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Mass

**MONDAY-FRIDAY:** 8:00AM  
**SATURDAY VIGIL:** 5:00PM  
**SUNDAY:** 7:30AM, 9:00AM,  
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**MONDAYS &  
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# LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

**Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist**  
Mondays and Wednesdays 8:30am -9:00pm



**Reconciliation During Lent**  
Saturdays- beginning on February 17th - 8:30-9:30am  
and 3:30-4:30pm and during Monday Evening Prayer.  
(No confessions on Holy Saturday)

**An Evening of Confession**  
*Diocesan-wide at all Catholic Churches*  
*Wednesday, February 28th from 5-8pm*  
*This year held at St. Michael Church, Independence*



**Stations of the Cross**  
Fridays of Lent- 8:30am in St. Basil Church  
Friday evenings- join us in supporting our school  
at St. Michael's by attending the fish fries and  
Stations of the Cross all at St. Michael Church in  
Independence.

**Fish Fries 4-7pm**  
**Friday, March 1, 2024- Fish Fry for Families 6pm-  
7pm Stations of the Cross in the Church**



**Honduras Mission Lenten  
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To sustain water  
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Please return cups to the  
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March 24th  
(Palm Sunday)

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*Lenten Evening Prayer*  
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# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Holy Week is a time to reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Remembering Jesus' actions, reflecting on his messages and recommitting to living as his disciples in the world today.

We hope this schedule helps you plan to observe these important days, both on your own and with others. We hope you will be able to remember, reflect and be a part of these most holy liturgies at St. Basil the Great. May you have a blessed Holy Week and Easter.



## **Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024**

**Saturday: 5:00pm**

**Sunday: 7:30, 9, 11am and 5:30pm**

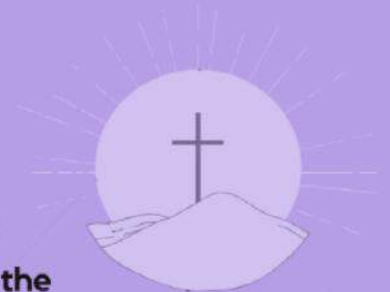


## **Holy Thursday, March 28th, 2024**

**Morning Prayer: 8:00am**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00pm (*Live Streamed*)**

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Reposition; 10:00pm in the Parish Center**



## **Good Friday, March 29, 2024**

**Morning Prayer: 8:00am**

**Good Friday Liturgy: 3:00pm (*Live Streamed*)**



## **Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024**

**Morning Prayer: 8:00am**

**Blessing of Easter Baskets: 1:00pm in Church**

## **Easter Vigil Mass, Saturday, March 30, 2024**

**8:30pm**



## **Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024**

**8:00am in Church**

**10:00am in Church**

**10:15am in the Family Life Center**

**12 Noon in Church**

**There is no 5:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday**



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## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Monday, February 12, 2024**

**8:00am Vivian Samerdyke** (*Jane March*)

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

**8:00am Elizabeth Boyko** (*Family*)

**Wednesday, February 14, 2024—+Ash Wednesday**

**8:00am Maria Mileti** (*Angela Indriolo*)

**7:00pm Parishioners of St. Basil**

**Thursday, February 15, 2024**

**8:00am Karen Lick** (*Chuck Lick*)

**Friday, February 16, 2024**

**8:00am Diane Plecha** (*Family*)

**8:30am -Stations of the Cross**

**7:00pm-Stations of the Cross— St. Michael Church**

**Saturday, February 17, 2024**

**8:30-9:30am Reconciliation**

**3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation**

**5:00pm William Lisz** (*Lois Ganley*) (*Fr. Liptak*)

**Sunday, February 18, 2024**

**7:30am John & Anne Trzop**

(*Mark & Paula Nylander*) (*Visiting Priest*)

**9:00am Ethan Hall** (*Family*) (*Visiting Priest*)

**11:00am Savannah Rose Adamczyk**  
(*Charmaine Adamczyk*) (*Fr. Liptak*)

**5:30pm Parishioners of St. Basil** (*Fr. Liptak*)

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## Offertory February 4, 2024

Regular weekly collection \$34,349.75

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Readings to help us prepare  
for Mass:

First Sunday of Lent  
February 18, 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 9: 8-15

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18-22

Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet—  
and a light unto my path"

*Alpha starting March 12th... Watch the bulletin for more information!*



## **Twelve Reasons Why Alpha is For You**



**I have never felt the Holy Spirit before, but I do now, and he is stirring within my heart. Tiffany Adair**

**I am on fire, stronger and renewed, feel alive, I am reading scripture and have a desire for more. Nancy Slusarczyk**

**I am now seeking more ways to develop and deepen my relationship with Jesus. My faith has definitely deepened as a result of Alpha. Cindy Seither**

**I am more comfortable with my faith because Alpha has given me a means to deepen that faith and continue to grow because it moved me to focus more. Nicole Baznik**

**The talks on the Holy Spirit impacted me and opened my eyes to something I was missing. Anonymous**

**I loved the table sharing after each talk. The differing views helped me apply the content of each session to my own life. I have changed and find myself feeling the presence of God daily. Anonymous**

**Alpha was amazing, challenging, eye opening and I feel like I had an encounter with Jesus. Anonymous**

**I now feel hope, trusting in God because he is merciful and faithful because I understand how God's love is unconditional and does not depend on me. Ron Wayne**

**The table discussions where everyone shared their fears, doubts, and gave me a new understanding of the Holy Spirit. Anonymous**

**The talks on healing and the Holy Spirit were faith changing ... God does come to us. I have learned to pray spontaneously and find joy in my relationship with God. Anonymous**

**Alpha was an eye opener .... challenged me to go deeper and believe more in God's love. Anonymous**

**The retreat experience was a breath of fresh air. The prayer experience was powerful, and I felt driven to learn more to draw on the Holy Spirit for guidance and growth. Cheryl Kiss-Benke**



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with Adoration and Confession

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# ST. PATRICK'S

**Senior Brown Bag Lunch**  
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**Enjoy Irish dancers**

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**MARCH**

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Parish  
Center**

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440-537-2026**

**12:00  
pm**





**TODAY!**

## PACZKI

*Paczki Sunday  
will be  
February 11th in the  
Parish Center after  
the morning masses.*

**Please join us!  
This is a great  
opportunity  
to connect with  
other parishioners  
and enjoy their  
company while having  
coffee & paczki in the  
Parish Center.**



## Family Events

**February 15th - 5:30-7:30 - Family Open House**

Where: Parish Center

What: Stop in anytime for snacks, games, and a special family blessing from Deacon Rob

**March 1st - 6:00pm - Saint Michael's Fish Fry Family Meetup**

Where: Saint Michael's Church

What: Fish Fry meetup 6pm, family Stations of the Cross at 7pm

## February Family Prayer

"Jesus, Mary, Joseph, model for all Christian families, I entrust my family to your care and protection. Bless each member of my family. Help me and the members of my family to love, listen to, support and accept one another. Encourage us to challenge one another to be compassionate, merciful and forgiving as we struggle with the difficulties of our lives."



**St. Catherine Food Pantry**  
**In the month of January, 2024:**

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## Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior. Also, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at: [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org).

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**2024 Catholic Charities Appeal**  
Catholic Charities Appeal kicks off in January with the

theme ***“Transformed by your Love.”*** Households will receive a letter from Bishop Malesic encouraging support for the Appeal and asking each of us to embrace this theme. The Appeal goal is \$15 million and is needed to continue to serve nearly 400,000 people in need. Donations can be made online or by texting CCHOPE to 41444.

**In-Pew Parish Appeal will be this weekend  
February 10-11.**

Save  
The Date

St. Basil  
Pre-Cana Day  
Saturday, March 9

9:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Parish Center

Register online at  
[basilthegreat.org](http://basilthegreat.org). or email  
[ryoungs@basilthegreat.org](mailto:ryoungs@basilthegreat.org).



Ash Wednesday falls on  
February 14, 2024. Masses  
will be at 8 am and 7pm.

The blessing and distribution  
of ashes at Mass occurs after the homily, using  
the ritual texts in the *Roman Missal*.

Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and  
abstinence in the Church. Since February 14 is  
celebrated by many couples as Valentine's Day,  
parishioners should be reminded of the norms  
governing fasting and abstinence from meat since  
no dispensation will be given for this day which  
marks the solemn beginning of Lent.



### Lent-Fasting And Abstinence

Good Friday is a universal day of  
fasting and abstinence from meat.

For members of the Latin Catholic  
Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from  
age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is  
permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two  
smaller meals that together equal to a full meal.  
The norms concerning abstinence from meat  
binding upon members of the Latin Catholic  
Church from age 14 onwards. This would mean  
that children in Elementary schools are not bound  
by the law of fasting despite the fact that we often  
encourage them to eat more modestly and to  
abstain from treats on such days.

Lenten  
Little  
Black  
Book

### LENTEN LITTLE BLACK BOOK


Please take home a Lenten  
Little Black Book which  
will be available in the  
vestibules in Church on Ash Wednesday,  
February 14th.

***Mass 8am and 7pm on Ash Wednesday.***





**Meet UP**  
With  
**Fr. Liptak**



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**MARCH 7 @ 6-8 PM**  
**APPETIZERS WHILE THEY LAST!**



Food Pantry: End of the month food and household supplies for the Food Pantry is **February 25, 2024**



\*\*\*Don't forget to pick up a green grocery bag next weekend, **February 18** in the Church vestibules.

**\*\*\*Checks should be made out to St. Basil the Great**

Don't forget our fur babies! Dog and cat food is also needed and appreciated. Please place dog/cat food in separate bags.



CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WOMEN'S RETREAT INVITES YOU TO

**Rise up**


HE CALLS YOU BY NAME

FEBRUARY 17-18 2024

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CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH MEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND

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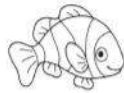
DO YOU WANT TO GO DEEPER IN YOUR FAITH?  
COME JOIN US FOR AN ENCOURAGING AND TRANSFORMING RETREAT.

February 24-25



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## 2024 LENTEN FISH FRY



Sponsored by St. Michael  
Holy Name/Altar and Rosary Society

### St. Michael Church Hall

• Baked Fish Dinner	\$15.00
• Shrimp Dinner	\$15.00
• Combination Plate Dinner	\$15.00
• Fried Fish Dinner	\$15.00
• Pierogi Dinner	\$15.00
• Children's Dinner	\$7.00

#### Special:

Fish Sandwich with Fries and Beverage....\$6.00

#### All Dinners Include:

French Fries or Baked Potato (while available),  
Cole Slaw, Applesauce or Fruit Cup  
Rolls & Butter - Beverage - Condiments

DINE IN/CARRY OUT : 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Every Friday of Lent, EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY

Desserts will be available by our Parishioners

For Info Call: Gary Mann at (216) 272-0220



### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

### In Loving Memory



We pray for all of our deceased loved ones, may they rest in peace.



### Widowers Meetings

Our next Breakfast Meeting will be Saturday, February 17, 2024, at Ruma's, 12841 State Rd., North of Rt. 82.

The next First Wednesday Dinner will be March 6, 2024, at Creekside, 8803 Brecksville Rd, Brecksville.

All area widowers regardless of church affiliation, who might benefit from the support and fellowship provided by and with a group of men who have experienced a similar loss of spouse, are invited to attend the above activities.



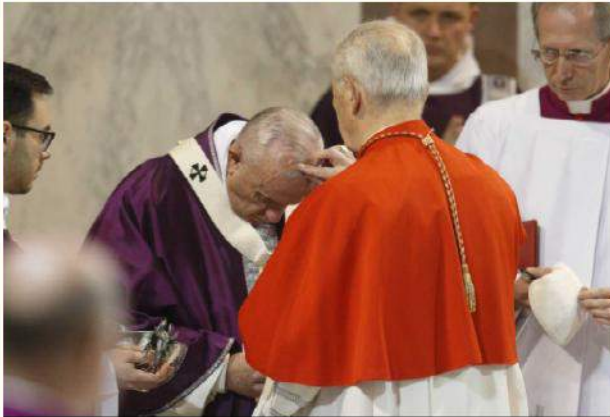
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Meet for coffee after  
weekday mass!  
Thursdays @8:30 am  
February 22  
March 14  
April 11







# What is Lent?

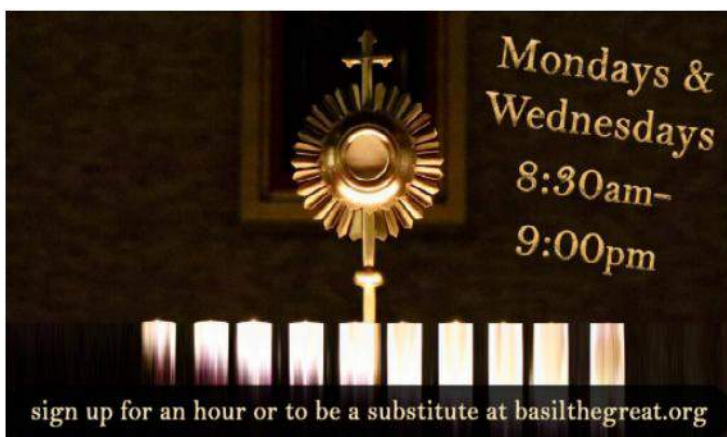
Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446*)

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics. **-USCCB**

## This Lent

**CONSIDER SPENDING QUIET TIME IN  
OUR ADORATION CHAPEL...  
LET GOD SPEAK TO YOUR HEART!**



# A Brief Examination of Conscience

## *Based on the Ten Commandments*

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**I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.**

Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

**You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.**

Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

**Remember to keep holy the LORD's Day.**

Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation (Jan. 1; the Ascension; Aug. 15; Nov. 1; Dec. 8; Dec. 25)? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

**Honor your father and your mother.**

Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

**You shall not kill.**

Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

**You shall not commit adultery.**

Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

**You shall not steal.**

Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

**You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.**

Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

**You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.**

Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

### Christ's Two Commandments

How well do we love God and others? Do we love as Christ calls us to? In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ gives us Two Commandments: "He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments'" (Mt 22:37-40).

Not sure what love is? St. Paul describes it for us in his Letter to the Corinthians. Is this how you love God and others? "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails" (1 Cor 13:4-8).

The Light is  
ON for You.   
*Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

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