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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

First Sunday of Lent

Sat., February 25th

4:00PM – (St. J)

-For Dr. Al Altongy by Mark & Celia Domser.

Sun., February 26th

8:00AM – (St. P)

-For Lawrence Ritter by

Michele and Brian Smith.

9:30AM – (St. J)

-For Our Parishioners and Their Intentions.

Mon., February 27th

8:30AM – (St. J)

-For Kaylee, Bradley & Richard Croniser

by Wayne and Melanie Brown.

Tues., February 28th

8:30AM – (St. J) Adoration after Mass

-For Patricia Mason by

Wayne and Melanie Brown.

Wed., March 1st

8:30AM – (St. P)

-For Catherine Gates by Rosemary Fitts.

Thurs., March 2nd

8:30AM – (St. J) No Scheduled Mass

Fri., March 3rd

8:30AM – (St. J)

-For James Snyder (1st Ann.) by his Family.

6:00PM – (St. J) Stations of the Cross

Second Sunday of Lent

Sat., March 4th

4:00PM – (St. J)

-For Catherine Peters Gates

by Marylou and Paul Gibson.

Sun., March 5th

8:00AM – (St. P)

-For Jack Reising by Thomas Stevens

and Ellen Kralik

9:30AM – (St. J)

-For Our Parishioners and Their Intentions.

We remember in our prayers

Charles Mooney, Frances Miller,

Jamie Uhl-Goosman, Jeffrey Batt, Lorraine King,

Walt Belewich, Sr. Ann Lash, Jim White,

John Bailey, Cretia Carpenter, Candace Schaffer,

David Hoffman, Steven Stooks,

Michael Stinebrickner, John Stark,

Michelle Durney Croniser, Brian Albert,

Wayne Millnitz, Robert Brinkerhoff,

Jason Lesperance, Richard Davey, Kathy Roberts,

Rick Dano, Gail Waite, Matthew King

and Robert Pierce.

CONFESSION TIMES

SATURDAY'S – 3:15PM – 3:45PM - SJ

SUNDAY'S – 7:30AM – 7:50AM – SP



Christ Our Hope

Collections for February 19th, 2023

Regular: \$2,621.00

Second Collections for March:

3/12/2023- Earthquake Relief Efforts

for Turkey and Syria.

3/19/2023- Catholic Relief Services

3/26/2023- Easter Flowers

**We are one: Please make your donation
out to Christ Our Hope Parish.**

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Food Pantry Corner: The food pantry has welcomed an increasing number of new families these past months. We have distributed 1,323 meals for the month of January.

Your continued donations are greatly appreciated. There is a continuous need for personal hygiene products (shampoo, deodorant, Toothpaste, soap bars).

We would like to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU to our Volunteers.** Our success in serving the community is because of their dedication and hard work. We are beyond grateful.

Religious Education 2023

When classes resume:

K-6 classes will meet in the church after the 9:30am mass. Teachers will escort students to Gill Hall. Grades 7-9 students and Confirmation students will meet at Gill, Sunday Evening, 6pm-7pm.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

The Thrift Shop in Forestport will be closed Dec. 17th-Mar. 4th. Please call the Parish Office if clothing is needed.

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**SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, March 25, 2023
8:00AM – 4:30PM**

**Annual "IGNITE" Catholic Men's
Conference.**

A Message From Bishop Douglas Lucia

"We return to the SRC Arena this year with great confidence that we can again fill the space with a thousand men. When we journey together we truly have strength in numbers. God has something special in store for this year's conference. Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Michael McGlenn, and Gus Lloyd will inspire and motivate you on March 25th - the Feast of the Annunciation. Like the Blessed Mother, each of you will be filled with the Holy Spirit and Empowered to do His will. Register now and invite others to join you. I look forward to praying with you at IGNITE 2023."

Please Note: Bishop Lucia has announced a dispensation for eating meat on Friday, March 17th, in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin our journey through Lent, we hear in the gospel the story of Jesus tempted in the desert. We have heard this gospel story many times and we are challenged today to see this Gospel in a new light. What are some of your own temptations that you struggle with in your lives? Maybe it's gossip or judging others, maybe its procrastinating, or even pride. Whatever the sin of temptation is, we have these next forty days to help us see what is keeping us from God and how we are separated from God in our lives.

When we begin Lent, it is customary to give something up or even add something to our daily routine. But we must be cautious in what we do, and not take on so much that we can never keep up with what we are doing. Maybe take one thing away that is hindering you from keeping the commandments and eliminate it from your daily routine. The idea of this is not to start it back up when Lent is complete, but rather eliminate what is keeping you from loving God more. Maybe it could be as simple as adding something to your prayer life. We all can benefit from something like that. As I said before, take care not to add so much that you become unable to complete those tasks.

As we begin these next six weeks, we journey together as family and continue to help each other along when times become tough. Lent is a time to grow closer to the Lord. What better way to do that than to experience the Sacraments? As we know, the Sacraments are an outward sign of God's love for us. We receive the Sacraments freely and use them each day or weekend to experience Him. During this Lenten season, we can find so many ways to experience God and grow closer to Him. Each Friday we will pray the stations of the Cross, this is a beautiful way to journey with Christ through His Passion and Death and lead us to the Resurrection. Take some time to come to Mass a little earlier and pray the Rosary together, or simply take some time at home to read through one of the Gospels. Whatever works for you, take some times and experience Christ this Lent and grow closer to Him this Lenten season.

God Bless,

Fr. Matt Rawson

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**The First Sunday of Lent**  
 Today's readings begin on pg. 883 Year A  
**February 26, 2023**

**Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**  
*The creation of our first parents, and sin.*  
**Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17**  
*Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*  
**Romans 5:12-19**  
*Where sin increased, there grace increased all the more.*  
 Gospel Acclamation  
*One does not live on bread alone,  
 but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*  
**Matthew 4:1-11**  
*Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights and was tempted.*

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