

The tradition of Lent is based upon a three-fold program of turning our hearts more deeply toward the Lord and his way of life. With the gospel text for Ash Wednesday as our guide, that three-fold way comprises:

### 1. Prayer

In an addition to your own prayer at home, you are invited to join in the prayer events of our parish as outlined on the previous two pages.

### 2. Self-denial:

The tradition of Lent is that we deny ourselves, we “give up” some of the pleasures of life in order that we might identify more closely with the suffering of so many people in the world and also that we might be able to be more generous in our almsgiving.

*As Catholics, we observe several days of communal self-denial during Lent.*

**Days of Fasting:** All adult Catholics are asked to observe Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as days of Fasting. On these days, we prepare only one complete meal, along with one or two much smaller meals.

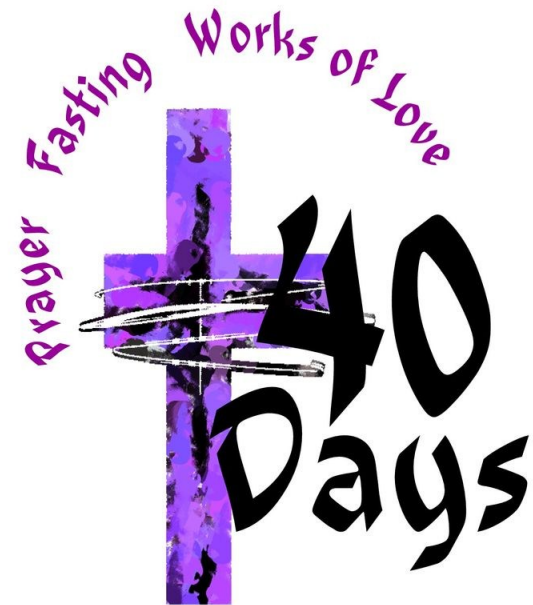
**Days of Abstinence:** All adult Catholics are asked to refrain from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent, as a sign of solidarity with all those advocating a “respect for life” ethic.

### 3. Alms Giving:

During Lent, we are asked to consider various ways in which we might reach out to the poor and those on the margins of life. We encourage parishioners to consider such things as a weekly offering of canned goods and/or paper products, to be placed in the basket in the gathering space, in support of our pantry and food ministry here in the parish.



## LENT 2017



### A Journey of 40 Days

Joining our Catechumens and Candidates we enter into a special season of prayer, self-denial and generous almsgiving, as we prepare for the solemn celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

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## Lenten Schedule

**March 1:** Ash Wednesday Masses at 9am & 7pm

**Each Friday beginning March 3:** Lenten Fish Dinners  
4pm – 7pm Sponsored by Men's Club

**Each Friday beginning March 3:** Stations of the Cross  
7pm in Church

**March 5, 6, & 7:** Livingston County Vicariate Lenten Mission  
“Called By Name to Encounter Christ”  
with Father Ron Richards, J.C.L.  
7–8:30pm St. Patrick Church, Brighton

**March 7:** Liturgy of the Hours & Perpetual Help Devotions  
Each Tuesday Evening During Lent at 5pm in the Chapel

**March 9:** Liturgy of the Hours & Perpetual Help Devotions  
Each Thursday Evening During Lent at 5pm in the Chapel

**March 15:** An Evening of Prayer & Conversation  
with Bishop Earl Boyea, Bishop of Lansing  
6:30pm in the church.

Bishop Boyea will not only speak to us as a parish but also respond to your questions and concerns.

**March 22:** An Hour of Prayer, Praise, & Adoration  
“Jesus, the Healer of our Souls”  
Fr. James Lothamer, Presiding 7pm in the church

**March 29:** Communal Reconciliation Service  
Fr. James Lothamer and the Vicariate  
Priests, Presiding at 7pm in the church.

**April 5:** An Hour of Prayer, Praise, & Adoration  
“Disciple of Christ Virtues”  
Deacon Dan Hall, Presiding at 7pm in the church

## Holy Week

**April 8/9 Palm Sunday:**

All of the Palm Sunday celebrations will begin in the Multi-Purpose Room and proceed to the church, with the traditional Palm Sunday Procession.

**April 13, Holy Thursday:**

7pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Reception of the Blessed Oils, Washing of the Feet,  
Procession for quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in  
School Lobby.

10pm: Night Prayer in School Lobby

**April 14, Good Friday:**

12pm: Stations of the Cross

1pm: The Good Friday Liturgy

**April 15, Holy Saturday:**

5pm: The Blessing of the Easter Food in the Gathering Space

8pm: Solemn Celebration of The Easter Vigil, with Baptism  
and Confirmation of Catechumens and Candidates.

**April 16, Easter Sunday:**

9am & 11:30am The Easter Eucharist.

