

Assumption Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023



May You Find Christ Here, May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 6:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Monday - Thursday

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: First Sunday of Lent

Lent is the annual preparation for Easter observance, calling us to reform our lives and to open our hearts to the blessings God has promised to bestow on us. Lent begins Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday evening when the Triduum begins.

According to the Church's Canon Law, all healthy Catholics from age 18 to 59 are required to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on all other Fridays of Lent. Fasting is a bodily way to remind ourselves that we need God above all things. Fasting is also a sacrifice, a gift back to God of our heart's intent to depend more completely on God.

The three main Lenten disciplines are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are invited during Lent to practice these disciplines often. These Lenten basic practices are rooted in Jesus' original guidance about how to be his disciples that we find in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew Chapters 5-7). The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1966-1972) also reminds us that Jesus outlines for us the new law which, if we embrace and implement it, will lead us more surely to the interior renewal and growth in holiness and perfection that Jesus expects of us as his disciples. Today, let us reflect prayerfully about our Lenten resolutions before making them. Then make ourselves a list. But be modest. We may be setting ourselves up for disappointment if we set unrealistic goals. And doing a little with love and devotion is spiritually more beneficial than trying to do much but doing it halfheartedly. I wish you all a graceful and blessed Lenten season.

Readings for Next Sunday,

March 5, 2023

Genesis 12:1-4a

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Matthew 17:1-9

Saint of the Week: St. Casimir of Poland

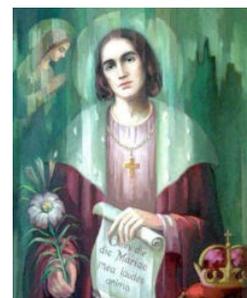
Born the third of thirteen children in 1461, Casimir was a prince of Poland. From birth his life was destined to cement his father's authority and increase Poland's power. However, Casimir realized at an early age that his life belonged to a much higher King than his father. Despite pressure, humiliation, and rejection, he stood by that loyalty his whole life.

For Casimir, the riches around him were temptations to forget his true loyalties. Rebelling against the rich, he wore the plainest of clothes and even rejected ordinary comforts. He slept little, spending his nights in prayer. When he did sleep, he laid on the floor instead of a bed.

Casimir's father had him lead an army to take over the throne of Hungary, and while Casimir felt it was wrong, he obeyed his father. When soldiers started deserting, he was happy to return home. His father, however, was furious at being deterred from his plans and banished Casimir to a castle in Dobzki, hoping that imprisonment would change his mind. Casimir's commitment to what he believed only grew stronger in his exile and he refused to cooperate with his father's plans any more. He participated in his true King's plans instead by praying, studying, and helping the poor.

Casimir died at the age of 23 from lung disease. His favorite song, a Latin hymn to Mary called "Omni die dic Mariae" which we know as "Daily, Daily Sing to Mary." is known as the Hymn of St. Casimir. He is the patron saint of Poland and Lithuania.

Source: catholic.org



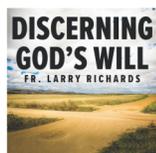
Feast Day: March 4

THIS WEEK ON FORMED



Session 1: Jesus: Model and Master of Prayer

In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself.



Discerning God's Will by Fr. Larry Richards

Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories! Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories!

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Enter our parish zip code (26726)

Enter your name and your email address

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Take FORMED
with you on your
Lenten journey!

Required Safe Environment Training

A reminder to all those required to be Safe Environment certified that your training needs to be completed by March 1. The training includes electronic acknowledgment of three diocesan policies, completion of online video training, and an application for a background check. It should take less than 30 minutes to complete all the steps.

You may be thinking that you don't teach CCD classes so you don't need to complete the training. That is not the case! If you volunteer for our parish, in most all cases you need to be trained (catechists, lectors, adult altar servers, extraordinary ministers, greeters, cantors and choir members, eucharistic ministers to the nursing home and homebound, Knights of Columbus, Ladies Guild members).

We are grateful and fortunate that so many of you take an active role in serving God and our parish. Thank you for taking a few minutes to ensure our compliance in this important program.

To access the training, visit virtusonline.org. Please contact the Parish Office if you have questions or need access to a computer.

Religious Item Donations

Representatives from St. Mary Recycle Mission Group in Lancaster, Pa., is seeking donations of used or no longer needed religious items. These articles are then gifted to other Catholic parishes across the country.

If you have items at home that you no longer need, please drop them off at the church or the Parish Office no later than Monday, March 6. Items accepted include crucifixes, statues, rosaries, holy medals, holy cards, prayer books, bibles, framed pictures, musical instruments. What they do not accept: story books, magazines, DVDs and VHS tapes.

Thank you for helping us help others by participating in this wonderful act of giving!

**PRAY.
FAST.
GIVE.**

**BE MERCIFUL, O LORD,
FOR WE HAVE SINNED.**

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, February 25	4:00 p.m.	The Harber Family.....	Jean Harber
		Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
Sunday, February 26	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Brent Barrick.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Monday, February 27	No Mass		
Tuesday, February 28	No Mass		
Wednesday, March 1	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Brian Dennis Dorsey	Tammy Dorsey-Dale
		The Barrick & Travis families.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Thursday, March 2	12 noon	The Harber Family.....	Sue Harber
		Intentions of Howard Barrick.....	The Barrick Family
<i>Sunday Scripture Study following Mass</i>			
Friday, March 3	6:00 p.m.	Souls of Tom & Thelma O'Connor	Assumption Parish
		The Hoover-Dickel Family.....	St. Thomas Cemetery
<i>Stations of the Cross following Mass</i>			
Saturday, March 4	4:00 p.m.	Intentions of Andrea Barrick.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Sunday, March 5	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Kay Frances Fazzalore	The Fazzalore Family

Please join us 30 minutes before the start of each Mass to pray the Rosary as a parish family.



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Judy Davis*, Cathy Dorsey, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Debbie Pappas, Eileen Passauer*, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Jeff Roth, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts*, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 2

Sunday Scripture Study following the noon Mass.

Friday, March 3

Stations of the Cross led by the Ladies Guild.

Wednesday, March 1

All Safe Environment training completed!

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Remove any Christmas flowers from St. Thomas Cemetery that you want to keep.

Saturday, March 4

St. Patrick's Day dinner and band sponsored by the K of C Council of Annunciation and St. Anthony Parishes. Time is 6:30-9:30 at the Annunciation Social Hall in Fort Ashby. Tickets are \$20 each; call the Parish Office at 304-298-3392.

Sunday, March 5

Last day for Easter candy donations for the Youth Group community egg hunt.

Sunday, March 5

Youth Group meeting at 4 p.m. at Grace.

Thursday, March 9

Joint meeting of the Parish Council and Finance Committee at 5:00 in St. Mary's Hall.

Friday, March 10

Stations of the Cross led by the Parish Council.

Thursday, March 16

Installation of Fr. Thomas as Pastor of Assumption and Our Lady of Grace parishes at the noon Mass.

Collections & Attendance	
February 18-19, 2023	
Offertory	
Offertory Envelopes	\$2,940
Loose Donations	\$773
Repairs & Maintenance	\$40
Total	\$3,753
Attendance	
Saturday, 2/18	87
Sunday, 2/19	91
Total	178
Ash Wednesday Attendance	112

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Hot Dogs and Ping Pong!



Not only did the youngsters shown here enjoy hot dogs last Saturday at the Ladies Guild "dog day," they also took advantage of the ping pong table! Our own Remy Kuhn (middle right) entertained his new friends, the children of Kevin Melody and Eric Melody who visited their hometown and home parish last weekend. Kevin and Eric are the sons of the late Bob Melody, a long-time Assumption parishioner.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, March 4 (Knights Mass)
 Lector: Doug Minnich
 Servers: Mike Landis & Paul Bogdan
 EM: Alan Taylor
 Cantor: Linda Marsh
 Greeters: Bob Yowler & Dave Dunn

Sunday, March 5
 Lector: Kelley Kuhn
 Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt, Nick McKenzie
 EM: Kelley Kuhn
 Cantor: Julie Alt
 Greeters: John & Debbie Krumpach

Saturday, March 11
 Lector: Anita Tetreault
 Servers: Sue Harber & Rosie Landis
 EM: Meredythe Barrick
 Cantor: Anita Tetreault
 Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber

Sunday, March 12 (Youth Mass)
 Lector: CCD students
 Servers: CCD students
 EM: Mike Landis
 Cantor: Julie Alt
 Greeters: CCD students

Stonerise EM
 March 2 Pam Williams
 March 9 Cindy Alt

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