

Lent & Easter Special Events

SS: St. Stephen Campus (1880 Genesee St.) ~ SH: Sacred Heart Campus (509 Oswald St.) ~ STA: St. Thomas Aquinas Campus (729 White St.)

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays during Lent at 6:30 pm

Please note that the Wednesday evening Confessions* and Mass are canceled during Lent.

March 11: SS ~ March 18: STA ~ March 25: SH
April 1: SS (*confessions from 5:30 to 6:30 pm)



Novena to the Irish Madonna

March 9 – 17 at 6:00 pm at SS

Join us in praying a special parish devotion.

What is the history of this novena and why is it important at our parish? During the rule of Henry VIII, Catholics in Ireland were persecuted and fled to Hungary. The pilgrims were led by Bishop Lynch who was later named Auxiliary Bishop of Gyor, Hungary. He intended to return to Ireland but was never able to do so. He died in 1663 in Hungary and in the Cathedral at Gyor, an image of the Blessed Mother was hung in his honor and remains there today.

In 1697, Catholics in Hungary were under persecution. On March 17, the image of the Blessed Mother wept a bloody sweat which continued for three hours. This miracle was verified, in writing, by both Catholics and Protestants who witnessed the event.

In 1914, Archbishop Schrembs of Toledo, visited Gyor in Hungary. Moved by the story, he requested a copy be made of the original painting. The copy was made and laid face-to-face against the original painting for thirty days before coming "home" to St. Stephen Church, Toledo, Ohio. Since then, the novena to the Irish Madonna has been an important tradition in our parish.

Please join parishioners for these beautiful prayers to the Blessed Mother. Come every night or come when able.

Family Game Night

Saturday, March 14, 5:15 pm at SS

All ages welcome! Please bring a dish to share for the potluck meal.

Afternoon of Grace

Sunday, March 22, 1:00 – 3:00 pm at STA

Spiritually prepare yourself for Easter by adoring our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Tetelestai

Friday, March 27, 8:00 pm at STA
Saturday, March 28, 8:00 pm at STA
Sunday, March 29, 1:00 pm at STA

Come experience this musical depiction of our Lord's passion.

Deanery Penance Services

March 12, 7:00 pm at St. Ignatius
March 29, 10:30 am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel
March 31, 7:00 to 9:00 pm at St. Jerome

Holy Week

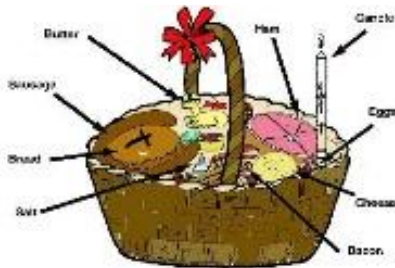
Holy Thursday – April 9 – SH
7:00 pm Mass
Adoration until Midnight



Good Friday – April 10 – STA
2:00 pm Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm Service

Holy Saturday – April 11 – SS
10:00 am Rehearsal for Easter Vigil
11:00 am Morning Prayer and Food Blessing
8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday – April 12
Normal Sunday Mass schedule



What is the food blessing? For those of Eastern European heritage, it is customary to spend Good Friday in prayer and fasting while preparing the foods to be consumed after the Easter Vigil. Foods might include nut roll, pascha (a sweet, egg bread), cirak (cheese), kielbasa, other pastries, and dyed eggs. Foods are brought to church on Holy Saturday to be blessed. There will be more details about this ritual in future weeks. We would love to include your family's special recipes for Easter!!

Please submit Easter recipes to Kathy Fech at kfech@epiphanyofthelord.org or by dropping off a copy at the parish office. Include the name (even if deceased) of who the recipe belongs to, who is submitting it, and your ethnic origins (Hungarian, Polish, Slovak, etc.) Your recipe will be published on the parish's Facebook page and many will also be put in the bulletin during the weeks of Lent.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 19, 2:00 to 3:30 pm at STA

Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Religious Education Holiday Schedule

No classes weekend of March 29th- attendance will be taken at a performance of Tetelestai; families may attend performance of their choosing

No classes weekend of April 5- attendance will be taken at all Masses; families may attend the Mass of their choosing

No classes weekend of April 12- HAPPY EASTER! HE IS RISEN! Make sure you attend Mass!

April 19- Normal classes resume