

STEWARDSHIP

This Sunday we hear the Gospel story of Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and leader of the Jews who comes to Jesus by night, recognizing Jesus as a teacher from God, but coming in secret for fear of being put out of the synagogue. Jesus rebukes him for his lack of understanding. Good stewards realize that for the sake of this world, God gives his most cherished beloved son. And so they are willing to confess Jesus as their Lord and savior in a public way. They do not keep their faith to themselves, in darkness. The Gospel reading challenges us to profess our faith in word and deed publicly, not to hide it away. Are we willing to accept the Gospel's challenge? Are we willing to get out of our personal "comfort zone" and confess our faith in Christ Jesus in an open, tangible way?



**Masses
for the Week**

Monday	March 12 9:00am 9:00am	Chester Hickey – ICC Our Lady of Lourdes - Ada
Tuesday	March 13 9:00am 9:00am	Burke McKenna – ICC Our Lady of Lourdes - Ada
Wednesday	March 14 9:00am 9:00am	Johnny Reshan - ICC Our Lady of Lourdes - Ada
Thursday	March 15 9:00am 9:00am	Bob Dick - ICC Our Lady of Lourdes - Ada
Friday	March 16	No Mass – ICC & OLL
Saturday	March 17 4:00pm 6:30pm	Fifth Sunday of Lent The Sweet Family - ICC Our Lady of Lourdes, Ada
Sunday	March 18 9:00am 11:00am	Fifth Sunday of Lent For the Parish - ICC Our Lady of Lourdes – Ada

Mass Schedule

Parish	Confessions Every Saturday	Mass Every Saturday	Mass Every Sunday
ICC	3:30pm	4:00pm	9:00am
OLL	6:00pm	6:30pm	11:00am

Please remember to keep our Nursing Home Parishioners and the Home Bound and the sick in your prayers:

Pat and Betty Mullady, Kate Strahm,
Charlene Hilty, Norma Chatfield, and Mona Ramage.

Listen to Catholic Radio AM 820 this Lent -

Try something new this Lent and consider listening to Catholic Radio AM 820.

Listening to AM 820 is a good way to deepen your knowledge and love of the Catholic faith!

Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday, March 12 at 7:00pm in the Center



**Weekly Readings for
Masses March 12 - 18**

Monday	Isaiah 65:17-21 & John 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 & John 5:1-16
Wednesday	Isaiah 49:8-15 & John 5:17-30
Thursday	Exodus 32:7-14 & John 5:31-47
Friday	Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 & John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jeremiah 11:18-20 & John 7:40-53
Sunday	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33



Week of March 4	
Regular (77 env).....	\$2777.00
Loose	209.00
Total	\$2986.00

Encounter Andrise

We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community – and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities?

Visit csrricebowl.org for more.

Pick up your Rice Bowl today!!



PSR

There will be no PSR classes after today's Sunday Mass. Classes will resume on March 18.

RCIA

RCIA will meet today Sunday, March 11 at 6:30pm in the St. Anthony Center. Next class March 18.

The RCIA Retreat will be held here at the Center on Sunday, March 25 from 1:30 to 3:00pm.

Holy Scripture Study for upcoming Sunday's Liturgy

"By hearing together the readings from the upcoming Sunday liturgy, gaining an appreciation of their biblical context, and sharing their insights with their brothers and sisters, it is hoped that Catholics may enter more fully into the Word of God as it is read in the Christian community."

Wednesday, March 14 at 6:30pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. For readings you can go online to sundayscripturestudy.com and click on the *previous and upcoming studies* and then click on readings for *Sunday, March 18*.

The "Good News" Scripture Study

Classes will be on 'God's Spousal Love.'
Tuesday March 13.

There will be 7 sessions. Concluding session for this theme will be Tues April 25.

Study begins at 10:00 am and concludes at noon.

Days of Abstinence and Fasting during Lent and the Sacred Triduum



Abstinence – Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. The Law of Abstinence binds all those who have completed their 14th year of age and older. On those days these faithful are not to eat meat.

Fasting – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting. The Law of Fasting binds all from the age of 18 through the end of the 59th year. The Law of Fasting prescribes that only one full meal a day be taken. Two lighter meals are permitted, but combined should not be more than one full meal.

40 Days for Life during Lent Faithful believers are praying that this effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in America. This peaceful prayer vigil will take place at an abortion facility in Columbus. Participants are asked to volunteer for one-hour shifts and sign a statement of peace. For details, visit www.40daysforlife.com/columbus.

This week, we take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



Stations of the Cross - Time Change

March 16 at 6:30pm.

St. Mary, Marion, would like to invite our parishioners to attend their upcoming Lenten talks.

March 22 – The Mysteries of Holy Week with Fr. Ryan Schmit

St. Vincent DePaul – Easter Egg Hunt

The St. Vincent DePaul Society will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for the children Palm Sunday, March 25, after the 9:00am Mass. This is for all children and grandchildren of parishioners from newborn to fifth grade. As always the Easter Bunny will be there to join in all of the fun with the children. Bring your Easter Basket! Don't miss out on the fun.



Super Cash Bonanza

The Knights of Columbus will be having their "Super Cash Bonanza" Charity Campaign again this spring. If you would like a ticket (\$5 each), contact Brad Lautar at 419-675-0822 and leave a message; or see Brad Lautar or Tom Sprang in person if that is easier. There are over \$108,000 in prizes this year.

Silent Retreat for Men

Theme: "Finding Joy and Peace through a Deepened Friendship with Christ."

Retreat Director: Fr. Maurice Emelu

March 23-25 at St. Therese's Retreat Center, Columbus

Contribution: \$160

For more information go to www.retreatleague.org

Women's Silent Retreat

Theme: "Being Present in the Here & Now"

Retreat Director: Fr. Sean Dooley

April 13 -15 at St. Therese's Retreat Center, Columbus

Contribution: \$130

For more information call DCCW office 614-228-8601

Services for Holy Week and Easter

The following services will take place at Immaculate Conception parish this year

Holy Thursday Mass, March 29 at 7:00pm

Good Friday Liturgy, March 30 at 7:00pm

Easter Vigil Mass, March 31 at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday Mass, April 1 at 9:00am

