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Where are YOU going this Lent?

It's hard to know if you've made it there if you don't know where you want to go. Now's your chance to decide what you want to accomplish this Lent. Is it a regular prayer routine, a loving marriage, or what?

Forty days allows you the time to create a new habit. Take a few minutes to give yourself some direction.

My personal Lenten habit will be: _____

This Lent I want to improve in this way: _____

I will know I have achieved my goal at the end of the forty days if the following is true: _____

By praying you are on your way to accomplishing what God has placed on your heart. Things to consider:

-Is your life working? If your life isn't working, what are you willing to do about it?

-What advice would you give your younger self as you get started in a daily habit of prayer?

-Looking back on this week, what have you learned that will help to change your life moving forward?

Dear Lord: Work a change in us this Lent by drawing us closer to you. We pray this in Jesus' name.

Fr. Marvin Bries

Special notes: Lent is a time for those interested in becoming Catholic to take instructions in the Catholic Faith. Also a time for young adults who have never been confirmed to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Contact Father Bries at 252-1247.

“THE WAY OF THE CROSS” will be prayed during the Lenten Season at every weekend Mass, 15-20 minutes before the start of Mass, beginning on February 20. Please pickup a booklet in the entryway and keep this as your own personal booklet for your future use. The “Way of the Cross” will be **live streamed** for all the Sundays in the Lenten season.

Consider joining the SMIC students on Fridays during Lent at 2:30pm as they pray the Stations of the Cross.

The **DAILY REFLECTIONS for LENT** booklets, ‘**Not by Bread Alone 2021,**’ are now available at the entryways of church.

God's mercy is a given, the only question is whether we are humble enough to repent and receive it.

Public Mass Schedule: Feb 22 – Feb 28, 2021

Please use sanitizer, practice social distancing & wear a mask

Mon., Feb 22: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Feb 23: 4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Way of the Cross & Mass – *Vincent & Inez Hoeger*

Wed., Feb 24: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, 3rd Grade
Dec'd of Nuehring Family

Thur., Feb 25: [No Mass Scheduled]

Fri., Feb 26: 2:30 P.M. - SMIC School “Way of the Cross”

Sat., Feb 27: VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
3:45 P.M. - Garnavillo - Way of the Cross
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo - Mass
Edna Rausch (C.D. of A.)
5:15 P.M.— Guttenberg, Way of the Cross
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Frank & Catherine Thomas

Sun., Feb 28: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
8:15 A. M. - N. Buena Vista –Way of the Cross
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista,

Live Streamed 9:45 A.M., Guttenberg -Way of the Cross

Live Streamed 10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Deb Bries

Mass Readings for February 21, 2021:

Reading I, Gn 9:8-15 : God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.” God added: “This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings.”

Responsorial Psalm, Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 : **R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior. **R**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD. **R.**

Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way. **R.**

Reading II, 1 Pt 3:18-22 : Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Gospel, Mk 1:12-15 : The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”



Faith, Hope & Love

*A renewal day to refresh and restore for the
CEW Community!*

Saturday, March 6, 2021, 9AM-3PM

The Bean Farm; 7731 148th St.; Scotch Grove, IA

Attend in person or virtually;

\$20 suggested donation to attend in person..

To register, call Kim 319-573-6247 or

Julia 319-432-4322, by February 24.

Lenten Resources/Ideas:

Crosses for Christ: Make a big cross out of poster board and hang it in your kitchen or family room. Then cut out several dozen smaller crosses from construction paper and keep them nearby. Whenever a family member does something special for Jesus, he or she can tape a small cross to the big one. See how many little crosses your family joins with Jesus’ cross during Lent!

SMIC Cash Raffle Fundraiser:

2/10—\$500, *Michelle Eilers*

2/17—\$100,

2/24—\$50,

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK:

Throughout history God has given His people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God’s sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear the slate and take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God’s covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God’s love and how we can better imitate God’s loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert!

Upcoming Events . . .

Feb 21: 9:40AM Way of the Cross & 10 AM Mass; aired on FB

Feb 28: 9:40AM Way of the Cross & 10 AM Mass; aired on FB/6

Mar 7: 9:40AM Way of the Cross & 10 AM Mass; aired on FB/6

Mar 14: 9:40AM Way of the Cross & 10 AM Mass; aired on FB/6

Mar 21: 9:40AM Way of the Cross & 10 AM Mass; aired on FB

Mar 28: Palm Sunday; 10 AM Mass; aired on FB/6

Apr 4: Easter

“Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe.” – St. Augustine of Hippo