

Fridays of Lent

Since the earliest days Christians have remembered Friday as the day upon which our savior suffered and died for us; the day the bridegroom was taken away. For this reason, since the first century Catholics have fasted on Fridays and are still encouraged to do so. In addition, as we meditate on our Lord's passion and death and in sorrow for our sins, those of us ages 14 and older abstain the Fridays of Lent from eating meat. During this time of corona isolation, we have the advantage of being able to sympathize with the weariness of our Lord, Jesus, as we reflect upon his agony.

Daily Mass

Daily Mass is the best of all Lenten devotions. We reflect on our failures; we ask for forgiveness; we meditate on the Word of God; we attend the Lord's Supper; and we receive the Body and Blood of our Lord given for us on Mount Calvary.
8:30 AM Mon, Wed, Fri, Masses at St Agnes 8:30 AM Tues. & Thurs Masses at IC

Communion Service

Although daily Mass is not available in Renovo, parishioners still yearn to be nourished with the Body of our Lord. **8:30 AM Tuesdays & 6:00 PM Fridays** a Communion Service makes this possible at the chapel.

Stations of the Cross

As we walk with Jesus along the path to Calvary we're encouraged to meditate on the passion of Christ and the profound way that in embracing his suffering Jesus chose to share in our sufferings. There is nothing which we are called to endure that is beyond that which our Lord suffered. Please, note the change in the Friday stations.
6:00 PM Wednesdays at St Joseph in Renovo

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lent is an appropriate time for us to reflect upon our sins and seek reconciliation. Confessions are heard regularly **4:00 PM Saturdays at the Parish Office St Agnes** Along with the scheduled times for reconciliation parishioners are welcome to arrange for a private appointment. If you've been away from the sacrament for some time, you may find it easier to sit with a cup of coffee and talk it out.

Confessions with Multiple Confessors

In keeping with the penitential spirit of the Church during the season of Lent we gather as a community to meditate on our Lord's sufferings for our sins and to confess our faults seeking God's forgiveness as individuals and as a parish. Visiting priests make it easier for those who may be shy of confessing to their pastor. Please, note that those preparing for the celebration of the sacraments are encouraged to go to confession beforehand.

As we look forward to the coming celebration of Life Eternal let us cast off the vestiges of the disease of sin. Let us prepare worthily for the Resurrection as we look forward to a return to life following the corona pandemic.

3:00 PM Sunday, March 6th at St. Agnes

6:00 PM Wednesday March 9th at St Joseph in Renovo

Feast of Saint Joseph

Saturday, March 19th is the Feast of our patron, Saint Joseph. We'll honor the guardian of the Holy Family Sunday, March 20th at Mass.

Holy Spirit Fish Fries

The tradition of Fish Fries is a reminder of the communal nature of our penitential season. It is also a pleasant sign of our support for each other. Join in the drive through dinner which we hope in future years will be a pleasant memory of the days of our present struggle.

4 - 6:00 PM @ Holy Spirit Parish Center Fridays: March 4th, 11th, 18th 25th; April 1st & 8th

****Holy Week Services****

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday – April 9th & 10th

We will have the blessing of palms and the solemn procession of the congregation in the church at all weekend Masses. The procession symbolizes our sharing with the people of Jerusalem in joyfully acclaiming Christ our King. This is the jumping off point for Passiontide through which we journey on our way to Easter joy.

Seder Meal – April 10th

The Seder is the traditional Passover Dinner celebrated by the Hebrews since their Exodus from Egypt. **Our parish Seder will be held in the church basement Palm Sunday starting at 4:00 PM.** During the ceremony we will be sampling the traditional Seder foods. Toward the conclusion of the ceremony, a regular meal will be provided followed by the closing ceremony. Call the parish office to purchase a ticket.

Holy Thursday – April 14th

The solemn Triduum of Easter begins at **7:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Church** when we celebrate the Lord's Supper. At this Mass we remember the meal at which Jesus transformed bread and wine into his body and blood thereby instituting the Holy Eucharist. He then instructed his apostles to do what he had done in remembrance of him thereby instituting the priesthood of the new Covenant.

Good Friday – April 15th

Good Friday along with Ash Wednesday are solemn days of Fast and Abstinence. The **Good Friday Services** will be celebrated in remembrance of the death of our Lord upon the Altar of the Cross and the emptiness of the world without Jesus:

Noon at St Joseph Church in Renovo

A Tenebrae service will be held 7:30 PM at St. Joseph

Holy Saturday – April 16th

8:30 PM at St. Agnes Church we have the lighting of the Easter fire. The darkness of Lent gives way to the Light of Christ. Thus, begins the Easter Vigil during which catechumens and candidates are traditionally received into the Church. There is no Mass at the usual Saturday evening time.

Easter Sunday – April 17th

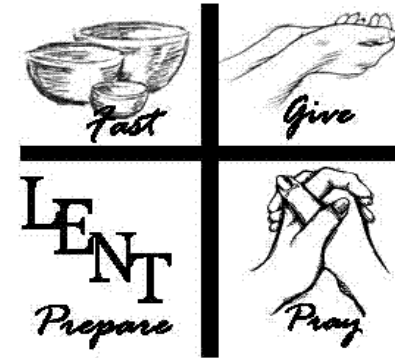
With the rising of the sun we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ in which God's promise of our resurrection is proclaimed. We pray that this will be a true celebration of life for us as we move out of the pandemic.

Easter Masses: 8:00 AM at Immaculate Conception and 9:30 AM at St. Agnes

Noon at St Joseph in Renovo

Saint Joseph Parish

Lenten Program for 2022



Ash Wednesday – March 2nd

Through the centuries Ash Wednesday has been a solemn day of Fast and Abstinence among Christians as we begin our Lenten journey. Catholics ages 18 to 59 are to keep the Fast, limiting themselves to only one full meal and two lesser meals with no snacks in-between. Catholics 14 and older are obliged to observe days of abstinence from meat products. This day begins our Lenten observance of mortification and self-denial.

-8:30 AM Mass with Distribution of Ashes at Immaculate Conception

-Noon Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Ashes at St. Agnes

-6 PM Stations of the Cross at St Joseph in Renovo with Distribution of Ashes

-7 PM Stations of the Cross at St Agnes with Distribution of Ashes

Weekdays of Lent

During these forty days of Lent we're called to walk with Jesus through the desert. Since last Lent we have been truly wandering in a wasteland wondering when it will end. We have longed for some sign that we are nearing liberation from its oppressive aridity which saps our strength. Let us walk these last miles with our Lord, trusting that he will stay with us until it is finally over.