

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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First Sunday of Lent February 21, 2021

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
10:00 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.
Office Closed on Thursday

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Holy Days As scheduled
Daily Mass 9:00 a.m. M, T, W, F

ADORATION

Monday 6:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please notify the parish office whenever someone ill, hospitalized, or homebound wishes to receive Anointing of the Sick and/or Holy Communion.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal instruction offered at 7 p.m.
on the third Tuesday of the month.
Call the office to register.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Light Is On For You
Monday 5:30 ~ 7:00 p.m.
Friday 4:00 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 3:00 ~ 3:30 p.m.
Anytime by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arranged at least six months in advance.

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Dear Parishioners,

Each year, on the First Sunday of Lent, we read of the Lord's journey into the desert to be tempted by the evil one. We know that everything Jesus endured, He did so for our instruction and our correction. Thus we know that the Holy Spirit was His guide when He was led out into the wilderness. There He teaches us how to resist temptation. By His example we learn how to fight against our human weakness and how to be victorious in every spiritual battle.

Lent, as you know, is a 40 day period of penitential preparation for the Easter celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday. We spiritually join ourselves to Christ Jesus, Who gave His life for us. Our Lenten fasts and abstinences, though at times difficult, are specifically designed to prepare and strengthen us. Like spring training for athletes, we are being conditioned so that we may win the glorious crown of Heaven.

I am offering special sacrifices for all of you, my parish family, that this Lent may be for each of you an especially powerful time of spiritual renewal. There have been several Lents in my life when the Lord gave me a special infusion of grace. I think we all need that infusion at this time. If your faith has been dormant or stagnant, now is the time to allow God to revitalize it. I have the image of our souls being like a plot of land with depleted soil. Restore the soil of your soul. Apply to your faith life the nutrients of fasting, abstinence and alms giving.

The result will be a vibrant, life-giving witness to the presence of Christ. Then when we renew our Baptismal promises at Easter, it will be much more than a mere repeating of words. It will be a joyful proclamation of the saving power of Jesus Christ. Viva Christo Rey!

prayerfully yours,
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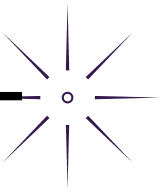


LOLOL Fish Dinner
Friday, March 19, 2021

4:30 pm ~ 7:00 pm

Carry Out Only

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**DINNER TO INCLUDE: BAKED FISH, MAC &
CHEESE, COLE SLAW, STEWED TOMATOES,
ROLL AND DESSERT.**

TICKETS

\$10.00. ADULTS

\$5.00 CHILDREN (10 & UNDER)

Available in Church Office
Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri. 10am-1pm

Community and Service

This week at our Church

~Monday, February 22

The Light Is On For You ~ 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Holy Hour ~ 6:00-7:00 p.m.

~Wednesday, February 24

Saint Joseph Meeting ~ 9:30 a.m.

~Friday, February 26

Confessions ~ 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross ~ 4:00 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Penance Retreat ~ 6:00 p.m.

~Saturday, February 27

First Penance ~ 10:00 a.m.

Confessions ~ 3:00-3:30 p.m.

~Sunday, February 28

No Faith Formation Class Grade 2

Ministry Corner

FIRSTSUNDAY OF LENT

No doubt we have all made our decisions concerning our sacrifices for Lent. We have "given up" something, or many things, in the hope of drawing closer to our Lord. We might look on this as a form of "offering it up," uniting our sacrifices with those of our Lord on the cross. While giving up something will help us in our quest for sanctity, we might also consider looking around us to see what we could do to minister to others. As St. Josemaria Escriva asked, *"Child of God, what have you done up to now to help the souls around you?"* Most of us are fairly comfortable. We have what we need, and then some. But, we know that there are those in our area who are not comfortable, who do not have the basic necessities of life. As part of this sacrificial season, please consider helping those in need. There are many opportunities in our own community to offer our time, talent, or treasure - to be Jesus for others. *"Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ."* ~ Galatians 6:2. God bless you!

Faith in Action

February is dental health month!

We will be collecting tooth brushes and toothpaste for both children and adults which will be donated to Shepherd of the Streets.



Thank you for your generosity!

Italian Minestrone Soup Sale

LOLO Parish Pastoral Council will be sponsoring an **Italian Minestrone Soup Sale** on Friday March 5 after Stations of the Cross and after Masses on March 6 and 7 as supplies last. This delicious hearty soup will be filled with vegetables, beans, and pasta. Perfect for a Lenten meal. Cost \$5 per pint.

Help wanted: Administrative Assistant

Church of the Resurrection seeks a half-time (20 hours per week) Administrative Assistant. The candidate must be familiar with Microsoft Office Programs and be able to multi-task, while interacting with people in a friendly fashion. If interested, submit a resume and references via email to: resurrection@windstream.net by Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

Sponsor of the Week

We would like to spotlight Crouse Funeral Home and thank them for being a bulletin sponsor.



MONDAYS OF LENT

The Light Is On For You

Confessions Mondays:

5:30 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.

Adoration 6:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAYS OF LENT

Miraculous Medal Novena

before 9:00 a.m. Mass

WEDNESDAYS

St. Joseph Consecration meeting (until March 19)—9:30 a.m.

FRIDAYS OF LENT

Stations of the Cross at 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Confessions 4:00 p.m. ~ 6:00 p.m.

SAINT JOSEPH CONSECRATION

Begins Monday February 15 and continues for 33 days, ending on Friday March 19 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We will be meeting as a group every Wednesday 9:30 a.m. until the consecration.

CONFESSIONS

All Churches of the Diocese—Mondays 5:30 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes—Fridays 4:00 p.m. ~ 6:00 p.m.;

Saturdays—3:00 p.m.~ 3:30 p.m.

Resurrection—Thursdays 5:30 p.m.

St. Joseph the Worker—Saturdays 9:00 a.m.

St. Boniface—Saturdays 3:15 p.m. ~ 3:45 p.m.

St. Ann's—Thursdays 6:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.

ABSTINENCE from meat (beast and fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 and older. The abstinence is required on Ash Wednesday, Fridays during Lent, and Good Friday.

FASTING means limiting oneself to one full meal on a fast day. All Catholics over 18 up until their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Worship

Mass Intentions

- ~**Monday, February 22 9:00 a.m.**
Rose Mary Strish by Gloria Gomb
- ~**Tuesday, February 23 9:00 a.m.**
Edward Shuhler by Art & Renee Amelio
- ~**Wednesday, February 24 9:00 a.m.**
Christopher Scott Cox by Father Mike & Parish
- ~**Thursday, February 25**
No Mass
- ~**Friday, February 26 9:00 a.m.**
Holy Souls in Purgatory
 (Immaculate Heart of Mary)
- ~**Saturday, February 27 4:00 p.m.**
Carmella Catino by the Catino Family
- ~**Sunday, February 28**
8:00 a.m.
Frances and Robert Schemery by Pat and Gloria Renchan
- 10:30 a.m.**
Our Parishioners

Offertory Collections

(Includes on-line contribution)

	Feb 13/14
Envelopes	\$ 8,910.00
Loose	\$ 359.00
Maintenance	\$ 238.50
Utility	\$ 82.00
Votives	\$ 82.00
Religious Ed	\$ 29.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 90.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5.00
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00

Collection Total 2/13-14	\$ 9,805.50
Weekly Amount Budgeted	\$ 8,850.00
Collection Surplus	\$ 855.50

Thank you

Diocesan Collections:	2/13-14
Care & Education of the Priests	\$ 27.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 20.00

Prayer for Lent

My precious and crucified Lord, I thank You for the fullness of Your perfect Sacrifice. This Lent I offer You my prayers, my sacrifices and my very life with total abandonment and trust.

Dearest Lord, humble me and show me my sin. Give me courage and strength to confess my sins and to turn from them with all my heart.

Dear Lord, enlighten me with Your Holy Word, and deepen the gift of faith in my life. Show me the plan You have for me, and place my feet upon the path You have chosen.

Keep me faithful to my Lenten promises, and bless all of my charitable sacrifices. Strengthen my prayer and make me holy. Each day help me to see Your sacred and pierced Heart. Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23; Mt 16:13-19
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12-25; Ps 138; Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday: Gn 22:1-18; Ps 116;
 Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10



OFFERING
COUNTERS

Group 2, Monday, February 22

Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett

Group 3, Monday, March 1

Judy DeGregorio, Jan Ransdorf, Barbara Gallagher

Prayer List for the month of February

C.B., Dottie Legarski Bacher, Rita Bamonte, Mary Blee, Dave Bonus, Aria Bower, Melissa Bower, Cindy Boyer, Karyn Boyle, Elly Brown, Ashlyn Brysiak, Terri Carter, James Casale, Dan Cassidy, Frank Delycure, Jerry Dincher, Ann Marie Dorin, Sue Duncan, Gerri Dunn, Robert Dunne, Fritz Fedorko, Jeanne Feerrar, Margie Foulds, Cynthia Freezer, Charles Gries, Cliff Hales, Geraldine Hamm, Lynn Hare, Mary Heffner, Michael Hook, Mary Lou Kavelak, Bob Kranz, Chuck Ligosh, Tony Longo, Dani Lorson, Vera McClellan, Bill McKinney, Jerome Mitchell, Rachael Muggleton, Michelle Nickolaus, Patricia Nierle, G.S., Roberta Shadle, Mary Shuhler, Fonda Stammet, Harriet Steinbacher, Mary Margaret Steinbacher, Barbara Swartz, Charles Tooley, Anthony Verdini, Carlee Weber, Cora Witmer, Jack Wright Sr.

*God's
Answers
Prayers*

If you or a loved one would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact the parish office.

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