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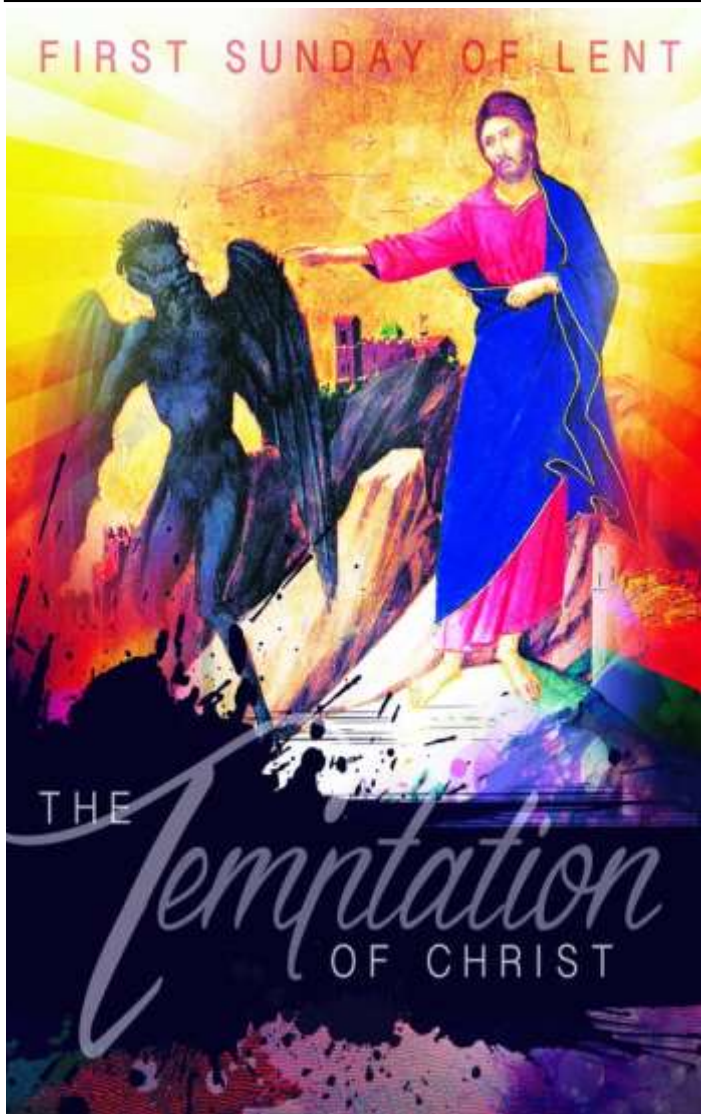


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February 18, 2024—First Sunday of Lent



This Week at Church of the Good

<u>This Weekend:</u>	CGS I, III, 9-11am, Atriums CGS II, 12:15-2:15pm, Atrium
<u>Monday:</u>	Adult Bible Study, 6-7:30PM, Parish Hall
<u>Wednesday:</u>	Choir Rehearsal, 6:30PM, Church
<u>Thursday:</u>	Eucharistic Service, 9:30AM, Church
<u>Friday:</u>	# 2 Lenten Dinner 4-7 PM
<u>Next Weekend:</u>	CGS I, III, 9-11am, Atriums CGS II, 12:15-2:15pm, Atrium <u>Rosary Sunday</u> , 10:30 AM, Church

Parish Resources—The “Little Books”, “Word Among Us” and other devotional and educational materials available in the Narthex are a great way of growing deeper in Christ’s Word and learning about our Catholic Faith. There is a basket next to the booklet rack that is for a free-will offering for these booklets and other resources. Even if you are unable to donate to defray the costs, please do make use of these resources—however, *if you are able to donate*, please do, as this ensures we can continue to order a wider variety of materials.

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Interim Mass Schedule:

Good Shepherd, Kent:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM

Weekdays: 6:00 PM Monday
8:30 AM Tuesday/Thursday
(unless otherwise noted)

Ss. Simon & Jude, Blairsville:

Saturday: 4 PM; Sunday: 9 AM

Weekdays: 8 AM Mon/Wed/Fri

Office Hours:

Mon—Thu: 10 AM—4 PM

Friday: 10 AM—12:30 PM

Reconciliation:

Monday 5—6 PM during
Holy Hour, and by appointment.

To schedule Baptisms or
Weddings, please contact
the Parish Office.

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Masses and Candles — Week of 02/18/2024**First Sunday of Lent***Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt: 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15***Saturday, February 17**

6:00 PM | John 'Jopal' Bodnar by Stock Chronoski

Sunday, February 18

11:00 AM | All the People of Good Shepherd Parish

Monday, February 19, Lenten Weekday*Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19; Mt. 25:31-46***NO MASS****Tuesday, February 20, Lenten Weekday***Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15***NO MASS****Wednesday, February 21, St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church***Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32***NO MASS****Thursday, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle***1 Pt 5:1-14; Ps 23; Mt 16:13-19*

9:30 AM | Eucharistic Service

5:30 PM | Stations of the Cross

Friday, February 23, St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr*Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26*

8:30 AM | Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 24, Lenten Weekday*Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48***Second Sunday of Lent***Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10*

6:00 PM | Enrico "Rick" Agosti by Paul Romanchick

Sunday, February 25

11:00 AM | All the People of Good Shepherd Parish

**The Good Shepherd Candle** is lit in memory of
Lillian Somonick by Son, John.**The Blessed Mother Candle** is lit in memory of
Stanley & Stefania Noga by Jeanne Noga.**With our Prayers and Sympathy...**Please remember in your prayers the departed soul
of Aelin Faith Kovalcik, daughter of Marc Kovalcik
and granddaughter of Anne & Bob Kovalcik.We extend our condolences and prayerful support to her
family and loved ones. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.**From Fr. Dino's Desk****First Sunday of Lent
Reflection****February 18:** Texts: Genesis 9:8-15, Psalm: 25:4-5,
6-7, 8-9, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:12-15.**Yes or no?** Our tendency is to put off
dealing with difficult, uncomfortable, challenging
tasks. We often need a push to get going. Lent is the
push: "This is the time."In the covenant with Noah God says 'yes' to
us and all of creation (see First Reading). Lent is a
time to renew our 'yes' to God and deepen our
fidelity to our baptismal covenant (see Second
Reading).There is an urgency to Mark's depiction of
Jesus' experience in the desert - the Spirit drives
Jesus into the desert. What happened there? Jesus
grappled with being "tempted by Satan," and in this
He embraced fully the human reality of struggling to
be faithful. Jesus left the desert ready to begin His
ministry of proclaiming "the gospel of God." Jesus
had faced His own "this is the time" and said 'yes'.
Lent is our desert time to come to saying a fuller
'yes' to God.

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Lenten Penance Services**Tues March 5:** 7:30PM- St. Thomas More
University Parish**Mon March 11:** 7:00 PM- SS Simon & Jude**Tues March 12:** 7:00PM - Holy Family, Seward
and St. Sylvester, Slickville**Sat March 16: 10:00AM - Good Shepherd****Tues March 19:** 7:00PM- Church of the
Resurrection, Clymer**Wed March 20:** 7:00PM- Our Lady of the
Assumption, Lucernemines**Thurs March 21:** 7:00PM- St. Bernard**Prayer Chain Updates****Ongoing - Becky Forrester**

Faith Formation News

Please remember that *Faith Formation is essential for everyone at every stage in life*, but it is particularly important for our children and youth.

Thank You!

Dear Father Laude & Good Shepherd Parishioners, Land of Peace and Bethlehem Christian Families mission would like to express humble appreciation to you for allowing us to visit Church of the Good Shepherd, the weekend of January 27 and 28 of 2024. With your kindness and through the generosity of you and your parishioners, the sales of the olive wood carvings received a total amount of \$1895.

It was really a great excitement to observe so many kind people at your parish, who were interested in our religious articles, and some expressed their intention to visit the Holy Land! Please remember that you, and the members of your Parish are included in our prayers.

Thank you for your support in helping us and our brothers and sisters in Christ with compassion, dignity and respect especially in these difficult times. May you enjoy God's many glorious blessings!

God Bless You always!

Roni Salsa

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To request assistance from SVdP, please call the SVdP hotline at 724-471-2210

Parish Stewardship—Weekend of 2/10-2/11

Weekly:	\$ 1,771.00
Monthly:	\$ 952.00
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Children:	\$ 1.06
Votive Candles:	\$ 63.00
For Improvements to Parish:	\$ 240.00
Online Giving:	\$ 150.00
Total Income:	\$ 3,250.06
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget:	\$ 4,242.83
Variance Over or (Under):	(\$ 992.77)
Fiscal Year-to-Date:	
Collected:	\$ 100,592.14
Needed to Meet Budget:	\$ 140,013.39
Variance Over or (Under):	(\$ 39,421.25)
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Central/Eastern Europe	\$ 325.00

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and climate change, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. Your donations help provide lifesaving support to more than 250 million people in more than 120 countries. 75% of your donation supports our work around the world. 25% of gifts stay in each U.S. diocese for hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Rooted in the history of the Eucharistic Congress, CRS Rice Bowl began in 1975 as a way for families in the United States to share their blessings with communities experiencing hunger around the world.

Rice Bowls are available in the Narthex for your Lenten Almsgiving. You can place your "Rice Bowl" donation in the Collection basket or place in basket in Narthex. Thank you for your support!



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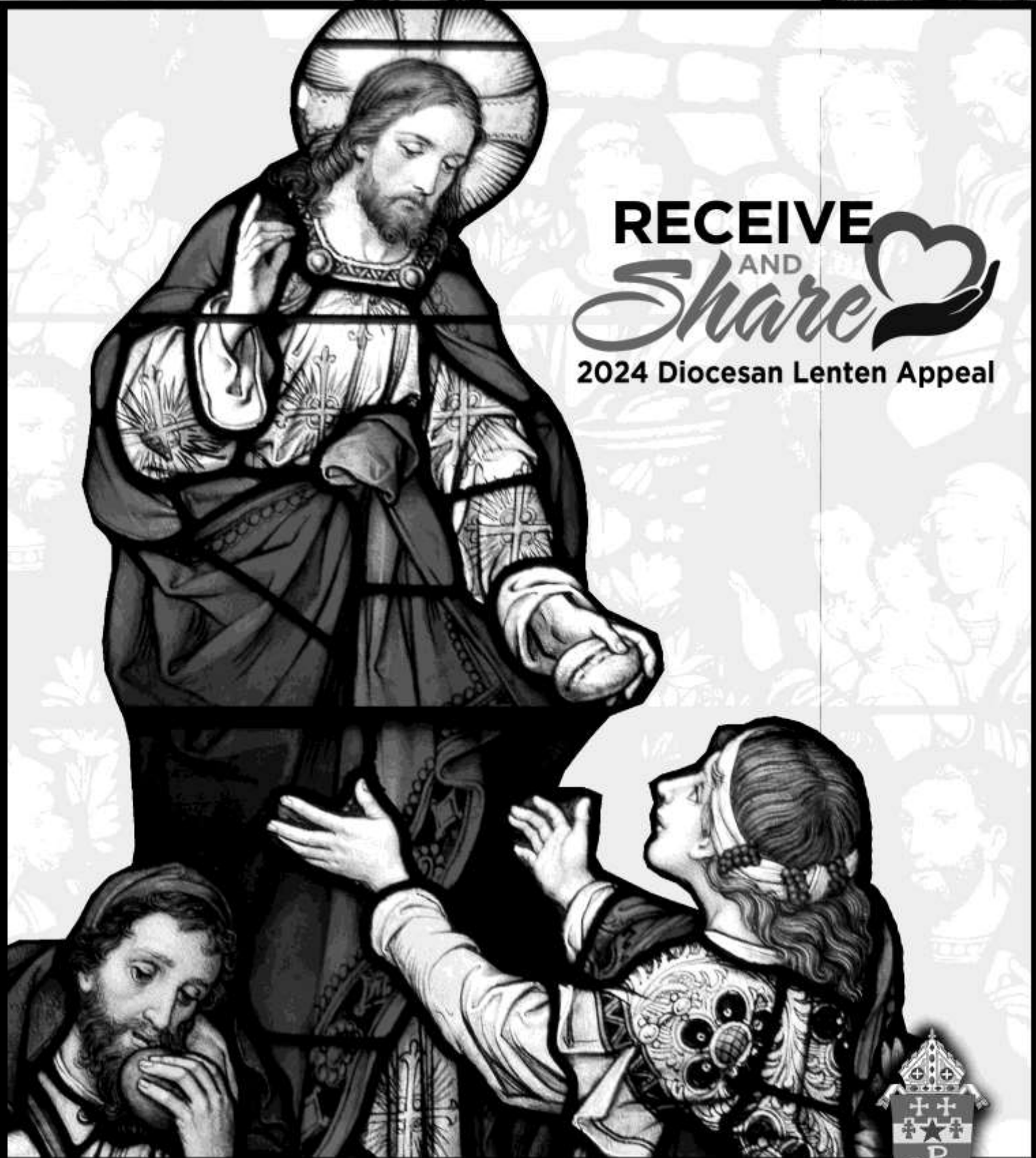
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ON DEMAND.

Week One | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

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Lenten Fast and Abstinence: An Invitation to Awareness

“What are you hungry for?” Sometimes the answer is obvious: pizza, Chinese food, a juicy steak. Our spiritual hungers are rarely that easy to identify. The season of Lent, our 40-day preparation for Easter, is our annual invitation to grow in awareness of those deeper hungers. We need Lent to help us recognize that our meaning and mission are rooted in Jesus’ dying and rising. Together with those preparing for baptism, we join in outward signs of our inner conversion. Our year-round prayer, fasting and almsgiving take on new meaning during this season.

Catholics were once well known for their practice of not eating meat on Friday—a specific form of fasting called abstinence. Stories abound of the lengths Catholics would go to keep this law. Of course, as with any law, it was not that difficult to meet the letter of the law and violate its spirit. One might enjoy a fine lobster dinner or fish fry at a local restaurant and still meet the law’s requirements. Catholics were also called to limit their food intake on a variety of other fast days. The reforms which followed the Second Vatican Council sought to simplify the often complicated questions that arose regarding fast and abstinence while re-emphasizing the continuing need for such practices. The current laws took effect in 1966. They read simply: “Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent. Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast, i.e., eat only one full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals but no food should be consumed at any other time during those two days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one’s 59th birthday.”

The spirit of the law may invite us to fast from other activities as well: from television or computer games, from eating out or from gossiping. These minimum requirements make the most sense when they are combined with prayer and almsgiving. These age-old disciplines reflect our most fundamental concerns: our relationship with God (prayer), with our bodies (fasting) and with each other (almsgiving).

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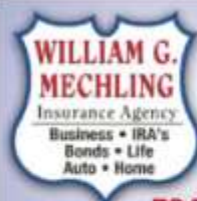


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