The Connect Phase/Part 3 March 2 - 30, 2025



WALK WITH ONE

Lent 2025 - Growing in Faith

On Ash Wednesday, each family will receive a book called <u>33</u> <u>Days to Eucharistic Glory</u>. Why this book and why now? For three years the U.S. Catholic Church has been involved in Eucharistic Revival. Now, this Lent, is the best time to make the Revival personal. This book will guide you to encounter our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist, to grow in relationship with Him, and to allow the Eucharist to shape our hearts and lives so we can Walk With One. Be faithful in reading this book each day of Lent.

Phase: Connect -Part III (Mar. 2 - 30)

At the end of Lent when you have finished reading 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory, be ready to consecrate yourself to the Eucharist. Many blessings for us individually, our parish, our families and our community will be possible when we place ourselves fully in the hands of our Savior Jesus Christ. We will have a parish-wide Consecration at the end of each Mass the weekend of April 26 and 27(Divine Mercy Sunday). The prayer and the explanation of the Consecration are found in the book. Specific details about the Consecration will be announced in a future bulletin.

Personal Scripture Study

Matthew 28:20. When Jesus was about to ascend into Heaven, He stood before His disciples and made an extraordinary promise: "I am with you always, to the end of the age." At the heart of our Catholic faith is an unwavering belief that Jesus fulfills this promise through the Eucharist. Not only does He remain with us in spirit, He stays with us physically by giving His Body and Blood in the Blessed Sacrament. As you read and pray this Scripture ask yourself "What does this mean for me? Do I choose to be with Him?"

Saint Who Inspires

Saint John Paul II wrote, "The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the world. . . .Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is He who is the true answer of the life you seek. He stays here with us: He is God with us. Seek Him without interruption: today, tomorrow, forever." (p. 78, 33Days)

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Jesus, I believe that You are truly present In the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. Every day I long for more of You. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally at this moment, I invite You to come and dwell in my heart. May this spiritual communion increase my desire for the Eucharist. You are the healer of my soul. Take the blindness from my eyes, the deafness from my ears, the darkness from my mind, and the hardness from my heart. Fill me with the grace, wisdom, and courage to do Your will in all things. My Lord and my God, draw me close to You, nearer than ever before. Amen.

Monthly Video Recommendation

Enter into Eucharistic Devotion as you watch the video of Fr. Boniface Hicks leading us in a "Litany of Healing and Repentance". This **powerful video** comes from the National Eucharistic Congress held last July in Indianapolis. Scan the QR code below to access or visit: https://bit.ly/NEC_Hicks

