

Pulpit Announcements

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

- Our charitable tithe this weekend will go to the Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This is a national collection of the US Bishops.
- There are no flowers in the sanctuary due to the penitential season of Lent.
- This weekend, our nation pauses to honor the early presidents of our country. Our recessional hymn will be a patriotic hymn in honor of our nation. In honor of Presidents' Day, the parish campus will be closed on Monday, February 19. There is no public Mass that day. All other activities are suspended. Enjoy your holiday. May God continue to bless the United States of America!
- When our parish opened the doors of our church building over seven years ago, I agreed to two evening Masses on Saturday evening. We've held that schedule since then. Time, however, has proven that two Masses are not needed. *As such, starting Saturday, **April 13**, we're going to merge the two Masses into one Mass at 5:00 PM.* This arrangement meets both Mass groups in the middle and provides the option of a Saturday evening Mass, even though this is not preferred by the Church.
- Starting on Saturday, April 13, we'll have Solemn Vespers at 4:00 PM on Saturdays. This is the preferred way to begin the Lord's Day. Everyone is encouraged to come and join in the Evening Prayer of the Church!
- Confessions will still be heard from 3:00 – 3:30 PM on Saturdays.
- This Wednesday, February 21, at 5:30 PM, our weekly Stations of the Cross for Lent begin. All are welcome!
- Deacon Tom Heath recently celebrated his first anniversary as a Deacon, and so for our adult Bible Study this Wednesday, February 21, at 6:30 PM, the Deacon will talk about the diaconate and his experiences as a deacon this past year. All are encouraged to come and hear the Deacon's testimony!
- This Thursday, February 22, [Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers](#) will be visiting our parish. The Deacon will give a talk on *Building a Civilization of Love: A Catholic Response to Racism*. A sacred music concert will be offered at 6:30 PM. The Deacon will speak at 7:00 PM. A fellowship and book-signing will be held after the talk. Free copies of the Deacon's recent book will be distributed to those who attend the event. All are welcome!