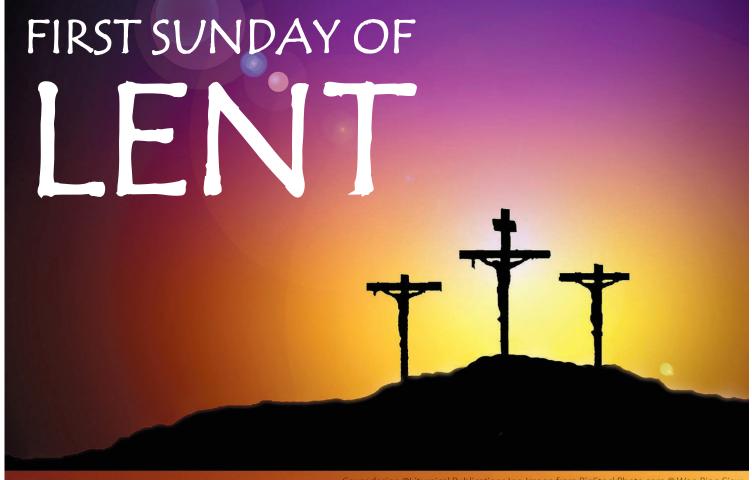


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prayed before the 8:30 am Mass

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm **Weekday:** Monday-Friday 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 9:00-10:00 am, Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm or by appointment

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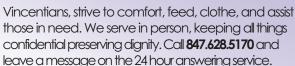
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VOCATION CORNER WITH FATHER ROMKE

LENT! - Each year we approach these 40 days with excitement and maybe a little nervousness or apprehension if we're being honest. Of course the goal of Lent is to go deeper in our relationship with

Christ by working on our faults and trying to build up good habits. Another way to put it would be to say that we strive to put our own will and our own desires aside and to strive to fulfill God's will more perfectly as we progress through this season. If this is the case, that this season is about doing God's will, then this seems like a perfect opportunity for discernment of God's call! You see, every week I write in the column about ways in which we can both discover and answer God's call for each of us, whether it be in the day to day details of life or one's big picture vocation! Lent is a perfect and super-charged opportunity to make a concerted effort each day to discovering God's will! I recommend adding one more thing to the list of things that you're doing for Lent and I'll tell you right away that it's nothing to be worried about because it won't take much time. Simply add this prayer into your daily routine each day during Lent: "God, please give me the grace to keep an open heart and to desire you're will over my own, and give me the strength to say YES to your call when you reveal it to me." That's all! Have an amazing Lent!

Diocese of Rockford Vocation Office Annual Spring "Nun Run"

We will be hosting a vocational discernment "Nun Run" for women 17 years of age, college age and older who are interested in a religious vocation. We will be visiting Sisters and Nuns of different orders with different apostolates, this will include talks on discernment and religious life, time in prayer with our Lord, as well as many opportunities to meet, share and pray with the sisters. We will be visiting various religious communities, in Wisconsin. Cost is only \$90.00. Date of the trip will be March 17, 18 and 19, 2017. Deadline for registration is March 10th, space is limited. You can contact the Vocation Office at 815/399-4300 ext. 375, our web-site www.rockforddiocese.org/vocations Discerning Women or **dbarger@rockforddiocese.org** for more information.



Youth Ministry will be presenting Partners in Prayer, an opportunity to support the Steubenville Youth

Conference this summer! Visit our display in the gathering space March 11/12 and **18/19**. More info will be presented at Mass next weekend.



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Please contact the school office at (847) 742-3959 or via email at ahawkinson@stmcentral.org for more information and a tour of the school. Shadow days upon request.



1st SUNDAY OF LENT

"He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry." And no surprise! That's an incredibly long time to fast. Undoubtedly Jesus' physical and emotional strength would have been extremely weak after enduring such a marathon of abstinence. And isn't it interesting that the "tempter" should choose to appear at this particular moment? When bread must have sounded better than ever, the devil comes and tests Jesus.

saying, "Command that these stones become loaves of bread."

How hard it must have been to resist! Surely, Jesus could have caved in. He could have shown the devil his power--and had a bite to eat while he was at it--but he didn't. Instead, Jesus relied upon the word of God, and battled the devil by holding fast to the truth. "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

What an excellent model this provides for us. We too face temptation of various kinds and degrees. As the first reading from Genesis reminds us, the "cunning" serpent has been slithering around humanity from the beginning of time. Even when we have all that we need, the devil makes us want more, or want different, than what we have. Today's Gospel calls Satan "the tempter" for good reason. He tempts us to break God's law as Adam and Eve did when they ate from the tree "in the middle of the garden." But Jesus shows us the right response by battling the devil with the truth of God's word. Whatever temptations might beset us, there is power in clinging to the truths that we find in Scripture. In our moments of trial, may we have the strength to claim these truths as our own and, like Jesus, defeat the deceit of the devil.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 5, 2017

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/

Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/

Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2 Tm

1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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You're invited to an Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser to support Knights of Columbus Monsignor Henry Schryer Council 654. Event will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 8:00-10:00am at the Applebee's located at 125 Randall Rd, Elgin, IL 60123 by the Marcus Theatre. Tickets will be \$7.00. See organization for ticket purchase prior to the event.

Q. & A. OF THE WEEK

Q: I noticed that in some languages, the period before Easter is called "forty days." Where did Lent get its name?

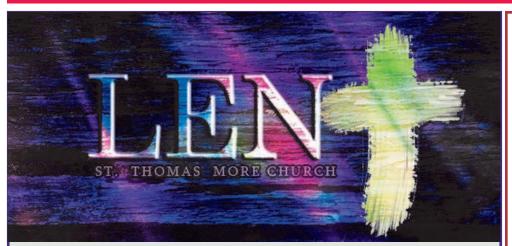
A: Many names used in the church for prayers, feasts, and liturgies have interesting histories. History, language, and the adaptation of secular things for religious purposes often influenced how something got its name. Greek and Latin hold a primary, though not exclusive, influence. In the case of Lent, it was a combination of language and history that influenced its English name.

The word Lent comes from the Middle English word "Lenten," which means spring, and it did not have any religious meaning. Since Easter was celebrated in late spring, the time before it was designated as a time of preparation. Lent was not always forty days however. In the early church, it was just a few days, and was later extended to a few weeks. By the time of the Council of Nicaea, in 325, Lent was forty days, most likely because of the length of time that Jesus spent in the desert to prepare for his public ministry. The early Greek word for Lent meant forty days.

It was then translated into Latin, and on to the Romance languages (derived from Latin): Italian, Spanish, French, etcetera. Spring's association with the time of Easter had a greater influence in our language, and the Middle English word "Lenten" became Lent as the time more connected to preparation before Easter.



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Lenten Activities are from March 1st - April 13th

- **+ STATIONS OF THE CROSS BY THE STM SCHOOL** Thursdays in the Church March 9, 16, 23, April 6 at 2:15pm
- + PASSION PLAY BY THE STM SCHOOL In STM School Gym Wednesday, April 12 at 7:00pm & Thursday, April 13 at 10:45am
- + STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SIMPLE SUPPERS Friday evenings March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7 Simple Suppers (6pm) & Stations of the Cross (7pm)
- **+ ADORATION IN CHAPEL** Wednesdays from 9:00am 4:00pm March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12 (Confessions 9-10am)
- **+ BE RECONCILED** Confessions available **April 5th** from 9am-8pm
- + HOLY THURSDAY Mass April 13 at 7:00pm
- + GOOD FRIDAY Liturgy of the Lord's Passion April 14 at 3:00pm
- + GOOD FRIDAY "The Seven Last Words of Christ" April 14 at 7:00pm
- **+ EASTER FOOD BLESSING** Saturday, April 15 at 11:30am
- + HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL Mass April 15 at 7:30pm
- + EASTER SUNDAY Mass April 16 at 8am, 10am, 12pm

BLEST ART

Blest Art will be visiting our parish Saturday, March 25th & Sunday

March 26 after each Mass.

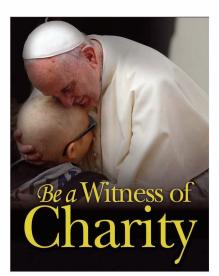
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WORD OF LIFE

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March 11 - 12, 2017

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STM SIMPLE SUPPER & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join our church family each Friday during lent for a simple supper followed by The Stations of the Cross. A light supper will be served from 6:00 - 6:30pm on March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, & April 7.

Stations will begin at 7:00pm.

PARISH CALENDAR

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1st Sunday of Lent		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday March 6	9:00 am 4:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study –Westminster Rm Youth Choir –Lancaster Rm Bell Choir –Church Bible Study –Westminster Rm
Tuesday March 7		
Wednesday March 8	9:00 am 4:00 pm 4:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel Benediction – Chapel Bible Study – Canterbury Rm High School Choir – Lancaster Rm RCIA – Chelsea Rm Adult Choir – Lancaster Rm
Thursday March 9	9:00 am 2:15 pm 6:30 pm	Intercessory Prayer Group -Tudor Rm Stations of the Cross –Church Spred –Canterbury Rm
Friday March 10	9:15 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Women's Prayer Group -Canterbury Rm Simple Suppers –Chelsea Rm Stations of the Cross –Church
Saturday March 11	1:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Welcoming Orientation Bell Choir –Church Filipino Choir –Lancaster Rm
After Masses Next Week	5	Café 215Youth Ministry

















Monday, March 6

8:30 am Sam Watson, Joseph Masella

Tuesday, March 7

8:30 am Marty Byrne, Jerry Kinsella

Wednesday, March 8

8:30 am Wright Family, Mel Janczak

Thursday, March 9

8:30 am Ray Gassman, Patrick Costley

Friday, March 10

8:30 am Bill McBride, Eileen Nueman

Saturday, March 11

5:00 pm Rev. Andrew Plesa, Msgr. Wm Clausen

Sunday, March 12

8:00 am People of STM, Robert Hartwell

10:00 am Anna Hasek, Donie Carry

12:00 pm Gertrude D. Bohne, Brad Coletta

If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, call the parish office to schedule. The contribution for reserving the intention of a Mass is \$10.00

LITURGICAL ROLES -WEEKEND: MARCH 11/12

Presiders

5:00 pm Father Rich 8:00 am Msgr. Linster 10:00 am Father Rich 12:00 pm Father Rich

Altar Servers

5:00 pm T Jannusch, A Meyer, M Witecha 8:00 am M Brammer, A Calero, M Calero 10:00 am E Rolando, L Rolando, M Tendy 12:00 pm M Astudillo, R Bodio, A Stuart

Lectors

5:00 pm F Celarek

8:00 am L Carlsen, B Martens 10:00 am L Coletta, K Goto

12:00 pm G Stover

Musicians

5:00 pm T Pobojewski, K Davis-Flannery, S Ward,

G Andorka, JA Aukofer

8:00 am P Sajdak, S Bestler, D Johnson, JA Aukofer

10:00 am Adult Choir

12:00 pm K Lockard, M Zimmerman, D Malesky,

C Manheim, C Olson

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm V Sloan, D Eternick, T Eternick, M Roman, L McEwan, K Stasukaitis, R Seisser

8:00 am S Kovac, T Kovac, R Callahan, P Lopatowski,

C Hopkins, J Roder, M Gogoel

10:00 am K Mudgett, B Pruter, M Thompson, Z Rodriguez,

M Hudson, L Gaston, MJ Battaglia,

A Battaglia, D Varley

12:00 pm J Gutierrez, G Stuart, D Escanilla, C Voris,

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