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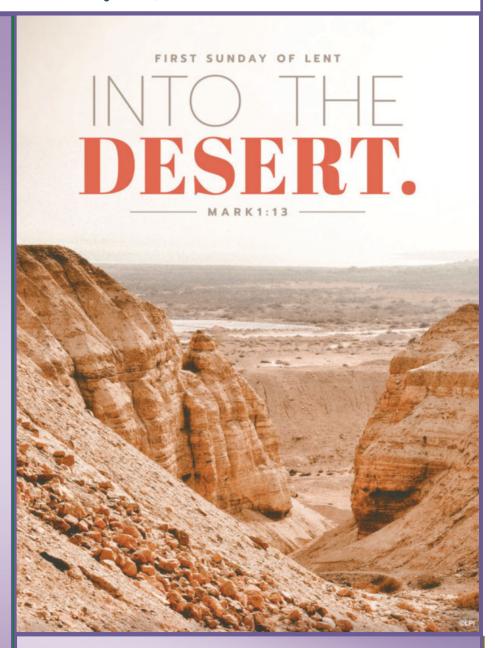
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From the Desk of Fr. Chris

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." (Introductory Rites – Sign of the Cross)

Rites – Sign of the Cross)

What a blessing these first few days of Lent have been for all of us! If you're continuing to look



for resources to help make your Lent especially holy this year, consider some of the resources on the table in the baptistry or download a prayer app like iBreviary or the Hallow app to help as a guide. Of course, Lent also provides us with new opportunities as we enter the desert with Christ. Perhaps this Lent you commit to attending not just Sunday Mass, but also a daily Mass. Perhaps you learn to pray Night Prayer in the *Liturgy of the Hours*? Whatever the commitment, know that it's helping to mold you into becoming a Saint.

Speaking of Lenten commitments, this weekend we have blank square pieces of purple paper. On these pieces of purple paper, you and your family are encouraged to write your Lenten commitment: prayer, works of charity, growth in virtue, etc. Those pieces of purple paper (no names required on them) will be placed in the box on the countertop outside of the Daily Mass Chapel in the Baptistry. You'll see a sign next to the correct box. Those pieces of paper will be added to the container in the Sanctuary during Lent. This gives us a chance to remind ourselves of our own Lenten commitment, but to also pray for others in our community in their commitments. Our St. Anselm School and PSR students will be participating in this community effort as well.

I'd like to transition to a little bit of news. After serving faithfully at St. Anselm for over the past decade. Sr. Noel recently informed me that she will be retiring at the end of June. I know you'll join me in thanking her for her dedication and commitment to serving the Lord in our parish for many years. She has accompanied hundreds of St. Anselm youth to the Altar of the Lord for their First Holy Communions. She has journeyed with hundreds more of our St. Anselm young men and women as they prepared for and received their Sacrament of Confirmation. I told her recently that I have never worked with another DRE who so effectively gathered catechists and other volunteers like she has. She is a true gatherer of people. As we get closer to her retirement, I'll write a little bit more about her and we'll talk about dates/times when we can formally thank her as a community for her dedication. This Lent, I'd encourage you to keep her in prayer as she prepares to embark upon a new journey. Also please keep me in prayer as I search for the next DRE of St. Anselm Parish. May the Lord continue to bless all of us.

> Prayerfully in Christ, Fr. Chris

† FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15 FEBRUARY 18, 2024



READINGS AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Monday, February 19, 2024 @ 8:30am ~ Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 @ **8:30am** ~ **Richard Malcom MacDonald** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 @ 7:00pm~ Joan Nasvytis St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, February 22, 2024 @ 8:30am ~ Rita Mor The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19

Friday, February 23, 2024 @ 8:30am ~ Sylvester Creel, Jr. St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr Ez 18:21-28: Ps 130:1-8: Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, February 24, 2024 @ 4pm ~ Jack Tomaselli

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10



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Encounter Church

Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

Usually when we start to see information for Lent, we see these three words: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. But what do these words mean, and why are they important to this season of Lent? The Church gives us three ways to draw closer to Christ in these next 40 days.

Prayer: Prayer is conversation with God. In order to have a relationship with anyone, we need to have conversations with that person. By praying and building a strong foundation of relationship with Jesus, we receive the strength to give ourselves to others.

Fasting: Fasting gives us the opportunity to strip away anything in our lives that might hinder our relationship with God. Typically our minds go straight to fasting from food. But sometimes it can be good to give up things that eat away at our time, our talent, or our treasure. We can fast from social media, gossip, spending extra money, or little creature comforts like coffee or sweets. So long as we offer our fasting up to God, it can bear good fruit.

Almsgiving: "Alms" are things like money or other goods given to the poor. While it is always important to pay attention to the needs of those less fortunate, Lent is an excellent time to acknowledge how blessed we are, and reach out to those who need our help. Almsgiving helps us to recognize the wonderful things we've been given, and to take what extras we have (or even sacrifice the not-so-extras), to trim down the comforts around us and help to provide for those who have nothing.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are three important pillars of Lent. When practiced together they can make our Lent so much more beautiful.

First Communion News

Happening now and extending until April, First Communicants along with family or parents will be participating in the Offertory Procession at the Saturday and Sunday Masses

Please pray for these children as they move forward to First Communion Day on May 4th at 11:00 AM.

Notes from Sister Noel

In the past week, Loyola Press – our Religion Book Publishers – sent an eye-catching form for children called, "A Whole Bunch of Values". On the page are circles of different sizes with a value to focus on each day of Lent. They are asked to practice a value a day then color in the circle.



I thought this idea would be great for all of us. Adults, too, may decide this Lenten Practice for themselves. Some of the values were thankfulness, kindness, attention, simplicity, charity, honesty, compassion etc. This practice would help us to center our day in one particular action, hopefully, it may be a beginning step to seeing how each day can benefit our growth in relationship to God and others.

If you are interested in this practice, just ask me for a copy so that your child, grandchild or yourself could give this a try. Or better yet, I will leave a pack in the wooden pocket below the PSR bulletin board in church. I will replace more copies as needed.

Lent is a good way to try to slow down. The holidays pushed us into high gear at times. The quiet times in which we find moments to reflect on our day and respond in prayer can be better than a pill. Our "God time" reminds us that time itself is a gift. Giving God back some of the time God has given us is one of the most important ways that we use the gift. It is a way of saying "thank you" to God. Let us pray for each other as we journey through this Lent to Easter.

Sister nach Marra 054.



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Calendar of EVENTS

Sunday, February 18

9:00 a.m. RCIA Rite of Election School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Social Kelly Hall 12:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice Church

***NÔ PSR Grades 6-8

Monday, February 19

NO SCHOOL

6:00 p.m. St. Angela Circle Pentecost Rm.

Tuesday, February 20

9:00 a.m. Adoration Church 11:30 a.m. Benediction Church

Wednesday, February 21

9:30 a.m. Patriotic Rosary Pentecost Rm.

Thursday, February 22

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study Pentecost Rm 9:00 a.m. FSU Book Discussion Hospitality Rm. 7:00 p.m. FSU Book Discussion Hospitality Rm.

Friday, February 23

1:15 p.m.Stations of the CrossChurch4:00 p.m.Youth GroupAnderson Hall7:00 p.m.Stations of the CrossChurch

Saturday, February 24
***NO PSR Grades 1-5

2:30 p.m. Confession Church

Stations of the Cross

2024 Schedule - St. Anselm

February 16 - 1:15PM & 7PM

February 23 - 1:15PM & 7PM

March 1 - 1:15PM & 7PM

March 8 - 1:15PM & 7PM

March 15 - 1:15PM & 7PM

March 22 - 1:15PM & 7PM

March 29 - Good Friday - 12 Noon

Articles for the March 3rd bulletin must be received by Thursday, February 22nd.

Email to Rebecca at bulletin@stanselm.org



Baptishs

February 11, 2024

Nora Rose Hulub Giabella Grace Palko







I - Riley Norton & Justin Hawley



For couples planning to be married that need to participate in PreCana, St. Anselm in Chesterland will have a PreCana Day on March 23, 2024. The event will begin at 9:30AM on that day. Please enter through the front doors of the school (13013 Chillicothe Road Chesterland Ohio). You can register for this event by calling the parish office (440-729-9575). We have various presentations to help you to be the best couple for your marriage. We will be attending 4:00PM mass together and should be ending the day by 7:00PM. Lunch and dinner are included. Cost for this event is: \$85 for St. Anselm parishioners and \$90 for non-parishioners. Our team is looking forward to seeing you on that day.

CYO Sports Registration is now open

We are currently accepting registration for Track & Field - grades 1-8 for both boys and girls.

Early Registration is open from 1/16/24 through 2/25/24 - Cost is \$90



Regular registration is open from 2/26/24 through 3/3/24 -Cost is \$100

If you are interested in coaching, please contact us at athletics@stanselm.org

All athletes must pay a \$40 uniform deposit when registering. This will be refunded when uniforms are returned at the end of the season.

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Since there's been little to no snow lately, it should be easier to imagine this summer's BBQ picnic and fun fest on the parish property on Sunday, July 28. The planning committee is forming now and is happy to welcome some additional members. This is a friendly, enthusiastic, can-do group. If you are interested, email Amber at buzzandbiz@AOL.com.

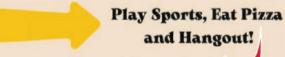




CALLING ALL TEENAGERS!

Come Check Out The New High School Group!





Sunday, February 25th 4:00-5:30 p.m.



Anderson Hall (Gym) in the School Building

Any Questions? Contact Brandan Bizzi at bbizzi@stanselm.org

Saturday, March 2 | 5:30 pm

ST. ANSELM SCHOOL KELLY HALL

Tickets are \$45 and include entrance into the event, dinner, non-alcoholic drinks, and 12 chances to win one of the designer items.

Cash bar will be serving beer, wine, or selzer.

Choose to play 50/50, sideboard raffle, and Penny Raffle for more chances to win!

Open seating or reserve an entire table of 8.

Must be 21 years old or older to attend.

You can pick up RSVP forms at the school or parish office. Deadline to register is February 16th.

St. Anselm Lenten Project

Prayer · Fasting · Almsgiving

This Lent, our parish community will be making "mom bags" for BIRTHRIGHT GEAUGA to help new moms take some time for selfcare. Please join us in praying for these new moms, in fasting with their wellbeing in mind, and in donating the following items to help make those first days after birth a bit easier.

Please bring any of the following items to the church and place them in the labeled bins in the Baptistry between February 18th and March 24th. A date for packing the bags will be announced later for anyone who wishes to help! Thank you for your support!

Fingernail Polish Hairbrush Candles Toothpaste



Hair Conditioner Shampoo Lotion Fuzzy Socks

MALLOW APP

AVAILABLE FREE RESOURCES

- DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
- DAILY MEDITATION
- DAILY GOSPEL EXPLANATIONS
- MARIAN PRAYLIST
- UNGUIDED SILENCE
- FR. MIKE SCHMITZ CATECHISM & BIBLE IN A YEAR
- NIGHT PRAYER
- HALLOW KIDS STORY
- BISHOP BARRON SUNDAY SERMONS

OTHER RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE APP WITH A MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION

All Souls Cemetery – Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Wednesday, March 13th, 2024, at 5:30p.m. Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps to pre-planning the burial process, burial options including options for cremated remains, and the Catholic burial rite. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event to All Souls Cemetery – 10366 Chardon Rd., Chardon, Oh. 216-641-7575 ext. 4 or email bstrauchon@clecem.org.



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Saturday, March 16, 2024 Held at the Motherhouse 369 Little Church Road, Toronto, Ohio 43964

We will offer talks, Adoration, Mass, refreshments, and an opportunity for prayer ministry and small groups.

The event will also be livestreamed. More information available on our website. franciscansisterstor.org

Registration is encouraged beforehand on our website or by scanning the QR code.



Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE SAINT ANSELM FAMILY

If you would like to be a member of our parish, please complete this form, and place it in the collection basket or send it to the parish office and someone from the parish will contact you.

Name	Phone
Address	Zip
I am interested in the marriage annulment process.	E-Mail

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We beg you to have compassion on all those mentioned below. Amen

U.S. Active Military U.S. Veterans Patricia Adamik Peter Amato David & LuAnn Anderson Mark Andres Tina Arnold Kevin Austin Daniel Ayala, Sr. Justine Bauer Don Bear Agnes Blackley Julian Blaha Thomas Bolt Barb Borelle Nancy Boutellier Sally Bovineing Karen Bowlus Daneen Brickmann Bridgette Bright Fran & Charlie Brooks Charlene Brown James Buehner Haley Burgman Kellie Burt **Bob Carlson** Amv Caprez Children/St.Jude's Hosp.

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If you have requested a name to be added above for the Prayers for the Sick and that person is no longer in need of these prayers, please inform Kim in the Parish Office so she can remove the name. email: bulletin@stanselm.org; phone: 440-729-9575



Please remember in your daily prayers these individuals, who have been and are called to the priesthood.

Sunday, February 18 ~ Pray for All Deacons Seminarians at Borromeo/St. Mary Monday, February 19 ~ Sean Homey Tuesday, February 20 ~

Wednesday, February 21 ~ Daniel LaPolla Thursday, February 22 ~ Billy Reed Friday, February 23 ~ Joseph Rohan Saturday, February 24 ~ Joshua Stecz



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