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## COMMUNY'S SENSE

Christians see life as a pilgrim journey. On this journey, we aim not only to reach the final goal of eternal life in heaven but to daily die to self so that we may live anew in Christ. As a reminder of our pilgrimage of faith, the Church gives us the great seasons of Lent and Easter. For over ninety days, almost one-quarter of our entire calendar year, Christians are immersed intensely in the mystery of the Lord's suffering, Death, and Resurrection and commit themselves to walk in the footsteps of the Lord with greater hope and joy.

Lent is a time when the whole Church goes on retreat and the Sunday Lectionary includes God's guidance for our journey. While a retreat is a time of reflection, and a time to examine our spiritual journey; it is not just a time to look back, but also a time to look forward. In the midst of that twofold exercise, we make choices that will enrich our relationship with the Lord. It might mean some minor adjustments; it might also mean some more serious changes. This is *metanoia*, changing not just actions and attitudes, but a change of heart. Lent is a time for courageous soul-searching in order to move more joyfully into the fullness of life to which the Lord calls us.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We know the meaning of Lenten discipleship in terms of these three traditional practices. Lenten discipleship is about returning, about making our way back to the Lord. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us on our pilgrim journey. Just as Jesus' disciples were not free from sin, neither are we. We need the Lord to call us back. We need the Lord to remind us of His everlasting mercy, of His covenant with us, of His forgiveness. Without the five Sundays of Lent and their accompanying weekdays, along with Palm Sunday and Holy Week to recalibrate our faith journey, you and I might fail to recognize those areas in our own lives where we need to be reconciled with our brothers and sisters and with God. We sin. WE need the Lord to transfigure us, to help us grow in holiness. Our actions are at times inconsistent with our words, as was the case of the scribes and Pharisees. Some of them refused to hear the message of God's forgiveness in Jesus Christ. They wanted places of honor. The forty days of Lent give us the opportunity to accept God's forgiveness, to humble ourselves, to renew our commitment to living the commandments, to have God transfigure us.

During these forty days, the Church engages in an intense preparation for the celebration of Easter. Accompanying those in the RCIA, the whole parish community is called to repent and turn back to God. It is a time to "clean house" and renew the Spirit within us so that at Easter we can rise with Christ and joyfully proclaim the Good News.

Catechumens reveal to us what it is like to take the initial walk of Lenten discipleship. In powerful ways, they will experience God's loving kindness and mercy in the scrutinies. Like the Samaritan woman, they will trust in Jesus' gift of living water. Like the man born blind, they will experience Jesus given them sight to see beyond sin. Like Lazarus' sisters, they will experience profound joy as they rise from the dark tombs of sin in their lives.

As people of faith who believe in Jesus' Resurrection, you and I have confidence that Easter comes every year. We confess Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. Still, each year Lent leads us to Holy Week. We enter Jerusalem again with Jesus on Palm Sunday. We hear His Passion. We experience His obedience to Death on the Cross. Like His disciples, we often do not understand His Cross or the crosses in our own lives, yet we take this time to reflect and to discern the ways God calls us to continue to testify to Jesus. How is God leading us back to Him through the crucified and risen One this Lent and Holy Week? How will we as followers of Jesus point the way back to God for others?

Jesus never asked the disciples to simply follow Him and disregard others. Part of His call to discipleship was to bring others to Him. Every one of our fourteen parishes offers numerous opportunities for spiritual renewal and growth throughout Lent. From movies and book studies, bible studies and thematic presentations, additional times for adoration and prayer, various projects to assist those most in need, as well as social times to share a simple meal, some Friday fish, or support the mission of our Catholic schools — all offer the opportunity to encounter Christ more deeply.

This Lent and Holy Week, let the prayer of our fourteen parishes be:

May we as disciples be one with the Lord in His journey to Jerusalem, despite the opposition we might face. May we extend to believers and non-believers, to all in our neighborhoods, the hope that Jesus' suffering and death lead to new life.

SERF — Serving, Evangelizing/Educating, Reaching Out in Faith — what we continue to be about. Let's continue to hold one another in prayer as we use our talents and energies toward that mission of being Christ's Body in this time and place.

Rev. James E. Commyn  
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## FISH FRYS

**ST. BASIL THE GREAT**

Friday, March 3 through April 14  
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

We will have extended hours on

April 14 - Good Friday - from 3pm-7pm.

Dinners are served at the Social Hall located at  
22851 Lexington in Eastpointe.

Baked and fried cod dinners, fish sandwiches,  
fried shrimp, potato, grilled cheese sandwiches,  
pizza slices, vegetable, salad bar and beverages.

This year we will also serve weekly dinner  
specials. Desserts are available for a small fee.

Carry out dinners are available.

For any additional information, please contact  
the Church office at 586 777-5610.

We hope to see you there!

**ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND**

Lenten Fish Fries begin Ash Wednesday, March  
1 and continue every Friday evening 4 to 7 p.m.  
beginning Friday March 10 thru April 14. Baked  
& fried cod fish, full salad bar, mac & cheese,  
our Men's Club Special sandwich, and much  
more, carry outs available.

**For more information call 586-293-2240.**

**ST. PIO**

Starting Ash Wednesday, March 1st,  
and continuing Fridays:

March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st, April 7th,  
and 14th.

3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday - Good Friday

Good Friday Hours 4:00-7:00 p.m.

**ST. PAUL ON THE LAKE**

Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner  
March 3, 2017

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Cafeteria - St. Paul School Building

Adults: \$15.00; children (ages 7-15): \$5.00;  
children age 7 and under are free.

Featuring baked salmon, fish sticks, vegan soup,  
clam chowder, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw,  
potato, fresh vegetable, fruit, coffee, milk,  
dessert.

Tickets can be purchased at the door. Food to-  
go is also available

**OUR LADY OF HOPE**

Our Lady of Hope/St. Germaine  
Men's Club

Fry-Day Night Lenten Fish Fry

Every Friday night during Lent

4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

OLOH St. Germaine Activity Center

**ST. VERONICA**

All Fridays during Lent  
4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Dine In—Carry Out— Drive Thru**

**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA**

Friday's of Lent

March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

April 7th

(excluding Good Friday)

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

In *The Pointe*

(attached to the Church)

Full Dinner \$12.00 includes sales tax

Small Plate \$8.00 includes sales tax

4 years old and under free

**Dine In or Carry Out**

*enhanced salad bar included*

- Fried Fish with either baked potato, French fries or mac and cheese
- Baked Cod Loin\* with either baked potato, French fries or mac and cheese
- Fried Shrimp with either baked potato, French fries or mac and cheese
- Mac and Cheese with either baked potato, French fries or extra mac and cheese

**ST. AMBROSE**

Lenten Buffet Dinners

Join us in the ARK

Every Friday in Lent

Through Good Friday, April 14th

From 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Carry-out service available

Call 313.822.1594

**ST. ISSAC JOGUES**

The Men's Club Annual Fish Fry Ash Wednesday  
& every Friday during Lent!

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Good Friday 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Delivery is available. Place your orders the Wednesday  
prior and we will be sure to get it to you. (All delivery

orders must be called in two days before Ash  
Wednesday and Lenten Fridays.) Call (586) 778-5100.

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## LENTEN CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2017

### ST. PAUL ON THE LAKE

#### Encounter

*Growing Daily As A Disciple Of Jesus*  
March 19th from 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Fr. Mathias Thelen, Spiritual Director and Instructor of Theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, is an inspiring and engaging speaker. Come hear his message and sing some great praise and worship music, while giving all glory to Jesus in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession, prayer teams, and refreshments will be available. For more information, contact [mmebus@comcast.net](mailto:mmebus@comcast.net). All are welcome!

### ST. CLARE OF MONTEFALCO

#### Parish Mission

*Change and Transition:  
Time to Panic or Time for Renewal?*

**March 20-22**

Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., followed by a mission presentation. Fr. Jim Clarke, Jesuit and Head of Evangelization for the Diocese of Los Angeles. We welcome all parishioners, neighbors, and friends. Please join us for this Lenten Mission!

### ST. JOAN OF ARC

Friday, March 3, 2017

6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. Simple Soup Supper

Hosted by SJA Exceptional Needs students and staff

**Lenten Tea - March 20, 2017 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

#### Palm Weaving Workshop

April 3<sup>rd</sup> through April 6<sup>th</sup> - Fee is \$10.00

Classes from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. or from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Call Gene Fedeli at 586-879-6440

or see website: [www.palmweaving.net](http://www.palmweaving.net)

### ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent.

~ 7:00 p.m. ~

### ST. AMBROSE

#### Catholicism: The Pivotal Players

March 5-April 9

9:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the ARK.

This Lenten series is a multi-part film series by Bishop Robert Barron featuring saints, artists, mystics and scholars who shaped the life the Church and changed the course of civilization.

### OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Presents an inspiring one-woman play entitled

*Therese, The Story of a Soul,*

on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7:00p.m.

Performed with humor, grace and humility you won't want to miss this.

**Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Our Lady Star of the Sea Church**

**467 Fairford Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI**

**Admission: \$10 Adults | \$8 Seniors | \$5 Youth ages 13 & under | \$25 Families of 3 or more Suitable for All Ages**

### OUR LADY OF HOPE

#### Parish Mission

#### Singer & Storyteller - Steve Angrisano

*Awaken Our Hearts*

Sunday, April 9 - Tuesday, April 11

7:00 p.m.

Free will offering

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#### “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass”

Wednesdays March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5

9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

\$10.00 for workbook.

You will come to know and understand the Mass like never before. Registration required. Call 771-1750 ex. 126 or [olohscs.org](http://olohscs.org)

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#### “Conquering Unforgiveness”

with psychologist Lynne Thomas

Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.--Parish Center

Forgiveness is the only way to free our heart and mind. Learn the steps to truly forgiving in the way Christ taught us.

Registration required. There is no charge to attend this talk.

Please call 771-1750 ex. 126.

### ST. BASIL THE GREAT

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent.

7:00 p.m. ~ Church

### VICARIATE PENANCE SERVICES



#### Thursday, April 6

1:00 p.m. St Paul on the Lake

7:00 p.m. Our Lady Star of the Sea

#### Monday, April 10

1:00 p.m. St. Margaret of Scotland

7:00 p.m. St. Joan of Arc

#### IN THE APRIL ISSUE:

Holy Week and Easter Schedules

The deadline to submit articles for the MAY  
SERF Vicariate Newsletter is  
April 12, 2017.

Please send your articles and feedback to:  
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