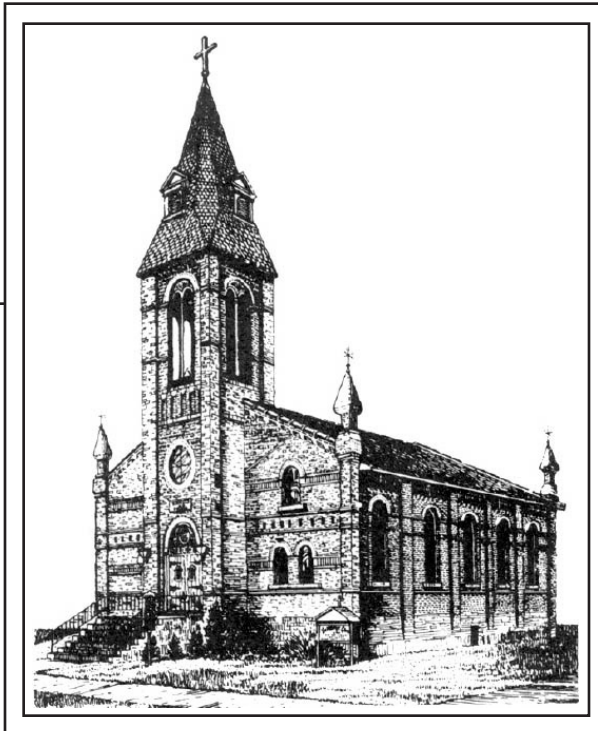


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**PARISH REGISTRATION:** All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

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## LENT in the PARISH

### Each Thursday

- 7:30 am HOLY HOUR
- 8:30 am MASS

### Each Friday

- 6:30 pm. STATIONS OF THE CROSS and
- 7:00 pm. MASS

### Confessions

Every Saturday at 3:30 pm  
Parish Day of Confessions:  
Thursday, March 23 9-11 am, 6-8 pm

Please note: **MASS TIME CHANGE THROUGHOUT LENT**

The regularly scheduled Holy Hour and morning Mass each Friday is cancelled during Lent as there is the Stations of the Cross and Mass each Friday evening, therefore the Holy Hour is moved to Thursday mornings in Lent.

## “DECISION BECOMES IDENTITY”:

### *Finding our Mission Within Lent*

*(Three years ago Bishop Robert Barron (wordonfire.org) presented every-day Lenten reflections which, if you sign up for them, will appear in your email box every day throughout Lent. This was his opening introduction to that series of Lenten Gospel Reflections that year and they ring true for this year and every year. It is an excellent challenge to all of us for Lent and life itself.)*

“Friends, during Lent, we apprentice to Jesus in his forty-day sojourn in the desert. We stubbornly stay with him, doing what he did there, facing what he faced there.

The desert is the place of clarification. When we have been stripped of the relatively trivial desires that preoccupy us, we can see, with a somewhat disturbing clarity, who we essentially are and what most pressingly matters. Blaise Pascal said that most of us spend our lives seeking *divertissements* (distractions), for we cannot bear the weight of the great questions. We play, gossip, eat and drink, seek the most banal entertainment—so that we don’t have to face the truth about ourselves, the reality of death, and the demands of God. The Spirit drives holy people into the desert because it is the place where *divertissements* disappear: “He fasted for forty days and forty nights.”

At the end of the Lord’s fast, the tempter arrives—because decision follows clarification. How often in the Scripture the theme of decision arises. Jesus himself provokes the stark choice: “Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.”

And then Jesus is ready for mission; immediately after the temptations, he gathers his disciples around him and commences the ministry that will reach its culmination only on the Cross.

So this Lent, let us resolve to rid ourselves of *divertissements*, going a bit hungry and thirsty, purposely running on empty—so that the great questions may be asked with clarity. Let us allow the devil to come, tempting us with the love of pleasure, the ego, and power— for in temptation comes decision. And in the desert with Jesus the Master, let us realize that we too are people on mission—because decision becomes identity.”

*(Bishop Robert Barron Feb. 11, 2020)*

## A WORD FOR LENT *(Our Parish Lenten Lottery)*

Once again this Lent I am offering parishioners an opportunity to do a simple thing, which is to take a single little piece of paper with a word on it from a basket in the vestibules of the church. The word that you randomly take becomes your Word for Lent and in this season you can reflect, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to come to know what that word speaks to you.

Sometimes, puzzled by their word choice, parishioners will ask me to interpret what their word means for them but I always tend to point them in the direction of the Holy Spirit again, to ask the Spirit of God to show them in the days and weeks ahead what that word means for them personally, by the grace of God.

I remember getting the same word three years in a row and realized that God was really trying to hammer something home to me that I should give careful thought.

So, if you haven’t already done so on Ash Wednesday or this First Sunday of Lent, I invite you to choose a word, from the Lenten information table in the vestibule, that you can carry in your pocket, put on your night table or remember in your heart as you go through your life routine in the season of Lent. Pray to the Holy Spirit and simply ask to be shown what that word might be saying to you about your life, your choices, your decisions, your situation, how God sees you or perhaps something you need to move toward.

Please note that there are both separate batches of words for Adults and for Children, so make sure you don’t get-off-easy with a child’s word as an adult. ;-)

If, for example, you got the word KNOWLEDGE, that word might address the knowledge you have that is largely about the world, your career, your interests, etc., yet might pose the question to you about your knowledge of the things of God, the Bible, the Church, the Church’s teachings, etc. We heard in the second reading of St. Paul to the Corinthians from last Sunday “*For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God*”. What wisdom or knowledge of the Kingdom of God do you have in comparison with what you know and understand about the stuff of this world only? It would be a great question to ponder. So, take a random word (adults and children’s words) and pray asking the Lord to reveal that word to you during this Lent. *(Fr. Charles)*



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| Tuesday Feb 28  |   |
| 8:30am          | +Ernesto Aure<br>Requested by Genevieve Dacquell  |
| Wednesday Mar 1 |   |
| 7:00pm          | +Greg Pieszchala<br>Requested by the Family       |
| Thursday Mar 2  |   |
| 7:30am          | Holy Hour   |
| 8:30am          | +Jim Booth<br>Requested by Ken Wright             |
| Friday Mar 3    |   |
| 6:30pm          | Stations of the Cross                             |
| 7:00pm          | For the Ordinandi                                 |
| Saturday Mar 4  |   |
| 4:30pm          | +Patricia Fennessy<br>Requested by Denis Fennessy |
| Sunday Mar 5    |   |
| 9:00am          | +Anne Van Boxmeer<br>Requested by Jayne & Family  |
| 11:00am         | For the People                                    |

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*Pray for those who have died recently*

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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent  
February 26, 2023**



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Please contact me at the parish office. 705 445 17990 Ext 2

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