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Parish Meetings

Pastoral Council Meeting
March 4, 2020 7:00pm, Brouillette Center

St. James Building & Grounds Committee
March 10, 2020 - Tuesday
7:30 PM - Parish Office Conference Room
Topic: Updating of Lower Church Hall/Gym
All Parishioners Welcome!

St. James Cemetery Advisory Committee
March 23, 2020 - Monday
6:30 PM - Parish Office Conference Room

St. James Finance Committee
Date to be announced

Catholic Charity Appeal
Supporting the Work of the Church
The 2020 Catholic Charity Appeal has begun. It is your continued generous support that impacts and makes a difference in the lives of those in need within the Diocese of Providence.
Thank you for your generosity.

Do you have an old sewing machine that you no longer need?

A father of six children who is currently unemployed is seeking a used sewing machine so that he can put his sewing skills to use and take on some work.

If you have a sewing machine, either cabinet style or table top that you would like to donate, please call the Parish Office.

Weekly Collections
Sunday, February 23, 2020
Budget: $2,164.00
On-Line Giving: $100.00
Capital Improvement: $1,025.00
Poor Box: $93.00
Votive Candles: $60.00
Ash Wednesday: $21.00
Thank you for your continued generosity!

Parish Office Conference Room

Stations of the Cross
3:30 PM Fridays - St. James Parish
The Ave Maria Adoration Chapel
6:30 PM Wednesdays - St. Ambrose Parish

Youth Stations of the Cross
Friday - April 3, 2020
6:30PM

Faith Formation
March 8 - Parent and Child Meeting
6-7pm at St. Ambrose Church
March 13 - Grade 8 Retreat
March 22 - Grade 8 Meeting
6 - 7pm at St. Ambrose Church

Our prayers to Patrick Morin and Meredith Trudel who will be attending the Fr. Marot CYO Center Search Retreat this weekend. Our gratitude goes out to parishioners Paul Adam, Pam Butler, and Keigan Morin who have been working on the team to help prepare the weekend. The closing Mass will take place Sunday, March 1st at 3pm at Rejoice in Hope Youth Center. All are welcome to attend.

Our heartfelt congratulations to Gail Duncan for participating in the diocesan Rite of Election this weekend. Here she will begin her journey to be in full communion with the Church. The ceremony will take place March 1st at 3pm at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

PASTA SUPPER THANK YOU!
The Pasta Supper held last Saturday was a great success! Thank you to all who came to support us. It was really a night of “friends coming together”. Just a great spirited evening, all around. Deep gratitude to the many volunteers especially our chefs Dan Rageotte, Richard Riel and Roland Lussier. Split the Pot Winner was Simone Lefrancois. Microwave Winner was Simone Lefrancois.

FOOD PANTRY THANK YOU!
Deep gratitude to all who continue to generously donate to the Food Pantry.

The need these past few months has been great. Because of your generous hearts, we have been able to fill our food shelves with limited expenses. We continue to need your help, of course, especially with vegetable canned goods, pasta and sauce. Those are the items we struggle to keep up with. God bless you for your continued donations.

How can I love God better?
How can I love others better?

Here is a final thought from our Lenten guide:

“Let us not forget that Jesus not only suffered, but also rose in glory; so, too, we go to the glory of the Resurrection by way of suffering and the Cross.”

LENT with MAXIMILIAN KOLBE
This Lent the parishioners of St. Ambrose and St. James are invited to walk the Lenten journey of prayer, fasting and works of charity with Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe. St. Maximilian was chosen because our world has just marked the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp. The concentration camps built by Nazi Germany during the Second World War were death camps where the Holocaust took place and millions of Jews, Poles, Roma, and other groups were systematically murdered. 90% of those killed in the death camps were Jews. This genocide of the Jews of Europe was the Third Reich’s ‘Final Solution’ to the Jewish question. On February 17, 1941 Father Kolbe was arrested and sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp. Prisoner Father Kolbe volunteered to take the place of a condemned man. Thus this Polish Franciscan friar who died as a martyr in Auschwitz was recognized by Saint Pope John Paul as the ‘Martyr of Charity’ in 1982. I believe that during our Lenten journey with our Martyr of Christi that we are going to discover that there is so much more to St. Maximilian than his heroic death in Auschwitz, an event which was really but the crowning of an incredible life of heroic love for others. Perhaps we will all discover that the 40 days of Lent are simply a time of walking a path of love. Perhaps the example of St. Maximilian Kolbe with help us to find simple ways to love more deeply in daily life.

Thank you for your generosity!