

March/April 2025 Faith Formation Newsletter

Assumption B.V.M./St. Stanislaus

Faith Formation Families: Lent begins Ash Wednesday March 5. This is a time of family prayer, giving and fasting & feasting! If you still have your Lenten prayer packet from a few years ago, pull it out and set up on your table. Find more Lenten ideas on back of this page.





Class/Activity Reminders:

Sun. March 2 - Grades 1-11 @ 9:15

Sun. March 9 - Grades 1-11 @ 9:15

Wed. March 19 - Grades 1-11 @ 6:00pm

Spring Break

Sun. April 6 - Grades 1-11 @ 9:15am (last class)

Sun. April 13 - Grade 11 (only) Evening of Reflection - 5:30-8:00pm

> Grade 11 -Friday, April 18 @ 7:00pm in ABVM Church

Leading the Living Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross

What's Happening in your Family of Parishes?

- ++Masses every weekend
- ++ Watch your Flocknote emails and weekend parish bulletins for Stations of the Cross opportunities at our 3 parish sites
- ++ St. Casimir Fish Fry Friday, March 7
- ++ Thursday pot-lucks & learn about the Nicene Creed - March 6, 13, 20

Potluck at 5:30 with presentation to follow

++ Check out this daily prayer experience on the Hallow app Hallow - Lent Pray40: The Way



2025-2026 Faith Formation Registration for next year's classes will be online in April. Watch for more information. Spread the word and invite a new family to check out our Faith Formation Program.

Grade 10 Service Project – Sun. March 9 @ 1:00

Students and parents pray Stations of the Cross @ ABVM Church

1st Communion Preparation Reminders



Sat./Sun March 1/2 - bread sharing at all Masses

Sun. March 2 - Journey Together Session for students and parents @ 9:15, school cafe

Sun. March 9 - Journey Together for students & parents @9:15am, school café

Sat. April 5 - 1st Communion Retreat for students and parents - 8:00am - 12:00 noon

Sat./Sun. April 26-27 - 1st Communion celebrations

What will Lent look like in your home?

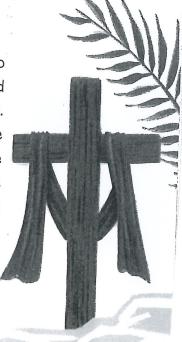


Prayer:

Jesus, you went out to the desert to spend time with your Father. Help us to spend time with Him, too, as we pray, sacrifice, and serve others more this month!

Amen.





Faith + Family Tips:

Share a Lenter message in your home!

+ As we journey through Lent, create some visual reminders in your home. Choose a space and lay down a small cloth (purple if possible). Have your children help create a simple desert scene using rocks, sand, succulents, etc. You can also include a short Scripture like Luke 23:42. As we move toward Easter, you can add palm branches, nails, and a cross to enhance this scene.

+Pick up a grapevine wreath at a craft store. Have your children stick toothpicks throughout the wreath's shape. Talk to them about

how Jesus wore a crown of thorns out of love for each of us. As Lent continues, each time you see your child sacrifice by doing a giving action, saying a kind word, etc. let them take a toothpick out of the crown. By Easter morning, all of the toothpicks should be gone and it becomes a nest when filled with grass and eggs. Jesus' sacrifice provides new life for each of us!

+Use blue painter's tape to make the shape of a cross on the wall in your child's room. Leave some post-it notes nearby. Every evening, write the name of someone or something you would like to pray for and stick it on the cross. Pray for that person or situation together. Jesus died for each and every one of us!



St. Patrick was a missionary who

preached the Gospel and converted many throughout Ireland. However, you might not know that in his earlier years, he did not believe in God. After going through some difficult experiences, he got to know God. Sometimes we, too, can doubt or wonder about our faith. Even in those moments, God never leaves us! When we return to him, he can do great things with us.