

**February 24, 2019**  
**The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. Francis, Francesville; St. Joseph, Pulaski; St. Peter, Winamac

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**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Monday, February 25 at St. Peter**

8:00 A.M. +Gertrude Rausch by Larry & Cloretta Rausch

**Tuesday, February 26 at Parkview Haven  
Nursing Home**

9:00 A.M. +Leona Kinnaman by Family

**Wednesday, February 27 at St. Joseph**

8:00 A.M. +Basil Gilsinger by Paul & Brenda Gilsinger

**Thursday February 28 at St. Joseph**

8:00 A.M. +Carol Smith by Faith & Alan Mitchell

**Friday, March 1 at St. Peter**

8:00 A.M. +Robert Bower by Barb Knarr

**Saturday, March 2**

4:00 P.M. at St. Peter

+Clarence Girton by Mary Kasten

6:00 P.M. at St. Joseph

+Our Cluster Family

**Sunday, March 3**

8:00 A.M. at St. Francis

+Joann Federer Gardner by the Federer Family

10:00 A.M. at St. Peter

+Tom Murray by Jack Fites Family

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**Saturday March 2 at 4:00 P.M.**

(St. Peter)

Reader: Rex Allman

Ministers: Don Clouser, Judy Wilson & Viv Reinhold

Servers: Bonnie Budd & Bill Girton

Ushers: Don Clouser Family

**Saturday, March 2 at 6:00 P.M.**

(St. Joseph)

Reader: Peach Roth

Ministers: Monica Whiteman, Paul Gilsinger & Kelly Weaver

Servers: Randy Roth & Maggie Rowlands

Ushers: Tom Reutebuch, Kevin Whiteman, Tim Weaver & Curt Daugherty

**Sunday, March 3 at 8:00 A.M.**

(St. Francis)

Reader: Pat Ames

Ministers: Carl & Rusty Federer

Servers: Jonathan Ottow

**Sunday, March 3 at 10:00A.M.**

(St. Peter)

Reader: Linda Webb

Ministers: Phyllis Czech, Donna Nicholson & Loree Fisher

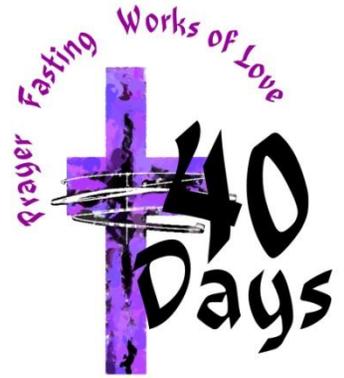
Servers: Madelyn & Claire Goodman

Ushers: Bob Powers, Val Powers, Dave Leonard & Chuck Rebeck

*Oh, by the way,*

Looking at next week's column about Ash Wednesday and Lent, I already had five (5) pages. Rachel would be scrunching to get everything into print... and it would be so small, one would need a magnifying glass to read it. Ergo, we're starting a week early to 'prime the pump'. Lent begins in a week and a half, and it's not too early to think about what you're giving up for Lent. Some thoughts and ideas shared with brother priests over the years.

Sometimes people say that they're doing something positive instead of giving something up, as if sacrifice is not a positive thing. Sacrifice is only one of three essential Lenten practices, but it's worth taking seriously. Sometimes it's just good to do something that is difficult. Beyond that, Lent imitates the 40 days' fast of Jesus in the desert after His baptism. So what are you giving up for Lent? Make it a difficult but not impossible or unrealistic sacrifice. Don't choose something that may benefit you in some way, like helping you to lose weight. (It can be a consequence but shouldn't be a reason.)



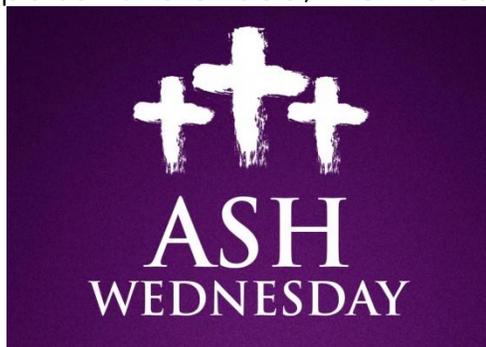
The other two Lenten practices, of course, are prayer and works of charity. In the ideal situation, the three Lenten practices feed and support one another. Sacrifice leads us to prayer as it casts a light on our weakness and dependence. It also leads to works of charity because it encourages solidarity with those who "do without" through no choice of their own. Prayer strengthens our resolve for sacrifice, and opens our minds to move beyond the symbolic and the limited to take action and make a real difference. Charity, when done well, requires its own sacrifice, and also leads us back to prayer when we recognize that we can never do enough, and must depend on God both for our receiving and our giving.

Lent is not simply about self-improvement. Just as the true meaning of Christmas is Easter, so the ultimate goal of our Lenten practices is to enter into the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ.

***So what are you doing for Lent this year? You have a week and a half to decide!***

Ash Wednesday is one of the more popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest/lay minister applies the ashes to a person's forehead, the words are spoken: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" or s/he is free to use the alternative: "Repent and believe in the Gospel."



Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth.

The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the **hair shirts** which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous

year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES (and everyone also!)

(Parents, really need your help with school children)

● Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting for Catholics. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age **18 until age 59**. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two (2) smaller meals may also be taken, but those two (2) meals are not to equal the full meal.

● Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent are obligatory days of **abstinence**. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church **from age 14 upwards, most 8<sup>th</sup> graders and older**. **Parents, YOU** need to monitor school lunches! (Ever wonder why there is a fish symbol on Catholic calendars????)



It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. Some faithful take the rest of the day off work and remain home. It is generally inappropriate to dine out, to shop, or to celebrate after receiving the ashes. Feasting is highly inappropriate. Small children, the elderly and sick are exempt from this observance.

The 2019 budgets are being reviewed for all three (3) parishes. A few line-items were



added: e-bulletin service and the Realm program (all of you may join Realm. When a family joins Realm, a family may add their family picture, update addresses, e-mail, etc...and one will need Realm for tax statements 1 February 2020!) One of the more interesting aspects (helpful) is not too much changes occur in our Cluster; utilities keep

climbing. Numbers pretty well remain the same. Some numbers are 'locked in' according to policy and guidelines. If you would like a copy of 'your' parish budget, please call the Office during hours.

*Meanwhile, back at the ranch...fr. K*

### **Quick one-liners for you:**

■ The Christian Mothers of St. Joseph are asking for donations for the upcoming raffle at the Chicken and Noodle Dinner. Please call Marilyn Boardman at 278-7298 as soon as possible to include your prize on the ticket.



■ St. Peter's will have adoration for First Friday on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> beginning with the 8:00 A.M. Mass and lasting until 12:00 Noon. Please plan to spend an hour praying with Jesus.

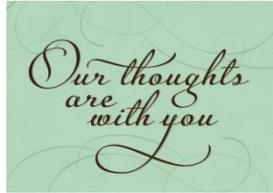
■ St. Francis will host coffee and donuts on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> after Sunday Mass. All are invited to join them for food and fellowship! Hope to see you there!





■ Thank you to those who helped support the Lazarus Collection last weekend. Approximately \$3,500 worth of personal items and laundry/dish soap were delivered to the Pulaski County Food Pantry on Monday morning. Your support is very much appreciated by those in need in our Community.

- Last call to bring in your old palm from last year. Thank you.
- Renewed your subscription to **The Catholic Moment** yet. ASAP Please.
- A thesaurus has a favorite in *The Wizard of Oz!* Who? Antony!
- Sympathy is extended to the family of Kenny Holbrook on the recent loss of his father, Cash Holbrook, age 91. Cash passed away on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. His funeral services were held on Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please keep Kenny and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



### Fruitful Harvest Update Through January 31, 2019

Parish	Goal	Pledge	% Pledged	Over Goal	Paid to Goal
St. Francis	\$4,981.39	\$5,400.00	108%	\$418.61	\$3,450
St. Joseph	\$21,201.52	\$22,314.00	105%	\$1,112.48	\$14,372.00
St. Peter	\$41,056.23	\$60,190.00	147%	\$19,133.77	\$25,372.50

*A big thank you to our Cluster for your continued support of Fruitful Harvest!!!  
(St. Peter's is still the highest parish over goal in the entire Diocese, way to go!)*



### St. Francis

### St. Joseph

### St. Peter

<b>February 17, 2019</b>
General Offerings: \$195.00
Loose Collection: \$60.00

<b>February 16, 2019</b>
General Offerings: \$905.00
Loose Collection: \$40.00
Catholic Moment: \$64.00
P of F: \$15.00

<b>February 16 &amp; 17, 2019</b>
General Offering: \$1,943.00
Loose Collection: \$255.00
Children's Offering: \$23.83
Votive Lights: \$13.00
Catholic Moment: \$214.00
P of F: \$100.00

### Weekly Cluster Activities

#### Wednesday, February 27

5:30 P.M. RE Classes at St. Peter

#### Friday, March 1

8:00 A.M. Adoration at St. Peter

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please keep the following individuals in your prayers: Randy Baker, Helen Barker, Pat Barngrover, Gayle Conner, Helen Ford, Steve Fulmer, Frances Hoover, Mary Ann Johnson, Theresa Logan, Ethel & Ralph Loehmer, Greg Loehmer, Rosalia Najera, Patricia O'Donnell, Linda Potempa, Helen Scheffer, Tom Schmicker, Kyson Shidler & Loretta Wilson (Rhonda Jany's Mother)



Please remember in your prayers all of our Cluster family and friends who mourn the loss of a loved one, all who have no one to pray for them, those who have died through violence or natural disasters and all who have died recently.

*Please notify the Cluster Office at 574.946.4906, if a loved one is admitted to the hospital, rehab center, nursing home, or is homebound. fr. K CANNOT make calls to people that he is NOT AWARE OF. Thank you!*

