



## *Our Lady of Hope Parish – A Jesuit Ministry*

### Lenten Calendar 2018



#### **Ash Wednesday Schedule Feb 14:**

**8:00 AM** St. Brigid School Mass;  
**9:00 AM** Mass – St. Pius X Church;  
**Noon** – Prayer Service & Ashes - St. Joseph;  
**5:30 PM** Mass - St. Pius X Church;  
**7:00 PM** Mass – St. Joseph Church

**Stations of the Cross** - Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM - St. Pius X Church

**Living Stations** by St. Brigid School Grade 8 Class – Wednesday in Holy Week at  
St. Pius X following the 9:00 AM Mass.

**Lenten Scripture Study/Faith-sharing** – Sunday evenings during Lent beginning Feb 18 at 6:30 PM  
in the Parish Offices at St. Joseph. Led by Deacon John McAuliffe.

**Two Parish Traditions:** Knights of Columbus **St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner** –  
Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM at St. Pius X Hall  
Knights of Columbus **Lobster Roll Dinner** –  
Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00 PM at St. Pius X Hall

**Lenten Retreat** – sponsored by Our Lady of Hope Parish, the Jesuit Community and the Ignatian  
Partnership. Six weeks of Lent. Pre-registration required by Feb 1.  
Opening Meeting – Sunday Feb. 11 at 2:00 PM St. Pius X

**Reconciliation/"The Light is on for you"** - In addition to our regular Saturday times for Reconciliation (or  
by appointment), we are celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Mon-Tues-Wed-Thursday  
March 18-19-20-21 at St. Pius X Church 6:30 -7:30 PM. Note there will be no scheduled Confessions on  
Holy Saturday. Regular Confession times: Saturday 2-2:30 PM at St. Joseph; 3:30-4:00 PM at St. Pius X.

**The Novena of Grace** March 4-12. The Novena of Grace has been a tradition in Jesuit-connected  
parishes and schools for many years and source of great blessing. We will observe the Novena at all  
regularly scheduled parish Masses. In addition, on weekday evenings March 5-6-7-8-9 there will be a  
service of prayer 7:00 -7:30 PM at St. Pius X Church and the Novena Prayers. More details will be  
announced.

**Lenten Wednesday Evenings.** Each Wednesday evening during Lent there will be some special time of  
prayer and reflection. Except for Ash Wednesday these will all begin at 7:00 PM and all at St. Pius X.  
No service the Wednesday of Holy Week (Mar 28)

Wed Feb 14 – Ash Wednesday Mass 5:30 PM  
Wed Feb 21 – 7:00 PM  
Wed Feb 28 – 7:00 PM  
Wed Mar 7 – Novena of Grace Prayer Service 7:00 PM  
Wed Mar 14 – 7:00 PM

#### **Holy Week:**

**Palm Sunday** – regular weekend schedule of Saturday/Sunday Masses

**Holy Thursday**, March 29 – 6:00 PM St. Pius X Hall – Gathering & Simple supper  
7:00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper – St. Pius X Church

**Good Friday**, March 30 – St. Joseph Church will be open for quiet prayer from Noon with Stations of



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the Cross at 3:00 PM. The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion is at 7:00 PM at St. Pius X Church.

**Holy Saturday**, March 31 – The Great Easter Vigil – 8:00 PM at St. Joseph Church

**Easter Sunday**, April 1 – Masses: 7:00 AM St. Pius X; 8:00 AM St. Joseph; 9:00 AM St. Pius X;  
10:00 AM St. Joseph; **No** 5:00 PM Mass on Easter Day

#### Online Resources for Lent:

[www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical\\_year/lent](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical_year/lent) - resources from the US Catholic Conference of Bishops.

[www.bread.org/lent](http://www.bread.org/lent) from Bread for the World

#### Various Jesuit-connected resources

[www.eco-jesuit.com/lenten-carbon-fasting-acting-here-and-now](http://www.eco-jesuit.com/lenten-carbon-fasting-acting-here-and-now) from an ecological point of view

[www.onlineministries.creighton.edu/collaborativeministry/online.htm/](http://www.onlineministries.creighton.edu/collaborativeministry/online.htm/) - a wealth of resources from the site run by campus ministry at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska

[www.ignatianspirituality.com](http://www.ignatianspirituality.com) good source of prayer material/reflections etc.

[www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie) daily reflections, run by the Jesuits of Ireland

[www.Jesuits.org/news](http://www.Jesuits.org/news) from the US Jesuit Provinces

[www.scu.edu/jst/resources](http://www.scu.edu/jst/resources) - from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, California

[www.bc.edu/church21/lent1.html](http://www.bc.edu/church21/lent1.html) from Boston College

[www.holycross.edu/faith-and-service....](http://www.holycross.edu/faith-and-service....) From the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA

#### Preparing for Lent

*As we enter into Lent this year, Pope Francis invites us “to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter us. I ask all of you do this unfailingly each day. Thus the season of lent should be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s mercy. It is the opportune moment to change our lives! This is the time to allow our hearts to be touched, to listen to the cry of innocent people who are deprived of their property, their dignity, their feelings and even their very lives. God never tires of reaching out to us and is always ready to listen. All one needs to do is to accept the invitation to conversion....” Francis*

Traditionally Catholics are obliged to sacrifice or “give up something” for Lent. Another way to approach this to **add** something that would be pleasing to God to your day. Volunteering your time to an organization that serves those less fortunate, making some charitable gift (almsgiving), or trying to be more kind are all good ways to add to the Lenten journey.

#### Three Pillars of Lent

1. **Prayer** – Spending more time in prayer during Lent will bring us closer to God.
2. **Fasting** – to fast means to consume only one full meal and two small portions of food per day. Those aged 18-59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those 14 and over should Abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent. The very young, the elderly and those who are ill are exempted from fasting and abstinence.
3. **Almsgiving** – Charitable giving. This can be giving of our financial resources or of our time and energy. The Rice Bowl is a good way to eat simply and put some money aside for those who lack food – locally & internationally. Rice Bowls are available at both churches.