

BI February 11, 2018

Dear Partnering Parishioners,



### ***Please Be Good Christian Stewards***

It takes parishioners to maintain a parish... **your church home.** We all need to share in the responsibility of helping our parishes thrive through our love for God expressed in our full, conscious, active participation every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, and in your consistent sacrificial giving through your Church Offering envelopes. As you maintain your homes, please, according to your means, consider increasing your offerings by a few more dollars to help your Church home. **I sincerely thank you for being good stewards.** If you need or are not getting Church Offering Envelopes please call the Rectory or email us and we will help you.

### ***Lent is coming—it is our spiritual spring training camp!***

It is Mardi Gras time, you know, Fat Tuesday and all that fun stuff because we know that the next day begins a special and holy season called Lent. This Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> is **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of the penitential season of Lent. There are six weeks of Lent. The final week is called **Holy Week**, and the last three days are called the **Paschal Triduum**: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. This holy season is penitential in nature. That is why as a Church we intensify our traditional practices through **prayer, fasting and almsgiving.** Use this holy season to draw closer to the Lord whose love for you is everlasting and whose mercy endures forever.

### ***Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving***

**Here are the rules for Fast and Abstinence**

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence from meat**

**All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.**

Our faith community will again participate in **Operation Rice Bowl** this Lent. Operation Rice Bowl is the official Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, and calls Catholics in the United States to reach out in solidarity with the poor around the world through the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving (learning and giving). Operation Rice Bowl helps us to simplify our lifestyle, learn about the challenges faced by the poor each day and give the balance saved through fasting and other sacrifices. By participating in these three activities, we come to understand our call to be a part of one global community.

**Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018**

**St. Charles Borromeo Church**

8:30A.M. -Mass and distribution of ashes

4:00P.M. - Liturgy of the Word Service with ashes

**Sacred Heart Church**

12Noon - Liturgy of the Word Service with ashes

7:00P.M. -Mass and distribution of ashes

## **Prayer**

**All the faithful** are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass and to receive the Most Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) and to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures (the Bible) and to participate in our parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten adult religious education programs.

## **Daily Masses for Lent**

**8:30A.M.** Mondays & Tuesdays at Sacred Heart Church with the Holy Rosary following the Daily Masses

**12Noon** Wednesdays at Sacred Heart Church

**8:30A.M** Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at St. Charles Borromeo Church

## **Stations of the Cross**

7:00P.M. on Thursday evenings at St. Charles Borromeo Church

7:00P.M. on Friday evenings at Sacred Heart Church

7:00P.M. on Friday evenings at St. Hedwig Chapel

## **The Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) for Lent**

3:00-3:45P.M. - Saturdays before the Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Church

4:30-5:15P.M. - Saturday before the Vigil Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church

6:30-7:30P.M. -Thursday, March 1, 2018 at St. Charles Borromeo Church

9:15-10:00A.M. - Saturday, March 3, 2018 at St. Charles Borromeo Church

1:00- 2:00P.M & 6:30 -7:30P.M. - Monday, March 26, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church

1:00-2:00P.M. & 6:30-7:30P.M.- Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at St. Charles Borromeo Church

11:00-12Noon, Holy Saturday, March 31, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church

3:00-4:30P.M., Holy Saturday, March 31, 2018 at St. Charles Borromeo Church

Blessings,  
Monsignor Majoros