

NEWSLETTER UPDATES Friday, February 2, 2024

ASH WEDNESDAY 2024



Ash Wednesday comes early this year—February 14th—marking the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent is a special season of penance leading to the feasts of our salvation—the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. This year's Lent should be celebrated with more intensity, given the uncertainties and spread of unbelief around the world and in the Church. Let us pray and make reparations for the sins of the entire humanity redeemed by the Precious Blood of Christ.

LENTEN JOURNEY WITH DR. SCOTT HAHN



Lent is just two weeks away! If you're ready for a challenge, join us on a weekly Lenten Retreat with Dr. Scott Hahn and Dr. John Bergsma as they lead us on a transformative Lenten journey, beginning Thursday after Ash Wednesday to Thursday March 21st. Each week, we'll draw from Dr. Hahn's inspiring series of talks based on his new book *Catholics in Exile*—filmed with an audience at the new St. Paul Center headquarters. Make this Lent exceptional for growth in the spirit.

FAITH AND WORKS ANNUAL APPEAL



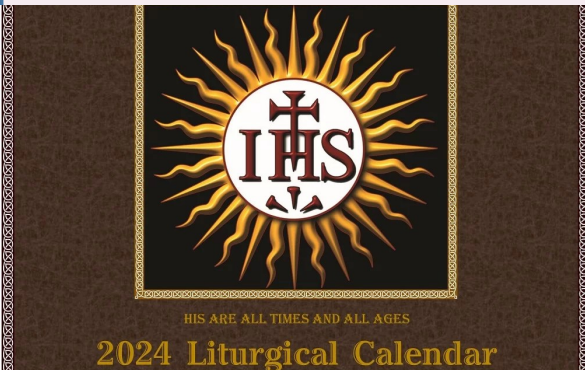
It is again that time of the year when the diocese calls on us to support the ministries of the diocese which aid in the growth of the faith in our area. This year's appeal kicked off on Friday, January 26th here at St. John's parish hall during which Bishop Konderla hosted a kick-off dinner for our community. Development Director, Derek Lysee explained the varied ministries that are supported with your gift. Our commitment weekend will be February 18. Our parish this year is \$29,000.

PICTORIAL HISTORY OF TULSA DIOCESE



To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the creation of the Diocese of Tulsa, the diocese has produced a pictorial history, detailing the processes of growth and maturation of the diocese up to our time. The parish has purchased copies for every family. Each family gets a copy as a form of gratitude for the support you have given to the parish and the diocese.

IMPORTANT LITURGICAL DATES IN 2024



Note these important liturgical dates of 2024.

Ash Wednesday — February 14

Palm Sunday — March 24

Easter Sunday — March 31

Annunciation of the Lord — April 8 (transferred from March 25)

Immaculate Conception — December 9 (transferred from December 8)

RETRouvaille: STRENGTHENING CATHOLIC MARRIAGES



Retrouvaille, a Catholic peer ministry to heal marriages, no matter the size of the problems, will offer a program beginning March 15-17. Call 405-443-3541, email 2034@retrouvaille.org or visit the website www.helpourmarriage.org for more information. The program focuses on the following:

- Helping couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship.
- Christian & Catholic in origin, for couples of all faiths or no faith at all.
- Improve communication, strengthen love, and help couples reconnect.
- Presenters are not trained marriage counselors; but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

VICARIATE YOUTH MINISTRY MEETINGS



The Diocesan Youth Ministry Team is excited to announce the implementation of GroupMes for each Vicariate, enhancing communication among Youth Minister and all who have the formation of the youth at heart. This initiative aims to foster efficient collaboration, allowing everyone to share insights and ideas seamlessly. If you will like to be part of the team, please consider joining our Vicariate's GroupMe, by accessing the youth website: youth.office@dioceseoftulsa.org

JCYC YOUTH CONFERENCE



JCYC is the Tulsa Diocese's premiere Junior High youth conference. Bringing all 6-8th grade Catholic youth together for a day of fun, community and, most importantly, the Eucharist! Featuring talks from Fr. Vince Fernandez and music from Julia Lopez, formerly of Still morning music on Saturday, March 9th, 12-8pm at Church of Saint Benedict, 2200 W Ithica St., Broken Arrow, OK 74012. The cost is \$25. Register by February 16th and enjoy a 25% discount.



THURSDAY FAITH ENRICHMENT MEETINGS

Our Thursday Faith Enrichment meeting will hold this coming Thursday, February 8th. We will continue our discussion on several means to promote our Lenten observances and gain the full grace of the season. We meet at the parish hall between 6:30 and 8:30pm. Please join us.



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, 2024

The National Eucharistic Congress taking place in Indianapolis, from July 17–21, 2024 will be a transformative moment for the Church in the USA. It will be the high point of the Eucharistic Revival. You can be part of this historic event, as Catholics from around the country gather for this weeklong grace-filled event. If you're interested in attending, call the office or talk to our parish point person, Kelly Drusen, for details.