

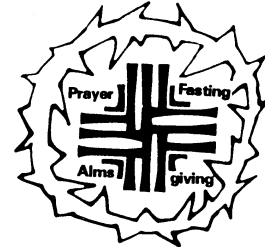
St. Edith Catholic Community

Lenten Services and Schedule, 2010

Not by Bread Alone

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Mass at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Monday	Mass at 9 a.m.
Tuesday	Mass at 9 a.m.
Wednesday	Mass at 9 a.m. Stations of the Cross at 2:30 p.m. with the school children
Thursday	Mass at 9 a.m.
Friday	Mass at 9 a.m. Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.
Saturday	Sacrament of Reconciliation at 3:30 p.m. Mass at 5 p.m.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECONCILIATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation with individual confession of sins to a priest:

Every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. except Holy Saturday

Communal Penance Services sponsored by the Livonia Parishes:

Monday, March 22, 7:00 p.m. at St. Aidan (Farmington north of 6 Mile)

Saturday, March 27, 1 p.m. here at St. Edith

FASTING AND ABSTAINING FROM MEAT

Ash Wednesday (February 17) and Good Friday (April 2) are days of total fast and abstinence from meat. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

The law of fasting applies to all persons 18-60 years of age. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day. The quantity of food taken at the day's two lighter meals should be less than the full meal. The drinking of ordinary liquids does not break the fast.

The law of abstinence from meat forbids the eating of meat but not of eggs, dairy products or condiments made of animal fat. Permissible are soups flavored with meat, meat gravy and sauces.

CYO FISH FRY

Every Friday of Lent, St. Edith CYO and SEPA serve a delicious fish dinner in the Hall from 4:30-7:00 p.m. On Good Friday dinner is served from 3:30-7:00 p.m. Meet some of your fellow parishioners, support CYO and SEPA activities, and abstain from meat all at the same time.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

After a wonderful meal at the Fish Fry why not come into church at 7 p.m. for the Stations of the Cross? Tradition has it that this devotion was initiated by St. Francis of Assisi. It's another Lenten opportunity to come together in prayer (come as a family) and appreciate our Lenten theme, *Not by Bread Alone*. I suppose we could say, *Not by Fish Alone!*

SCHEDULE FOR THE SPECIAL DAYS OF LENT

Ash Wednesday, February 17, a day of fast and abstinence from meat

**Mass at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. with distribution of ashes following the homily.
Prayer Service at 5 p.m. with distribution of ashes at the end of the service.
Ashes should be received in a communal setting. Thus, ashes are not available for self-imposition during the day.**

Passion Sunday, March 27-28

Blessing and Distribution of Palms at all the Masses

Saturday at 5 p.m.

Sunday at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 Noon

(Take note of the special schedule for Masses this Sunday)

Holy Thursday, April 1

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Good Friday, April 2, a day of fast and abstinence from meat

Liturgy of Good Friday at 1 p.m. includes the proclamation of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion

Holy Saturday, April 3

Blessing of Food Baskets at 11 a.m.

Easter Vigil at 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4

Mass at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 Noon

(Take note of the special schedule for Masses this Sunday)

LENT WITH LUKE

The gospels on the counted Sundays of Lent this year come from the Gospel of St. Luke with the exception of the Fifth Sunday of Lent where it is from the Gospel of St. John. On each of the counted Sundays of Lent, Deacon Ric or Fr. Mike will lead a study and discussion of that week's gospel from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. If you come to 8:30 a.m. Mass you will have already heard the gospel and will now have time to study it a bit more. Get your coffee and donut and bring them with you to the A/V Room. If you're coming to the 11:00 a.m. Mass, arrive early and get a chance hear about that Sunday's gospel and you'll appreciate it even more during Mass. Treat yourself to coffee and a donut before Mass.

First Sunday of Lent: Luke 4:1-13	Jesus' temptation in the desert
Second Sunday of Lent: Luke 9:28b-36	Jesus' transfiguration
Third Sunday of Lent: Luke 13:1-9	Jesus tells three stories about repentance and life
Fourth Sunday of Lent: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	Jesus tells the story of the defiant son and loving Father
Fifth Sunday of Lent: John 8:1-11	Jesus meets the woman caught in adultery

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AND INSPIRATION

Friday through Sunday, March 5-7

Friday, March 5 to Sunday, March 7 is our annual Parish High School Retreat at the Subiaco Retreat Center in Oxford, Michigan. This is a great Lenten opportunity for our young people to get away for a weekend, enjoy friends and take some time reflecting on their faith. Check the Youth Group web site at www.stedithyouthgroup.org for more information. Come and bring a friend.

Sunday, March 7

Taize Prayer at 6 p.m. An evening of prayer with scripture and song

Monday and Tuesday, March 8 and 9

For individuals and the whole family, an evening on the Beatitudes. Take some time during Lent to meditate on the Beatitudes and learn about the blessings promised to the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for holiness, the merciful, the clean of heart, those who are peacemakers, and those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness. If we want the blessings then we have to accept the challenge of being people whose lives are characterized by these attitudes and actions. A meal is included so the Religious Formation Office will want to know how many are coming. Watch the bulletin for more information about the deadline to call.

Sunday, March 28 at 7 p.m.

"Seven Last Words of Christ" by Dubois featuring the combined choirs from St. Edith and St. Isaac Jogues with accompaniment by a string quartet



FROM FR. MIKE...

The headline on the front page of this brochure gives our theme for Lent this year: *Not by Bread Alone*. Those are words that Jesus quotes to the devil in response to the first temptation in the desert to turn a stone into bread. If not by bread alone, then what else is there for us? In Matthew's gospel Jesus further says that it is "by every word that comes from the mouth of God." If this is to be our sustenance it makes sense for us to hear and know the word of God. That is why I encourage you to participate in the "Lent with Luke" sessions described on the previous page.

To further help you with your Lenten prayer and the deepening of your understanding of the word of God, we are making available a booklet entitled "Not by Bread Alone." For each day of Lent there is a brief reflection on that day's scripture readings, a prayer, and something to do. Individuals and families will find this booklet a good way to observe Lent. We will also have a booklet specifically intended for families with younger children. The adage "The family that prays together, stays together," is just as true today as it has always been. Spending time together really listening to God's words and each others' words helps us to appreciate that it really isn't by bread alone.

Lent has its origins in the earliest days of the Church as the time of formation of individuals who were interested in becoming Christian. The length of Lent varied during the centuries of the Church's growth until finally it settled into the pattern of the 40 days that we have now. Today, as then, the six weeks of Lent are a special time of preparation for those who wish to become Catholic at the Easter Vigil. Those we call catechumens will be fully initiated into the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. Those we call candidates have already been baptized in another Christian denomination but now wish to join the Catholic Church. These will make a Profession of Faith, be Confirmed, and receive the Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. We don't have any catechumens in our RCIA this year. We do have some candidates who will sit together with their sponsors at the 11 a.m. Mass throughout Lent. From time to time they will be involved with their sponsors in a ritual called a "Scrutiny." I encourage you to be involved in their formation by praying for them, that the Holy Spirit will guide their journey of faith. I also encourage you to be an example for them by your own faithfulness to the call you have received from God. In that way we will all grow together as the Body of Christ.