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Come back to Jesus with all your heart, praying:

Free us through prayer and bring us to conversion of heart,
Free us through fasting and bind us to those who hunger,
Free us through almsgiving and empty us from the clutter of our consumption.

Oh God, help us to be at peace with you, with ourselves, and with each other.

May we come to the joy of Easter, proclaiming Peace.

Amen.

Dominican Sisters of Peace

# MASS SCHEDULE SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: SUNDAY:

5:00 p.m. 8:15 a.m.

10:45 а.м.

### **HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

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### **WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 9:00 A.M.

### **CONFESSIONS:**

SATURDAY: 4:00-4:30 P.M.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Monday noon

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### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MONDAY, APRIL 1** 

9:00 a.m. Herman Leo (RIP) (Birthday)

by John & Marilyn Jauch

TUESDAY, APRIL 2 - Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

9:00 a.m. Al & Phyllis Gaul (RIP) by Dave & Patty Gaul

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3** 

9:00 a.m. Christian Gacek (RIP) by Elizabeth Richards

THURSDAY, APRIL 4 -

Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. John Ronan (RIP) by Scott Ronan

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 – Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

9:00 a.m. Jim Masterson (RIP) by Jan Shea

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6** 

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:15 a.m. Brad and Denise Petticrew (RIP)

by Mike & Trish Seboria

10:45 a.m. Dick Brielmaier (RIP) by Joe & Ginny Prusaczyk

Pray for all priests, seminarians and priestly vocations.

# APRIL 6/7 LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Matthew Cannon, Karen Kolbe 8:15 a.m. Jim Bidigare, Bill Hoekstra 10:45 a.m. Tom Bressoud, Roy Brewer

### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 p.m. S.A. Beaver, Lisa Cannon, Kim Chupka,

Paula Coleman, Mark Coleman

8:15 a.m. Chris Carter, Gary Carter, Cindy Barbour,

John Casale, Sue Casale

10:45 a.m. Dave Burd, Lorraine Carlson, Stephanie Dodd,

Barb Doran, Margo Downing, Von Downing,

Emily Dunbar, Sharon Shallenberger,

Dave Shallenberger

### **ALTAR SERVERS:**

5:00 p.m. Kevin Bollo, Sarah Carpenter, Nathaniel Hock8:15 a.m. Andrew Coffey, John Coffey, Grace Wolf10:45 a.m. Kara Bergeron, Annabell Bergeron, AJ Burd

### **HOMEBOUND MINISTERS:**

Jenny Wells, Gary & Chris Carter

### **GIFT BEARERS:**

5:00 p.m. Volunteer 8:15 a.m. Jon Petticrew

10:45 a.m. Margo & Von Downing

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 31, 2019 – YEAR C

### **PRELUDE**

8:15 & 10:45 a.m: Laetare Jerusalem (V. Pinkevicius, 2011)

### **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

ENTRANCE: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (#476)

No Gloria during Lent

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 34:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (p. 91)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ... (p. 92)

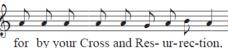
UNIVERSAL PRAYER: "Lord, hear our prayer" (chanted)

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: Amazing Grace (#432)

SANCTUS: chanted (#932) MYSTERY OF FAITH: chanted







you have set us free.

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AMEN: chanted

AGNUS DEI: chanted (#936) COMMUNION: Loving and Forgiving (#665)

**COMMUNION 2: TBD** 

### **CONCLUDING RITE**

SENDING FORTH: Jesus, Remember Me (#407)

### **CANTORS**

5:00 p.m.: Jim Bidigare 8:15 a.m.: Karen Bovenizer 10:45 a.m: Kayla Drummond

### SUNDAY NURSERY

The Nursery/Playroom for young children is open during the 10:45 a.m. Mass. New volunteers are needed. For more information and to be added to the Sunday schedule, contact our nursery coordinator, Shannon Hughes, at 740-404-9427 or <a href="mailto:dchsmh@qmail.com">dchsmh@qmail.com</a>.

### **IN SYMPATHY**

We pray for parishioner Harold Greten, husband of parishioner Nancy Greten and former parishioner Al Frungillo. May they live forever in the light of God's love. FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 31, 2019

### A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

- Next Tuesday evening, we will have our Lenten Penance Service in conjunction with an abbreviated Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. Prior to that, we will have our usual Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. and then be addressed on "The Catholic Church – Home of Immigrants From All Over the World." Please consider this your personal invitation to join us in receiving the Sacrament of Penance. Confession is still good for the soul. P.S. Please see the bulletin insert on "How to go to Confession" in case it's been a long time.
- OOOPS! You may have noticed in last week's special edition of the *Catholic Times*, I neglected to include a fond farewell to Bishop Campbell. I thought its purpose was to only welcome Bishop Brennan. No slight was intended to Bishop Campbell for his service here.

### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

The Sunday collection for March 24th was \$15,250.00. The Online Giving total for March 19-25 was \$5,551.00.

### ONLINE GIVING

Upcoming Diocesan Collection: March 31st: **Catholic Relief Services** assists the poor and disadvantaged outside the United States.

May God continue to bless all our St. Edward Parishioners. Thank you for your generous support to our Parish through the Online Giving Program.

### **FLOCKNOTE**

Do you Flocknote? Please join our Flocknote community to receive updates and information about St. Edward. Join our Flocknote messaging system from our parish website <a href="https://www.saintedwards.org">www.saintedwards.org</a>.

### **WELCOME!**

You may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray you will find peace, hospitality and friendship with us.

### NOTES FROM THE LOFT

This weekend, we celebrate Laetare Sunday. The name comes from the entrance antiphon for the day: *Laetare*, meaning "Rejoice." This weekend, as a foretaste of the joy of Easter, Church rubrics permit more instrumental music than on the other Sundays of Lent. The prelude for the Sunday morning Masses is based on the "Laetare" chant, and the words of our opening hymn remind us that "there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head."

~ Paul (music@saintedwards.org, 740-587-3254)

### **RCIA**

There is no RCIA session this Tuesday, April 2nd as we will be participating in the Parish Lenten Reconciliation at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Next week's RCIA session on April 9th is on the Sacrament of Anointing. Anyone in the parish may attend.

### **NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

The Minister Schedule for April 7 through June 30 has been emailed; it is available on our church website under the tab Liturgy/Sacraments on the left; and copies are available in the Sacristy (Altar Server side.) Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.

### **EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

Sunday, March 31

Catholic Relief Services Collection Choir Rehearsal – 9:30 a.m. – Loft SENT Youth Group – 7:00 p.m. – Hall

Monday, April 1

Eucharistic Adoration – 9:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday – Chapel

Tuesday, April 2

Soup Supper - 6:00 p.m. - Hall

Lenten Speaker – 6:30 p.m. – Hall

Penance Service/Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m. - Church

Wednesday, April 3

Rosary Makers - 9:30 a.m. - Lounge

Men's Faith Sharing - 7:00 p.m. - Chapel & Lounge

Thursday, April 4

Scripture Study - 9:30 a.m. - Classroom 7

Welcome Committee - 7:00 p.m. - Lounge

Choir - 7:00 p.m. - Loft

Knights of Columbus - 7:00 p.m. - Lounge

Friday, April 5

Fish Fry – See article

Saturday, April 6

Saturday Men's Fellowship - 7:00 a.m. - Hall

### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION - 2018-2019

The schedule this week is:

Today, Sunday, March 31

NO CLASSES – ALL GRADES FINISH SPRING BREAK

This Wednesday, April 3

Grades 1-A, 2-A, 3-A, 4-A... Classes from 5:15-6:15 p.m. 15 minute break for dismissal and arrival

Grades 1-B, 3-B, 4-B... Classes from 6:30-7:30 p.m.



### SENT CALENDAR

March 31st – CLUB Worship and Roller Chair Ball, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

April 7th - Discipleship Group Week

April 10th – Dead Theologians Society, 7:00 p.m.

April 14th – CLUB Service with the LOOK UP CENTER in Newark. PLEASE bring in Backpacks or Drawstring Backpacks and donation items such as: toys (we have a "points store" that they can shop in for good behavior), plastic drawer storage containers, Lego, Play-Doh, markers, crayons, colored pencils, small storage containers, popsicle sticks (thick ones), erasers (cap kind and pink), normal writing pencils, etc. Anything that can be used by the kids or helpful for the classroom would be amazing.

April 21st - No Youth Group

April 28th – Discipleship Group Week

May 5th – Last Youth Group of the school year. Mark your calendar. Special invitation to our Senior class!!!

# NEW DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY FOR 8TH-12TH GRADERS

Note: for **8th-12th graders**, to be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel at St. Ed. DTS originally started in Newark and is now an international study on the lives of the saints! You can be "Hooded" (or initiated) into the society by receiving a blessed DTS hooded sweatshirt, by coming three times in a row or five times overall. On April 10th, we will discuss St. Juan Diego.



### NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

On November 22-23, 2019, St. Edward youth will be travelling by bus to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. The NCYC is a national gathering of 25,000 teens to celebrate our Catholic Faith. Our first fundraiser is selling cash prize raffle tickets. Each ticket sold earns you \$2.40 towards your NCYC trip. You can request tickets from Paul Gassman scoutmaster4life@gmail.com or you can call the Parish Office. Also look for fundraising opportunities at the parish like pancake breakfasts and a car wash.



This weekend, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help **Jesus** in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among

our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at <a href="https://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief">www.usccb.org/catholic-relief</a>.

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA**

The Catholic Church responds to disasters! In the United States: Catholic Charities USA responds to flooding in Iowa, Nebraska, and Missouri. The current round of flooding, triggered by a brutal "bomb cyclone" storm, is expected to persist across several states. Additionally, snowmelt and spring rains could create additional flooding in the weeks/months ahead.

Catholic Charities USA is the official domestic relief agency of the US Catholic Church. Their disaster response teams – along with the knowledge and expertise of our member agencies – mobilize quickly and effectively to aid those experiencing or recovering from disasters.

Go to <a href="https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org">https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org</a> to donate or contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at <a href="mailto:socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org">socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org</a>. Checks also may be sent to the diocesan finance office with "Midwest flooding" in the memo line.

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

If you, a family member or someone close to you, would like to be added to the St. Edward Prayer Chain, please call Cindy Kendrick at 740-366-2871 or 740-404-3591. If you would like to volunteer to be a member of this ministry, please call Cindy.



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION SUNDAY

Conference members will be at the doors of the church to receive your generous donations after all the Masses next weekend. Thank you for your financial support to help those in need in our area.

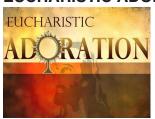
### **FIRST SUNDAY ROSARY**

You are invited to pray the Rosary with your St. Edward community ~ before the 10:45 a.m. Mass! *Please join us* Sunday, April 7th at 10:20 a.m. in the Church. Rosaries and guides will be handed out in the Gathering Space. We look forward to praying together!

### **DAILY ROSARY**

Please join us to recite the Rosary after the 9:00 a.m. Mass each weekday in the Chapel. We look forward to praying together! Rosaries are available at the entrances of the church.

### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. EDWARD**



When the topic of Eucharistic Adoration was first mentioned to me, I must admit, I had no idea what it meant. After giving it some thought, I decided to sign up and just see what it was all about. I figured I would attend a couple of times and then respectfully stop going. Well that

was about 14 years ago, and I am still going!

Eucharistic Adoration has truly been a life-changing experience for me. First and foremost, it has given me a relationship with my Holy Father that I never thought possible. Each week as I pray, read Scripture, and meditate about the Readings, I have a deeper understanding of God. I still have much more to learn but attending weekly Adoration has greatly helped me in my spiritual journey. The hour I spend in meditation and prayer has become my "me" time. It is quiet and I can truly focus on my Faith, and my relationship with God. — testimonial Lisa Matula, St. Edward parishioner.

Lisa and many other participants of Eucharistic Adoration have experienced how their lives have been changed by spending 1 hour a week before the exposed Holy Eucharist. Please come and join us for a Holy hour of devotion to God. Eucharistic Adoration starts after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Mondays and concludes with the start of Mass on Tuesday. If you are interested in signing up for an hour of devotion, please contact Kim Chupka at <a href="mailto:start.edsadoration@gmail.com">starts.edsadoration@gmail.com</a>.

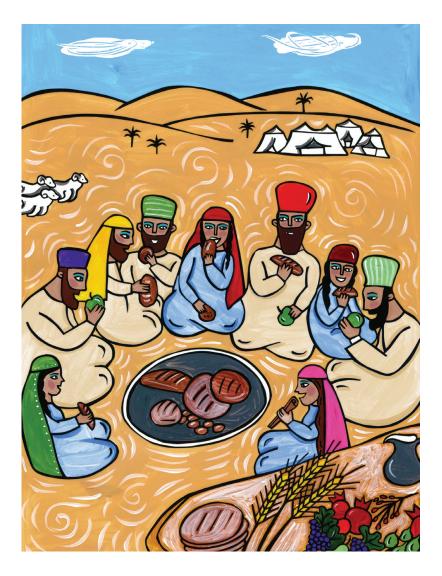
### **EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES**

For the upcoming Palm Sunday (April 14th) and Easter (April 21st) bulletins, there are early deadlines to send articles to <a href="mailto:barb@saintedwards.org">barb@saintedwards.org</a>. For **Palm Sunday**, email articles on or before April 3rd. For **Easter**, email on or before April 10th.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

There are many pieces of jewelry that have been found and are pinned to the bulletin board across from the parish office. Please stop by to see if something is yours. Unclaimed items will be donated.

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### Your Children's Children

God of all generations, from the beginning of time, you have given your children an abundance of gifts and provided for their needs. The Israelites were nourished with the Passover meal, and shared the produce of the land, as they told the story of the covenant in the land of Canaan. We ask that you continue to bless

We ask that you continue to bless your elect with the Bread of Life, and the story of your presence among your people.

May our gathering around the ambo and altar

sustain us, our children, and our children's children.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Sunday, March 31, 2019 Gifts of Love

Today's Readings: Joshua 5:9, 10–12; Psalm 34:2–3, 4, 5, 6–7; 2 Corinthians 5:17–21; Luke 15:1–3, 11–32. We hear in the Book of Joshua how the Lord takes care of all the needs of his people. They had relied upon manna sent as bread from heaven. Now they would eat from the produce of the land. Both the manna and the grain were gifts from God and provided nourishment for his children.

In the story of the prodigal son, it is easy to focus on the younger son, who takes his father's inheritance and squanders it on extravagant living. When he finds himself in a foreign land, alone and hungry, he finally realizes who he is and decides to return to his father to ask to be a hired hand. When the son is within eyesight, the father runs to him and embraces him with compassionate love. No matter what the son has done, he is welcomed home.

But what about the older son, who does not appreciate the love that the father showed to his younger son? The older son confronts his father since he is upset about the excessive love showered on the younger brother, who is given sandals, a robe, a ring, and a party for his friends. The father in this parable offers both of his sons his love. That is his gift to them. He invites them both to participate in the celebration. During this Lent, remember that the Lord always looks forward to the return of his children.



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, April 1 God's Grace

The royal official trusts so much in the word Jesus speaks, that he returned home sure that his daughter would be well. Jesus gave him the opportunity to have faith without seeing. When we come to Jesus with our desires, we do not always get an immediate response to our requests. Often when our prayers are answered, they take us in a direction that we may not have anticipated. Pray today that you may trust where God's grace is leading you. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 65:17–21; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–13; John 4:43–54.* 

# Tuesday, April 2 Healing the Isolation

The man who had been sick for thirty-eight years holds out hope that he will be cured, even though he has no one to help him. His hope is fulfilled when Jesus encounters the man at that place of healing. Have you ever been isolated because you needed help? Can you offer assistance or support to the aged or sick who live near you this Lent? Something as simple as bringing a smile, reading a story, or taking someone for a walk can help them feel less alone. Today's Readings: Ezekiel 47:1–9, 12; Psalm 46:2–3, 5–6, 8–9; John 5:1–3, 5–16.

# Wednesday, April 3 The Work of the Father

"My Father is at work until now, and I am at work as well." When Jesus told the Pharisees this, they were only angered at what they considered blasphemy. God continues to work, even on the Sabbath. How are we called to be collaborators in the work of God? Reflect on how you can practice the spiritual and corporal works of mercy to continue the work of God. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 49:8–15; Psalm 145:8–9, 13–15, 17–18; John 5:17–30.* 

# Thursday, April 4 The Word of God

Today's Gospel continues Jesus' response to those who are not open to hearing his words. Do you ever shut yourself off from the power of the Word of God? This week, be intentional about sitting quietly with his Word, allowing the Word of God to enter your heart. Pay attention to words or phrases that strike you. Write that word or phrase in your Lenten journal. How can you continue to think about that Scripture verse this week? *Today's Readings: Exodus 32:7–14; Psalm 106:19–20, 21–22, 23; John 5:31–47.* 

### Friday, April 5 Prepare Your Heart

The crowd in Jerusalem cannot seem to agree. They either know everything about Jesus or they do not know anything about him. It is easy to limit ourselves by making an assumption or jumping to a conclusion. Sometimes, too, decisions are rationalized. Prepare your heart by participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation or by seeking a spiritual director who is available to pray with you, challenge you, and help you to see how God is calling you. *Today's Readings: Wisdom 2:1, 12–22; Psalm 34:17–18, 19–20, 21, 23; John 7:1–2, 10, 25–30.* 

### Saturday, April 6 Open Your Heart

Have you ever been with a group in which each person holds a different opinion? As they attempt to speak and argue their point, confusion and frustration ensues. The Gospel today speaks about division, because the Jewish leaders were judging Jesus. We do not have to look very far to see division and conflict in our communities and even our parishes and families. Let us pray to have an open mind and heart to the thoughts of others. Let us not close ourselves to the presence of Christ in the heart of someone whose opinion differs from ours. *Today's Readings: Jeremiah 11:18–20; Psalm 7:2–3*, 9–10, 11–12; John 7:40–53.





# Lectio Divina

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

"Having laid the solid foundation of poverty inculcated by Jesus Christ Himself when, seated on the mountain, He said: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit;' it behooves us to strive vigorously to repress the tongue. This organ ought only to be employed in useful speech, and never to become the instrument of vain and idle words."

~SAINT VINCENT FERRER

### Monday, April 1 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: John 4:43-54 At that time Jesus left [Samaria] for Galilee. For Jesus himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his native place. When he came into Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, since they had seen all he had done in Jerusalem at the feast; for they themselves had gone to the feast. Then he returned to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. Now there was a royal official whose son was ill in Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, who was near death. Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe." The royal official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." Jesus said to him, "You may go; your son will live." The man believed what Jesus said to him and left. While the man was on his way back, his slaves met him and told him that his boy would live. He asked them when he began to recover. They told him, "The fever left him yesterday, about one in the afternoon." The father realized that just at that time Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live," and he and his whole household came to believe. Now this was the second sign Jesus did when he came to Galilee from Judea.

**Meditation**: Jesus' miracles are signs that manifest the presence and power of God's kingdom. When a Gentile official heard the reports of Jesus' preaching and miracles, he decided to seek Jesus out for an extraordinary favor. It took raw courage for a Gentile court official to travel twenty miles in search of Jesus, the Galilean carpenter. He had to swallow his pride and put up with some ridicule from his cronies. And when he found Jesus, Jesus seemed to put him off with the blunt statement that people would not believe unless they saw some kind of miracle or sign from heaven. Jesus likely said this to test the man to see if his faith was in earnest. If he turned away discouraged or irritated, he would prove to be insincere. Jesus, perceiving his faith, sent him home with the assurance that his prayer had indeed been heard.

**Prayer:** O God, who renew the world through mysteries beyond all telling, grant, we pray, that your Church may be guided by your eternal design. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** The royal official in today's gospel was focused on this son and saving his son's life as his son's life was hanging by a thread. Jesus is his only hope. From what we are told this official would believe in the saying, "Where there's life, there's hope." Jesus says to this official, "Go home; your son will live," and the official goes home, with confidence in Christ. This man's faith seems to grow in the few moments he pleads with Jesus. And so the official leaves to return to his son, believing the word of our Lord. Do you approach the Lord Jesus with the readiness to believe in his word and to do whatever he commands? Do you trust in Jesus?

### Tuesday, April 2 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Lent Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

**Holy Gospel: John 5:1-16** There was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem at the Sheep Gate a pool called in Hebrew Bethesda, with five porticoes. In these lay a large number of ill, blind, lame, and crippled. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been ill for a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; while I am on my way, someone else gets down there before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise,

take up your mat, and walk." Immediately the man became well, took up his mat, and walked. Now that day was a Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to carry your mat." He answered them, "The man who made me well told me, 'Take up your mat and walk." They asked him, "Who is the man who told you, 'Take it up and walk'?" The man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away, since there was a crowd there. After this Jesus found him in the temple area and said to him, "Look, you are well; do not sin any more, so that nothing worse may happen to you." The man went and told the Jews that Jesus was the one who had made him well. Therefore, the Jews began to persecute Jesus because he did this on a Sabbath.

**Meditation:** Water has the power to transform everything it touches – water brings life, healing, and restoration. Jesus offers himself as the source of this living water which he will pour out upon his disciples in the gift of the Holy Spirit. The signs and miracles which Jesus performed manifest the power and presence of God's kingdom and they demonstrate the love and mercy God has for his people. In the pool at Bethesda we see an individual's helplessness overcome by God's mercy and power. On this occasion Jesus singles out an incurable invalid, helpless and hopeless for almost forty years. He awakens hope when he puts a probing question to the man, "Do you really want to be healed?" And he then orders him to "get up and walk!"

**Prayer:** O God, exaltation of the lowly, who raised Saint Francis of Paola to the glory of your Saints, grant, we pray, that by his merits and example we may happily attain the rewards promised to the humble. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** God wants to free us from the power of sin and make us whole. But he will not force our hand against our will. The first essential step towards growth and healing is the desire for change. If we are stubborn and want to stay as we are, then no amount of coaxing will change us. But remember that the Lord manifests his power and saving grace towards those who have that interior desire to transform their lives in witness to Christ. The Lord approaches each of us with an important and probing question: "Do you really want to be changed, to be set free from the power of sin, and to be transformed in my holiness?" How we respond has implications not only in our earthly life, but for eternity as well. Don't let human emotion, ego and stubbornness get in the way of a life in Christ, folks! Seek Jesus; embrace Jesus!

### Wednesday, April 3 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: John 5:17-30 Jesus answered the Jews: "My Father is at work until now, so I am at work." For this reason they tried all the more to kill him, because he not only broke the Sabbath but he also called God his own father, making himself equal to God. Jesus answered and said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, the Son cannot do anything on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for what he does, the Son will do also. For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything that he himself does, and he will show him greater works than these, so that you may be amazed. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives life, so also does the Son give life to whomever he wishes. Nor does the Father judge anyone, but he has given all judgment to the Son, so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father, Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life. Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to the Son the possession of life in himself. And he gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation. "I cannot do anything on my own; I judge as I hear, and my judgment is just, because I do not seek my own will but the will of the one who sent me."

**Meditation:** God's actions always reveal to us his mercy and his justice. Do you recognize his action in your life, his saving grace and love, and the purifying fire of his Spirit who convicts us of sin and transforms us in his holiness? Jesus fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah when he brings healing, restoration, and forgiveness to those who accept his divine message. Unfortunately many people refused Jesus' message and authority to speak and act on behalf of the Father. The religious authorities charged Jesus as a "Sabbath-breaker" and as a "blasphemer". They wanted to kill Jesus because he claimed the same authority and power as God. He claimed equality with God— something no mortal could say without blaspheming. Jesus answered their charge of breaking the Sabbath law by demonstrating God's purpose for creation and redemption — to save and restore life. God's love and mercy never ceases, even on the

Sabbath. Jesus continues to show the Father's mercy, even on the Sabbath day of rest. When they charged that Jesus was making himself equal with God, he replied that he was not acting independently of God because his relationship is that of a Father and Son relationship.

**Prayer:** Lord, grant us your forgiveness, and set us free from our enslavement to sin. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** If we wish to see how God reacts to sin and how he responds to our sinful condition, then we must look to Jesus. The mind of Jesus is the mind of God, and the words of Jesus are the words of God. Jesus also states that his identity to the Father is based on complete obedience. Jesus always did what his Father wanted him to do. His obedience was not based on submission or power, but on love. The unity between Jesus and the Father is a unity of love. We are called to submit our lives to God with the same love and obedience which Jesus demonstrated for his Father. Jesus states that to accept him is life and to reject him is death. Are you ready to follow the Lord and to leave behind whatever is false and contrary to his will?

### Thursday, April 4 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Lent Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: John 5:31-47 Jesus said to the Jews: "If I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is not true. But there is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that the testimony he gives on my behalf is true. You sent emissaries to John, and he testified to the truth. I do not accept human testimony, but I say this so that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining lamp, and for a while you were content to rejoice in his light. But I have testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father gave me to accomplish, these works that I perform testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. Moreover, the Father who sent me has testified on my behalf. But you have never heard his voice nor seen his form, and you do not have his word remaining in you, because you do not believe in the one whom he has sent. You search the Scriptures, because you think you have eternal life through them; even they testify on my behalf. But you do not want to come to me to have life. "I do not accept human praise; moreover, I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I came in the name of my Father, but you do not accept me; yet if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe, when you accept praise from one another and do not seek the praise that comes from the only God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father: the one who will accuse you is Moses, in whom you have placed your hope. For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, because he wrote about me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

**Meditation:** Jesus' opponents refused to accept his divine authority and claim to be the only Son from the Father. They demanded evidence for his Messianic claim and equality with God. Jesus answers their charges with the supporting evidence of witnesses. The Mosaic law had laid down the principle that the unsupported evidence of one person shall not prevail against a man for any crime or wrong in connection with any offence he committed (see Deuteronomy 17:6). At least two or three witnesses were needed. Jesus begins his defense by citing John the Baptist as a witness, since John publicly pointed to Jesus as the Messiah and had repeatedly borne witness to him (see John 1:19, 20, 26, 29, 35, 36). Jesus also asserts that a greater witness to his identity are the signs he performed. He cites his works, not to point to himself but to point to the power of God working in and through him. He cites God as his supreme witness.

**Prayer:** Graciously hear the prayers, O Lord, which we make in commemoration of Saint Isidore, that your Church may be aided by his intercession, just as she has been instructed by his heavenly teaching. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Jesus asserts that the scriptures themselves, including the books of Moses, point to himself as the Messiah, the promised Savior. The problem with the scribes and Pharisees was that they did not believe what Moses had written. They desired the praise of their fellow humans and because of that they were unable to recognize and understand the word of God. Their pride made them deaf to God's voice. God reveals himself to the lowly, to those who trust not in themselves, but in God. The Lord opens the ears of those who are eager to hear his voice and he fills their hearts and minds with his love and wisdom. Saint Augustine once said: "As Christians, our task is to make daily progress toward God. Our pilgrimage on earth is a school in which God is the only teacher, and it demands good students, not ones who play truant. In this school we learn something every day. We learn something from commandments,

something from examples, and something from sacraments. These things are remedies for our wounds and materials for study." So we must ask ourselves: Are you an eager student of God's word and do you listen to it with faith and trust? If not, why not? Something to work on during these last weeks of Lent.

### Friday, April 5 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Lent Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

**Holy Gospel: John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30** Jesus moved about within Galilee; he did not wish to travel in Judea, because the Jews were trying to kill him. But the Jewish feast of Tabernacles was near. But when his brothers had gone up to the feast, he himself also went up, not openly but as it were in secret. Some of the inhabitants of Jerusalem said, "Is he not the one they are trying to kill? And look, he is speaking openly and they say nothing to him. Could the authorities have realized that he is the Christ? But we know where he is from. When the Christ comes, no one will know where he is from." So Jesus cried out in the temple area as he was teaching and said, "You know me and also know where I am from. Yet I did not come on my own, but the one who sent me, whom you do not know, is true. I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me." So they tried to arrest him, but no one laid a hand upon him, because his hour had not yet come.

**Meditation:** There are a number of things that can hold us back from doing the will of God, if we let them. Fear, especially the fear of death, can easily rob us of courage and the will to do what we know is right. Jesus met opposition and the threat of death with grace and determination to accomplish his Father's will. Jesus knew that his mission, his purpose in life, would entail sacrifice and suffering and culminate with death on the cross. But that would not be the end. His "hour" would crush defeat with victory, condemnation with pardon and freedom, and death with glory and everlasting life. He willingly suffered and went to the cross for our sake, to redeem us from sin and to restore our relationship with God the Father. Saint Augustine once noted: "Our Lord had the power to lay down his life and to take it up again. But we cannot choose how long we shall live, and death comes to us even against our will. Christ, by dying, has already overcome death. Our freedom from death comes only through his death. To save us Christ had no need of us. Yet without him we can do nothing. He gave himself to us as the vine to the branches; apart from him we cannot live."

**Prayer:** O God, who raised up the Priest Saint Vincent Ferrer to minister by the preaching of the Gospel, grant, we pray, that, when the Judge comes, whom Saint Vincent proclaimed on earth, we may be among those blessed to behold him reigning in heaven. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Despite how modern, sophisticated, or knowledgeable we may look upon or feel about ourselves, no one can be indifferent with Jesus for long. What he said and did – his signs and wonders – he did in the name of God. Jesus not only claimed to be the Messiah, God's Anointed One. He claimed to be in a unique relationship with God and to know him as no one else did. To the Jews this was utter blasphemy. The religious authorities did all they could to put a stop to Jesus because they could not accept his claims and the demands he made. We cannot be indifferent to the claims which Jesus makes on us. We are either for him or against him. There is no middle ground. We can try to mold Jesus to our own ideas and preferences or we can allow his word to free us from our own ignorance, stubborn pride, and deception. Do you accept all that Jesus has said and done for you with faith and reverence or with disbelief and contempt? The consequences are enormous, both in this life and in eternity.

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Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." (Mark 1:14–15)

# How to Go to Confession...

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, whatever good you do and suffering you endure, heal your sins, help you grow in holiness, and reward you with eternal life.

Go in peace.

-Rite of Penance, no. 93

- 1 PREPARATION: Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ's commands to "love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this "examination of conscience," you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).
- 2 GREETING: The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.
- THE SIGN OF THE CROSS: Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [give days, months, or years] since my last confession."
- 4 CONFESSION: Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: "I am sorry for these and all my sins."
- 5 PENANCE: The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

6 ACT OF CONTRITION: After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.

(Rite of Penance, no. 45)

- 7 ABSOLUTION: The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, "Amen."
- 8 PRAISE: The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good." And your response would be, "His mercy endures for ever" (*Rite of Penance*, no. 47).
- 9 DISMISSAL: The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, "Go in peace."

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, "Do not fear" (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this how-to guide with you! (For more information, visit www.usccb.org/confession.)

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### 40 DAYS, 40 CANS: A CAN-A-DAY FOR LENT

Please consider making a sacrifice for the hungry of our community. The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is sponsoring a "40 Days, 40 Cans" campaign. Each family is asked to donate 40 cans to the pantry as their "works of love" during Lent. The pantry is in need of canned fruit, soup, tuna skillet dinners and personal items (toilet paper and laundry detergent). Families may also make a monetary donation to the pantry by placing a check in the offering listing the food pantry in the memo section of the check. Thanks for thinking of the pantry during this most Holy Season.

### ST. EDWARD EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

If you would like to make a donation for Easter Flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please use your Easter Flower Offering envelope or fill out this coupon and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office by Sunday, **April 7th**. A listing of memorials will be published in the Easter bulletin. The suggested donation is \$20.00.

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# ALL MEN INVITED: GENESIS TO JESUS SERIES

The Wednesday night Men's Faith Sharing group invites all men, young, old, parishioner, nonparishioner, to join them for the video series, "**Genesis to Jesus**," with praying the Rosary at the tabernacle at 7:00 p.m., followed by a video presentation in the lounge at 7:30 then discussion until 8:30.

Please prayerfully consider joining us for this journey through the Bible through June 5th where we'll study the divine covenants that God made with humanity in the course of salvation history. We'll focus on His Old Testament covenants with Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David, then we'll see how each is fulfilled in the New Testament covenant God makes with the world through Jesus Christ. Any questions, contact Deacon John at 740-973-5583. These videos are a production by the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology.

### ST. EDWARD'S PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

The St. Edward Preschool is accepting applications for enrollment into the Preschool for 2019-2020. Registration information is available on a table outside the St. Edward Preschool office, in the Gathering Space by the doors, and are downloadable from <a href="https://www.saintedwards.org/preschool">https://www.saintedwards.org/preschool</a>. We welcome families to visit our preschool and ask that you call/email ahead so we can arrange a tour. For more information, contact Adrienne Evans, St. Edward Preschool Director, at 740-587-3275 or <a href="preschool@saintedwards.org">preschool@saintedwards.org</a>.



### **WELCOME SUNDAY**

Welcome Sunday is April 7th after both Masses. The Knights of Columbus will be providing the coffee and donuts sponsored by Lori & Rick Corder in memory of William J. Bline. If your family or business would like to be a sponsor for Welcome Sunday, please contact Scott Scholten at 740-258-3287. All money collected in the donation jug on the donut tables goes toward Knights of Columbus CHARITIES. Your generous donations help us to serve those in need as well as our Seminarians and to promote vocations. We sincerely appreciate your contributions!

### **STEWARDSHIP**

This month, the Walking With Purpose Bible Study will host the Stewardship Table. If women of the parish are interested in learning more about this ministry, plan to stop by. There are St. Edward Ministry sign-up sheets at the Stewardship table. If you are interested, you may sign up for a parish ministry.

### **WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS**

All new members of the parish, please stop by the **Welcome** Committee table. The Welcome Committee would like to meet you and give you a small gift from the parish. Also, new families can register.

### **EQUAL EXCHANGE INTERFAITH COFFEE PROGRAM**

The Women of St. Edward will have Fair Trade coffee and chocolate candy bars and hot chocolate for sale in the Hall. As part of the Equal Exchange Interfaith Coffee Program, the sale of fairly traded coffee helps small-scale farmers in Latin America, Africa, and Asia build a better economic future for their families and communities.

# SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE AT ST. EDWARD

Fr. Thomas Lowery Scholarship and the Bernice and Joe Ciricosta Scholarship.

St. Edward Church is proud to have two separate \$1,500 scholarships available to any St. Edward parishioner in good standing, who is actively pursuing a post-secondary program. Former applicants who have not been recipients of the awards are encouraged to reapply. We suggest you apply to both and wish you best of luck with your applications. Scholarship applications are available in the Parish office and on the Parish website. Applications should be submitted to the parish office on or before May 10, 2019.

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES ~ RICE BOWL

Encounter Kumba – We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit <a href="mailto:crsricebowl.org">crsricebowl.org</a> for more.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** MARCH 31, 2019







### **LENT 2019 – SOUP SUPPER SERIES**

"Creating a Community of Care" is the theme for our Lenten Soup Suppers this year. It is an informative look at many of the major social justice issues of our times and the Church's response. A Soup Supper begins in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m. each Tuesday, with a speaker at 6:30 and Stations of the Cross Devotion in Church at 7:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 2

"The Catholic Church -

### Home of Immigrants From All Over The World"

Speaker: Alma Ciriello, Diocesan Office For Ethnic Ministries Soup Supper hosted by the St. Vincent DePaul Conference and the Music Ministry

Tuesday, April 9

"Care for God's Creation -

### Make the World Better Than You Found It"

Speaker: Jerry Freewalt, Diocesan Office for Social Concerns Soup Supper hosted by the PSR parents/teachers and Pre-School teachers

### THE BEST LENT EVER

Do you want to join an incredible journey toward the best version of yourself during this Lenten Season? Sign up online to receive daily e-mails with short inspirational videos, practical tips for your life, and personal stories from the Dynamic Catholic team. Register anytime at www.DynamicCatholic.org.

### 2019 GRANVILLE ECUMENICAL VBS

This year's Vacation Bible School is sponsored by St. Edward, First Presbyterian, Centenary Methodist, St. Luke Episcopal and United Church of Granville. The dates are Monday-Friday, June 10-14 (9:00 a.m. to noon each day) and the host church is St. Edward. All children from Pre-K through 6th grade may be a part of this fun-filled week. There is also a Little VBS for the very young ones of adult volunteers. Please register at www. granvillevbs.com from now until May 12th. Go online for all information and to register and pay fees. There is also a page online for adults and teens (Gr. 7-12) to register to volunteer for any or all days of that week. Join us for "the best week of summer!"

### FISH FRY FRIDAYS

The St. Edward Fish Fry dinners continue on Fridays in the Parish Hall through April 12th. Dinners will be served between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:30



p.m. (seniors can be served at 4:00.) Carry-out is available. Join us for hand-breaded ocean perch, baked perch, fries, salad, slaw, rolls and desserts. (Mac 'n Cheese for the kids!) The cost: Adults \$12.00, Seniors (60+) and Students \$10.00, children 6-12 \$5.00 and under 6 will be free. The carry-out family bucket is \$38.00.

If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on the poster in the Gathering Space. Reminder: your donations of desserts are needed, especially pies, but all desserts are welcome.

### SCHEDULE FOR LENT

### **Lenten Tuesdays**

April 2, 9 (See bulletin article for topics and speakers)

Soup Supper ~ Hall ~ 6:00 p.m.

Speaker ~ Hall ~ 6:30 p.m.

Note: On April 2, the Stations of the Cross/

Examination of Conscience precedes the Penance Service ~

Church ~ 7:00 p.m.

### Men's Faith Sharing - "Genesis to Jesus" series ~

Wednesdays through June 5 (exclude April 17)

### **Penance Services**

St. Leonard, Heath ~ Sunday, March 31 ~ 4:00 p.m.

St. Edward the Confessor ~ Tuesday, April 2 ~ 7:00 p.m. with Stations of the Cross

St. Vincent de Paul, Mt. Vernon ~ Tuesday, April 2 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Buckeye Lake ~

Sunday, April 7 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Church of the Ascension, Johnstown ~

Tuesday, April 9 ~ 7:00 p.m.

### Fish Fry Fridays

Fridays through April 12

(Seniors 4:00 p.m. ~ General Public 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.)

### Palm Sunday

April 13/14 ~ Masses 5:00 p.m. ~ 8:15 a.m. ~ 10:45 a.m.

### SATURDAY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Program, 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. ~ Parish Hall Father Larry Richards ~

Luke 22:32 Men Strengthening Summits

Lenten Program -

### Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession

Session 5: Biblical Foundations Part 2 4-6-19

4-13-19 Session 6: Answering Common Questions

about Confession

Off - Easter Weekend 4-20-19

4-27-19 Final 22:32 Men Strengthening Summits

Man is a man who speaks the truth in love.

## The Edwardians!

### **Monthly Participation in First Friday Mass**

As suggested by a member of The Edwardians, it would be a great experience for the Edwardians to participate on a monthly basis in the First Friday Mass, commencing on April 5th. Each of us alone is incomplete, together with Christ we are as one. So, let us join together in honoring and thanking Him for another day!

Following the Mass, The Edwardians are invited to go to Bob Evans for breakfast. We will need to know if you will be attending breakfast so that the necessary arrangements can be made. Please RSVP and let us know if you are going to breakfast!

Ruby Hall at 614-579-0930, Rosalie Duque at 614-284-4444 or Marianne Moses at 240-409-1538.



"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." (JOSHUA 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

Share your blessings by supporting your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit <a href="https://www.catholic-foundation.org/development">www.catholic-foundation.org/development</a> for more information.

# STEWARDSHIP TIME ~ TALENT ~TREASURE

For too many of us, Lent is a season of doom and gloom, a time to feel bad about all the ways we are not "measuring up" in our spiritual lives. But this view could not be further from the truth. Lent is a season of refreshment and love, of awakening and rebirth. The Gospel Reading, the parable of the Prodigal Son, is filled with this theme of awakening and the extravagant, life-changing love that the Father has for each one of us.

We are all familiar with this amazing story – the bratty younger son who has the audacity to ask his dad for his inheritance early, only to squander it sinfully away. It makes us bristle instinctively at his nerve when we read it. But isn't that exactly what we do when we selfishly turn away from God (in big or small ways) in our own lives? We squander away the inheritance of grace He has given us.

In desperation from the mess he had made of his life, the son finally "comes to his senses" – awakening to the truth that he is a beloved son of a loving and merciful father – and decides to return home. His contrition is faltering and imperfect and seems motivated in large part by his growling stomach. But it is enough for the loving father.

In fact, as soon as the father catches sight of his son he is "filled with compassion for him" and immediately sets about preparing a feast and fine clothes for this son. What an extravagance of love! What a beautiful picture Jesus gives us of our Father's love and mercy. Oh, how this should fill us with gratitude for such a Father!

And how it should inspire us — with just the tiniest bit of spiritual "spring cleaning," we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father's loving embrace and find ourselves feasting in His presence. That is what Lent is all about. — <u>catholicsteward.com</u>

# OHIO DOMINICAN SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

High school students graduating in 2020, 2021 or 2022 are invited to attend Ohio Dominican University's Summer Scholars Program from July 8th-12th. The five-day program consists of four daily classes, which include classroom discussions, out-of-classroom labs, and numerous hands-on activities. The camp costs \$150.00 per student for the daytime-only option or \$350.00 for the overnight option. Registration is limited to the first 50 respondents. To register, please visit ohiodominican.edu/SummerScholars.

# OHIO DOMINICAN TO HOST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL VISIT DAY

All Columbus Diocesan high school students are invited to attend Ohio Dominican University's Catholic High School Visit Day on Thursday, May 2, from 8:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. on ODU's campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Students will have an opportunity to participate in numerous activities, including classroom discussions, campus tours, and a group service project competition. To register for the free event, visit <a href="https://documber.com/ohiodominican.edu/VisitDay">ohiodominican.edu/VisitDay</a>.

### **BETHESDA HEALING MINISTRY**

The *Bethesda Healing Ministry* invites you to gather for a very special Dinner Event on Thursday, April 4th at St. Agatha Msgr. Kennedy Parish Hall, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. We gather in the name of "Joy in Forgiveness." Frank Hartge graciously serves as Master of Ceremonies, *Dr. Ray Guarendi* is our Featured Speaker, Brendan O'Rourke to perform music and Sue Smith/Bosc and Brie to provide catering.

Cocktails: 6:10 p.m. Complimentary Dinner: 6:45 p.m. Registration is required. Our program includes an appeal for donations for your help in continuing this ministry of hope and healing. Online registration at <a href="bethesdahealing.org">bethesdahealing.org</a> or call Bethesda Healing Ministry to register at 614-718-0277.

Mass: 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us for Mass at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 1899 McCoy Road.

### CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB

The April Catholic Men's Luncheon Club will feature a talk by Adam Dufault who is the Episcopal Moderator of Education and Superintendent of Schools of the diocese. Please join us Friday, April 5th at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for lunch and Adam's talk "Have Faith in Education: Catholic Schools in the Columbus Diocese." The luncheon this month is sponsored by Knights of Columbus Insurance – Valent Agency. More information at <a href="https://www.kofcvalentagency.org">www.kofcvalentagency.org</a>. Holy Mass begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Adam's talk. No reservations are necessary. Ten dollars covers the lunch and meeting. For information on Catholic Men's Luncheon Club, visit <a href="https://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc">www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc</a> or contact Craig Heppner, CMLC President, at <a href="mailto:craigkofc@gmail.com">craigkofc@gmail.com</a>

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