

February 25, 2024 Second Sunday of Lent

Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, Feb. 26 8:00 am	<u>Intention</u> Bishops, priests, seminarians of the Diocese of Springfield
Wednesday, Feb. 28 8:00 am	Helen Oscar
Thursday, Feb. 29 8:00 am	Cabrin Kelly-Hale
Friday, Mar. 1 8:00 am	Catherine Schmerge
Sunday, Mar. 3 10:00 am	JC Nashland-healing

St. Isidore Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Feb. 27 8:00 am	<u>Intention</u> Gerald Cobb
Thursday, Feb. 29 5:30 pm	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday, Mar. 2 8:00 am Latin	Celebrant's Intention
Sunday, Mar. 3 8:00 am	All Parishioners

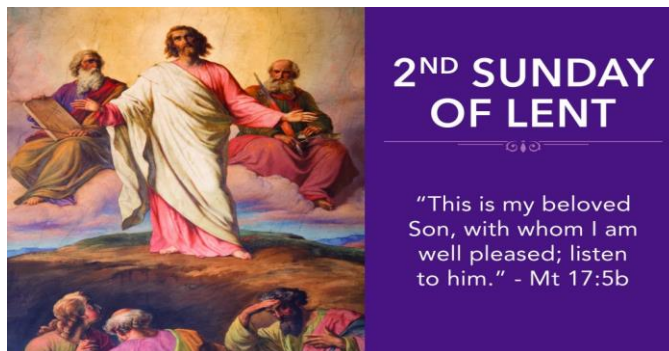
Our Gifts to God and Our Parish

Thank you for your blessings to our parishes

Our Lady of the Holy Spirit

Regular collection	2/11	2/14	2/18
	\$ 3,267.		\$ 2,053
Diocesan collection	217.	\$ 959.	140.

<u>St. Isidore for week</u>	1/28	2/4	2/11
Regular collection	\$ 898.	\$1,024	873.
Diocesan collection	220.		



LENTEN REGULATIONS –

1. ABSTINENCE – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

2. FAST – Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.

3. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

Stations of the Cross at OLHS:

Please join us every Friday for stations at 6:30 pm followed by Holy Hour that includes exposition, rosary, a quick quiet reflection, and ends with benediction. We encourage you to bring the kiddos.

Stations of the Cross at St. Isidore:

Please join us Every Thursday for stations at 5:00 pm followed by 5:30 Mass.

We are looking for Mass Intentions for these Thursday Masses.

MAKE A NOTE OF IT! We are dropping the pastor@mtzolhs.org email. Any emails to Father can be sent to pchineke@dio.org. Please change in your contacts to such. Thank you.

2024 Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign

Start bringing bottles back! They are due March 10th.

OLHS and St. Isidore 2024 Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign. Our parishes are partnered with New Life Pregnancy Care Center to collect coins in the baby bottles during this campaign. Contact Jill Driscoll with any questions.

PRAYER: *If we desire to get closer to Our Lord it may be necessary to increase our prayer life. There are many ways to add prayer to our daily prayer routine. Consider finding time to pray with others at home or at church such as the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet. Find out when your parish will be praying the "Stations of the Cross" together and mark your calendar to participate.*

CCC 2562: Whether prayer is expressed in words or gestures it is the whole person who prays. But naming the source of prayer Scriptures sometimes speaks of the soul or the spirit but most often from the heart (more than a 1000 times). According to Scripture it is the heart that prays. ~Catholic 365~

As We Continue Our LENTEN Journey.....

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we began this beautiful season of Lent with the Ash Wednesday celebrations in both parishes and Millikin University last Wednesday, February 14, 2024. Since then, I have discussed the importance of being as intentional as possible with our Lenten journey. On several occasions, I have highlighted the critical place of Lent in our Christian faith and how it has been observed with a passionate desire to journey with Christ in the wilderness by our brothers and sisters in heaven whom we refer to as Saints today.

Lent is a sacred time in the liturgical calendar of the Church, marked by intense prayer, penance, fasting, and works of charity. It is a period of spiritual renewal and conversion, where believers are called to deepen their relationship with God and live out the Gospel more generously. During Lent, the faithful are encouraged to engage in self-denial acts, contemplate Christ's sacrifice, and share with those in need. This season serves as a journey of faith, leading towards the joy of Easter, where Christians can experience a renewed connection with God and a strengthened commitment to living out their faith.

Lent is a time to reflect on one's spiritual life, examine oneself in prayer, and act by the teachings of Christ. It is a period of preparation for reliving the mysteries of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection, not only for personal growth but also for the benefit of the entire Church and humanity. Through acts of charity and selflessness, believers can participate in establishing justice and manifesting the Gospel of love in their communities. Lent culminates in the celebration of Easter, where those who took their Lenten journey seriously enjoy some incredible joy of Christ's resurrection and receive more grace to strengthen their relationship with Christ.

As we continue our Lenten journey, remember to keep one another in your prayers, especially our young people, so that God may continue to draw them to a more profound conversion and relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr Peter

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Life threatening emergencies please call 217-864-3467

Remember your church in bequests and insurance policies.

Parish Council serves to advise the pastor/council about parish issues that arise.

Adoration at St. Mary's Hospital Chapel . Call Jan Mudd 217-864-5175

A locked dropbox is located by the parish office door for 24/7 drop of paperwork, registrations, collection envelopes, etc.

Traveling? In need of an area Mass times and place? Go to masstimes.org to find location and times.

Don't Forget Catholic Radio Listening during Lent and Save the Date for the Annual Radio Dinner on April 25th.

