31: Easter Sunday

### Fish Fry for Lent

Our Fish Fry is back! Mark your calendar for March 8, 15, 22.

We also need help on Wednesdays before the Fish Fry and on the day of the Fish Fry.

Call the Parish Office for more information:  
330-533-6839.

## Monthly Prayer

Our Monthly 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.

### Collection for Veteran's Outreach

For the Season of Lent, we are supporting our friends at Veteran's Outreach. They are in need of food for their pantry. Please help us support those who have sacrificed for our freedom. Thank you in advance for your generosity and modeling of "almsgiving" for our community.

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.