



Family Connection

WALKING TOGETHER



Lent is coming... will you be ready?

Ash Wednesday, is on March 2, 2022, kicking off the Lenten season. So what is the big deal about Lent anyway? Lent is described by the USCCB as “a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It’s a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord’s Resurrection at Easter.” Catholic Christians take time during this season to come closer to the Lord in prayer through Scripture, in service to others, by giving alms and in self control through fasting.

Taking all of that into consideration, it seems appropriate to start considering now, what our Lenten season is going to look like on a personal level. Perhaps this year is the perfect time to consider a three-fold Lent.

1. How can you add scripture into your regular routine? Perhaps opening the daily readings, or the Little Black Book Devotional (will be provided by the parish) or listening to the Bible in a Year Podcast. There are many ways, choose something that works for you and is attainable, allow the Lord to speak to you this season in a new way through Scripture.
2. What steps can you take to serve others? Maybe you can fill a Rice Bowl this year. Perhaps you can give on a more local level. If you cannot give monetarily this year, what time can you give to serve others during this season of Lent?
3. How are you going to build your self control through fasting? All adults are asked to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday on all Fridays during Lent, while additionally fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Is there something additional you can sacrifice?

The challenge offered to each of us is to make this Lenten Season an intentional time of personal growth in relationship with Christ. If the three-fold challenge is too much to be attainable for you personally, choose one. Do it intentionally, do it well, and if you stumble, just start over and try again.



Did you know...

The ashes used for putting crosses on people’s foreheads on Ash Wednesday actually come from the burning of the palms from prior years? The minister applying the ashes usually says something like: ‘remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.’ To this statement the faithful respond ‘Amen!’ in agreement, stating that they believe that to be true.

Did you know... The tradition of ashes as repentance goes back to before Jesus’ time? Many times in the Old Testament we read of people using ashes as an outward symbol of repentance. For example; in Daniel, 9:3 “So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.”

SAVE THE DATE!

- Candy Bouquet Delivery & Team Bake Sale ~February 13
- Synod Cluster Gathering ~ February 19
- Women’s Retreat ~ February 19/20
- YES! Session ~ February 20
- First Reconciliation Retreat/Sacrament February 20
- Youth Rally ~ February 23
- Cluster Lenten Retreat ~ March 12
- High School Discipleship Weekend March 18-20
- Shadow Stations of the Cross ~ NPHS April 10, TLHS April 13
- Mission Trip ~ July 9
- Totus Tuus ~ July 17-22

GREAT SITES TO BOOKMARK

- Daily Readings ~<https://bible.usccb.org/>
- Resources for all ages (free to our parishioners, contact Jen with trouble registering) ~<https://formed.org/>
- Cluster website, stay up on all things in our cluster! ~ <https://www.northernlakescatholics.org/>
- Faith on the Go! Find digital ways to grow each and every day: <https://www.northernlakescatholics.org/faith-on-the-go->
- Fr. Mike Schmitz Bible in a Year Podcast: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>

CLICK ON THE BOX TO GO TO THE WEB PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER.

2022 Youth Rally **IMPACT** **2.23.22**

**ST. PETER THE FISHERMAN
EAGLE RIVER ~ 6-9 PM**

OPEN TO ALL

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

An evening of Music by the Aly Aleigha Band,
Guest Speaker Don Phelps,
PLUS Adoration & Reconciliation!

Due to a generous donation from the Knights of Columbus
this event is FREE to students within our parish cluster!

Prepare Our Hearts, Lord

A Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 12, 2022

8:30—11:30 am

St. Peter the Fisherman

We need your Palms...



If you have palms from previous years at your house, you are welcome to bring them to any parish and our young people will burn them and turn them into ashes to be used for Ash Wednesday services within our cluster.



WHAT IS THIS SYNOD GATHERING ALL ABOUT?

Click [HERE](#) or on the picture to above to go to a short video on the Synod and this gathering we keep talking about.



**NORTHERN LAKES
CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES
SYNOD GATHERING
2.19.22
ST. PETER THE FISHERMAN
9-11:30 AM**

For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission

Click [HERE](#) or on the picture to the right to go directly to our web page for more information, to register or to participate online.

High School Discipleship Weekend

March 18-20

High School Discipleship weekend is designed to immerse young disciples in the three pillars of the life of discipleship: Frequent encounters with the Lord in the Sacraments, Authentic Christian community and friendship and Intimacy with Jesus in a rich life of prayer. Please consider sending your high school student for this great weekend experience. It will be held at Crescent Lake Bible Camp in Rhinelander. The cost is \$120, but as always scholarship is available if needed. Contact Jen to register asap (we will register as a cluster).

Click to Check out our web page for more info:
<https://www.northernlakescatholics.org/>



Mass Schedule Change

**Temporarily there will be one daily mass
in our cluster each day.**

**This change is effective immediately.
We invite you to join your neighboring
parishes on the other days.**

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday ~ St. Albert @ 9 am

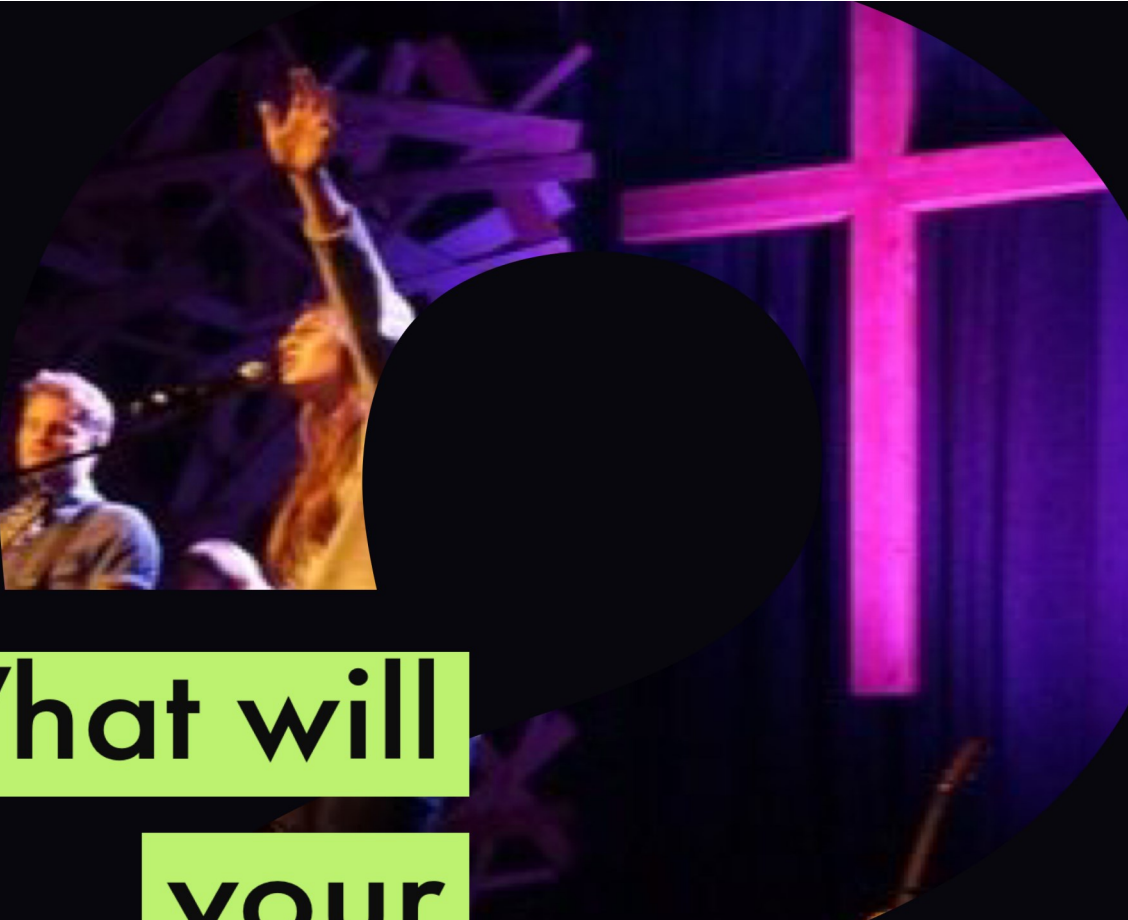
Tuesday ~ St. Mary @ 4:30 pm

Wednesday ~ St. Theresa @ 8 am

Thursday ~ St. Kunegunda @ 8:30 am

Friday ~ St. Peter @ 9 am

First Saturday ~ St. Peter @ 9 am



What will your IMPACT be?

Wednesday, February 23, 2022. ~. 6-9 pm

ALL Jr. & Sr. High School Students Welcome

St. Peter the Fisherman ~ 5001 Highway G ~ Eagle River, WI 54521



9 Day/8 Night - Catholic Pilgrimage to MEXICO

Our Lady of Guadalupe



May 12 - 20, 2022



Close-up of Our Lady of Guadalupe



9 Days / 8 Nights Trip Inclusions:

- Round Trip Air Transportation to Mexico City from **Chicago O'Hare Airport**. Airfare may be possible from other cities for an additional price.
- Round trip airport/hotel/airport transfers in Mexico in private Air Conditioned Motor-coach (for those traveling with the group and those arriving before group arrives).
- Nice central accommodations in Puebla and Mexico City.
- 16 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches and 5 Dinners (most beverages not included).
- Private motor coach transportation with driver.
- Full touring program including Panoramic, Archeological and Cultural Tours to Historical and Religious places of interest. + All entrance ticket fees to complement the itinerary.
- Spiritual Program including Rosaries, Meditations, Holy Mass & Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- **Fr. Ron Serrao**, Pastor of the Northern Lakes Catholic Communities, Diocese of Superior, WI as Pilgrimage Chaplain
- **Guillermo Tejeda** - Mater Dei's local representative and official licensed guide. **Jesús Martinez** as professional coach driver.
- **Dennis Gaetano**, from True Catholic Pilgrimages (celebrating 15 years with Mater Dei) and possibly Juan Landa, as Mater Dei's US Tour Director(s) & Coordinator(s).
- Gratuities included for Bell Captains & Servers of all included meals.
➡ (tips not included for local tour guide & bus driver).
- Local, Sales & Hospitality Taxes.
- U.S. & Mexico's airport fees, departure fees, transportation taxes, ticketing fees & fuel surcharges (subject to change) + hospitality, restaurant and sales taxes.

Exclusions:

- Most beverages are not included with meals.
 - Tour Guide's gratuity (Suggested: \$8 per day, per person).
 - Bus Driver (Suggested: \$4 per day, per person).
 - Housekeeping Tips (Suggested \$1 per day, per room).
 - Mass Offerories (at your discretion).
- (See registration for prices and back of brochure for terms & conditions)

NOTE: This pilgrimage is operated during the covid era. Please read the 4 important notes on page #2 of the brochure.



Fr. Ron Serrao



Mater Dei's Mexico Team
Dennis, Guillermo,
Jesús & Juan



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