

St. Mary Catholic Church

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February 18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent



LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

RITE OF ELECTION

Please pray for our Catechumen and Candidates as they travel to Belleville for the Rite of Election and Call to Conversion at the Cathedral this afternoon.



**FORGIVEN
VIDEO-BASED
COMBINED PARISH
MISSION
MARCH 4-6
6:30 PM
PARISH HALL**

All are welcome. Please sign up at the entrance of Church so materials can be prepared for everyone.

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 8 AM 10 AM St. Joseph, Cobden

Tuesday & Thursday 8:15 AM

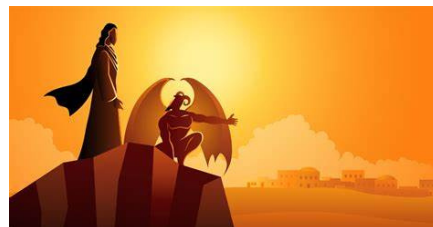
Holy Rosary before each Mass

Reconciliation by Appointment

Stations of the Cross **7PM** February 23,

March 8, March 22 at St. Mary, March 1,

March 15 at St. Joseph.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 25: 4-9

1 Peter 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 12-15

As your own Lenten journey unfolds this year, keep the story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness close to your heart. Especially when life gets hard or temptations arise, remind yourself that every desert experience can result in new life as you try your best to stay faithful to the Lord. Even if you fall, remember that you can stand up again and keep moving forward because of Jesus' triumph over the devil. Sin no longer has the final word in your life; Jesus the Redeemer does!

~The Word Among Us



VOCATION CORNER



Lent gives one who is considering a call to the consecrated life the perfect opportunity to begin or deepen his journey of discernment. Praying, fasting, and alms giving are three critical pieces of any discernment journey. In order to know what the Lord has in store for us, we must make our lives like new wineskins ready to receive the new wine that Jesus desires to give us. (cf. Luke 5: 37-38). Therefore, we must fast in order to train our will to desire only what God desires, we must give, so that we can free ourselves of the material attachment to this world, and we must pray that we can become most attune to the voice of the One who calls (cf. John 10:4).

PARISH COUNCIL SUGGESTION BOX

Please take a moment to fill out one of the cards in the pews and drop it in the basket at the entrance of Church. The Parish Council would like to know what you think the Church is doing well, how we can improve, and what enhancements, renovations, or repairs are needed on our campus.



FISH FRIES ST. JOSEPH



Our sister parish St. Joseph in Cobden will be hosting fish fries each Friday of Lent, from 4-7 PM in the parish hall. The cost is \$15.00 for adults, \$7.50 for children 5-10, and kids 4 and under eat free.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 17: Jason Lovell

Sunday February 18: Regis & Cleo Krebs

Saturday February 24: Floyd & Angeline
Miller

Sunday February 25: Diana Woolridge-
Perry



WORD OF LIFE

“We often assume parenthood happens easily after ‘I do,’ but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.” *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility”* respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

Intercession:

For married couples struggling with infertility: May the Lord help them trust in His love and sustain them with His peace;
We pray to the Lord

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Saturday February 24:

Lector: Susan Hoyle

Eucharistic Ministers: JoElla Basler, Amy Ulrich, **volunteer needed**

Sunday February 25:

Lector: Mary Beth Hileman

Servers: Luke Vaughn, Lincoln Nice, Jaylin Nice

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Hoehner, Mary Ellen Ecker, Ellen Quertermous