



Lent 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			2/14 Pray to be open to the ways God wants to change your heart during Lent. It's not about changing others.	2/15 In following Jesus, it's not about how successful we are. It's all about living a life built on the cross and love.	2/16 Fast differently! Spend more time giving service where you least want to give it..	2/17 Jesus gathered at the table with all people—no one was excluded. Who do you exclude as unworthy?
2/18 With Christ we are given strength to overcome temptation. Ask to be more Christ-like in your living.	2/19 Christ saw Peter's faith, as imperfect as it was, strong enough to lead others. Find some way to deepen your faith	2/20 If our prayer is genuine it leads to action. Spend time in prayer today and let Christ act through you.	2/21 It is always easier to see fault in another. Today admit our own sinfulness and say "I'm sorry."	2/22 Some days it's our tendency to carry the concerns of the world by ourselves. Invite Christ to help and guide you.	2/23 Deep inside am I happy when another succeeds? Or does their success make me feel smaller?	2/24 One of our greatest challenges is to love ourselves. Then loving another becomes easier as well.
2/25 Jesus invites us to treasure those transfiguration moments when we feel surrounded by his love and presence!	2/26 Examine how quickly you judge others. Find some way to affirm/forgive someone we are quick to judge!	2/27 Our good thoughts and prayers need to become good deeds. What promise do you need to act on today?	2/28 There is that desire to be rewarded for the good we do. Jesus insists we will be rewarded for service.	3/1 God knows our heart. What do you most need/ache for? Take some time for prayer today!	3/2 It is natural to feel jealous and envious of another's progress and goodness. Be reconciled with another.	3/3 Forgiving becomes a powerful witness of Christ's love. Be ready to offer forgiveness where it is needed.
3/4 Like Moses, let us not be afraid to open our hearts to God. May great things happen in and through us.	3/5 What in your life needs to be changed? Surrender to that healing and be ready for the unexpected.	3/6 How tempting it is to say "I can't" when I need to forgive another. Jesus reminds us there are <u>no limits</u> to love.	3/7 How many times have all of us said we need to "practice what we preach"? Let's teach by example!	3/8 "I will be your God and you will be my people." May no evil come from our words or deeds today.	3/9 Saints are those who make it plain and clear that God lives. What loving deed is being asked of you today?	3/10 Being humble means to own both our gifts and faults. Pray for God's mercy for yourself and for others.
3/11 We are called to be the best that we can be. On this Sabbath day extend God's goodness to another person.	3/12 We work with God to make our world a new creation. Decide to encourage someone who needs it today.	3/13 No matter how hard we try, our sinful tendencies are always with us. Choose to love like Christ.	3/14 We are all in need of a savior! So let's submit to God's grace and help—not just our own.	3/15 God is good to us! Recall some things God has done for you—share it with a friend or family member.	3/16 God is close to the broken-hearted. Be God's presence for another and offer him/her hope and care!	3/17 There are some times when our faith is tested. In what way do you need God's help today?
3/18 If change happens it begins with God working within us. What "new thing" is happening in/to you?	3/19 Joseph was tireless in all he did. Like him, let us protect, guard and enlighten those placed in our care.	3/20 When all else fails, it's our belief in a living God that really matters. How do you see God alive and active today?	3/21 If we really proclaim the Gospel by our very lives it will get under another's skin. Ask for courage.	3/22 Jesus knew suffering and allowed that pain to bring him closer to his father. What do I do with hardships?	3/23 Instead of throwing stones at others, our harshness and criticism has the same affect. Look for good in others.	3/24 Everywhere we look there is division of some sort. Be a source of unity today!
3/25 During this week we pray for the peace and justice for which Jesus lived and died. What can you do?	3/26 It takes a lot of courage to live up to the name "Christian". Today give yourself to the task of being a servant.	3/27 We are called to examine the ways we "give up on" or "betray" another. Renew some wounded relationship.	3/28 No one is saved from having moments that seem "bitter". Know that they make us "bitter" or "better"!	3/29 Jesus shows us again that serving others is the heart of Christian love. Tonight join others for the Eucharist!	3/30 Today Christ exemplifies the meaning of total love! Give yourself more completely in the ways of loving others.	3/31 We experience the reality that God's love is stronger than death! We celebrate the God of life and are made new!
4/1 "Let us rejoice and be glad for Christ lives!" Share the good news and be alive as God's people!		FAST + PRAY + SHARE + FAST + PRAY + SHARE				

2018 Lenten Opportunities (Please save & post!)

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 – Mass Schedule

Franklin – 8:30 am
 Gibbon – 6:00 pm
 Fairfax – 7:30 pm

Area Communal Penance Services

Sunday, Feb. 25 – 3:00 pm (Gibbon)
 Sunday, March 11 – 2:00 pm (Winthrop)
 Tuesday, March 13 – 7:00 pm (Fairfax)

“Anointing of the Sick”

All parishes: weekend of Feb. 24-25 during all Masses (2nd collection taken up for Area Food Shelves)
 Tuesday, March 6, 10:15 am - Fairfax Community Home Wednesday, March 7, 9:15 am - Southview Living Center
 Thursday, March 8, 10:15 am – Franklin Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center, Franklin
 Friday, March 9, 9:30 am, Good Samaritan Healthcare Center, Winthrop

Stations of the Cross (Wednesday nights)

<u>Winthrop – 7:00 pm</u>	<u>Gibbon – 7:00 pm</u>	<u>Fairfax – 7:00 pm</u>	<u>Franklin – 6:30 pm</u>
Feb. 21, 28 & March 7, 14, 21 -Adults lead	Feb. 21 – Students lead Feb. 28 – Students lead March 7 – Students lead	Feb. 21 – Students lead Feb. 28 – Students lead March 14 – Students lead	Feb. 21 – CCW Leads March 7 – Students lead March 14 – Lit. Com. leads
*Lent enrichment session, Feb. 21, after 7 pm Stations March 21 – Led in Spanish (6:30 pm)			

Week Day Mass Schedule for Lent (Funerals could change this schedule. Please watch weekly bulletin.)

Franklin:	Fairfax :	Gibbon	Winthrop
Church: Feb. 27 – 5:30 pm, followed by Lent enrichment session	Church: March 1 – 5:30 pm, followed by Lent enrichment	Church: March 21 – 5:30 pm, followed by Lent enrichment	Good Samaritan: February 16, 23 March 2, 9, 16 - 9:30 am
Golden Living Center: Feb. 15, 22 & March 1, 8, 15 - 10:15 am	Feb. 15, 22 – 8:30 am March 1, 8, 15 – 8:30 am	Feb. 21, 28 - 8:30 am March 7, 14, 28 – 8:30 am	
	Fairfax Community Home: March 6, 20 – 10:15 am		

Spanish Masses/Stations - St. Andrew’s Church

Mass – Feb. 23 – 6:30 pm
 March 16 - 6:30pm
 Stations – March 16 (after Mass) & March 28 - 6:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour Times

Gibbon: March 4 (4-5 pm), March 14 after 8:30 am Mass
 Fairfax: March 8 (Thur.) after 8:30 am Mass

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday	Easter Sunday
March 24, Saturday Gibbon – 4:00 pm Franklin – 5:45 pm	March 29, Thursday Winthrop – 5:30 pm Franklin – 7:30 pm	March 30, Friday Gibbon – 1:00 pm	March 31, Saturday Fairfax – 8:00 pm	April 1, Sunday Winthrop – 7:30 am Gibbon – 9:00 am Franklin – 10:30 am
March 25, Sunday Winthrop – 8:30 am Fairfax – 10:15 am	<u>Ecumenical Services:</u> Fairfax – 3:00 pm, -Procession – 2:45 pm begin at Our Savior’s, go to St. Andrew’s Winthrop – 7:00 pm, St. Francis de Sales		<u>Music practice:</u> for Area musicians and singers – Sunday, March 25, 6:30 pm- St. Andrew’s Church	

Diocesan Opportunities

“Rite of Election” – Sunday, Feb. 18, 3:00 pm, Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, New Ulm
 Bishop Lucker Lecture – Tuesday, 7:00 pm, March 20, 2018, featuring Dr. Mary Healy, “The Role of Healing in Evangelization”
 Chrism Mass – Thursday, March 22, 7:00 pm – Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, New Ulm

Lenten Enrichment/Outreach

- * Donate to Area Food Shelves – collection taken up the weekend of March 11-12. Please be generous!
- * Participate in some “Adult Enrichment” sessions held in our AFC after evening Mass or Stations:
 Feb. 21, Wednesday, 7:00 pm (Wn) Feb. 27, Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Fr.)
 March 1, Thursday, 5:30 pm (Fx) March 21, Wednesday, 5:30 pm (Gib)
- **“Operation Rice Bowl” – save money during Lent and give to the poor, sponsored by Catholic Relief Services
- **“Food for Kidz” – Package food for hungry children world-wide March 28 at GFW High School, Winthrop, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Light lunch served!
- * Do some volunteer opportunity listed on the Ministree in the parishes promoting this service.
- * Visit some parishioners/neighbors/friends in our healthcare centers during Lent
- * Help at area food shelves, especially during the month of March
- * CM School/GFW School – call school offices for possible volunteer opportunities
- * Healthcare Centers – call any care centers for ways you can give service to our senior members