



**HOLY FAMILY  
PARISH**

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# Lent & Holy Week 2018

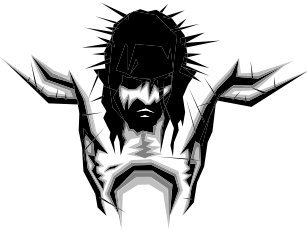
*“Do right, love goodness and walk humbly with your God.”*

**Micah 6:8**

As we celebrate the Lent and Easter seasons, the following schedule is given to you to make you aware of the prayerful opportunities available to you. Lent and Easter are wonderful times for our Church and Parish to experience and participate in the Paschal Mystery – the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. We encourage you to pray for each other and for our Parish Family, especially our RCIA Catechumens/Elect and Candidates for Full Communion. May God bless us to be good and faithful stewards sharing the faith of our Baptism in Christ-like ways of service and compassion for others.

Father Paul Rosing    Father Mike Ausperk    Father Kevin Klonowski

**Ash Wednesday, February 14, Masses at 8:00 and 9:30 am and 7:00 pm**



## **A NOTE ABOUT THE LENTEN LITURGIES . . .**

At the liturgies on the weekend before Ash Wednesday, we observe the processing out of the ALLELUIA banner. This symbolic gesture signals the approaching Lent-Easter Season that begins on Ash Wednesday with the distribution of ashes. We suspend the singing of the ‘Alleluia’ so that we may triumphantly sing it once again to herald the feast of Easter. During Lent, the Church calls us to a spirit of prayer, fasting and the giving of charity. Our fasting is meant to encompass not only food, but other facets of our life, as well as our worship.

## **Lenten Parish Mission**

### **“Signed and Sealed with the Cross”**

Franciscan Father Albert Haase will conduct a Lenten Parish Mission for Our Lady of Victory Parish in Tallmadge and Holy Family Parish in Stow March 3 – 7, 2018. Fr. Haase will preach the weekend Masses March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at both Parishes.

The evening Mission sessions conducted by Fr. Haase from 7:00 to 8:00 pm will be on  
Monday, March 5 at Our Lady of Victory Church, 91 North Ave (Route 91) in Tallmadge  
Tuesday, March 6 at Our Lady of Victory Church, 91 North Ave (Route 91) in Tallmadge  
Wednesday, March 7 at Holy Family Church, 3179 Kent Rd (route 59) in Stow

Ordained a Franciscan priest in 1983, Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, is a popular preacher, teacher, spiritual director and radio personality. A former missionary to mainland China for over eleven years, he is the author of nine books on popular spirituality and the presenter on four bestselling DVDs. He has trained spiritual directors for ten years. He resides in Texas. Visit his website at <http://albertofm.org/>

**St. Paul Center Bible Study** (online and free) is at <https://stpaulcenter.com/lent-2018/>

**United States Catholic Bishops Lenten Daily Prayers** are at  
<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/index.cfm>

**“A Reflection on Lenten Fasting”** by Fr. Daniel Merz is at  
<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/catholic-reflection-on-lenten-fasting-father-daniel-merz.cfm>

**Video on Fasting by Christopher West** is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=icxtZOKik-E&feature=youtu.be> Other videos are at <https://www.youtube.com/user/usccb>

**Operation Rice Bowl** is the official Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, and calls Catholics in the United States to promote human dignity and foster solidarity with the poor around the world through prayer, fasting, learning, and giving. Please join us and participate with your family in Operation Rice Bowl this Lent. Rice bowls and calendars are available in the back of church and are also distributed to all children of the parish. Bowls should be returned to the Church by Palm Sunday, March 25. For more information, call the Religious Education Office at 330.688.6412, ext. 270.

**Stations of the Cross** will be led by the following each Friday evening at 7:00 pm in Church . . . all are welcome!

- February 16 led by Fr. Paul Rosing
- February 23 led by Deacon John Green
- March 2 led by Fr. Kevin Klonowski
- March 9 led by the Youth Group and Abby Gresser
- March 16 led by Culture of Life
- March 23 led by PSR 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and Diane Hurtuk



**Sacrament of Penance (Confession)**

Saturdays, 3:30 – 4:30 pm  
 Evening of Confession, Wednesday, February 28, 5:00 – 8:00 pm  
 Area Communal Penance Service, Sunday, March 18, 4:00 pm at St. Joseph Church, 1761 Second Street in Cuyahoga Falls  
 Saturday, March 24, 3:00 – 4:30 pm  
 Wednesday, March 28, 8:30 – 9:30 am, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

*There are no scheduled Confessions during the Easter Triduum (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 29 – 31)*

**FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY are days of **FAST** (two small meals, one full meal, and no eating between meals for those between the ages of 18 and 59) and **ABSTINENCE** (no meat for those age 14 and over). Also, ALL FRIDAYS of Lent are days of abstinence.

The obligation to do penance and to observe these penitential days is a serious one, and people should seek to do more rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimal response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion.

**HOLY WEEK 2018**

**Palm Sunday, March 25**, (Saturday 5:00 pm), 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am

*Please assemble before Mass in the Bell Tower Entrance for the Blessing of Palms and Procession into Church*

**Wednesday, March 28**, chanted candlelight Tenebrae service, 8:30 pm

**Holy Thursday, March 29**, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Daily Mass Chapel until 11:00 pm

**Good Friday, March 30**,

Stations of the Cross, 12:00 Noon at First Christian Church of Stow, 3493 Darrow Road

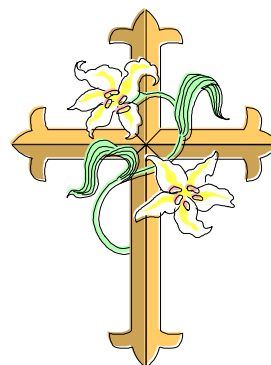
Good Friday Liturgy, 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm

**Holy Saturday, March 31**, Blessing of Easter Food, 4:00 pm

Note: there is no Mass at 5:00 pm

**Easter Vigil Mass, 8:00 pm**

**Easter Sunday Masses, April 1**, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am



*For more information about any of the services, programs or information above, please call 330.688.6411*