

# Lent 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3/10 Jesus encounters God during his forty days in the desert. Commit yourself to spending time this Lent with God in prayer and service.	3/11 Today we are called to give food, water, clothes, shelter, a warm welcome to anyone in need. Find some ways to do these works of mercy.	3/12 God's word is powerful and does wondrous things. Spend at least ten minutes with God who desires to be with you.	3/13 At times we find it difficult to trust God. Instead we follow the ways of this world. Ask for God's wisdom & insight!	3/14 Jesus invites us to ask...seek...knock. How often does Christ hear from you? Good and difficult times? Tell Jesus your needs now!	3/15 Christ shows us to give the maximum, not the minimum! Review your life and restore/ forgive others with whom you hold a grudge!	3/16 Who do you "love the least" right now? Take time to pray for your least favorite person. Find some way to affirm her/him today.
3/17 Today we hear stories that remind us God is for us, not against us. We are God's chosen people. Spend time with Christ & loved ones.	3/18 God wants us to be generous. Let us measure out a dose of mercy, forgiveness and compassion to someone who needs it today.	3/19 Feast of St. Joseph Joseph was a man of his word and looked after Mary and Jesus. How is Jesus and Mary a part of your life? Do they make a difference for you?	3/20 Life holds both blessings and challenges! How does God fit into your life when you feel blessed and challenged?	3/21 We are called to sink our roots deeply in the One who gives life...life that lasts. Find some way to thank God for the blessings in your life.	3/22 Sometimes misfortunes in our life becomes moments of grace. How is God bringing good through something difficult in your life right now?	3/23 Often we think the "grass is greener on the other side of the fence"! Appreciate some action of love you see near you today!
3/24 Every Lent we are reminded that our lives need some "straightening" out. Open yourself to the refining power of Christ's love.	3/25 As Mary says "yes" to do what God asks of her we are called to do the same. What is God asking of you right now?	3/26 How often do we "keep track" of what someone owes us? God's mercy requires us to surrender...forgive...offer mercy. Do not "keep track"!	3/27 God's law is for the purpose of blessing and bringing good to others. Do something that calls forth love from your best self!	3/28 Listen...obey...be faithful to God's word. The more we do this the more we bring peace to others and to our world. Help bring unity today!	3/29 Loving neighbors requires us to reach out to others with compassion. Do some kind act for a shut-in or someone forgotten by others.	3/30 We pray because we love God and God loves us. Carve out some time today to pray scripture, the rosary, do spiritual reading, journal.
3/31 Today we hear of God's unconditional love. Treasure some way you feel loved today—and pay it forward.	4/01 The love of God creates and recreates, making life more whole, new, and holy. Find some way to give life to someone around you.	4/02 Christ asks all of us, "Do you want to be well?" We all need healing in some way. How do you need healing in your life?	4/03 God wants everyone to be happy and the best way we know that is by loving with our whole self. Share love generously today!	4/04 We are to testify to the true God in our lives. Ask God to deepen your faith. Be a witness today of who God is by the way you treat others.	4/05 Jesus had to take risks, for others were out "to get him". What is God daring you to do? Pray for courage and be "good news" today!	4/06 Jesus faced opposition because of what he said and lived. Ask for courage to face some conflict and make steps to address it. Be Christ!
4/07 Today Jesus reminds us that unforgiving leads to death and forgiveness brings life. Who do you need to forgive in order to be free?	4/08 Jesus always stood up for people being condemned by others. How are you being called to do the same? Stand up for someone today!	4/09 How easy it is to identify with the complaining of the Israelites. Our patience, too, wears thin some days. Today ask to be more patient.	4/10 Throughout Lent we hear stories of faith and being set free. Thank someone who shares faith with you. Ask to be "free"!	4/11 Christ took time to be alone and keep perspective on what he was called to do and be. Find a few minutes today to let God's word inspire you.	4/12 God's desire is that we do "good works" and bring people to God. Read/listen to the news today. What "good works" are happening?	4/13 Every day we are urged to come to Christ/God for all we need. Ask for what you need today!
4/14 Today begins this sacred time called "Holy Week". Make these days special and new. Plan to attend parish rituals. Take time for prayer!!	4/15 Jesus lived his life as a servant—ready to lay down his life for another. Be ready to give yourself to someone who needs a lift today!	4/16 Jesus knew betrayal— isolation—abandonment. Ask Jesus to walk with you during these kinds of times.	4/17 Christ was always inclusive and welcomed others. How selective are you of others? Visit someone by phone or in person!	4/18 Jesus is teacher—demonstrating the deepest meaning of love. He chooses to be bread for others! Find a way to give yourself to someone.	4/19 Christ "chooses" to lay down his life freely. How am I being called to do that now? Take some time to reflect on Jesus' great act of love!	4/20 Attend the Easter Vigil tonight! Let the symbols of fire, water, bread & wine stir up your faith once more and revitalize your life.
4/21 Alleluia! We rejoice with all Christians Christ's great love and presence in our lives. Celebrate & spread the "Good News".				<b>FAST</b> ✚ <b>PRAY</b> ✚ <b>SHARE</b> ✚ <b>FAST</b> ✚ <b>PRAY</b> ✚ <b>SHARE</b>		

## **2019 Lenten Opportunities** *(Please save & post!)*

### **Ash Wednesday, March 6 – Mass Schedule**

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

### **Area Communal Penance Services**

Sunday, March 17 – 2:00 pm (Fairfax)  
Sunday, March 24 – 2:00 pm (Franklin)  
Sunday, March 31 – 2:00 pm (Gibbon)  
Sunday, April 7 – 2:00 pm (Winthrop)

### **“Anointing of the Sick”**

\*All parishes will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection taken up for Area Food Shelves the weekend of March 2 -3.  
Tuesday, March 5, 10:15 am- Fairfax Community Home  
Thursday, March 7, 10:15 am – Franklin Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center, Franklin  
Friday, March 8, 9:30 am, Good Samaritan Healthcare Center, Winthrop

### **Stations of the Cross (Wednesday nights)**

<b><u>Winthrop – 7:00 pm</u></b>	<b><u>Gibbon – 7:00 pm</u></b>	<b><u>Fairfax – 7:00 pm</u></b>	<b><u>Franklin – 6:30 pm</u></b>
March 20, 27 & April 3,10,17 –Adults lead	March 13 – Students lead March 20 – Students lead April 3 – Students lead	March 13 – Students lead March 27 – Students lead April 3 – Students lead	March 13 – CCW leads March 20 – Students lead March 27 – Liturgy C. leads
* Lent enrichment session, March 20, after 7 pm Stations			

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

Franklin:	Fairfax :	Gibbon	Winthrop
<b>Church:</b> March 26 – 5:30 pm, followed by Lent enrichment session	<b>Church:</b> March 21 – 5:30 pm, followed by Lent enrichment  March 7, 14, 28 – 8:30 am April 4, 11 – 8:30 am	<b>Church:</b> April 10 – 5:30 pm, followed by Lent enrichment  March 13,20,27- 8:30 am April 3, 17 – 8:30 am	<b>Church:</b> March 13 – 5:30 pm  <b>Good Samaritan:</b> March 1,8,15,22,29 & April 5, 12 - 9:30 am
<b>Golden Living Center:</b> March 7, 14, 21, 28 & April 4, 11 - 10:15 am	<b>Fairfax Community Home:</b> March 19 & April 2,16 – 10:15 am		

### **Spanish Masses/Stations - St. Andrew’s Church**

Mass – March 15 & April 12 - 6:30 pm

Stations – March 29 & April 17 – 7:00 pm

### **Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour Times**

Gibbon: March 10 (1-2 pm), March 13 after 8:30 am Mass & April 7 (7-8 pm)

Fairfax: March 14 & April 11 (Thur.) after 8:30 am Mass

### **Holy Week Schedule**

Palm Sunday	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday	Easter Sunday
<u>April 13, Saturday</u> Gibbon – 4:00 pm Franklin– 5:45 pm	<u>April 18, Thursday</u> Winthrop – 5:30 pm Franklin – 7:30 pm	<u>April 19, Friday</u> Gibbon – 1:00 pm	<u>April 20, Saturday</u> Fairfax – 8:30 pm	<u>April 21, Sunday</u> Winthrop – 7:30 am Gibbon – 9:00 am Franklin – 10:30 am
<u>April 14, Sunday</u> Winthrop – 8:30 am Fairfax – 10:15 am		<b>Ecumenical Services:</b> Fairfax – There will be no service this year.  Winthrop – Covenant Church 7:00 pm, no social after it	<b>Music practice:</b> for Area musicians and singers – Sunday, April 14, 6:30 pm- St. Andrew’s Church	

### **Diocesan Opportunities**

“Rite of Election” – Sunday, March 10, 3:00 pm, Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, New Ulm  
Bishop Lucker Lecture – Monday, 7:00 pm, March 11, 2019, featuring Peter Herbeck – “The New Pentecost – Receiving the Fullness of the Spirit” – held at St. Catherine’s Church, Redwood Falls  
Chrism Mass – Thursday, April 11, 7:00 pm – Church of St. Aloysius, Olivia

### **Lenten Enrichment/Outreach**

- \* Donate to Area Food Shelves – second collection taken up the weekend of March 2-3. Please be generous!
- \* Participate in some “Adult Enrichment” sessions held in our AFC after evening Mass or Stations:  
March 20, Wednesday, 7:00 pm (Wn)      March 21, Thursday, 5:30 pm (Fx)  
March 26, Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Fr)      April 10, Wednesday, 5:30 pm (Gb)
- \*“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 20** 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 project
- \* 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