

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH

Spirit and Life Newsletter

Winter 2020

Meet Our New St. Greg's Music Ministers

The new music ministry team at St. Greg's consists of Nancy Erdman, director, and Michael Cygan, associate director. Nancy grew up in St. Bernard's parish in Kaisertown. At age 13, she was hired to play the organ for liturgies at Our Lady of Czestochowa parish. After graduating from Villa Maria Academy, she went on to Canisius College where she earned a Masters in Business Administration. While working at National Fuel Gas she met her husband Bill. They were married in 1993, and were blessed with four children, who kept her busy at home for the next fifteen years, though she was able to do some part-time and substitute work as an organist. Her current ministry at our parish is her first full time music position.

"My goals are to grow our two children's choirs", she told *Spirit and Life*. "I'd like to get more children active in both choirs. Our adult choir is in great shape, but very welcoming of new singers. Michael Cygan and I have been developing the use of projection screens to enhance the active participation of the congregation at liturgies."

Michael Cygan is an Olean native, who began piano lessons at age six. In a home-school setting, he also became adept at the organ, guitar, and violin. At the Franciscan University of Steubenville, he studied philosophy, theology, and sacred music. In his senior year, he was appointed student head of liturgical music, a position in which he was responsible for recruiting and training musicians for all major liturgies. After graduation, he worked for a year as pastoral associate at Our Lady of the Angels Basilica in Olean. He then spent a year at Christ the King Seminary as a seminarian, and is currently on a leave of absence, while still pursuing a Master's degree in pastoral ministry.

"For a long time", he told *Spirit and Life*, "I wondered why God gave me such a great gift for music. Earlier this year, I began to realize the role music plays in supporting the Church's liturgical vitality".

Michael is the author and composer of *Fatima the Musical*, a one-hour presentation of the story of our Lady's appearances in 1917.

You can access it on your computer by searching for "Fatima the Musical" on YouTube.

One of his skills is in the area of sound engineering. "I hope to make sure we have the audio infrastructure for our musical groups to maintain a high level of excellence," he told *Spirit and Life*. He will also play a significant role in our parish youth ministry, being part of the weekly sessions and the retreats. "Come January", he adds, "we will launch *FLAT*, a monthly Saturday night event including a talk on a specific theme, followed by Eucharistic adoration and procession".



Parishioners Provide Funds for Five Homes for the Poor

Father Gus Gordon spoke at all Masses one weekend in July 2018, and asked parishioners to be generous in contributing funds to feed the hungry in Latin America and Caribbean countries. He said later that in his many years of asking for help in Catholic parishes throughout the United States, he had never seen the level of generosity exhibited by St. Gregory the Great parish members. What happened next must have truly blown his mind.

Father mentioned, in his pulpit appeal, that occasionally someone has the means to provide a house for a needy family, at a cost of \$3500. He asked that anyone interested could contact Food for the Poor at their headquarters in Florida.

Dawn Curazzato, founder and leader of Ladies of the Lord felt that these women might collectively be able to reach the \$3500 level. She was right. Then word went out to the parish at large that donations toward new homes would be welcome at any level. A total of \$20,419 was reached in a matter of months, which allowed the construction of five brand new homes.

Dawn was overwhelmed by the response. “I did not expect that people to respond so generously”, she said. “People exhibited the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, not only praying for the poor, but also actually sheltering the homeless?”

“Because you decided to act on behalf of the poorest of the poor, tonight there will be five fewer families sleeping in a garbage dump, in a slum, or in a leaky shack,” writes Robin Mahfood, of Food for the Poor, reporting the completion of construction this summer. “Your kindness and compassion has allowed these families to experience something they haven’t felt in a long time, and that is hope. We are truly grateful for your decision to join with us in this effort to house the suffering poor”

Food for the Poor is a Christian nonprofit community dedicated to feeding the poor and housing the homeless in 17 countries.



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The Mailbox

Dear Father Thomas:

Some time back you gave a homily that included Babe Ruth's ideas about religious education for kids. I wonder if you could make that available for people who may not have heard it, especially fans of the Babe.

- Yankee fan

Dear Yankee Fan:

The Babe, as you may know, while he was a terrific model for youth in terms of what he did on the diamond, was also a poor example in terms of the way he lived his life outside the ball park. In that sense he was like some of today's top athletes. But Ruth had the humility to admit it, and the grace to regret it. He writes, "As I look back those moments when I let the kids down...they were my worst. I guess I was so anxious to enjoy life to the fullest that I forgot the rules, or ignored them.

He talks about the influence of religious training on his life, and in particular about the effect that one religious person had on him. Early in life, he became what we today would call a juvenile delinquent.

"Saint Marty's Industrial School in Baltimore, where I was finally taken has been called an orphanage and a reform school. It was in fact a training school for orphans, incorrigibles, delinquents, and runaways picked up on the streets. I was listed as an incorrigible. I guess I was. Perhaps I would always have been except for Brother Mathias, the greatest man I have ever known, and for the religious training I received there which has since been so important".

He describes Brother Matthias – six foot six, 250 pounds, all muscle. "He could have been successful at anything he wanted in life- and he chose the church. It was he who introduced me to baseball. He noticed I had some natural talent for throwing and catching. He would hit the ball to me, over and over, hour after hour, correcting the mistakes I made. Thanks to Brother Matthias, I was able to leave Saint Mary's and begin my professional career with the famous Baltimore Orioles".

Then he talks about how the freedom of being on his own, and the glamour of being a professional baseball player caused him to stray for the Church and the Church's teaching.

"So what good was all that hard work and ceaseless interest of the brothers, people might argue. You can't make kids religious, they say, because it just won't take. Send the kids to Sunday school and they too often wind up hating it, and the Church too. But don't you believe that. Once religious sinks in, it stays there – deep down. They may fail it, but it never fails them. When the score is against them, or they get a bum pitch in life, it will be there inside for them to draw on. *But it won't be there unless we have put it there.*"

Find more by searching "Guideposts Babe Ruth".

- Father Thomas

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Update on Evangelization

by Brian Ruh

Four months and some days ago I was warmly welcomed to St. Gregory the Great Parish as the new Director of Evangelization. Fr. Leon shared with me his vision of a parish that is enthusiastically committed to invite, to welcome and strengthen people who come to St. Greg's looking for a relationship with Jesus Christ. Once the vision was shared, we came up with four intentional strategies to reach our goal. Number one, we are reaching out to our new neighbors, who move into the parish boundaries.

The "Welcome Wagon" was inspired and started by Msgr. Thomas Maloney earlier in the year. It's a very simple idea. We pick up the *Buffalo News* and turn to the real estate transactions and look for the people who moved into our area. We prepare a welcome packet including information about our parish and literally go door to door to introduce ourselves. The teams that go out have found this to be very rewarding. We have reached out to over 200 people since we began in March. Number two, we continue to build an environment of warmth and welcome for those who are joining us for the first time, for those who have been coming for years and for those we have not seen in decades. Stats show people will invest in churches only when their heart is engaged first. If we can reach their hearts, their loyalty will follow. So hospitality is a must. Number three involves reaching out, one family at a time, to the 2600 families we have not seen in years and discern why they no longer celebrate with us and invite them back. Some have moved, some are struggling with what's happening in the diocese and some are indeed returning.

We have connected with over 200 families, so far, and I would like to share two quick stories that show the fruits of our efforts. After speaking with a mom with two children, we discovered they never made their First Communion. After connecting this family with Joan Rischmiller, our Director of Family Faith Formation, these youth are now on their way toward receiving the Eucharist. Another story I share involves speaking with a young woman who recently graduated, found a job out of state, is newly engaged and connected with a parish in Philadelphia. She and her fiancé are taking Pre-CANA classes and planning to get married back here at St. Greg's. Number four involves inviting, encouraging and nourishing our faithful in the pews to grow in their faith and plug into the 80 plus ministries and/or new opportunities offered at the parish.



We need you. The responsibility of evangelization does not solely fall on the Director of Evangelization or the Evangelization Team but every single one of us who claims to be a follower of Christ. Explore the possibilities of deepening your own faith and come to a greater understanding of what we believe, so you can reach out to others on their faith journey.

How can you help? For those who continue to pray for our parish, don't stop. And for those who do not pray for our parish, please start. We also invite and encourage you to consider joining our Welcome Wagon Team, our team of Greeters at Mass or become a Census Taker for the parish. If you feel called to serve, please call me, Brian Ruh, at 688-5678 ext 313 or e-mail me at bruh@stgregs.org

The Cemetery of the Innocents



Center lawn facing Maple Road, is an effort by the St. Gregory the Great Respect Life Committee to raise awareness of the millions of unborn lives lost and the millions more mothers, fathers, and families wounded through abortion. Initially, it was created by parishioners Rose and Harvey Hoelscher who were dedicated to this observance for many years. Following a short lapse, the memorial was reinstated through the efforts of Jay DiPasquale with funding provided by the St. Greg's chapter of the Knights of Columbus. Thanks to the help of volunteers from the American Heritage Girls Troop 3129 and the Boy Scouts Troop 440, the memorial was again in place and remained present during the entire month of October in observance of Respect Life Month. To learn more about the St. Gregory the Great Respect Life Ministry please contact the Mary Pesarchick (mikemaryp@yahoo.com) or Barb Pelosi (bpelosi@verizon.net).

Since 1973, over 60 MILLION unborn children have lost their lives to abortion. **In 2017, more than 105,000 abortions or 12.2% of the national total were performed in New York State, the abortion capital of the US (Gutmacher.org).** That is 288 abortions every day.

The Cemetery of the Innocents, located on the Ministry



Annual Diocesan Life Chain

On Sunday, October 7 was the annual Diocesan Life Chain. This is our yearly opportunity to stand for the gift of human life in silent prayer, holding signs, on Niagara Falls Boulevard. It was very gratifying to see about two hundred St. Greg's Parishioners participate this year. We are thankful for everyone that took the time to stand for those who cannot speak for themselves because they have not yet been born, or are ill or aged and unable to stand and speak for the dignity of their own life. May God bless you for your goodness.



2020 March for Life -- "Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman:"



The Diocesan Office of Pro-life Activities is sponsoring busses for the March for Life in Washington DC taking place on **Thursday, January 23—Friday, January 24, 2020**. Fr. Paul Cygan is hoping to lead a group of St. Gregory's parishioners at this year's March. Contact him for more information at pcygan@stgregs.org. There are information/registration brochures at the entrances to the church. Please consider being a part of this very important witness to the Sanctity of Life!!

Faith in Action

by Joan Rischmiller

Faith formation is more than a classroom lecture. Our students experience their faith by their actions. As St. Teresa of Avila said, ***“You are the hands, you are the feet, you are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”***

Kathy Tufillaro (Coordinator of Grades 1 – 4) has our second graders welcome new parishioners with handmade welcome cards; they also create handmade Get Well cards for sick parishioners. Children in First and Third Grades make handmade Christmas ornaments that are sent to retired priests at Bishop Head Residence and Cardinal O’Hara Residence. Our second graders also made Prayer Pillowcases to remind them to pray for others each night.

Megan Looney (Coordinator of grades 5- 8) noted that in the Gospel of John, Jesus tells us ***“Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.”*** This past month our 5th through 10th grade students responded to Jesus’ call to serve others. One evening during class times, they made over 50 fleece tied blankets and distributed them to families who live at and utilize the services of Gerard Place. Gerard Place provides housing and supportive programs for homeless, single-parent families. They strengthen their community by empowering individuals and families toward self-sufficiency via community education and outreach.

Megan also is responsible for our Rosary Club that meets every Monday when classes are in session. These junior high students help make the rosaries for our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, rosaries for our St. Vincent de Paul Society’s hospital visits, Rosaries to welcome our new parishioners, and to give out on Ash Wednesday.

Catherine Wadhams (Coordinator for Grades 9 & 10) had the high school students make tie-dyed T-shirts for Our Lady of Black Rock’s summer program. Catherine also has her students volunteer for hundreds of hours each year at area nursing homes, outreach programs in our parish, they help our St. Vincent de Paul Society with the food and clothing drives, as well as many service hours at St. Luke’s Mission of Mercy and Response to Love.

Our summer Disciple Camp junior high students meet each month at our First Friday Club. These students put together the Christmas Wheat packets, the Prayer Rocks for Lent, they wrap the serving utensils for our Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast, for the FFF Lenten Fish Fry, they color place mats for our area nursing homes, and make cards for Thanksgiving, Christmas for shut-ins. Our Disciple Camp students held a special carwash in July as a way of supporting the missionary work of the Doktor family who are being sent to Taiwan in January.

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” (Mother Theresa)



Grade 2 Prayer Pillows



High School Students at Christmas Gift Gathering



Disciple Camp Students coloring placemats for nursing homes

21st Great Dinner Auction - A Huge Success!



Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, talent and treasure in making the St. Greg's 21st Annual Dinner Auction a successful evening! A huge thanks to the chair couples Maria and Steve Glamuzina and Nicole and Matt Schmidt. Also, a special thanks to our Auction Coordinator, Cindy Reitebach.

Thank you to our many faithful "stars" who took on many "supporting roles" for our Dinner Auction. Thank you to everyone who hosted and attended a gift gathering party. Thank you to our school families who had gift - gatherings in each of their classrooms. Thank you to our Family Faith board and families for your hard work to sponsor the Chiavetta's chicken dinner

and Bill's game event as a fund raiser to purchase a gift for the Auction from the Family Faith Formation ministry. Thank you to the many workers who have helped gather and assemble the many wonderful gift baskets and who have assisted in the preparations for the event itself at Salvatore's. Thank you to all of our parishioners, school parents and students who have been selling the car raffle tickets after the Masses. Many thanks to everyone who took an ornament off of the Auction Tree" in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you to all those who came and worked the event, as well as those who were responsible for setting up and tearing down afterward.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TWO 2019 RECIPIENTS OF THE "ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CORNERSTONE AWARD."

Ro Spano has been a parishioner of St. Greg's for many decades, having raised her family here with her husband James. Over all of that time Ro has always served our parish family. She has been active with Adult Enrichment at St. Greg's and our annual parish Mission. Ro was involved with our first Mission and has assisted other parishes in doing the same. She has also served on our Liturgy Committee and as a parish retreat leader, and helped lead RENEW at St. Greg's. Most substantially Ro has chaired and coordinated our parish hospitality at St. Gregory's for decades. Ro has put countless hours into arranging every detail for our large parish receptions to honor a newly ordained Deacon or Priest as well as those to thank a member of the clergy for their service to St. Greg's at a time of their reassignment. Ro has led the planning for the celebrations of a special anniversary for the parish or clergy as well as coordinated hundreds of parish or diocesan meetings, parish education events, workshops, days of prayer and parish retreats and so much more! Ro has always been right there to coordinate the entire effort for our parish's Hospitality Ministry. Ro, we thank you and congratulate you on all you have done for our St. Greg's Parish family.



Joe Couche is a newer parishioner of St. Greg's. Joe and his wife, Kim, have only been here about a decade. In this relatively short time at St. Greg's Joe has "stepped up" to serve as a Eucharistic Minister and as a Special Minister to the Sick, especially at Suburban Hospital next door. Joe enthusiastically said "yes" to becoming a member of our parish Buildings and Grounds Committee when we began the advisory board for our parish property. Joe has served and continues to serve on our parish Finance Council and has been the Council's chair. Most substantially, Joe completely oversaw the renovation of our Church this year as well as the planning of the project. It had been twenty years since the interior of our church had been addressed. Joe stepped in and served as our project manager which was more than a full time, forty hour a week, job. Joe was that "one" person to constantly meet with all of our contractors and suppliers. He was the point person to meet with painters, restorers for our terrazzo floor, carpenters, those installing our carpets, lighting, and more. To this day Joe is still overseeing the final details like the black top repair that was accomplished just over a week ago.



We will all be thankful to him as winter comes and our new heated sidewalks will ensure our safety. I believe we all know what it is like doing a remodeling project in our home. The many hours it takes to interview and discuss and compare proposals from several contractors for each part of the project as well as the oversight of the final details. I do not believe any of us can begin to imagine the scope and amount of time, talent and energy expended on a project of the magnitude of remodeling our worship space. Joe, we thank you and congratulate you for all you have done for us.

School Children Are Enjoying Lessons in Chinese

Not many elementary school children in our area are learning Chinese. Eighty St. Greg's students are among them. Miss Vicky Zou, a native of Hunan province in South China conducts classes for children in grades one through seven. She is part of a teacher exchange program operated by the Confucius Institute of the University at Buffalo.

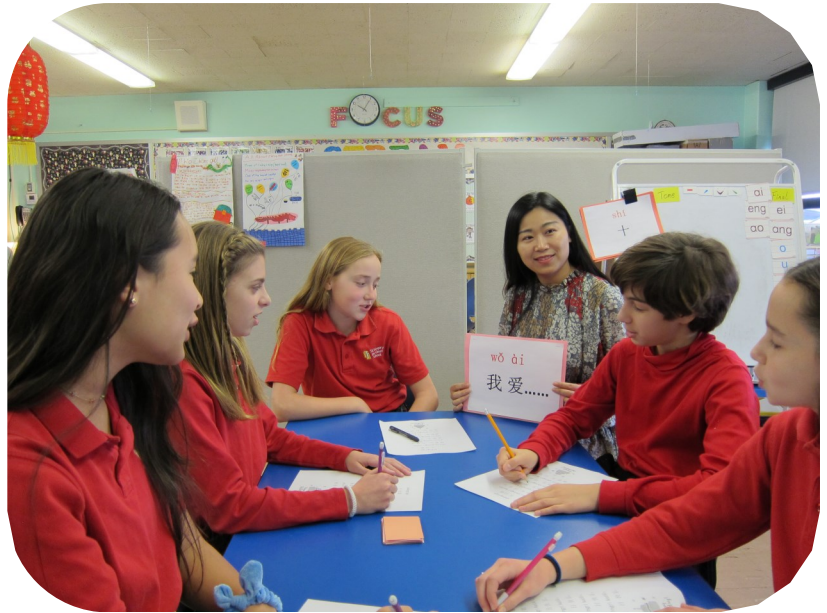
"Chinese is one of the most widely-spoken languages in the world", she points out. "1.4 billion people live in China. There are many dialects of Chinese; St. Greg's students are learning Mandarin, which is the most popular".

Spirit and Life spoke recently with some seventh grade students. For Alexandra Lee, the chance to learn her ancestral language was a dream come true. "My father's parents came from China, and our family observes Chinese traditions in food and in customs like New Year's. On my mother's side the ancestry is Spanish and I have learned that language as well."

Her classmate Tabitha Swiatek likes the atmosphere in the class. "People told me it would be fun to learn this language, and they were right!" she told *Spirit and Life*. "Miss Vicky makes it enjoyable".

For Molly Fulco, the class represents another way to be well-rounded. "We are learning a lot about Chinese culture – like the Great Wall, the Temple of Heaven, and the terra cotta army", she explains.

Vice Principal Eric Roy is excited about the new program. "I think it is spectacular having kids being exposed to a new language and a new culture, especially by a native born Chinese teacher".



Grade 7 Students: Alexandra Lee, Emma Cloen, Molly Fulco, Augustus Falvo and Tabitha Swiatek and teacher Miss Vicky,.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

All are welcome!

St. Greg's School Turns 60!

St. Gregory the Great School is celebrating 60 years in 2020 and planning a family event for August 2 after the 12:30 mass, in the Ministry Center and School. In an effort to update our records, if you are a St. Greg's Alum please send an email to alumni@stgregs.org or complete the form below with your contact information. You can return the form to the Parish or School Office or put in the weekly collection. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee to help please send an email to Linda Dohn (Wagner) at alumni@stgregs.org.

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St. Gregory the Great Parish is excited to launch "FIAT", a monthly Eucharistic Conference. Please join us for an evening of adoration, faith-filled presentations, powerful music, and prayer ministry. Come with an open heart and mind. Like Mary who said yes to the will of God, be ready for Christ to become incarnate in your life. FIAT is open to everyone and will take place on the second weekend of the month in Church.

FIAT
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January 11th
February 8th
March 7th
7:00-9:00 pm

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Youth and Young Adult Ministry

by Adam Jarosz

A story needs to be shared about the retreat we recently had and the progress of Young Adult Ministry here at St. Gregory the Great. I first would like to give all glory to the Lord for how far we have come. The Holy Spirit is truly at work and I'm blessed to be a witness. It's amazing how the Lord can move.

We've come a long way from humble beginnings with the young adults (18-30 somethings). When I first started work on with this age group, I took a look at how big it was. With almost 5,000 people who fit between 18-40 on the parish's books, I was floored with how big the task is. Especially since the majority of those are missing from the pews. We had to roll up the sleeves and get busy.

The first task was to build a team, a Core Team of volunteers who could give their time and talent to the cause. The Lord provided. Our team has grown and become more capable as we jelled over the past two years. They are passionate, faithful, and willing to serve. We dive into relational ministry and hospitality to create an environment that even hardened hearts would find welcoming. This has set the stage for the growing and positive response to Amped, our flagship young adult event, and to our retreats. We are steadily growing from a handful of participants to surging into the 40's and 50's.

This weekend was Brave II, a powerful and prayerful experience calling our participants out of the boat like Peter. Built around Matthew's account of walking on water (Matt 14:22-33), we followed along the theme of being brave in the storm. Our team and priests/seminarian (Fr. Paul, Fr. Moses, and Joe Tokasz) delivered thought-provoking and enthusiastic sessions designed to explore our relationship with Jesus and call us to action.

The over 40 young adults who journeyed to Allegany were energized for more. With uplifting live music led by Michael Cygan, no one was left sitting during praise and worship. Our prayer experiences at Mass and in front of the Blessed Sacrament opened up hearts across the room. These young adults are passionate and empowered to move forward, not because of anything we did, but what the Holy Spirit has been doing.

Continue to pray for us as we keep moving forward, led by the Holy Spirit, to keep leading people to Christ. The task at hand is large but the seed is growing. As Fr. Dave Pivanka of the Wild Goose series leads, "Come Holy Spirit, come Holy Spirit..."



Stay Connected this Winter!!!

St. Gregory the Great is always looking for ways to enhance the way we communicate with Parishioners. We are excited to announce a re-launch of our old Parish App. The new app has

- Bulletin - View our most recent Bulletin the moment it is available online.
- Daily Readings - Follow the daily readings at home or during Mass.
- Online Giving - Manage your online giving account.
- Calendar - View upcoming events.
- School, FF and YM - Quick access to the each Ministry's websites.

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*Lenten Schedule **

Fish Fry Fridays - Join us for Food & Fellowship

Every Friday night, March 28 – April 3: 4:00 - 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria

Come and Pray the Stations of the Cross

Every Friday, February 28; March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 5 and 12 at 7:00 pm in the Church

Parish Lenten Retreat—Three Days

March 2, 3, and 4 after 12:00 noon Mass and at 7:00 pm in the Church
Dr. John Bergsma is a Professor of Theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, in Steubenville, Ohio.

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena

April 9-11 after 9:00 am Morning Prayers in the Church

Holy Hour

Every Friday at 7:30 pm in the Church after the Stations of the Cross

The Light is On – Confession

Every Wednesday during Lent, 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the Church

Ash Wednesday -Distribution of Ashes

At all masses : 7:00 am, 8:00 am, 12:00 noon, and 7:00 pm

At prayer service at 4:00 pm

Join us for Tuesday Evening Prayer ("Vespers")

Tuesday evening, March 3 – April 7 at 6:30 pm in the Church

Family Faith Formation Children's - Easter Pageant

Saturday, March 28, at 9:15 am in the School Gym

Brown Bag Lunch—Topics to be determined

Friday's after the 12:00 noon Mass

Seven Churches Bus Trip

Holy Thursday Evening, buses depart at 8:30 pm from the front of the Church

[Holy Thursday—April 9]

9:00 am – Morning Prayer

5:00 pm – Parish Shared Supper (Ministry Center)

7:00 pm – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

[Good Friday —April 10]

9:00 am – Morning Prayer

12:00 noon – Seven Last Words of Christ

3:00 pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

[Holy Saturday—April 11]

9:00 am – Morning Prayer

12:00 noon – Blessing of Easter Baskets

7:00 pm – Easter Vigil Mass

[Easter Sunday—April 12]

8:00 am

9:30 am

11:00 am

12:30 pm

** Dates, times and locations are subject to change. There will also be more information and more services provided as the time approaches. Please see the weekly Bulletin or website for up-to-date information.*

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- Living Nativity - Dec. 26 and 27
- Family Mass - Jan. 12 at 9:30 am Mass
- Catholic School Week begins - Jan. 26
- School Open House - Jan. 26
- H.S.A. School Meat Raffle - Jan. 31
- Eucharistic Adoration 18th Anniversary Mass - Feb. 2
- KOC - New Parishioner Social - Pancake Breakfast - Feb. 9
- Lenten Fish Fry starts - Feb. 28
- Parish Lenten Retreat - March 2, 3 and 4
- Scout Sunday Mass - March 8
- MOMS Lenten Stations of the Cross - March 20
- KOC - Meat Raffle - March 21

December 24 - Daily Mass

7 am, 8am and 12 noon

December 24 - Christmas Eve Mass

4:00 pm - Church

4:05 pm - Ministry Center

4:10 pm - School

6:00 pm - Church

12 Midnight - Church

December 25 - Christmas Day Mass

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm

December 26 - Daily Mass

8:00 am only