



Faith Fest and Fasting Party

You may have heard of a Lenten Fast Fest in which participants fast from certain foods each week during the holy season, but this year we're embracing a Faith Fest in which you're encouraged to partake in certain faithful actions during each week of Lent. The schedule is to the right.

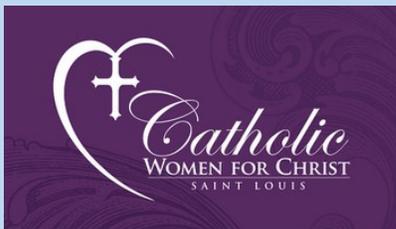
We'll celebrate our Faith Fest by having a 24 Hour Fast from 1pm on Saturday, March 24 to 1pm on Sunday, March 25. You're encouraged only to drink water and consume food that's absolutely necessary for maintaining your health during those 24 hours. We'll end the fast by having a spaghetti lunch after our Noon Mass on Sunday, March 25.

Faith Fest Schedule

- Feb. 18-24:** Pray 15 minutes each day
- Feb. 25-March 3:** Invite 5 people to attend Mass on March 4
- March 4-10:** Attend Holy Confession
- March 11-17:** Attend daily Mass two times
- March 18-24:** Read the Scriptures for 30 minutes each day
- March 25-31:** Spend two times in Adoration

Free Catholic Women's Conference

Newman is covering the registration fee for any women interested in attending the Catholic Women for Christ Conference in St. Louis on Saturday, March 10 from 8:30am-5pm. The conference features inspiring speakers who can relate to women of all ages and vocations. Contact Tom to learn more.



Spirituality Retreat – March 4

How often do you find yourself separated from Jesus outside of Mass? Do you wish you had a deeper connection with Christ? If so, this retreat is perfect for you because it focuses on growing your personal relationship with Christ, which is the primary intent of the Lenten Season.



The retreat will include a complimentary lunch, games, prayer, discussion, and a keynote presentation about spirituality. The retreat will be hosted at St. James Church from 1:30-4pm, and transportation is available. Contact Tom to sign up, or complete the online registration form.

Blessing of the Throats on Feb. 4 to ask St. Blaise for healing



No Masses on March 11 and 18 due to Spring Break, and no Small Groups March 12-16

Campus Reflection

TJ Weglarz - Vice President

We are blessed to have twenty-four hours in each day. What we do in those hours is what makes up our lives. Now, there are times when there is the bad and the ugly, but there are those great moments that are a part of each day. We are called to do many different tasks in everyday life, but what is most important is to enjoy each moment we have.

Every night before I go to sleep I pray and reflect on my day and ask a few questions. Was today a good day? If so, what made my day go so well? On the flip side, was today a bad day? Yes, even when you think it was an overall bad day there is always something to reflect and learn from. When asking God for guidance, most of the time I found the answers I was looking for by looking back on my day. While praying I can see my day through a new set of eyes that allows me to find the good in each day. I grew up with the saying 'everything always happens for a reason' and through the Lord I find reason in my day to day life.

Sunday Mass
Noon – Pilling Chapel

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February 18

First Reading: GN 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

Second Reading: 1 PT 3:18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Gospel: MK 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

February 25

First Reading: GN 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing— all this because you obeyed my command."

Second Reading: ROM 8:31B-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died or, rather, was raised— who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Gospel: MK 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.