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Please start the process by going to the Cathedral website, SPICathedral.org/registration or contact the Parish Offices for more information. If you have any questions, please email Katie Price at kprice@cathedral.dio.org.

Online Prayer Wall

Have you seen the Online Lenten Prayer Wall? Do you have prayer intentions you would like the Cathedral staff and community to pray for this Lent? Fill out the form at spicathedral.org/lenten-prayer-wall and you can choose to have it posted or remain anonymous and we will pray for your intentions.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

Monday 19 February

7AM - Ann Kruzick (Mary Sestak) 12:05PM - NO MASS 5:15PM - NO MASS

Tuesday 20 February

7AM - Betty Sowarsh (James Mees) 12:05PM - Special Intention for Calcara Family (Holy Angels Parish)
5:15PM - Mass of Thanksgiving (Van Thorson)

Wednesday 21 February

7AM- Betty Sowarsh (Theresa Kraus) 12:05PM- Jack Esslinger (Pat Esslinger) 5:15PM - Greg Chastain (Van Thorson)

Thursday 22 February

7AM- Priest Intention 12:05PM- Justin Buscher (Denise Buscher) 5:15PM- Roger Creason (Van Thorson)

Friday 23 February

7AM- Louella Vogt (Bill Vogt) 12:05PM- Priest Intention 5:15PM- Kara Smith (Bill Vogt)

Saturday 24 February

8AM- Betty Sowarsh (James Mees) 4PM- John & Edith Bakalar (John Busciacco)

Sunday 25 January

7AM- Mamie Unser (Mickie M. Culton) 10AM- Charles Wombwell (Eleanor & Family) 5PM- For the People



Renewal During Lent

The first reading from the Book of Genesis and the passage from the Gospel of Mark that are both given to us for this First Sunday of Lent may appear to have no relationship to each other but that is not the case. As we begin this holy season, one of the themes that is presented to us is the call for the renewal of baptismal grace in each one of us. Immediately in the first reading we are given an allusion to something great that is to come: baptism.

The story of Noah and the Flood may not seem to be an image that moves us to think of baptism but what did the flood do? The flood washed away the evil that had ruined the world and, following the flood, God chose to renew his creation and bring new life back to the earth. In baptism, God chooses to do the same with us. Through those saving waters, the reign of sin is broken within each of us and we are incorporated into the mystical body of Christ. Just as God made a covenant with Noah following the flood, he also makes a personal covenant with us through baptism.

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What we don't hear in this Sunday's Gospel is what happens just before Jesus's departure for the desert. Immediately preceding this episode is Mark's account of Jesus's baptism by John in the Jordan River. At that moment, the voice of the Father is heard acknowledging Jesus for who he is: the Son of God. The same is true for all the baptized. While it does not happen in the same dramatic fashion, God no less claims each of us as his child through baptism. It is in this saving act that we are made heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Immediately following Jesus's baptism, Mark tells us that Jesus is driven into the desert and, surrounded by wild beasts, he is tempted by Satan. Some Scripture commentators claim that the use of the word "tempted" is not a good translation. In Matthew and Luke, Jesus is clearly tempted by Satan in the desert through pleasure, honor, and power. Mark's Gospel presents this time in the desert more as a time of testing, where Jesus is isolated and opposed by evil and the powers of the world. At times, we may find the same to be true for us. If we choose to cooperate with the grace given to us through baptism, we will find ourselves naturally in opposition to the powers of the world. At times, we may feel as though we are alone and left in desolation,

like Job whom we heard about two Sundays ago. However, Mark also tells us that angels came to minister to Jesus.

As with Jesus, so it is with us, the
covenant that God has made with us is
never broken by him. We are never
forsaken or abandoned, even in
moments that seem to be the most
trying for us.

During this Lenten season, the Church invites us to seek the grace of God to renew the baptism that each of us has received. Let us make the most of this sacred time so that we may always remember who we are and whose we are: heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven and sons and daughters of God. We may be tested at times, but we are never forgotten or left alone.

Father Christopher House is the Rector-Pastor of the Cathedral and serves in various leadership roles within the diocesan curia.



Journey through Lent with us. In the
next two pages, we invite you to take a
look at the programs, events, and
online resources we provide to you to
nourish and grow your relationship with
Jesus this Lent.

The Cathedral Guide for Lent 2018

You Are Invited to Join Us!

This week we are announcing the dynamic programs, enriching faith formation reflections, and additional sacramental opportunities open to all during the Lenten Season. In our effort to provide radical hospitality, we have created a variety of opportunities online and in person. We know busy schedules can make it difficult to attend programs, so we have created plenty of online opportunities for faith formation, as well. From online to in-pew, we have an opportunity for you to grow in your Catholic faith at Cathedral this Lent!

Important Dates

Wednesday, February 14th
Ash Wednesday
 Mass Schedule: 7AM, 12:05PM, 5:15PM
 Confessions: 4:15PM- 5:00PM

Sunday, March 25th
Palm Sunday
 Mass Schedule: 7AM, 10AM, & 5PM
The Bishop will preside the 10AM Mass

Tuesday, March 27th
Chrism Mass
 Mass Schedule: 7AM, 12:05PM, & 6:30PM
 No 5:15PM Mass. No Confessions

Thursday, March 29th
Holy Thursday
 6:30PM Mass ONLY
 No confessions

Friday, March 30th
Good Friday
 3PM Liturgy
 No 7AM or 5:15PM Mass
 Confessions following the 3PM Liturgy

Saturday, March 31st
Holy Saturday
 8PM Mass Only
 No Confessions

Sunday, April 1st
Easter Sunday
 7AM & 10AM Mass
 No 5PM Mass
 No Confessions

Monday, April 2nd
Monday after Easter
 7AM Mass Only
 No Confessions

Weekday Schedule

The Cathedral offers additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Confession and daily Mass during the season of Lent. Please see the days and times of these additional opportunities below.

Daily Mass - Monday through Friday
 7AM, 12:05PM, 5:15PM

Daily Confessions - Monday through Friday
 4:15PM- 5:00PM

Adoration - Wednesdays
 Following the 7AM Mass until the 5:15PM Mass

Stations of the Cross - Fridays
 Following the 5:15PM Mass

Weekend Schedule

The Cathedral will remain with the normal weekly schedule during Lent, except for dates noted on the left.

Weekend Mass Schedule
 Saturday Morning Mass 8AM
 Saturday Vigil - 4PM
 Sunday 7AM, 10AM, 5PM

Weekend Confessions
 Saturday 9AM - 10AM & 2:30PM - 3:30PM
 Sunday 4PM - 4:45PM

You can find more information at
SP1cathedral.org/lent-2018



The Passion Narratives

March 6th & March 19th

7PM Cathedral Atrium

Come join Fr. House for formation and education on Mark and John's Passion narratives, which will grow your understanding of the life, suffering, and death of Jesus. We will explore Mark (March 6th) and John's (March 19th) Passion Narratives. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Lenten Stewardship: An Afternoon of Reflection

Sunday, March 4th

3PM - 4:45PM Cathedral Atrium

Join the Cathedral's Stewardship Coordinator, Katie Price for an afternoon reflection on stewardship, as a way of life during Lent. If you are looking to have a greater understanding of stewardship, this is a great afternoon for you! From storytelling to Scripture, this afternoon will cover the foundations for stewardship, while providing practical steps to incorporate stewardship during your Lenten season. All are welcome!

Sacred Sounds, Sacred Spaces, Music Mondays

Mondays Online (Facebook Live Event)

Starting Monday, February 19th at 11:45AM

You might not be able to be present with us on Mondays, but during Lent you can join Cathedral Director of Music, Mark Gifford, for spiritual hymns in person or on Facebook Live. We are going to be streaming approximately 10 minutes of hymns, which will nourish your soul and be available anytime during the week via Facebook or the Cathedral website. More detailed information will be made available soon, including the start time if you would like to join us in person or online.

Sunday Scripture Reflections

with Fr. Braden Maher

Online via website, email, and Facebook

During Lent, dive deeper into the Scriptures each week, as Fr. Braden Maher covers the upcoming Sunday Scripture readings via video. These videos will be made available on our Lenten webpage spicathedral.org/lent-2018 and the Facebook page. Sign-up on the website to join the Cathedral Weekly eblast!

Conversations with Fr. Wayne Stock

Online via website, email, and Facebook

During Lent, Katie Price, Coordinator for Stewardship at the Cathedral and Fr. Wayne Stock will reflect on a variety of topics in an interview style format. These videos will cover topics such as Confessions, Lenten practices, Prayer, Vocations, and the Triduum, just to name a few.

Lenten Stewardship Challenge

Online via website, email, and Facebook

During Lent, we will provide daily videos and graphics that will offer one stewardship practice or thought to encourage an active stewardship way of life.

Cathedral Online Prayer Wall

Online via spicathedral.org/lenten-prayer-wall

Join us for our first-ever online Lenten Prayer Wall. At home, work, wherever and whenever, take a look at the Lenten prayer wall and for a few minutes pray for those needing support, healing, and the power of prayer. Your prayer intentions can be submitted on the page and after approval, will be posted. If you would like your prayer intention to be anonymous, you may select the checkbox on the form and know your prayers will be shared with Cathedral Parish staff only.

What's For Dinner?

Thursday, March 1st

6PM - 7:15PM Cathedral Atrium

Join us for our Lenten *What's for Dinner* series. All are welcome and families are encouraged to attend. We will be providing the main course, and attendees are encouraged to bring a side dish to share. We will have faith formation for children, as well, so families are encouraged to come together!

The Forge Saturday Bible Study

Every Saturday starting February 17th

10AM Cathedral Atrium

Join young adults (people in their 20's and 30's, married or single) from across the Diocese for a co-ed, enriching journey through the Scriptures. We are following the Lenten Journey provided by Dr. Scott Hahn and his team at the St. Paul Institute. The program is called *The Bible and the Sacraments*. All are welcome to join us!

Online Faith Formation

Spicathedral.org/lent-2018

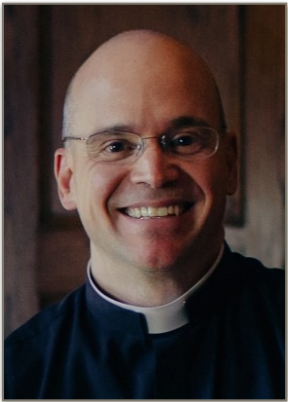
Check out the webpage for all programs, ministry opportunities, and special liturgies. We will be posting a calendar of events and programs similar to these announcements. During the week, we will be sharing Lenten resources and reflections online. Please share the page with anyone that is looking for resources and spiritual formation during Lent!

40 Days for Life

Daily from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday

Springfield Right to Life and the Diocesan Office for Pro-Life and Special Ministries is again sponsoring a 40 Days for Life prayer vigil. It will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, and conclude on Palm Sunday, March 25th. The prayer vigil will be conducted from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., seven days a week during the 40 days, on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, 601 N. Bruns Ln. This year, we are inviting churches/parishes/groups to "adopt" a day of prayer.

If you are interested in getting a group from Cathedral together to participate in the vigil, please contact Katie Price, Stewardship Coordinator, at kprice@cathedral.dio.org and together we will coordinate times and promotion. For more information and to sign up for a vigil time individually, please visit: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/springfield/>, call Angela Tranquilli at 217-523-2700, or e-mail info@springfieldrtl.org.



Almsgiving During Lent

Almsgiving is more than just allocating surplus funds to a charitable organization or cause. More is expected of us than that! Think of almsgiving as acts of generosity that enable the performance of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It is through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we show ourselves to be faithful, rather than accidental,

disciples.

Ours is an age of scandals, and one of the great scandals that has become a stumbling block to so many in terms of the faith is that too many of the faithful have come to believe that the performance of the works of mercy is a matter of delegation. We make the works of mercy works for hire and exempt ourselves from having to actually do them ourselves. Not so! The works of mercy cannot be delegated. We each have to do them, and it is through our participation in the works of mercy that almsgiving is fulfilled.

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Almsgiving places a demand on us to receive Christ as he presents himself to us in his poor. This can be an off-putting experience because Christ arrives in his poor on his own terms. Our place, once he makes his presence known, is not to control, but to serve. And as in his poor Christ takes the lowest place, we are compelled to take our place beneath him as servants of the One who makes himself a slave. The performance of such service often resists offering to us the kinds of consolations that we might expect from our service to the Lord, but it is precisely in this that our service becomes efficacious. We learn from this experience how to imitate Christ's generosity, who gave to us fully knowing that what he gave was undeserved, could not be reciprocated, and would be unappreciated by many. It is in imitation of Christ's service and acceptance of his conditions that our own service is perfected.

Almsgiving is also a reminder of our own mortality, inasmuch as all worldly goods will be surrendered at the moment of death. Rather than building ever greater storehouses for our possessions, we give what we have away. That we do so incrementally prepares us for the surrender of all worldly goods that will ultimately come.

Prayer. Fasting. Almsgiving. None of these are ends in themselves. Instead, each is a way, a way that is opening us up to the Church's spiritual passage into the great mysteries of Holy Week:

"Remember, thou art dust
And shall to dust return:
Then place not in the world thy trust,
Its delusions spurn;
Prepare thee for the mighty change
Impending over all;
Give to thy thoughts a loftier range
And heed Heaven's call."

(J. Beste, nineteenth century)

This is an excerpt from an article titled, "How to Get Ready for Lent" by Fr. Steve Grunow, CEO of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. The article can be found at the Word on Fire Blog, wordonfire.org.



STEWARDSHIP of Time & Talents

Are you a musician? Considering sharing your voice with us? Contact Mark Gifford at mgifford@cathedral.dio.org for more information.

Practice stewardship of time this week by praying for those on the Cathedral Online Prayer Wall and any intentions kept in private within the Cathedral family.



STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE WEEKLY COLLECTION FEBRUARY 10th and 11th

Envelopes: \$5,186.00	Loose - \$2,604.00
Maintenance - \$210.00	TOTAL: \$8,000.00
January EFT: (\$16,646.10)	

Sharing the Gospel

MK 1:12-15

In today's Gospel, Jesus spent forty days in the desert. Jesus stayed close to God, and he followed God's directions every day of his life. When Satan came to test Jesus he was ready. Jesus passed every test beautifully. He said "No" to temptation. When you write spelling words over and over, it is easier to remember them. If you are learning a new language, it helps to make flash cards to practice with. Once you memorize all your words, taking the test is pretty easy. The more you read the Bible and do what God asks in his word, the easier it will be for you to pass Satan's tests, too

Pray Together as a Family

Lord,

Help us to keep you at the center of our lives. Help us to avoid temptation, sin, and the distractions in our lives that keep us distant from you. We pray that we can continue to seek for you when we are tested and listen to you for direction in our decisions.

Amen.



Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT	FORTY	ANIMALS
JESUS	SATAN	ANGELS
DESERT	TESTED	BELIEVE

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Mission for the Week

Memorize Proverbs 1:3, "You will learn what is right and honest and fair." Practice writing it and saying it every day, until you know this verse by heart.

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Growing with the
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Mark 1:12-15 ■ 1st Sunday of Lent

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Read the Gospel and Color



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