

## LENT 2024 AT ST. JOHN BOSCO



**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH** - 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 **3:00 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 4th 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, February 28th - 5:00-8:00 pm; Diocesan Wide Evening of Confession

Saturday, March 23rd - 1:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Monday, March 25th - 7:00 pm; Communal Penance Service at Mary Queen of the Apostles

**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH AND GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH**— 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 FRIDAYS OF LENT** – are days of abstinence from meat (and any meat-based food). The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years of age and older. As always, people should seek to do more than less during Lent. Abstinence on these prescribed days should be considered a minimum response to the Lord’s call to penance and conversion.

**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 next weekend, February 17/18.** Please bring your donations to the church vestibule if you are able to assist. We thank you for your continued generosity!



**CLUSTER PARISH LENTEN “SOUP & CONVERSATION”** – 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 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 5th at St. John Bosco in the Bell Tower:** Francine Costantini, Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Cleveland. Francine will speak about “The Young Church; Reflections from Youth Ministry”.
- **Tuesday, March 12th at St. Bridget of Kildare in Blair Hall (5620 Hauserman Rd., Parma, 44130):** Deacon Jim Armstrong will speak about “Diocesan Communications - Sharing the Good News of Christ”.
- **Tuesday, March 19th at Mary Queen of the Apostles in McCafferty Hall (6455 Engle Rd., Brook Park, 44142):** Tom Pussell, from St. Raphael’s will speak about “Forgiveness as Evangelization”.