

19 February 2023
VII Sunday of Ordinary Time (New Calendar)
Quinquagesima Sunday (Traditional Calendar)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
Sunday 9:30 AM (Live-streamed) 11 AM
Confessions: Wed. & Fri. 6:30-6:55 PM/Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM
Sat. 2:30-3:30PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 20 Feb. Sts. Francesco & Jacinta Martos, Seers of Fatima
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
For: Special Intention

Tue. 21 Feb. THE HOLY FACE OF OUR LORD
8 AM For: Robert McCauley+
Req: Frances McCauley
Holy Rosary for the Preborn & the Newborn

WED. 22 FEB. ASH WEDNESDAY

8 AM Liturgy of the Word, Blessing & Imposition of Ashes
12 NOON Liturgy of the Word, Imposition of Ashes
7 PM Holy Mass with Imposition of Ashes
For: David Borchers+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Allan Kraeger

Thu. 23 Feb. St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
8 AM For: Lucy Maciag (L.)
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Maciag

Fri. 24 Feb. St. Ethelbert, King of Kent
8 AM For: James Le Suer+
Req: Elizabeth Pratt

Sat. 25 Feb. St. Turibio Robo, Mexican priest, Martyr
8 AM For: Special Intention
4 PM For: Ann Rose Kustyn+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Peter Bender

Sun. 26 Feb. I Sunday of Lent (Both Calendars)
8 AM For: Special Intention
Req: Col & Mrs. Michael Adamitis
9:30 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC
11 AM For: In Thanksgiving
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wilcox

SAT. 18 FEB. 6 PM GAME NIGHT AT THE RECTORY

If you signed up for this evening of fun, please do not forget to join us.

WED. 22 FEB. ASH WEDNESDAY (Beginning of Lent)

Please note the times for the services on the opposite page of this bulletin. Confessions will be heard at 6:30 PM, ending at 6:55 PM.

Ash Wednesday is a day of **Abstinence** for all those who have reached their 14th birthday. The law of Abstinence forbids the eating of meat.

The **Fridays of Lent** are also days of Abstinence for those 14 years of age and older.

Ash Wednesday is a day of **Fast** for those aged 18 to 59 inclusive.

On a day of **Fast**, one full meal is permitted, and two smaller meals may be taken, which when combined, are less than a full meal. Nothing is to be eaten apart from these meals. Water and medicine of course, may be taken at any time.

PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY WITH US AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD FRI. 24 FEB. AT 11 AM

A wonderful Lenten work of mercy...come pray with us at the PP building on Genesee St. in Utica.

EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT 7 PM

We unite with Our Lord in His sorrowful path to Calvary with the Stations of the Cross. Holy Communion is distributed after the Stations, and then Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is given.

Confessions will be heard at 6:30 PM, and ending at 6:55 PM in order to begin Stations on time.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER SIGN-UP SUN. 19 MARCH

Now the sign-up list is posted for the Spaghetti Supper which our Rosary Society is putting on for the Feast of St. Joseph. Please sign up with the number of people you will have in your group so that they can plan accordingly.

There is also a sign-up list for volunteers to help set-up, serve and clean up after the dinner. Please help us out! God bless you.

HAVE YOU CHOSEN A SPIRITUAL READING BOOK FOR

LENT? Why not go down to our parish library in the church basement and find something to deepen your spiritual life this Lent? There are many subjects to choose from, and books for every level of reader.

We operate on the honor system...just take a book home, read it, and when you are done, return it to the parish library. No sign-out, no cards, no time limit. How easy is that?

ONLY 35% OF US CATHOLIC PARENTS HIGHLY VALUE PASSING ON THE FAITH

A recent poll from the Pew Research Center found that only about 35% of US Catholic parents consider it very or extremely important to pass on their Catholic Faith to their children. The report paints a bleak picture for the future of Catholic Mass attendance, which has already fallen significantly since the pandemic began.

The same percentage (1/3) of Catholic parents said that they place little value on raising their children Catholic. In the middle, 30% of Catholic parents said that it was “somewhat important” to them.

White non-Hispanic Catholics were 10% more likely (39%) than Hispanic Catholics (29%) to place great importance on the issue.

Most Protestant denominations had higher rates of responding that passing down their faith was extremely important. White Evangelicals were the most likely to place a high value (70%) on their children's faith, followed by Black Protestants at 53%. Only White non-Evangelical Protestants cited lower levels of importance on passing on their Faith than Catholics, with just 29% answering in the affirmative.

When examining respondents by rate of Mass attendance, it was found that the religious tendencies of parents corresponded with the value they place on the faith of their children. Those who attend services weekly were three times as likely to want their children to have a strong faith (76% vs. 21%).

Catholics once again mirrored the total of American responses to the topic of raising their children to help those in need (81%), as well as on the topic of accepting people who are different than themselves, (80%).

Overall, Americans are more likely to say that they want their children raised in the same faith than to be raised in the same political party (35% vs. 16%).

When parents were asked if they were raising their kids as they themselves were raised, there was an even split of 43% raising their kids similarly, and 44% raising them differently. 63% of those who are raising their kids similarly to their own upbringing cited religion as very important, while only 13% of parents raising their kids differently cited religion as an important factor. Very few parents who are raising their children differently said they were incorporating religion into their children's lives.

(You can read the survey results at the [Pew Research Center webpage](#)).