



On Wednesday, **February 14, 2018, {Ash Wednesday}** we begin the Holy Season of Lent. The season of Lent consists of 40 days of fasting, prayer, and penitence beginning at Ash Wednesday and concluding at sundown on Holy Thursday. Below is information on our Lenten schedules for Confessions, Stations of the Cross, and Holy Week along with our requirements for abstinence and fasting.

The Law of ABSTINENCE. The law of abstinence requires a Catholic 14 years of age until death to abstain from eating meat on Fridays (during Lent) in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Also forbidden are soups or gravies made from them. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles and shellfish are permitted, as are animal derived products such as margarine and gelatin which do not have any meat taste.

The Law of FASTING. The law of fasting requires a Catholic from the 18th Birthday (Canon 97) to the 59th Birthday (i.e. the beginning of the 60th year, a year which will be completed on the 60th birthday) to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The fast is broken by eating between meals and by drinks which could be considered food (milk shakes, but not milk). Alcoholic beverages do not break the fast; however, they seem to be contrary to the spirit of doing penance.

FAST and ABSTINENCE: Days of abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday (Good Friday) of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

LENTEN and HOLY WEEK Schedules

Ash Wednesday: February 14, 2018

This is a day of abstinence and fasting. All Masses are in the Church.

Masses: 7am, 10:30am, 6pm

Confessions through Lent: (all at the Church)

Saturday, February 17 3:30 - 4:30pm

Saturday, February 24 3:30 - 4:30pm

Parish Lenten Mission: Monday, **February 26** and Tuesday, **February 27**

Rev. Anthony Marshall, S.S.S., A priest of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, Originally from Cleveland
both evenings from 7:00pm – 8:15pm in the Church.

Wednesday, February 28 **ALL PARISHES** 5:00 - 8:00pm

Saturday, March 3 3:30 - 4:30pm

Saturday, March 10 3:30 - 4:30pm

Saturday, March 17 3:30 - 4:30pm

Communal Penance Service: **Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 4:00pm** ~ with individual Confessions

Five Parishes participating at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio [this year's Host Parish]

Saturday, March 24 3:30 - 4:30pm

Monday, March 26 7:00 - 7:30pm

Tuesday, March 27 11:00 - 11:30am

Wednesday, March 28 3:30 - 4:00pm ~ Last Confessions in Holy Week

NO CONFESSIONS during the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday (**March 29, 30, and 31**)

ANOINTING of the SICK

Saturday, March 10, at 5pm Mass and
Sunday, March 11, at 10am Mass

EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday, February 23 7:30am – 4:00pm (Closing with Benediction) Rectory Chapel

STATIONS of the CROSS {following the 5:30pm Mass in Church}

Friday, February 16	6:00pm
Friday, February 23	6:00pm
Friday, March 2	6:00pm
Friday, March 9	6:00pm
Friday, March 16	6:00pm ~ presented by Grade 8
Friday, March 23	6:00pm ~ presented by Grade 7

STUDENTS STATIONS of the CROSS {following the 8:45am Mass in Church}

Friday, February 16	NO SCHOOL
Friday, February 23	Traditional
Friday, March 2	Traditional
Friday, March 9	Traditional
Friday, March 16	presented by Grade 8
Monday, March 19, Feast of St. Joseph	8:45am Mass ONLY (No Stations)
Friday, March 23	9:30am Stations ONLY (NO Mass) ~ presented by Grade 7
Thursday, March 29	2:00pm in the Cafeteria ~ presented by Grade 6

LENTEN WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Every week Monday through Friday	7:00am	in the Chapel
Every Friday [except February 16 & March 23]	8:45am	in Church
Every Friday	5:30pm	in Church
Every Saturday (Sunday vigil)	5:00pm	in Church

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 28	Tenebrae	7:00pm
Thursday, March 29	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper with Adoration After Mass in Nolan Hall until 11:30pm	7:00pm
Friday, March 30	Good Friday Good Friday Service Stations of the Cross {Collection at the Good Friday Service is for the Holy Land}	3:00pm 7:00pm
Saturday, March 31	Holy Saturday Blessing of the Food ~ in Church Easter Vigil Mass	11:00am 8:00 pm
Sunday, April 1	Easter Sunday Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm Noon	

PLEASE NOTE: No parish meetings, events, or sports practices are to be scheduled in any of the parish facilities from and including Wednesday of Holy Week, March 28, until after Easter Sunday, April 1