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The First Sunday of Lent—March 5, 2017

Gospel Acclamation: *One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*
Matthew 4:4b

5:00 pm Sunday Evening Mass: will be cancelled for the Sundays of March 5th & 12th due to Troy University's spring break.

+Bring in Old Blessed Palms: from last Lent so that they can be burned.

Special Collection This Week: for the Black and Indian Missions. Our own Archdiocese receives a lot of funding from this collection for our African-American parishes.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

Sunday, March 5

CCD - 8:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary - 9:30 am
Holy Mass - 10:00 am
Misa en Español - 5 de febrero al medio día aquí.
Holy Mass in Spanish - March 5 at noon.
No Meeting - Jr. High & High School Teen Meeting

Monday, March 6

The Trudy Schroeder Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am
Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

Tuesday, March 7

Men of St. Martin - 6:30 am
Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

Wednesday, March 8

Adoration - 9 am - 8 pm
Holy Mass - 5:15 pm
Lenten Series on Vices and Virtues - 6 pm - 7 pm

Thursday, March 9

Holy Mass - 12:15 pm
Bible Study in Spanish - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday, March 10

Holy Mass - 6:30 am
Stations of the Cross - 5:30 pm

Saturday, March 11

Sacrament of Reconciliation - 4:45 to 5:15 pm
Holy Mass - 5:30 pm

Sunday, March 12

CCD - 8:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary - 9:30 am
Holy Mass - 10:00 am
Jr. High & High School Teen Meeting - 6:15 pm - 7:30pm

Abstinence on the Fridays of Lent: All Catholics 14 years of age and older should abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. Obviously, if one has a health condition, he or she is not obligated to abstain.

Resources and Opportunities during Lent

Holy Mass will be offered on **Mondays at 5:15 pm** in addition to the normal schedule.

Stations of the Cross: each Friday of Lent at **5:30 pm**. This would be a great opportunity to bring some non-Catholic friends to a beautiful Catholic devotional practice.

Almsgiving (Donations for Charitable Causes) During Lent, please consider forgoing some of the entertainment you normally enjoy and save the money you would have spent. At the end of Lent we will collect the money; 25% of the money collected will be used here locally to help the poor; 75% of it will go to CRS, Catholic Relief Services; they carry out international relief efforts including aiding those who suffer due to natural disasters, war, and to help the poor and the needy.

Personal Hygiene items being collected for Prisoners About 250 of the prisoners at Easterling Prison, where Fr. Irwin visits once a month, are indigent and cannot afford to buy their own supplies. Therefore, please **only donate** the following: **deodorants (non-aerosol)**, bar soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes for these men (there is not a lot of need for shampoo). Please note: the prison has strict rules as to what you can bring in! These items are given only to those who cannot afford them. Please leave these items in the box in the parish hall. Our Lord said, "I was in prison and you visited me" Matt 25.

For Lent we will Sing the Parts of the Mass in Latin: Latin is the official language of the Church. Latin is a real blessing when you think about the fact that there are international gatherings of Catholics on a regular basis (for instance World Youth Day). When you have Catholics from all over the world who speak different languages gathered in one place, Latin can be a real unifier. In addition, even the Second Vatican Council recommended that Latin continue to be used in the liturgy.

Lenten Series on Virtues and Vices to Begin This Wednesday: Join us in the parish hall from 6:00 - 7:00 pm this Wednesday, March 8th, as we begin a great series on the **Seven Deadly Sins & Seven Lively Virtues**. We will be using Fr. Robert Barron's video presentations and discussing them. **This week we will cover the introduction to the virtues and the vices as well as the deadly sin of pride and the lively virtue of humility.** Fr. Barron does an outstanding job with these presentations. He is amazingly positive and uplifting, avoiding being heavy-handed. This study is open to everyone; however, it is recommended for those who are in the 9th grade and beyond. Fr. Irwin and Deacon Dave will be the facilitators. Series runs March 8, 15, 22 & 29.

Pray the Rosary Sunday at 9:30 am



Let us Pray for:

Mike McCorkle, Sharon Listul, Denise Broxton, K.D. Blair, Ellen Blum, Bruce Tustin, Charles Owens and Carol Gibbs. Please send an email to [REDACTED] to add or remove a name from the prayer list.



You can Give to Catholic Charities online and by

Texting: simply text CCA2017 to 41444. You can give online by going to <http://www.mobarch.org/giving/charities.cfm>.

The Parish Code for Access to FORMED.ORG: is [REDACTED]. Please keep in mind that this code is for our parishioners and students only. I believe very strongly in honoring these sorts of rules. After all, if we want good Catholic material to learn from and share with our children, someone has to pay for it! (In case friends from other places enquire about getting access to FORMED, individuals are welcome to purchase access to the site as well as parishes). Thanks, Fr. Irwin

Spotlight on FORMED.ORG

Movie: "Don Bosco". Don Bosco was a priest who spent his life working with boys from troubled homes. To attract them he would do acrobatic stunts and challenge them to races etc.

Teachings: "A Catholic Moral Vision"; this is a part of the series Symbolon: the Catholic Faith Explained. Catholic morality isn't all about rules and regulations. It is about being a person of virtue.

Children's Movie: "Ben Hur: A Race to Glory"

- Use FORMED.ORG on your computer, tablet, or smartphone.
- Scripture Studies, Adult Faith Formation, Marriage Preparation and Enrichment, RCIA, Sacrament Preparation, Small Group Teen Discipleship, and much more!

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK

Saturday – March 11, 2017

Greeters: Chris Gambles
Lectors: Brittney Meyer, Anna Gooden
Ushers: Jeffrey and Rick Messick
Gift Bearers: The Messick Family
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Nick Droysk, Julia Tran
Altar Servers:

Sunday – March 12, 2017

Greeters: Annette Tustin, Christopher Marco
Lectors: Chris Huner, Cathy Brunson
Ushers: Jeffrey Blair, Bobby Hussey
Gift Bearers: The Bobby Hussey Family
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Barry Smolcic, Jo Ann Gibson
Altar Servers: Marie Gallie, Joyce Gallie, Brock Huner

Missa en Espanol - 4 de Marzo al medio dia.
Holy Mass in Spanish - Mar 4th at noon.

Sav-A-Life Fundraising Auction: Thursday, March 17 at 5:30 pm at Park Memorial United Methodist Church. Come out for a Low Country Boil and Grits Bar; also featuring live music. Tickets are \$40 per couple or \$25 per individual. Contact Kathy Sauer for more info. or call the Sav-A-Life office at 566-2880.

Reminder about Special Collections: we will continue the practice of just taking up one collection during Mass. Please place all the envelopes for a given Sunday in the basket at the time of the collection. If you do not have an envelope for a special collection, you can use the one provided in the pew rack. Please write your name and address on it if you would like your donation recorded.

Big Thanks to Chris Huner: As we have recently sent out our financial statements to our parishioners, it is a good opportunity for us to thank Chris Huner for consistently keeping track of our donations as well as doing the bookkeeping for the parish. This takes a lot of work and is a huge service to our parish.

Thanks to Tom & Mary Ann Price for putting on our Mardi Gras Party: special thanks to Tom and Mike Gibbons for cooking, as well as Mary Ann for decorating. We enjoyed some wonderful food and a good time.

Parish Mission Saturday – Wednesday, April 1 - 5: We will have 2 priests of the Redemptorist religious order with us. More info. will be forthcoming. Please mark your calendars.

Tithing Report February 19, 2017

Regular - \$2,697.69

Total - \$2,697.69

Tithing Report February 26, 2017

Regular - \$1891.25

Total - \$1891.25

Renovation Campaign

Pledges Received - \$91,974.00
Percent of Total Pledged - 87%