

Our Lenten Journey 2025

In addition to our regular Mass Schedule (Weekdays at 7:30 a.m.; Weekends at 6:00 p.m. Saturday and 8:00 a.m./10:30 a.m. Sundays; Confessions on Saturdays from 5:00-5:40 p.m. and anytime by request), please follow the schedule below of the many ways to enrich your Lenten Journey! Please check the Website, Bulletin, Facebook, MyParishApp, E-mail, and X/Twitter regularly for additions/modifications to this schedule as needed! **(For Drive-Up Opportunities for Confession, you MUST call the EMERGENCY NUMBER 814-453-7737 x2249)**

In addition to our in-person events/activities/liturgies we invite you to utilize other resources to journey through Lent. We provide a limited number of "Little Black Books," "Lenten Gospel Reflections by Bishop Barron," "Magnificat" for March & April, and recommend digitally "The Seven Last Words with Scott Hahn" by St. Paul Center, and resources in MyParish App.

Reminder of Fasting and Abstinence:

Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years of age and older.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are also days of fasting for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. (On these days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to ones needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)

All Fridays throughout the year (except solemnities) outside of Lent remain days of penance. The United States Bishops highly recommend the traditional abstinence from meat, together with fasting, for the cause of peace in the world. However, some other practice of voluntary self-denial or personal penance may be substituted.

Ash Wednesday (March 5): (DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE)

Masses will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. with the distribution of Ashes during Mass

+Saturday, March 8: Extra Confession Opportunity after 6:00 p.m. Mass.

First Week of Lent:

- + Sunday, March 9:
 - + Second Sunday Adoration following the 10:30 a.m. Mass till 2:00 p.m. A chance to reclaim Sunday as the Lord's Day and allow Him to lead you in Retreat. Part of our Faith Formation Program that everyone is welcome to participate.
 - + Rite of Election at St. Peter's Cathedral at 3:00 p.m.
- + Monday, March 10: *Healing the Whole Person (Session 4)* at 6:30 p.m.
- + Tuesday, March 11: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- + Wednesday, March 12:
 - + *Healing the Whole Person (Session 4)* at 10:00 a.m.
 - + **Stations of the Cross and Benediction** at 6:00 p.m.; will occur in-person and via livestream. All are welcome to stay for Soup Supper in the Gathering Space. You can sign up to bring Soup, Bread, or a Beverage (iced tea/lemonade) on our website.
- + Thursday, March 13: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 a.m. – Noon and 8:00-9:00 p.m. (The evening opportunity is available in-person/livestream).
- + Saturday, March 15: Extra Confession Opportunity after 6:00 p.m. Mass.

Second Week of Lent:

- + Monday, March 17: St. Patrick's Day (Feast Day of the Diocese)
 - + *Healing the Whole Person (Session 5)* 6:30 p.m.
 - + 8:00 p.m. Night Prayer for Vocations (This 10-15 minute prayer is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, the Prayer of the Church. Every day clergy & religious are required to pray Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Night Prayer and the Office of Readings, Daytime prayer may be required according to vocation. The laity are invited to join in this prayer of the church.)
- + Tuesday, March 18: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 5:00-8:00 p.m.

- + Wednesday, March 19:
 - + *Healing the Whole Person (Session 5)* 10:00 a.m.
 - + Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.
- + Thursday, March 20:
 - + Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available from 8:00 a.m.-Noon and 8:00--9:00 p.m. (The evening opportunity is available in-person/livestream).
 - + Extra Confession Opportunity: 8:00-8:30 a.m.

Third Week of Lent:

- + Sunday, March 23: Confessions available after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- + Monday, March 24: *Healing the Whole Person (Session 6)* 6:30 p.m.
- + Tuesday, March 25: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 5:00-8:00 p.m. with an Extra Confession Opportunity from 7:30p-8:00 p.m.
- + Wednesday, March 26:
 - + *Healing the Whole Person (Session 6)* 10:00 a.m.
 - + Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper
- + Thursday, March 27: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 a.m. – Noon and 8:00--9:00 p.m. (The evening opportunity is available in-person/livestream).
- + Friday, March 28-Saturday, March 29: **24-Hours for the Lord** at the Cathedral. This diocesan wide initiative allows us to unite around our Lord in the Eucharist for 24 hours of perpetual adoration. Many Parishes, including our own, are asked to take a specific time. That timeslot will be communicated in the coming weeks.
- + Saturday, March 29: Extra Confession Opportunity after 6:00 p.m. Mass

Fourth Week of Lent:

- + Monday, March 31: *Healing the Whole Person (Session 7)* 6:30 p.m.
- + Tuesday, April 1: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- + Wednesday, April 2:
 - + *Healing the Whole Person (Session 7)* 10:00 a.m.
 - + Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.
- + Thursday, April 3: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 a.m. -- Noon and 8:00-9:00 p.m. (The evening opportunity is available in person/livestream).
 - + Extra Confession Opportunity: 8:00-8:30 a.m.
- + Friday, April 4: First Friday Adoration available from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. with Benediction at 5:50 p.m.
- + Saturday, April 5:
 - + 1:38 Women's Conference at St. Jude from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (We are hoping to have a good representation at this conference. Please let Fr. Jason know if you signed up and financial help to attend is always available. Please contact Fr. Jason)

Fifth Week of Lent:

Passiontide

- + Sunday, April 6:
 - + Extra Confession Opportunity after 8:00 a.m. Mass
 - + The Sacrament of First Reconciliation: 11:45 a.m. (Open to our Students/Families of Second Grade only)
- + Monday, April 7: *Healing the Whole Person (Session 8)* 6:30 p.m.
- + Tuesday, April 8:
 - + Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- + Wednesday, April 9:
 - + *Healing the Whole Person (Session 8)* 10:00 a.m.
 - + Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.

- + *Wednesday, April 9 (Continued):*
 - + **THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU:** Many Churches in Erie County (including St. Francis Xavier) are open for **Confession** 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- + *Thursday, April 10: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 a.m.-Noon and 8:00-9:00 p.m. (The evening opportunity is available in person/livestream).*



HOLY WEEK:

** Overflow Seating will be available in the Gathering Space if needed.*

*** Please join us however you can in person/livestream and remember ALL ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!*

****More information/schedule changes will be communicated throughout the season via our Bulletin, Website, MyParishApp, and Email.*

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13:

- + Masses are celebrated at 6:00 p.m. (April 12) and 8:00 a.m./10:30 a.m. on Sunday. Palms will be distributed. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after all three Masses.
- + Second Sunday Adoration following the 10:30 a.m. Mass until 2:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 14: 1:00 p.m. Chrism Mass at the Cathedral (attendance by livestream and in person; the link will be available on our Facebook/Website Pages).

TUESDAY, APRIL 15:

- + Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- + Extra Confession Opportunity: 7:30 p.m.-8:15 p.m. (Drive-up option also available)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16:

- + Extra Confession Opportunity (Drive-Up Option Only): 8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.
- + Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17:

- + Morning Prayer 7:30 a.m. Available for In-person/Livestream Worship
- + **Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 p.m.** (Available for In-Person/Livestream Worship)
- + **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until Midnight IN THE PARISH CENTER.** (A list of other churches with their "Altar of Repose" times will be provided so you can make a "Seven Church" visit.)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18: (DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE)

- + Morning Prayer 7:30 a.m. Available for In-person/Livestream
- + **Service of the Passion: 3:00 p.m.** Available for In-person/Livestream
- + **Extra Confession Opportunity after the Service is over (drive-up option available)**
- + *Divine Mercy Novena Begins...*

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19

- + Morning Prayer and Blessing of Easter Food: 11:00 a.m. Available for In-Person/Livestream
- + **Extra Confession Opportunity: 5:00 p.m.-5:40 p.m.** (drive-up option also available)
- + **Easter Vigil: 9:00 p.m.** Available for In-Person/Livestream

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20: The Resurrection of the Lord:

- + **8:00 a.m. Mass:** Available for In-person/Livestream
- + **10:30 a.m. Mass:** Available for In-Person/Livestream

Please keep your prayer resolutions going throughout Easter and the rest of the year by participating in Mass every Sunday and during week; Regular Confession, Adoration, as well as the following opportunities below (more will be added as they become available).

- + Sunday, April 27: Sunday of Divine Mercy: Regular Mass Schedule with Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayed after all three Masses (and procession between Sunday Masses).
- + Sunday Mornings 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. May 4-June 8 we will have a Total Consecration to Mary through Jesus book study. Consecration day is June 9th (Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.)
*Preliminary Meeting on Sunday, April 27th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass
- + Adoration on Tuesdays from 5:00–8:00 p.m.; Thursdays 8:00 a.m.-Noon and 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- + Additional Confession Opportunities as scheduled in the bulletin
- + During the Month of May: The Rosary will be prayed before all Sunday Masses. Please sign-up to lead the Rosary via our website (available in April).
- + Friday, May 2: First Friday Adoration 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- + May 3/4: May Crowning Weekend
- + May 23: Priesthood Ordination for the Diocese of Erie at the Cathedral
- + May 29: Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses at 7:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
- + May 30: Begins Novena to the Holy Spirit
- + June 7/8: Pentecost Weekend: We will have overnight Eucharistic Adoration beginning after 6:00 p.m. Mass and concluding with Benediction at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday. Sign-up to be a committed adorer via our website.

- + We are in the third year of a Eucharistic Revival. Visit www.eucharisticrevival.org for more information and resources you can receive via email. This is not meant to be a “program,” but an ongoing transformational movement of growing closer to Jesus through the Eucharist. We support this movement by offering:
 - ❖ Frequent Opportunities of Adoration
 - ❖ Annual Corpus Christi Procession this year it is the weekend of June 21/22
 - ❖ Studies that help us better understand the Gift of the Eucharist
 - ❖ Participating in the “Walk with One” initiative, where each of us asks the Holy Spirit to reveal to us someone we can journey with back to the Church.
- + On December 24th Pope Francis Opened the **Jubilee Year of Hope**. This extraordinary year of grace goes through Epiphany 2026. Please visit <https://www.eriecd.org/hollyear2025.html> to learn more about what a Jubilee Year is, a full calendar of celebrations, and how to earn a plenary indulgence locally. We will also planning other events to tap into these graces for our parish.
- + We will be offering *Healing the Whole Person* Conference that was offered at the beginning of Lent again as a 4-Night Intensive May 18-21 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend to discover Jesus’ Healing Grace.
- + Thursday Evenings 6:30*-8:00 p.m. April 24-June 5 Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary Study
 - + *On Ascension Thursday, this study will start after the 6:00 p.m. Mass*
- + Visit the KIOSK at the back of Church for various resources for you and your friends. Also utilize FORMED (online or app), or these Apps: HALLOW, iCATHOLIC, AMEN, MYPARISH
- + On June 8th we will celebrate First Holy Communion at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please join us and keep our First Communion Candidates and families in your prayers.
- + We have various ministries to serve one another: Bereavement, Knights of Columbus, Food Pantry, Sunshine Circle, Hospitality, Liturgical Ministries, Faith Studies for Adults, Faith Formation for Children and Youth, Children’s Liturgy of the Word, Roman Catholic Knights Men’s Group. Consider how you may want to get involved!