

Lenten Practices

Catholics of age 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

In addition, Catholics from age 18-59 fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Thursday, April 2

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:30pm
[Adoration after Mass until Midnight]

Friday, April 3

GOOD FRIDAY

Living Stations of the Cross – 3:00pm
Service and Veneration of the Cross–
7:30pm

Saturday, April 4

HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of Food Baskets – 1:30pm
Easter Vigil Service– 7:30pm
Reception for RCIA immediately following the services (Parish Center)

Sunday, April 5

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses: 6:00am, 7:30am, 9:30am,
11:30am



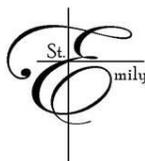
St. Emily Parish, in collaboration with three other parishes (St. Alphonsus, St. Cecilia, St. Thomas Becket) will be packing meals to feed children in Third World countries on March 12 & 13, at St. Alphonsus Parish.

The parish has chosen this project to help us reach out this Lent. Special thanks to all who have volunteered to help pack (even those who stepped forward but had to be put on the waiting list).

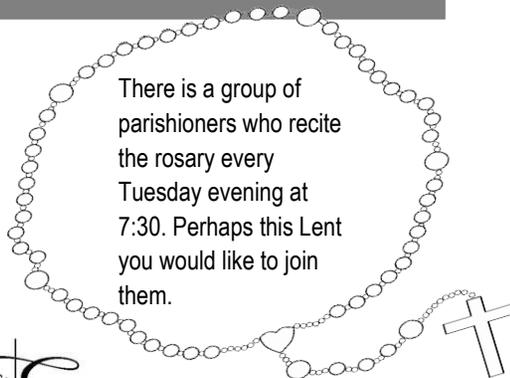
Financial support for the project is still needed. It's a wonderful opportunity to reach out and help the less fortunate. This is an opportunity for St. Emily Parish, as a community, to stand up and be counted. Pope Francis has put the challenge to us and this is one way we can rise to that challenge.

Please consider how you might, as an individual or as a family, support this parish-wide Lenten project. Donations will be taken throughout Lent. Just drop an envelope marked "Feed My Starving Children" in the collection, drop it at the parish office, or donate through e-giving on the parish web-site.

Together, we can make a difference!



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There is a group of parishioners who recite the rosary every Tuesday evening at 7:30. Perhaps this Lent you would like to join them.

St. Emily Parish

Lenten Activities for 2015

We are happy to provide you with this comprehensive list of opportunities for Lent.

Choose the activities that work best for you, mark your calendar, and attend.

Don't forget to call the Parish Office when reservations are required. We * those dates.



He stretched out his arms and died for us...



**Wednesday,
February 18, 2015
ASH WEDNESDAY**

Masses at 8:30am & 7:00pm
Services at 6:30am & Noon

Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance (sackcloth and ashes). They also remind us of our mortality ("remember that you are dust") and thus of the day when we will stand before God and be judged. To prepare well for the day we die, we must die now to sin and rise to new life in Christ. Being marked with ashes at the beginning of Lent indicates our recognition of the need for deeper conversion of our lives during this season of renewal.

***Monday, February 23
Soup & Spirituality – 6:30pm
Location: Parish Center
Topic: A New Take on Lent**

Todd Williamson, Archdiocesan Office of Divine Worship, will talk about Lent as the period to prepare to renew our baptism; all we do during Lent is meant to take us to that one moment in the Easter Vigil when we are sprinkled and renew our baptismal promises.
[Soup provided by friends of the parish]

**Tuesday, February 24
Penance Service – 7:00pm
Location: St. Emily Church**

The service will be followed by the opportunity for individual reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

***February 28 - March 1
Women's Christ Renews His Parish**
(Renewal runs from Saturday morning at 8:00am through Sunday afternoon at 1:00pm) An opportunity to reconnect with your God and form community.

**March 1-3
St. Thomas Beckett Parish Mission
7:00 PM each evening
Presenter: Fr. Britto Berchmans**

***Tuesday, March 10
Soup & Spirituality – 6:30pm
Location: Parish Center
Topic: Sacraments of Initiation**
Todd Williamson, will talk about the theology of the Sacraments of Initiation – how they initiate us into Christ. In them, God makes of us images of Christ to call us to and strengthen us for the mission of Christ.
[Soup provided by friends of the parish]

**March 11-13
Labyrinth Walk**
March 11-12: 8:30am-7:30pm
March 13: 8:30am-1:30pm
Location: Parish Center
Sponsored by: Family School Association
The labyrinth is viewed as a metaphor for life's journey. It offers lessons as we walk the path. Walking the labyrinth can assist us to address challenges. Meditate, pray and find peace and serenity. Drop in any time during the posted hours.

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
(2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27)
Aderas of the Blessed Sacrament
2:30pm - 4:00pm
"The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activities did he plead but for an Hour of companionship." ~ Fulton J. Sheen

***Tuesday, March 24
Soup & Spirituality – 6:30pm
Location: Parish Center
Topic: Consecrated Life**
Sr. Theresita Donach will speak about Consecrated Life in the Church today. [Soup provided by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth]

Sunday, March 29 Passion Sunday
Palm Wavers will be needed at all Masses. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Bride's Room. Please sign up by March 20.



**Tuesday, March 31
Living Stations of the Cross presented by the 8th Graders**
1:15pm in the Church

**Thursday, April 2
Triduum Service with school students**
1:15pm in the Church
This service provides an overview of the three days of the Triduum, set in the context of prayer, which is designed to instruct youth in the great holy days leading to the Resurrection.

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Station of the Cross - 7:00pm

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION
A priest is available every Saturday throughout the year for individual reconciliation (3:45-4:45pm).
March 7, 14, & 21 two priests will be available from 3:45-4:45pm.
March 28 three priests will be available from 3:45-4:45pm.