

# WELCOME TO SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



140 West Avenue, Plain City Ohio

**Are you new to Saint Joseph Parish?**



Welcome!

Are you new to St. Joseph's? We invite you to please introduce yourself before or after Mass, or stop by the parish office to register, meet Father Trapp and become part of our parish family.

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St. Joseph Catholic Church,  
Plain City, Ohio



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**MASSES**

**Weekday Masses are at the church**  
Tuesday 5:30 pm  
Wednesday 5:30 pm  
Friday 8 am  
Saturday 9 am

**Weekend at the church:**  
Saturday 4:30 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am

**At the PAC:**  
Sunday 11 am

**ADORATION**

M - T 6 am-11 am & 6 am-10 pm  
W - Th 6am-11am & 4 pm - 10 pm  
Friday: 6 am-8 am & 6 pm-10 pm

Confessions at church:  
Saturday after 9 am Mass and 3:30 pm Also by appointment.



**Parish Activity Center and Parish Office**  
670 W. Main Street  
Plain City, OH 43064

**ARE YOU NEW TO SAINT JOSEPH PARISH?** Please stop by the office to register you and your family or call 614-873-8850.



**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Preparation is required for the reception of the sacrament. Parents are encouraged to contact the office for an appointment **prior** to the birth of their child.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of intended date. A marriage preparation program is required. Please contact Father Trapp.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Please call the office for emergencies and notify the office for calls to the sick or visits to the hospital. To have a name added to the bulletin prayer list please send to: [bulletin@saintjosephplaincity.com](mailto:bulletin@saintjosephplaincity.com)

**EUCCHARIST FOR THE HOMEBOUND:** Please call the office to be added to the weekly Communion list.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):** Are you thinking about becoming Catholic? RCIA is a process that provides time for inquiry, instruction, prayer and discernment. For more information please contact the parish office. We welcome you!

**OFFERTORY:** You may make your offertory weekly or monthly by visiting our website at [www.saintjosephplaincity.com](http://www.saintjosephplaincity.com) and registering with ONLINE GIVING.



**Moms in Prayer.** Attention moms desiring to pray for your children: Do you want to impact kids and schools for Christ? Are you looking for other moms who understand your struggles and concerns? We hope to form *Moms In Prayer*, a group that will meet twice a month - where kids are always welcome and prayer, faith, and fun are the focus! Text or Call Emily Winner at 740-602-1673 if you are interested in joining a group or learning more. Join us to pray for the next generation!

**ADORATION HOURS:**

**Mondays:** 6 am - 11 am; 6 pm - 10 pm  
**Tuesdays:** 6 am - 11 am; 6 pm - 10 pm  
**Wednesdays:** 6 am - 11 am; 4 pm - 10 pm  
**Thursdays:** 6 am - 11 am; 4 pm - 10 pm  
**Fridays:** 6 am - 8 am; 6 pm - 10 pm  
 Please contact Lori Crock to sign up.  
 Subs needed also. Thank you!



**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:**

2LT Denis R. Aurelius USAF  
 SFC Michael S. Bertorello, USA  
 SGT Justin Edwards, ANG  
 1SGT Kevin R. Gleich, USA  
 Logan Hill;  
 COL Patrick Parsons, USAF  
 MASN Todd Thieken Jr., USN  
 Lt. Cmdr. Matt Wood, USN



**PLEASE PRAY FOR WHO ALL WHO ARE ILL AND HEALING:**



Patricia Ann Allen	Bonnie Blackwell	Shannon Eckman	George Geruntino
Kevin Gleich	Florine Hamlin	John Harris	Sam Herriot
John High	Gabriel Kaiser	Zachary Kaiser	Barbara Sievers
Mary Jane Ward	To have your loved one added to the prayer list, please email: <a href="mailto:bulletin@saintjosephplaincity.com">bulletin@saintjosephplaincity.com</a>		

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**

**4:30 pm AT THE CHURCH Feb 24**

Usher: (sub rqstd), M. Needham  
 Lector: J. Humphey, D. Rowley  
 EM: T. & M. Schurman, D. Needham  
 Servers: M. Ridder, S. Trushel

**8:30 am AT THE CHURCH Feb 25**

Usher: P. & J. Trombley  
 Lector: A. Crock, G. Hamlin  
 EM: Dcn. T. & E. Bonacci, A. Wilson  
 Servers: A. Dendis, J. O'Connell

**11 AM AT THE PAC Feb 25**

Usher: M. & W. Brown  
 Lector: M. Thiergartner, G. Slane  
 EM: M. Peck, A. Schimmoeller, (sub rqstd)  
 Servers: C. Powers, P. Powers

**HOMEBOUND: E. Bonacci, B. Chuha**

**COLLECTION COUNTING:**

MAR 5 Team St. Anthony  
 MAR 12 Team St. Barbara  
 MAR 19 Team St. Joseph  
 MAR 26 Team St. Diego



The schedule listed may not be the most current ministry schedule. Please check Ministry Scheduler Pro for the latest schedule. Thank you.

**MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS:**

**Monday, Feb. 19**

LV 19:1-2, 11-18; PS: 19; MT 25: 31-46  
**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, Feb. 20**

IS 55: 10-11; PS: 34; MT 6: 7-15  
**5:30 pm:** Fr. James Csaszar

**Wednesday, Feb. 21**

JON 3:1-10; PS: 51; LK 11: 29-32  
**5:30 pm:** John Gruenbaum (DOD Jan 26, 1969)

**Thursday, Feb. 22**

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter  
 1PT 5:1-4; PS: 23; MT 16: 13-19  
**No Mass**

**Friday, Feb. 23**

EZ 18: 21-28; PS: 130; MT 5: 20-26  
**8 am:** Paul Bigelow (DOD May, 29, 1969)

**Saturday, Feb. 24**

DT 26: 16-19; PS: 119; MT 5: 43-48  
**9 am:** Kim Cordle  
**4:30 pm:** Mary Woolf (L. Riendeau)

**Sunday, Feb. 25**

GN 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; PS: 116; ROM 8:31b-34; MK 9: 2-10  
**8:30 am:** Barbara Sievers (Bob Sievers)  
**11 am:** People of the Parish

*Please contact the office to offer a Mass for your special intention or for the soul of a dearly departed family member or friend. Customary donation is \$10.*

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK: TIME:**

**MONDAY, FEB. 19**

Office Closed  
 NO PSR

**TUESDAY, FEB. 20**

Women Aglow 7 pm

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21**

RCIA 7 pm  
 Walking With Purpose 7:30 pm

**THURSDAY, FEB. 22**

Haiti Ministry 7 pm  
 Choir Practice 7 pm

**FRIDAY, FEB. 23**

Bible Study 9 am  
 K of C Fish Fry 5:30 pm

**SATURDAY, FEB. 24**

Confessions\* 3:30 pm  
 Rosary\* 4 pm

**SUNDAY, FEB. 25**

PSR: 7th & 8th Grades 9:40 am  
 Folk Choir Practice 9:45 am  
 Retrouvaille 1:30 pm  
 YDisciple 7 pm

*\*Denotes event takes place at the Church*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- This Thursday, Feb. 22 Jodi Santini will be giving a talk on her recent mission to Haiti. Please join us at 7 pm at the PAC.
- The weekend of March 3 & 4, we will have a special collection for the Knights of Columbus to Support Our Seminarians.

**STEWARDSHIP:**

**Offertory Collection for February 4, 2018**

Envelopes	\$ 2,840
Loose (Unknown)	\$ 288
Diocesan Tax (6%)	<u>\$ (188)</u>
	\$ 2,940*

\*These numbers do not reflect on-line Giving

***"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - Mark 1:14***

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on



earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

## POPE FRANCIS' LENTEN MESSAGE 2018

***“Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (Mt 24: 12)***

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again, the Pasch of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in His providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a “sacramental sign of our conversion”.<sup>[1]</sup> Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.

With this message, I would like again this year to help the entire Church experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. I will take my cue from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: *“Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold”* (24:12).

These words appear in Christ's preaching about the end of time. They were spoken in Jerusalem, on the Mount of Olives, where the Lord's passion would begin. In reply to a question of the disciples, Jesus foretells a great tribulation and describes a situation in which the community of believers might well find itself: amid great trials, false prophets would lead people astray and the love that is the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many.

### **False prophets**

Let us listen to the Gospel passage and try to understand the guise such false prophets can assume.

They can appear as “snake charmers”, who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others and lead them where they would have them go. How many of God's children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness! How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! How many go through life believing that they are sufficient unto themselves, and end up entrapped by loneliness!

False prophets can also be “charlatans”, who offer easy and immediate solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless. How many young people are taken in by the panacea of drugs, of disposable relationships, of easy but dishonest gains! How many more are ensnared in a thoroughly “virtual” existence, in which relationships appear quick and straightforward, only to prove meaningless! These swindlers, in peddling things that have no real value, rob people of all that is most precious: dignity, freedom and the ability to love. They appeal to our vanity, our trust in appearances, but in the end they only make fools of us. Nor should we be surprised. In order to confound the human heart, the devil, who is *“a liar and the father of lies”* (Jn 8:44), has always presented evil as good, falsehood as truth. That is why each of us is called to peer into our heart to see if we are falling prey to the lies of these false prophets. We must learn to look closely, beneath the surface, and to recognize what leaves a good and lasting mark on our hearts, because it comes from God and is truly for our benefit.

### **A cold heart**

In his description of hell, Dante Alighieri pictures the devil seated on a throne of ice,<sup>[2]</sup> in frozen and loveless isolation. We might well ask ourselves how it happens that charity can turn cold within us. What are the signs that indicate that our love is beginning to cool?

More than anything else, what destroys charity is greed for money, *“the root of all evil”* (1 Tim 6:10). The rejection of God and his peace soon follows; we prefer our own desolation rather than the comfort found in his word and the sacraments. <sup>[3]</sup> All this leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own “certainties”: the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbour who does not live up to our expectations.

Creation itself becomes a silent witness to this cooling of charity. The earth is poisoned by refuse, discarded out of carelessness or for self-interest. The seas, themselves polluted, engulf the remains of countless shipwrecked victims of forced migration. The heavens, which in God's plan, were created to sing His praises, are rent by engines raining down implements of death.

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## POPE FRANCIS' LENTEN MESSAGE 2018

*(Continued)*...Love can also grow cold in our own communities. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, I sought to describe the most evident signs of this lack of love: selfishness and spiritual sloth, sterile pessimism, the temptation to self-absorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessens our missionary zeal.[4]

### What are we to do?

Perhaps we see, deep within ourselves and all about us, the signs I have just described. But the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

By devoting more time to prayer, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception,[5] and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he wants us to live life well.

Almsgiving sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbour as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! For this reason, I echo Saint Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians to take up a collection for the community of Jerusalem as something from which they themselves would benefit (cf. 2 Cor 8:10). This is all the more fitting during the Lenten season, when many groups take up collections to assist Churches and peoples in need. Yet I would also hope that, even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we would see such requests as coming from God Himself. When we give alms, we share in God's providential care for each of His children. If through me God helps someone today, will He not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.[6]

Fasting weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbour. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.

I would also like my invitation to extend beyond the bounds of the Catholic Church, and to reach all of you, men and women of good will, who are open to hearing God's voice. Perhaps, like ourselves, you are disturbed by the spread of iniquity in the world, you are concerned about the chill that paralyzes hearts and actions, and you see a weakening in our sense of being members of the one human family. Join us, then, in raising our plea to God, in fasting, and in offering whatever you can to our brothers and sisters in need!

### The fire of Easter

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.

One such moment of grace will be, again this year, the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative, which invites the entire Church community to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration. In 2018, inspired by the words of Psalm 130:4, "With you is forgiveness", this will take place from Friday, 9 March to Saturday, 10 March. In each diocese, at least one church will remain open for twenty-four consecutive hours, offering an opportunity for both Eucharistic adoration and sacramental confession.

During the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate once more the moving rite of the lighting of the Easter candle. Drawn from the "new fire", this light will slowly overcome the darkness and illuminate the liturgical assembly. "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds",[7] and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. By listening to God's word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and love.

With affection and the promise of my prayers for all of you, I send you my blessing. Please do not forget to pray for me.

From the Vatican, 1 November 2017  
Solemnity of All Saints

## LENT 2018 SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

***“Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold”*** (Mt 24:12)

This year we have early Lent and Easter seasons. You may still feel like Christmas has just passed. Regardless of our readiness, it is time for reception of ashes that leads us to the new fire of Easter. The cross of ashes we receive is a sign of our willingness that in prayer, fasting and almsgiving we desire to be transformed in the light of the resurrection of the of Easter fire of Holy Saturday night. Pope Francis calls the season of Lent: a *“sacramental sign of our conversion”*. Lent summons us and enables us to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.”

Pope Francis has chosen this year’s Lenten theme: *“Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold”* (Mt 24:12) In this passage, taken from the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus is preaching to his disciples about the events at the end of time. The Pope writes: *“Jesus foretells a great tribulation and describes a situation in which the community of believers might well find itself amid great trials, false prophets would lead people astray, and the love that is the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many.”*

What are the things that make our hearts grow cold? Our Holy Father says that our hearts grow cold by our desire for greed; preferring desolation rather than comfort in the Word of God and the sacraments. Our hearts grow cold because of a lack of Charity, because of a disregard for others out of carelessness or of self-interest. From his Apostolic Exhortation, *Joy of the Gospel*, he writes: *“the most evident signs of this lack of love: selfishness and spiritual sloth, sterile pessimism, the temptation to self-absorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessens our missionary zeal.”*

How do we keep our hearts from growing cold? BY PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING. These three Lenten pillars call us to action for 40 days. Pope Francis writes: *“But the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.”*

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Our Holy Father invites us during this Lenten season to open our hearts to the Lord. He is once again calling for days of prayer. On Friday, February 23, we are invited to pray for world peace; March 9 through March 10, we are encouraged to engage in the “24 Hours for the Lord” initiative which invites the entire Church community to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration. Our Parish Church will remain open for twenty-four consecutive hours, offering an opportunity for both Eucharistic Adoration and sacramental confession. In 2018, we are inspired by the words of Psalm 130:4, *“With you is forgiveness”*.

From ashes now ready for Easter with hearts prepared for warmth of the new Easter fire, we long for the Light of Christ. Finally, His Holiness concludes his Lenten Message with the description of the lighting of Easter candle from the “new fire”: *“May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.”*

The schedule and various programs offered during this Holy Season are for your benefit and to help you grow in your faith by performing penitential works of mercy. Please use this season as a special time of reflection and meditation on where you need to deepen your relationship with God. The daily prayer meditation booklets have been provided for you to use. The Sunday bulletin and *The Word Among Us* booklets contain the scripture references for the daily readings of Masses for the Lenten Season.

**I wish you a Joyful Lent!** ~ Fr. Trapp

**LENT 2018****SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH****FOOD FOR THE POOR – LENTEN AWARENESS - February 22**

Jodi L. Santini will give a firsthand account of the work of “Food for the Poor” in Haiti. Her presentation will detail her missionary trip to Haiti in November of 2017. This presentation will begin at 7PM in the Holy Family classroom.

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE - February 23**

Pope Francis has proclaimed February 23, 2018, as Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace, in particular for the populations of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and South Sudan.

Ways to participate in this day for Peace: Mass Friday Morning 8:00am, during times of Adoration and Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

**“24 HOURS FOR THE LORD” - March 9 and 10**

The Holy Father’s 24 hours of prayer initiative is to rediscover the Sacrament of Penance and Eucharistic Adoration. A special schedule will be announced for this celebration. Together we join with the entire world, of all of our Catholic Christian brothers and sisters at prayer.

**BIBLE STUDY – FRIDAY MORNINGS**

Continuing with the Study of the Acts of the Apostles these lessons are independent topics and easy to pick-up on the discussion. After this series is concluded, we will begin the Holy Spirit Bible Study.

Friday Mornings - Following Mass at 8:55am in the Double Classroom at the PAC- Feb. 16 and 23 and March 2, 9, 16 and 23.

**DAILY MASS**

Participating in daily mass is one of the best reminders to keep your Lenten resolutions. Daily Masses are Tuesday and Wednesday at 5:30pm, Friday at 8:00am, Saturday at 9:00am - Mercy and Life Mass – followed with Praying the Rosary and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Please join our many parishioners who devote themselves in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament praying for the needs of our parish. We invite you to join us during Lent and beyond. Jesus asked Peter in the garden of Gethsemane, *“So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?”* (MT 26:40) Monday – Thursday Mornings: 6am - 11am, Friday 6-8am, Evenings: Mon., Tue., Fri.: 6pm – 10pm, Wed. and Thu. 4pm - 10pm.

**THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

The Communal Lenten Celebration of Reconciliation will be on Thursday, March 22, at 7pm at the PAC. Extra priests will be available for this Penance Service for individual confessions.

Confessions will also be on available on Saturdays at the conclusion of the 9:00am Mass and again from 3:30pm – 4:00pm.

**FRIDAYS - STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The traditional Friday Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays at 7pm .

**OPERATION RICE BOWL WITH ST. MARTIN DE PORES AND PLAIN CITY FOOD PANTRY**

Catholic Relief Services, Operation Rice Bowl, CRS’s calls this “Operation Rice Bowl,” because many people in the world only survive on a bowl of rice a day. Rice Bowl feeds the world, supports agriculture and water projects, and projects that help the self-sufficiency and dignity of the poor in many nations. The Diocese of Columbus retains 25% of the total collection for local poverty relief programs. St. Joseph will offer 25% to the Plain City Food Pantry and our very own St. Martin de Porres Society.

**Joyful Lent!**

NET weekend retreat a huge success!



Thank you to the NET Team for a tremendous retreat for the Confirmation Students. I believe that the students received many good life lessons that they can take with them into their high school careers and beyond. Through role-playing, skits and active praying they learned team building, and what it is to become closer to Jesus and to turn to him in times of need and thanksgiving and to become a personal witness to Faith.

Please continue to pray for the Confirmation students, their entire families, and sponsors to help keep the flame of faith burning.

I would like to thank the families that hosted the NET Team when they were here: Deacon Tony & Elaine Bonnaci, Bonnie Chuha, Christopher & Lorree Dendis, Mark and Leslie Fenik and Carl & Trish Haaser.

Also thank you to the volunteers who helped provide all of the meals for the team and students at the PAC: Father Trapp, Amy Colopy, Jessica Schilling and her sister Alicia Swartzmiller, Trish Haaser, and Jim & Gloria Butler with the St. Martin de Porres Society for sending the team off with a wonderful packed lunch. Lastly, thank you to our anonymous donor of scrumptious cupcakes. The food was delicious, perfect & abundant.

Please continue to keep our Confirmation class as well as our First Communion class in your prayers. We ask the Lord to graciously bless our students and their families during their studies to become closer to you and to follow your teachings to live a holy, gratitude-filled life. In your most Holy Name we pray, Amen.

~ Maria Vonada, DRE



St. Joseph Day Parish Pot Luck

We will continue our tradition of honoring our patron saint, Saint Joseph with a parish pot-luck on March 18 at 5:30 pm at the PAC.

We will begin with Vespars at 5:30 pm followed by dinner. Fried chicken and ham will be provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

There will also be crafts and coloring available for the children.

We hope to see everyone there!



24 Hours for the Lord

The church will be open from Friday, March 9 at 4 pm until Saturday, March 10 at 4:30pm. Please join your fellow parishoners and Catholics around the world in unison prayer.

World Day of Prayer & Fasting for Peace February 23, 2018

Pope Francis has called for a day of prayer to ask for peace for the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the South Sudan.

To honor this, please attend morning Mass at 8 am, take up an hour of Adoration and also attend Stations of the Cross in the evening at 7 pm.

Together, our prayers are mighty and will be heard by our compassionate and loving Lord.

Easter Flower Donations:

If you would like to donate in honor of, or in memory of a loved one please include their name with your donation. A list of donations and honorees will be published in the Easter bulletin.

Deadline for including your information in the Easter bulletin is **March 15, 2018.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of / In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_





# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH Fry Fridays are BACK!

**When?** Fridays during Lent  
**Where?** The PAC beginning Friday, February 23  
 5:30 pm - 8 pm



**Price?**

Adults:	\$8.00
Seniors 65+:	\$7.00
Child (age > 12)	\$6.00

Adult meal includes 2 pieces of baked or fried fish, beverage and your choice of two sides: mac n cheese - coleslaw - french fries  
 Child meal includes 1 piece of fish plus two sides and beverage.

Carry out available

**DESSERTS AVAILABLE WITH DONATIONS**  
**BENEFITING St. Martin de Porres**



**BLACK AND INDIAN**  
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A special second collection will be at all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl.

Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the PAC and the church, and remember to download the CRS Rice Bowl app!

May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.



## Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations

1. Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. (The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday.)
3. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday only **one** full meatless meal is allowed. Two other smaller meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids including milk and juice are allowed. When health or the ability to work is seriously affected the law does not oblige.

## FOOD FOR THE POOR

*Saving Lives... Transforming Communities... Renewing Hope*

Join us on Thursday, February 22 at 7 pm at the PAC for an informative talk presented by parishoner Jodi Santini about her mission to Haiti with Food for the Poor. She recently began her ministry to the poor of Haiti last Fall and intends to return this June. Please pray for her life-changing journey.



Stations of the Cross begin this Friday in the Church at 7 pm.

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## S.O.S. Support Our Seminarians, March 3-4

The Knights of Columbus was founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney, a parish priest and the Knights have always worked hard to encourage young men and women to consider God's call to service in the priesthood or religious life. Our Fr. Edward Fitzgerald Council 12772 supports seminarians at the Pontifical College Joesphinum both via prayer and annual stipends to selected seminarians. The Knights will be collect donations from parishioners in support of all seminarians after all masses the weekend of March 3-4. Your support is appreciated.