



St. Ignatius of Loyola

PSR NEWSLETTER

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Our theme for this year is: "We are Many Parts, We are all One Body". Our scripture focus is: "As a body is one though it has many parts, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit." (1 Corinthians 12: 12-13)

MARCH 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 3- Class; Lenten Prayer Service 9:40 in Cafeteria

March 6- Ash Wednesday (Mass times listed later)

March 10- Class; Cart Sunday outreach collection

March 17- Class; Confirmation retreat 8:30-12

March 24- Class

March 31- Class

April 7- Class; 1st Communion Banners due

April 11- Confirmation Practice, 6:45 pm in Church

April 12- Confirmation Liturgy, 7 pm at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral

April 14- Class; PALM SUNDAY

April 21- NO CLASS; EASTER SUNDAY

April 27- First Communion, 4:30 pm in Church

April 28- Class

May 5- Last Class; May Crowning

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

A reminder that the Lenten Prayer Service is next Sunday, March 3 at 9:40 in the cafeteria. Please join us! On March 10 we will have a box at the door for any Cart Sunday donations.

As we prepare for Lent, we focus on prayer, fasting, and giving alms. Changing habits is hard, and Lent is a perfect time of penitence to reflect on your life and make changes for the better. How might you as a family incorporate these three items into your lives? Maybe you increase your prayer time with your children to include morning prayer before they leave for school? It is important to attend Mass as a family to pray together. Instead of dropping off your child for PSR and going to 8:30 Mass without them, Lent would be a good time to change that habit and take them with you to 10:15, or another Mass time on the weekend. Your children are learning so much about their faith and they should be practicing it at Mass, too. Fasting doesn't just mean giving up food! You can fast from your favorite food or drink, but you could also fast from being too busy to spend time with those you love. You can fast for others by giving some of your free time to volunteer in your community or in your parish. Fast from noise! Instead of listening to the radio or your favorite podcast, spend that time in silence with the Lord. Giving alms is yet another practice of penitence during Lent. Instead of eating out one night during the week, eat at home together and donate the money you would have spent to a worthwhile charity. Give time to the Lord in Reconciliation. Take your children with you to one of the many Confession times available here at Church. No matter what you choose to do this Lent, share this time with your family!

Our last Pulse of the PSR meeting was great! We love hearing how we can make our program better for our families. You should find meeting minutes with this newsletter. *To help us prepare for next year, we will be sending a family "letter of intent" on March 3 to determine how many families will be returning to PSR next year.* If you know of any families interested in joining our Sunday morning program, please spread the word! They can contact us at saintipsr@gmail.com with any questions.

Please continue to pray for our students as they prepare for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion in April. Parents of 2nd and 7th graders, please see the important reminders later in this newsletter.

Blessings!
Elaine Kroger.

THANK YOU!

A big "Thank you!" to the students who decorated the placemats for the Welcome Weekends for both the Men's and Women's events. They were lovely and greatly appreciated by those on the retreats.

Another "Thank you" to the students who made the cards for Valentine delivery to parishioners who lost a loved one this passed year. What a great way to help take care of others in our parish!

CART SUNDAY

On March 9 and 10 the parish is collecting toiletries, baby items and cleaning items for our Parish partners, McCreary County, KY and St. Leo's. We will have a box at the door for any collections, or you can take them to Mass with you that weekend.

CONFESSIONS

A reminder that students are not being scheduled for Confessions during PSR classes. Please take your family to one of the many opportunities for Confessions during Lent. Confessions are scheduled on Wednesdays at 10 am and 6 pm and Saturdays from 3-4 each week. No reservation required!

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Our seventh grade students have been preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation with Mrs. Janet Wimberg. The students will be participating in a half day retreat on Sunday, March 17 from 8:30-12. The Confirmation Vigil is on Thursday, April 11 at 6:45 and is for the student and their sponsor. On Friday, April 12, the candidates will be confirmed at the 7:00 pm Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains. Many prayers for these candidates and their families.

FIRST EUCHARIST NEWS

Our second grade students are preparing to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday, April 27 at the 4:30 pm Mass. Photos will be taken before Mass at 4 pm.

Banners are due on Sunday, April 7!

Also, practice dates and times are Monday, April 22 from 5-6 pm; Tuesday, April 23 from 5-6 pm and again, Thursday, April 25 from 5-6 pm. These practices are MANDATORY so that the children are properly prepared for this most important day in their lives.

A reminder that if you are still in search of a dress or suit for your child, please let us know, as we have some donated outfits that are available.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Shelter House- needed once a month for dinner preparation and serving, contact Emily Branscum at the Parish Office.

Fish Fry- every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) from 5-8 in FHC, see the bulletin for details.

YOUTH MINISTRY for Junior high students, grades 6-8, roughly every other Monday from 7-8:30 in the Hilvert Center. Next meetings are 2/25, 3/11, and 3/25. Contact Emily Branscum with questions.

LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Ash Wednesday Mass (receiving of ashes):

6:30 am, 9:15 am, 2 pm and 7 pm

Stations of the Cross (Way of the Cross):

Mondays at 2:30 and Fridays at 7

Novena: Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesdays from 10-5

Confessions: Wednesdays 10am and 6 pm, and Saturdays 3-4 pm

Passion Re-enactment: Friday, April 12, 1:30 pm and Palm Sunday, April 14 3pm

Mass and Healing Service: March 13, 7:30 pm

OTHER PARISH NOTES

Wednesday Mass time change- 7 am Mass is changing to 7 pm Mass beginning on Wednesday, March 13 and a **First Friday Mass** will be added at 7pm beginning in April.

Scam Alert from Fr. Geoff-please see the bulletin regarding an email that some parishioners received from Father Geoff

Toy and Clothing Sale- April 27 in FHC

