

## “LENT 2022 AT ST. JOHN BOSCO”



**THE ORIGIN OF ASH WEDNESDAY** – Ash Wednesday, which this year is March 2nd, entered the calendar in the early sixth century when the desire arose to have forty actual days of fasting before Easter. Sundays were never fast days, so to get to forty, one had to add four days to the six weeks of Lent. In the Christian lands along the Rhine River the devotional practice of imposing ashes arose as people imitated what they heard in the Bible passages such as 2 Samuel 13:19, Ezekiel 27:30, Job 2:12 and Jonah 3:6. What was once a private devotion came to be practiced publicly in the eighth century, and by the year 1000 it was commonplace in many celebrations at the beginning of Lent. The distribution of ashes was formally added to the Missal at Rome in the thirteenth century and this ancient symbol of repentance is now widely used among most Christian denominations at the beginning of Lent.

**ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND AND GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH** – are days of abstinence from meat (and any meat based food) and also days of fasting. The law of fast allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be eaten, but they should not equal one full meal. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (Canons 97 and 1252). All of the other Fridays of the Season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat (and any meat based food).

**ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND** - Mass will be celebrated & ashes distributed in the morning at 7:30 am, at 12:00 noon, and in the evening at 7:00 pm.

**DAILY MASS DURING LENT** - The Lenten daily Mass schedule will be: on Mondays and Wednesdays, Mass will be celebrated in the morning at 7:30 am; on Tuesdays and Fridays, Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 noon; and on Thursdays, Mass will be celebrated in the evening at 7:00 pm (preceded by a Eucharistic Holy Hour at 6:00 pm.)

**THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm in our Church, except for Good Friday, when they will be prayed at 12:00 noon. Our Parish School of Religion Program will sponsor Family Stations of the Cross on Monday, March 21st at 7:30 pm in our Church. Please consider walking the stations as part of your journey through Lent.

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE AT ST. JOHN BOSCO

“If you have sinned, do not lose heart. We have Jesus Christ to plead for us with the Father.” (1 John 2:1):

Saturdays - 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Thursdays - during the Holy Hour; 6:15 pm - 6:45 pm

Wednesday, March 16th - 5:00-8:00 pm; An Evening of Confession

Saturday, April 9th - 2:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Monday, April 11th - 7:00 pm; Communal Penance Service

**THE LITTLE BLACK BOOKS** – for Lent will be available after all of the Masses this weekend, the weekend of February 26/27 and on Ash Wednesday. The cost is \$1.00 per book. Why not make this *Little Black Book* part of your game plan for the Lenten Season? The goal is to spend six minutes of quiet time every day during Lent to walk through the pages of this book one at a time. A limited number of Children’s *Purple Lenten Books* will also be available.



**LENTEN “RICE BOWLS”** – will be available in our vestibule next weekend and on Ash Wednesday. You are invited to join the students of our Parish School of Religion and participate in Catholic Relief Services’ Operation Rice Bowl. Taking and using a “Rice Bowl” packet, following this simple yet powerful practice, is a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.

**FREE DAILY REFLECTIONS BY EMAIL** – This Lent, reflect daily on Christ’s journey to Calvary with Bishop Robert Baron from “Word on Fire” or with Matthew Kelly from “Dynamic Catholic”. Go to <https://dailycatholicgospel.com> and register with Bishop Baron. To register with Matthew Kelly, as you use his book *Life is Messy*, each family who comes to Mass on Ash Wednesday will receive a free copy of this book, simply go to [www.dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever). Each day, beginning Ash Wednesday, you will receive an email with practical tips, short inspirational videos by Matthew Kelly, and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic team members. It is all totally FREE!

**2022 LENTEN CALENDARS & RESOURCES** – A limited number of Lenten calendars, for adults and children, as well as other resources for spiritual growth during Lent, will be available next weekend, February 26/27, on the magazine rack in the Church vestibule. Given the limited number that are available, please take only what you know you personally will use.



**CLUSTER PARISH LENTEN “SOUP & PRESENTATION”** – The three cluster parishes of St. John Bosco, St. Bridget of Kildare, and Mary Queen of the Apostles will once again host our annual three-part soup and speaker series during the season of Lent. **All are on Tuesday evenings beginning with a simple free soup meal at 6:30 pm, followed by a special presentation at 7:15 pm, and then an opportunity to ask questions. We should end the evening by 8:00 pm.** We have quite a starting lineup this year with great speakers and pertinent topics. Please try to attend all three evenings - not only the one at our parish.

- **Tuesday, March 8th at St. Bridget of Kildare in Blair Hall (5620 Hauserman Rd., Parma, 44130):** Bishop Martin Amos will speak about “Prayer.”
- **Tuesday, March 15th at St. John Bosco in the Bell Tower:** Fr. Damian Ference will speak about “Evangelization.”
- **Tuesday, March 22nd at Mary Queen of the Apostles in McCafferty Hall (6455 Engle Rd., Brook Park, 44142):** Fr. Mark Latcovich will speak about “Vocations.”

### Little Rock Scripture Study for Lent 2022

If your Lenten resolutions include reading Scripture and more fervent prayer, the **Little Rock Scripture Study** group can help you. Our Lent study will be **The Psalms**, a study of the prayers of God’s people. By reading psalms of praise, trust, confidence and wisdom you find the words to spark your own prayer. The small groups studying the Psalms will meet on Wednesday mornings, 9:00 – 11:00 am, March 9th – April 13th, or Thursday evenings, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, March 3rd – April 7th. The cost is \$17.00 for the Commentary and the Study Guide. Registration deadline is February 28th. Questions - call Jan Bacher at 440 884-6174.

#### Registration for Little Rock Scripture Study:

“Psalms I.” Return to the Parish Office by February 28th. Cost is \$17.00.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one:

Wednesday 9 -11 am \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 7 - 9 pm \_\_\_\_\_



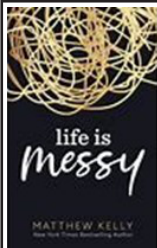
### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION

– Because of your generosity, our Saint Vincent de Paul Society is able to provide assistance to many individuals in need in our area. In keeping with the spirit of Lent, we will be teaming up with the

Saint Vincent de Paul Southwest Ozanam Food Pantry and the Ann George Pantry, which provides emergency food rations for close to 1,000 families every month. Each week during Lent, you will have an opportunity to donate specific food items that are particularly difficult for the pantry to obtain. The food items collected will be taken to the pantry every Monday. **The first week of Lent, we will be collecting Canned Pasta – which we ask you to bring the weekend of March 5/6.** Please bring your donations to the church vestibule if you are able to assist. We thank you for your continued generosity!

### JOINT LENTEN PARISH MISSION FOR OUR CLUSTER - SAVE THE DATE

- Mary Queen of the Apostles Parish is hosting a Lenten Mission for our cluster parishes on April 3-5, Sunday-Tuesday, 7:00 pm, presented by the Franciscan Sisters TOR (from Steubenville, Ohio). The Sisters invite you to join them for their 2022 Lenten Mission: Blessed, Broken, Given: Living a Eucharistic Life. We hope you can join us ... the Sisters really look forward to praying with you and meeting you!



Get ready for Lent 2022. On Ash Wednesday, St. John Bosco will provide a copy of **Matthew Kelly’s latest book “LIFE IS MESSY”**. “The mess of life is both inevitable and unexpected. The book is about putting our lives back together and allowing ourselves to be put back together, when life doesn’t turn out as we expected it to.”

Register below to join the Spiritual Development Committee as we gain insight when life doesn’t turn out as we expected. Discussion sessions will be held in the Bell Tower on **Wednesdays, beginning March 9th through April 13th at 7:00 pm.**

Please read pages 3 through 39 before our first discussion session.

**TO REGISTER:** return the form below in an envelope marked “Book Discussion”, in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office by Monday February 28th.

**PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:** NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_



# **BRUNO'S RISTORANTE & CATERING'S FISH FRY DINNERS AT ST. JOHN BOSCO'S BELL TOWER**

**These Fridays of Lent -  
March 4th, 11th, 18th,  
April 8th and Good Friday, April 15th  
Hours - 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

## **DINE IN & TAKE OUT**

1pc Broiled or 3pcs Battered Fish Dinner.....	\$15.00
2pc Fish & 3 Pierogi (Potato & Cheese Only) Dinner .....	\$17.00
2pc Fish & 1pc Eggplant Lasagna Dinner.....	\$17.00
6pc Pierogi (Potato & Cheese Only) Dinner.....	\$14.00
2pc Eggplant Lasagna Dinner.....	\$15.00
3 Side Dinner.....	\$14.00

**Children, 10 & under, Dinner (1pc Fish/1pc Pizza)..\$ 7.00**

**Dine In Dinners include:** Choice of **one** side, Coleslaw, Roll & Butter, Dessert & Beverage (Soft Drinks, Coffee & Tea.)

**Take Out Dinners include:** Choice of **one** side, Coleslaw, Roll & Butter and Dessert (*No Beverage* with Take Out - cost less \$1.00)

**Side Choices:** 1pc Manicotti, French Fries, Vegetables & Pizza

**Extra Entrée - \$4.00 ea. - 1pc Broiled or 3 pcs Battered Fish, 3 pierogi or 1 pc eggplant Lasagna (may be added to dinners only)**

**Extra Side - \$2.00 ea. (may be added to dinners only)**

***EARLY BIRD (4-5pm) SENIOR, 65 & up, \$1.00 DISCOUNT***

**Our fish is Alaskan Pollock that we beer batter ourselves!**