


FISHFRY EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT
4:30 TILL 7:00 p.m. 



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT AT 7:00 p.m.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH.....

THE FISH FRY WILL CONTINUE! Knights of Columbus will be having the Lenten Fish Fry every Friday from 4:30-7:00 p.m. New and improved fish!!

THE LIGHT IS BACK ON. On Monday, February 22nd, Confessions will be heard from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Get your soul clean for Lent.

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Homework for: February 20 and 21 Masses.

Log into Formed.org, if you have not already set up an account, scroll down to the bottom and you will be asked does your parish have an account. Enter the Code BFXKKR and select a password and email. Select the grey tab bar "Audios". The second series is Year of Mercy. Listen to the "7 Secrets of the Divine Mercy."

WLRU will broadcast the audio for this series on Monday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. WLRU 106.9 will make church announcements each and every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Tune in for the latest events in and around the parish.

YOUTH GROUP

St. Mary's Youth Group will be sending 12 teens to a Youth Conference this summer. They will begin fund raisers with a flower/sweets sale on St. Valentine's Day weekend after each Mass. Please help support these teens by purchasing a flower or sweet for your Valentine. Other fund raisers: an aluminum can drive (please leave your cans, aluminum that is, in the Narthex. We will do the rest!), orange envelopes in the pew, bake sale in March, and baby sitting in April. Most importantly, please keep these teens in your prayers. Our Youth Group has been blessed with such a supportive parish! Thank you so much!



ASH WEDNESDAY

Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.

THE FIVEFOLD SCAPULAR

Blessings and investiture by any Priest.

(Rite now assigned to all priests by the head of various orders.)

The Five-Fold:

- * Outer – the red or the “Passion Scapular”
- * Back – the white, or “Blessed Trinity”
- * Between the brown – or “Our Lady of Mount Carmel”
- * The black – or “Our Lady of Sorrows”
- * The blue – or “The Immaculate Virgin Mary”

Blessing and Investiture:

- V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- R. Who made heaven and earth.
- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And also with you. [And with your spirit!]

Let Us Pray

Lord Jesus Christ, head over all the faithful and savior of the human race, who has condescended to clothe Thyself with our wounded nature, we beg Thee of Thine innumerable goodness to bless + and sanctify these garments, designed in homage to the most Blessed Trinity, as well as in memory of Thy most bitter passion, and in honor of the Virgin Mother of God, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Sorrows and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Grant that they who may be invested therewith may deserve, through the intercession of thy Blessed Mother, likewise to clothe themselves in body and soul, with Thee, for salvation, who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

(The priest then sprinkles the scapulars with Holy Water) and invests each one individually holding their scapular over them (he may use one scapular for all if they don't have one) and saying the following once for all in common.

1. Receive the habit of the Order of The Most Holy Trinity unto an increase of Faith, Hope, and Charity, that you may put on the new man, created in the likeness of God, in holiness and righteousness.
2. Receive the Scapular of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, so that having laid aside the old man and put on the new, you may wear it worthily and come to Life Everlasting.
3. Receive the Scapular of the devoted clients of the Blessed Virgin Mary, conceived without sin, that by her intercession you may be cleansed from every defilement and attain Life Everlasting.
4. Receive the Scapular of the devoted Servants of Our Lady of the Seven Dolours, so that, through diligent meditation on her sorrows, you may be imbued in heart and body with the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and always remain steadfast in your devotion.
5. Receive the habit of the Society and Confraternity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, beseeching the Most Holy Virgin, that through her merits you may wear it without stain, and be protected by her from all adversity and brought to the joys of Life Everlasting.

By the faculty delegated to me by the Holy See, I receive you as partakers of all the spiritual favors of these Orders and Congregations, as well as the Indulgences granted by privilege of the Holy See to the aforesaid Scapulars. In the name of The Father, + and of The Son, + and of The Holy + Spirit. R. Amen.

- V. Preserve Thy Servants.
- R. Who trust in Thee, my God.
- V. Send them aid, Lord, from on high.
- R. And from Sion watch over them.
- V. Be Thou unto them a mighty fortress.
- R. In the face of the enemy.
- V. Let the enemy be powerless against them.
- R. And the son of iniquity do nothing to harm them.
- V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
- R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with thy spirit.

Let Us Pray

Bow down, O Lord, to our supplications, and deign to bless+them on whom we have conferred the sacred habits in Thy name. May they cooperate with Thy grace, and thus deserve to attain Life Everlasting. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

May the blessings of Almighty God, + Father, Son and Holy Spirit come upon you and remain for all time.

R. Amen



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SERMON FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

I invite you to a new way to practice Lent. As Catholics we have been trained since little kids to make sacrifices during Lent. Thus Catholics would ask each other, "What are you giving up for Lent?" In the old day one might offer the standard answer of things to give up such as sweets, booze, junk food, candy, pop or coffee. Pretty much anything pleasurable to eat or drink. Ask that question to young people today and you'll hear things like Youtube, Twitter, Facebook, video games and wasting time on the Internet. I remember a seven-year-old telling me he was giving up kissing and beets. He thought it was yucky to kiss his mom and beets made his teeth purple.

Today I challenge you to do Lent differently. I want you to ask a different question. Instead of asking "What should I give up for Lent", ask yourself this question, "What should I do to be a better person?" I like the way the Jewish people do Yom Kippur which is their Lent. They strive to be better in their everyday lives by not hurting the ones they love, making amends to someone they hurt, overcoming prejudice, and treating others with respect. They make peace with others and with God. During Lent, I want to examine how I can be the best person God wants me to be.

The devil does not want you to be the best for God. In the temptations of Christ we can clearly see how the devil was tempting Jesus to do something we all have done – cut corners. Corner cutting comes from hound dogs hunting rabbits. The dogs had to follow the trail in a straight line even in a corner. It is still true today that good riders and good hounds seldom cut corners, avoiding any short-cuts. To cut corners means to do something in the easiest, quickest, or cheapest way, often harming the quality of your work by short-cutting the rules. When you cut corners, you do not give your best effort because you don't fully follow the plan.

The devil was tempting Jesus to take a short-cut to God's Plan of salvation. God's Plan was very clear to Jesus. He had to suffer and die for your sins, and then rise after three days. The devil was trying to get Jesus to use His power for His own comfort instead of saving you. "Hey Jesus. Make some bread, you're hungry. Hey Jesus, seize the power of the world. You know you want it. You know you deserve it! Hey Jesus, force Your Father to rescue you from suffering you don't deserve." We should all be grateful Jesus stuck with the plan.

This Lent look inside yourself. Where have you been cutting corners? I know exactly where I have been cutting corners – with my diet. I have been gaining weight since Thanksgiving because I have not fully followed my plan for maintaining weight control. The devil knows he can take me out by tempting me to overuse my fork. I remind myself that when I fill my life with God instead of my stomach, I am so much happier.

What thing keeps you from being a better person? The devil already knows it. There he will attack. The story is told about a ship Captain who had a route that ran from California to Colombia. One day, as he was preparing to leave California, he was approached by some drug dealers who offered him \$50,000 to allow a small shipment of drugs on his vessel. He immediately said no. On each of his next three trips, they raised the offer, finally reaching \$150,000. He hesitated. Then he said, "maybe." As soon as he was alone again, he contacted the FBI and they set up a sting operation and successfully arrested the drug dealers. One of the agents asked the Captain, "Why did you wait until they offered \$150,000 before contacting us?" His reply: "They were getting close to my price." There is nothing the devil can offer you that's worth paying the price of hurting your friendship with God. Happy Lent...