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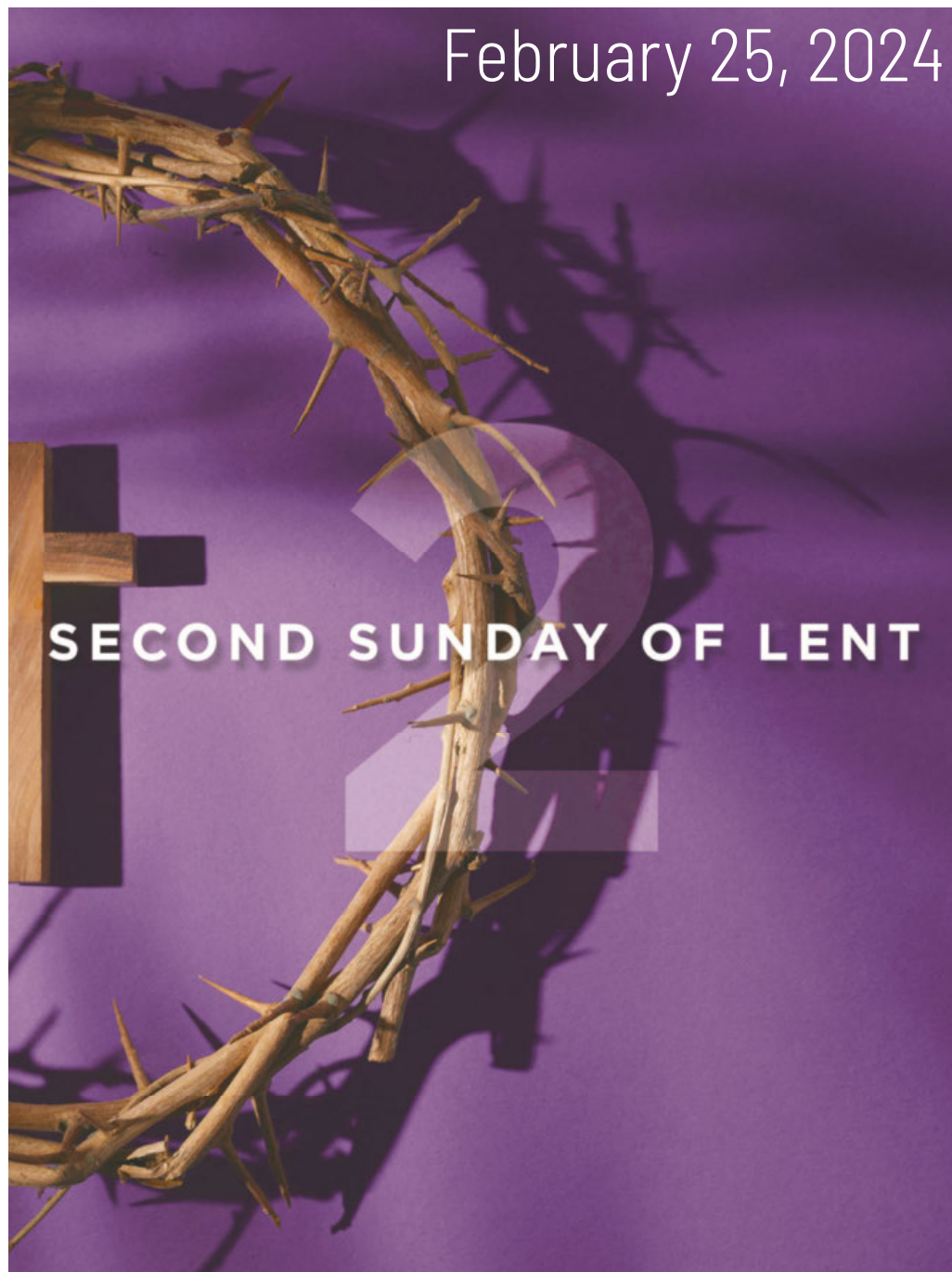


St. Viator Catholic Community



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February 25, 2024



Welcome!

Mass Schedule
February 26 - March 3

Weekday Mass
in the Chapel

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 6:45 AM
Wednesday - 8:15 AM
Thursday - 6:45
Friday - 8:15 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil
4:00 PM

Sunday
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM
Noon and 5:00 PM

Reconciliation
In the Chapel

Saturday 2:45 - 3:30 PM

Faces of Hunger





FAITH & WORSHIP

During Lent we will meet some of our neighbors who benefit from Catholic Charities programs.

This week meet Ernestina

Ernestina became a Meals on Wheels client at the age of 78. After a serious car accident, she suffered severe injuries leading to permanent reliance on a walker and difficulty eating. Once home from the hospital, Ernestina's fixed income and reliance on public transportation made tasks like grocery shopping nearly impossible. With no family or friends nearby to add a support system, her health continued to decline. At one point, she dropped to just 65 pounds, and Ernestina remembers

her doctor telling her, "I'm afraid I'm going to lose you." With Meals on Wheels, Ernestina now has a nutritious meal that she can rely on each day. She has since gained 31 pounds and is able to maintain a healthy weight. She says, "Meals on Wheels is important to me because I won't be hungry anymore." For seniors like Ernestina, who is now 91 years old, this program is more than just a meal - it is a lifeline.

Catholic Charities currently serves 2,492 homebound seniors in our community. The operating cost to prepare, produce and deliver these free meals is approximately \$8.90 per meal. The deliver over 820,000 meals a year. In addition to the meals, caring and compassionate delivery drivers become familiar with and check-up on each of the seniors on their route. They even bring donated pet food for those struggling to afford it.

Give Blood this Lent on March 3rd ~ 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
And enter to win prizes!



Donate blood between March 3 -16 and receive FREE solar eclipse glasses* PLUS an exclusive T-shirt, both redeemable by email.** While supplies last.



All donors who give blood, platelets or plasma March 3 – 31 are automatically entered for a chance to win one of four \$5,000 gift cards.



Please donate the gift of life!
Donors are urgently needed!

The mobile unit will be on site in our parking lot March 3rd. Schedule an appointment by using the QR Code above or visiting donors.vitalant.org and search for available times entering the sponsor code VIATOR or call Vitalant at 877-827-4376.

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PARISH NEWS



**Plan to attend our parish
Lenten Penance Service
Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00 PM**

Reflective music, candlelight and readings highlighting God's love and willingness to forgive will open the service. Afterward, several priests will be available to hear your confession. One priest will be available in a room with a privacy screen. Experience God's mercy firsthand this Lent through the sacrament of reconciliation.



Join us for Lenten Taizé

Wednesday, March 6 ~ 7:00 PM ~ Church

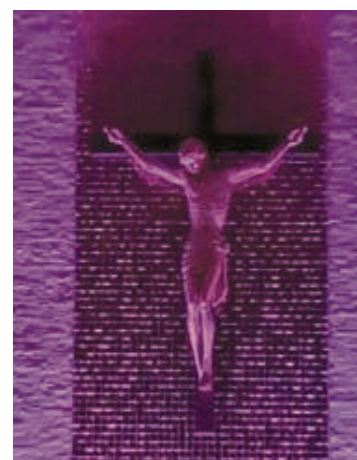
Join us as we dive into our faith and
connect with God on a deeper level.

Be *Inspired* by music and worship

Be *Challenged* by scripture

Be *Welcomed* by Viatorian tradition

Please note: This contemplative prayer
is appropriate for ages 14+.



Directions for Lenten Prayer Cross

Recite and meditate on "A Prayer for Lenten Grace". Reflect on those things that threaten your well being of body and soul that keep you from being a living sign of God's love for all. Decide how you will strive to change this pattern in your life to draw you closer to Him.

Now that you have identified the area of your life you wish to change simply write your Lenten intention in the space where indicated on one of the purple papers located in the foyer. Then fold the paper in half and drop the completed prayer request in the Lenten Prayer Cross basket in the foyer of church.

Your Lenten prayer will be placed on the cross in the sanctuary of the church and the entire parish will pray for God's grace to help you change this area of your life during Lent.

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,
during the sacred season of Lent,
bring me closer to You.

Prepare a place in my home and heart
for silence and solitude,
so that I may re-discover
the grace of a prayer-full life.

Help me to fast from those things that
threaten the well-being of body and soul
and remind me of the grace of simplicity.

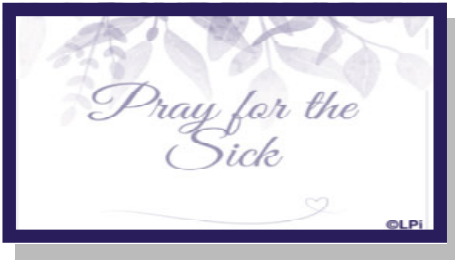
Enlarge my heart
so that I give to those in need
and in so doing, re-discover the grace of
gratitude and generosity.

May this season be a grace-filled time to
rekindle my love for and faith in You.

Amen.

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PARISH NEWS



- 10/29 Ewa Mackowiak,
Josephine Marasgis,
Carlino Mendoza,
Remedios Mendoza,
Christopher Zanghi
- 11/12 Joan De Angelis,
Thelma Rosales,
Don Shephard,
Sharon Wendelin
- 12/10 Irene Gallegos
- 12/24 Joan Skaggs,
Medel Family,
The Holy Land
- 12/31 The Meier Family
- 1/21 Madison Bowe,
Tom & Ginny Edwards,
Jerry Lingle,
Loy Prado,
Valerie Salerno,
R. Timbal
- 2/4 Paulette Quintal
- 2/11 Isidora Batac
Rosie & Cesar Graziano



Amerys Estrella
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Roland Vanderburg



**Are You Grieving the Loss of a
Loved One –
Or Know Someone Who Is?**

St. Viator Bereavement Ministry presents **GriefShare**, a 13-part weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life.

We know it hurts and we want to help.

**We will meet Wednesdays, 9-10:30am
in the Fr. White Room of our Parish Center
Session began February 7. We will not meet March 13.**

**GriefShare is designed in such a way
that you can still get valuable
information even if you join
after the cycle has begun.**

For more information go to griefshare.org

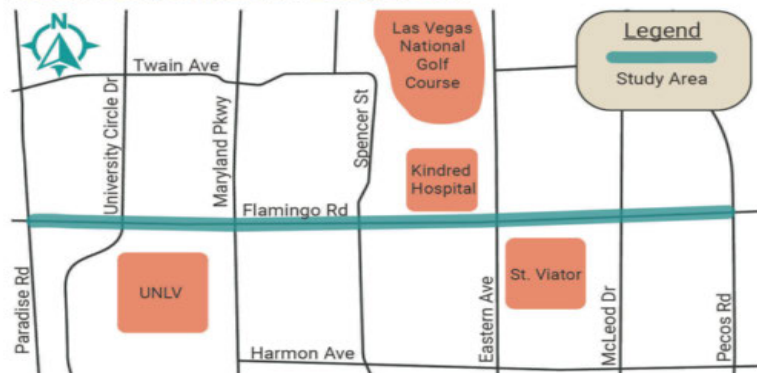


**What safety improvements do you
want to see on Flamingo Road?**

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to provide your feedback!

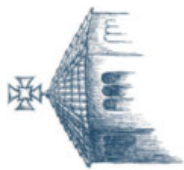
Feedback is being accepted until February 29, 2024



**Nevada Department of Transportation
Wants your input!**









Prayer List Procedure - Individuals will remain on the prayer list for three months (date is when added or re-added to the Prayer List). Please call the office if an individual is in continued need of prayers.



Answer God's Call "Faces of Hunger" St. Viator Catholic Community

PRAY - Come to Stations of the Cross every Friday*
FAST * and **ABSTAIN** with the Friday Fish Fry*
GIVE - your time and alms to others through **Faces of Hunger**
LEARN - Read bulletin and sign up for reflections

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Purple = Fast & abstain from meat Green = abstain from meat Brown = Giving to Catholic Charities ** See bulletin for details	Feb. 18  Bring soup for our food drive	Feb. 19 Pray for those suffering from war or violence	Feb. 20 Add a quarter for every faucet. Pray for those who need clean water	Feb. 21 Pray for those in jail - the guilty and the innocent	Feb. 22 Thank God for your friends and pray for them	Feb. 23 Fast from TV. Say a Rosary, read the Bible, or go to Stations instead
Feb. 25 Bring cans of tuna or chicken for food drive	Feb. 26 Place a quarter in your jar for every TV & wi-fi device in your house	Feb. 27 Lent Film Festival Two Popes 6:00 PM**	Feb. 28 Thank a teacher or co-worker for all they do 	Feb. 29 Invite a friend or family member to attend Stations of the Cross Friday	March 1 Thank God for your family and pray for orphans.	March 2 Lent Film Festival Two Popes 10:00 AM**
March 3 Bring pop-top cans of ravioli for the homeless	March 4 Pray for all suffering religious persecution	March 5 Attend the parish Penance Service at 6:00 PM**	March 6 Attend Taizé & Adoration 7:00 PM**	March 7 Read a story on the life of a saint today	March 8 Go out of your way to help someone today	March 9 Smile to those you meet today. 
March 10 Bring cereal or oatmeal for our food drive	March 11 Pray for peace in our world 	March 12 Add a quarter for each bed and pray for the homeless	March 13 Fast from all types of social media 	March 14 Add a quarter for each meal & pray for the hungry	March 15 Learn about our faith at Immaculate Heart Radio 970 AM	March 16 Fast from video games and play board games
March 17 Bring a can of vegetables or fruit for our food drive	March 18 Pray for our priests and vocations	March 19 Attend The Gospel in Les Miserables 6 - 7:30 PM	March 20 Invite a family member or friend to Stations	March 21 Give your coins to Faces of Hunger at Mass this week	March 22 Phone or write a family member to say you care	March 23 Dye Easter eggs to give to friends and family
March 24 Bring a jar of jam or peanut butter for food drive Visit Bake Sale	March 25 	March 26 Review the Holy Week liturgies and plan to come to church	March 27 Thank God for doctors and pray for those who are ill	March 28 Holy Thursday thank God for the Eucharist - go to 7:00PM Mass*	March 29 Good Friday Attend Liturgies*, fast and pray	March 30 Review Easter Mass schedule and plan when to attend**

CSA IS HERE!

WHO BENEFITS FROM CSA?

WE ALL DO!



While parishes rely on the support of parishioners through the weekly offertory collection, the ministry of the Archdiocese relies on those who participate in the Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) to make possible the many services the church provides.

Each parish, based on its size and income, has a share of the total CSA budget. All money received in excess of the portion each parish is assessed is rebated to that parish.

But even as important as the rebates are, the main purpose of the CSA Campaign is to fund the ministry of the Catholic Church in southern Nevada.

Pastoral outreach

- St. Therese Center which serves those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.
- Catholic Charities helping legal refugees who have been relocated to resettle here.
- Website communications with links to parishes.
- Supporting our retired priests as they age.

Communication Outreach

- Televised Sunday services so that shut-ins and sick members of our faith may hear the Mass.

Vocation

- Training future priests and deacons.

Catholic Education

- Supporting our valley's Catholic schools.

See Archbishop Thomas' 2024 CSA video on the Archdiocese website. Go to <https://lvcatholic.org/csa>



PARISH NEWS

Thank You!

The Catholic Daughters would like to thank all who supported their recent events.



CDA donations from
Bake Event to the parish
1-28-24



2024 Rummage Sale Event



CDA Rummage donation
2-11-24



St. Viator Parish School Registration for 2024 - 2025

Whether you are selecting a "school home" for the next ten years and preparing your child for Pre-Kindergarten, or searching out a new warm, safe learning environment for your children, come and experience St. Viator School. Schedule a tour by calling the school office at 702.732.4477 or svsschool@stviator.org.

It's all
about
PRE-K

We began accepting registrations for the 2024-2025 school year for our Pre-Kindergarten Program. This program is designed to build academic, social and physical skills as well as bringing unity and continuity to each curricular area. Formal prayers are taught and spontaneous prayer is encouraged. Pre-K is full-day beginning at 8:00 AM with dismissal at 2:25 PM. This is a five-day a week program. To attend, children must be 4 years of age by October 1st of that school year.

Kindergarten
ROCKS

We also began accepting applications for our Kindergarten Program. Kindergarten is a full-day program and will consist of, but not be limited to, the following activities: Religion, Language Arts, Spanish, Math, Handwriting, Science and Social Studies, P.E., Art, Music, and Computer. Classes begin at 8:00 AM and dismissal at 2:45 PM. To attend Kindergarten, children must be 5 years of age by October 1st of that school year.

Applications for all other grades are taken throughout the month of February with testing in March and notification of acceptance in April.



If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Tiffany Drewes at: tdrewes@stviator.org

Visit the school website stviatorschool.org

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "**Abraham!**" "**Here I am,**" he replied. Then God said, "**Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.**" Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chafes us that *God sets the terms of what we must sacrifice, and how.* But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy.

~ Father John Muir
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On The Mountain

Why climb a mountain? "Because it's there," George Mallory famously said, before perishing in an attempt to scale Mount Everest.

God is an event planner; every detail matters, and the location is most crucial of all. On the mountain, God demanded the sacrifice of Isaac. On the mountain, he restored Isaac to his father. On the mountain, Jesus was transfigured, revealed in all his mystifying glory as the beloved Son of God, the sacrifice which would finally balance the scale.

These things happened on a mountain because they could only happen on a mountain. The mountain is where the reckoning happens. It is where God takes, where He gives back, where He hands down.

In Lent, we encounter the mountain. We are removed from the distractions of ordinary life and placed outside the confines of our everyday habits. We find silence and mystery, pain and truth. We struggle and we

become tired, and there is always a moment when we wonder if, perhaps, it would have been easier not to climb. There is always a moment when others look at us and think: "Why climb a mountain?"

I confess, I am not much of an outdoorswoman. Hiking, in my family, is any walking you do on a trail that is not paved, so I am far from qualified to comment on whether or not the view from the summit was worth George Mallory's life. But I do know a thing or two about struggling through a difficult experience. I know the strange peace that exists in the moment after it's all over and you catch your breath and realize you are a better, stronger, wiser person for the pain.

The mountain is there. Let's climb it.

"God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, 'Abraham!' 'Here I am!' he replied."

Genesis 22:1

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27


WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

SUNDAY, MARCH 3



Readings for the Week

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Psalms 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)
Romans 8:31b-34
Mark 9:2-10

Daniel 9:4b-10
Psalms 79:8, 9, 11 and 13
Luke 6:36-38

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
Psalms 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
Matthew 23:1-12

Jeremiah 18:18-20
Psalms 31:5-6, 14, 15-16
Matthew 20:17-28

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Luke 16:19-31

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Psalms 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21
Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

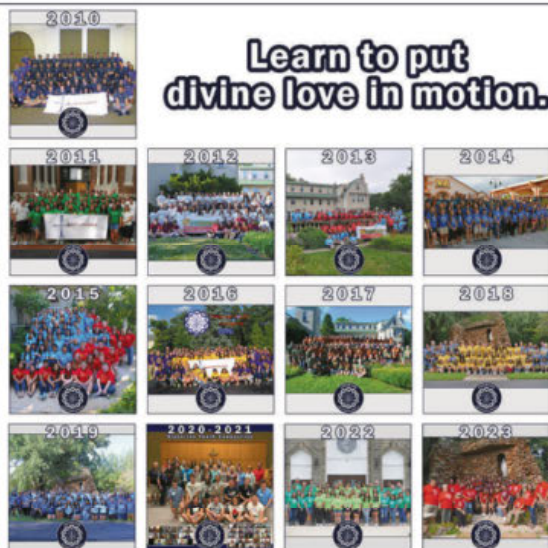
Exodus 20:1-17
Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-25

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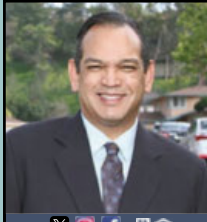


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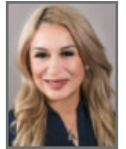
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LENTEN ACTIVITIES @ ST. VIATOR THIS WEEK



Knights of Columbus Lenten Friday Fish Fry Returns!

Knights of Columbus Council 8282 is happy to announce they will be sponsoring their Lenten Friday Fish Fry once again.



Dates: Each Friday of Lent through March 22nd

Time: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Location: St. Viator Parish Center Hall

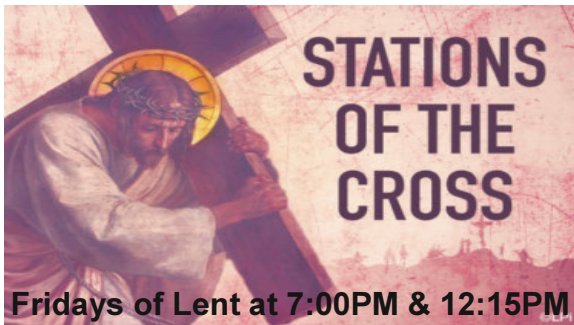
Menu: Fried fish, French fries, coleslaw and bread

Price: \$12.00 for adults, \$8.00 children 7 - 12, Children 6 and under Free

Desserts and pizza slices will be sold for \$1.00



Scenes from the first Fish Fry of Lent. Join the fun and enjoy the good food and community!



A contemporary version of the Stations of the Cross will be presented this Friday, March 1st at 7:00 PM in the church by our Youth Ministry.

Traditional Stations are available this Friday at 12:15 PM in the church.



Spend Time With *The Two Popes* For Lent

Enlighten your Lenten journey with our fun and informative movie club: watch a faith-filled movie and discuss it.

The movie is Netflix's **Oscar-nominated *The Two Popes***, centered around a fictional encounter between Pope Benedict XVI and Cardinal Bergoglio, who would eventually become Pope Francis.

The movie stars Jonathan Pryce and Anthony Hopkins, who were each nominated for an Academy Award for their performance. It is rated PG-13.

Besides learning about these two leaders of the Catholic Church in an entertaining way, the movie is a wonderful reflection on the need for and the power of forgiveness and reconciliation.

America, the magazine published by the Jesuits, says "*The Two Popes* is a tour-de-force that takes the Catholic Church seriously." It goes on to say that "the film addresses, however fleetingly, the weightiest questions confronting the church—not just about financial crimes and sexual abuse but dogma, ritual and the Christian mission."

You have **two choices to view and discuss the movie**: Tuesday, February 27 at 6pm in the Father White room of the Parish Center or Saturday, March 2 at 10am in our Parish Center hall, directly in front of you when you enter the building.

You are invited to bring your own snacks or meal.