

Hello All,

Believe it or not! Ash Wednesday is next week (February 17). Below is the schedule for Ash Wednesday and Lenten opportunities. All will follow current CDC and Diocesan protocols to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone. Sometimes human nature has a tendency to let Lent slip on by without challenging ourselves to be aware, prayerful and reflective. During these uncertain times, being patient in prayer can be most helpful. Open yourself up to a deeper experience of God. Take time to nourish your soul by praying especially when questions are not answered as we desire or as we may want to understand.

### **Ash Wednesday**

Ashes are not required and we need to remember that having a disposition and intention of repentance is best. The Ashes are an external sign of that internal reality.

<b>7:00 AM Mass &amp; Distribution of Ashes</b>	<b>St. Jude</b>
<b>8:00 AM Mass &amp; Distribution of Ashes</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>
<b>Noon to 1:30PM – Distribution of Ashes (No Service)</b>	<b>St. Jude</b>
<b>4:00 to 5:30 PM – Distribution of Ashes (No Service)</b>	<b>St. Jude &amp; St. Mary</b>

### **Lenten Opportunities**

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**5:30 to 7:00 PM Mondays during Lent** **St. Jude Adoration Chapel**

#### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

<b>5:30 to 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Mondays during Lent</b>	<b>St. Jude Church</b>
<b>2:00 to 6:00 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 3, 10, 17 and 24</b>	<b>St. Jude Church</b>

#### **Stations of the Cross**

**6:00 PM** **Fridays during Lent** **St. Jude and St. Mary Churches**

A generous parishioner has purchased 500 copies of Matthew Kelly's book, "I Heard God Laugh." It is a practical guide to essential daily living. Most of us are trying to put together the jigsaw puzzle we call life without a very important piece. Over time this becomes incredibly frustrating. In this extraordinary book, Matthew Kelly powerfully demonstrates that we cannot live the life we have imagined, or experience the joy we yearn for, unless we learn to tend the soul. They will be available this weekend on a first come first serve basis.

Happy Lent!  
Fr. Joe