



“Finding Everyday Holiness in Lent”

The Catholic Digest Staff offered some wonderful ideas about growing into the spirit of Lent. This holy season truly affords us an opportunity to grow spiritually in ways that we rarely embrace in other times of the year.

Therefore, here are some suggestions on how to find everyday holiness in lent:

Remember your own Baptism.

If you have memories of your Baptism, share them with your family. If you or other family members have baptized children, ask: How did you feel as you brought your child to the font? If you can, ask your parents about your own Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion. Think about what it means to be part of the Body of Christ through these sacred moments.

Create a prayer space in your home.

A small table with a purple cloth and a cross or candle on it is all you need. Don't feel guilty if you don't go to your prayer space to pray every day. Set it up in a place where you will see it as you come and go; let it be a quick reminder to raise a prayer of thanks and praise to God.

Bless your children.

If you don't do so already, let Lent be a time to begin blessing your children by making the Sign of the Cross on their foreheads. We all need that reminder of our connection to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Clean out, give away.

Make traditional spring-cleaning symbolic of the interior cleaning and clearing of clutter that Lent calls all of us to undertake. As part of your cleaning, select items or articles of clothing to donate to others. If you're giving them to someone you know, accompany the gift with a small note detailing a happy memory you associate with the item (e.g., "I wore this on my first date with my husband. May it bring you joy!") to add a personal touch.

Set out on a journey.

As the Hebrews journeyed for 40 years in the desert to the Promised Land, we too journey to Easter through the 40 days of Lent — and not always in a straight line. Real spiritual growth often takes a more meandering path.

Reflect on this aspect of the season, either alone or with family and friends, by mapping out and then walking a meandering path in your neighborhood or in a nearby park or woods. Create stopping points along the way at which you can pray — for friends, relatives, the neighborhood, and our world.

Practice and seek forgiveness.

Forgive someone for a wrong or hurt, and ask for the forgiveness of someone you've hurt — or at least take a first step. Talk to your priest or trusted friend or adviser and move toward reconciliation.

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Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 1st



8:30 am Mass

Noon Ash Service

7:00 pm Mass

School Updates

Each school year, a Theme is chosen to help guide the year. **The theme chosen for the 2016-2017 School is “Lead by Example”.** St. Anthony students have the opportunity each month to earn this award by achieving high academics, doing service to others or by being the most improved in their classroom. Each teacher is able to award up to 3 students each month. If a student earns this monthly award, they receive a “Lead by Example” shirt, that they are able to wear every Friday during the remainder of the school year to show this achievement.

What an AWESOME REWARD!

With the first five months under our belt, we have given out **117 “Lead by Example” Spirit Shirts** to our students. I am very proud of each & every one of them! We still have more Lead by Example students left to name & more shirts to give out. **Keep up the great work students.**



To continue with our Lead by Example theme, we have also had two young men that have not only received our school award, but have also been awarded The Partners in Education Academic All-Star Award from the Ohio Lottery. This award recognizes K-12 students who have exhibited academic achievement, community involvement, citizenship & leadership. I would like to *c o n g r a t u l a t e* 8th grader, **Ian Radanovich** & 7th grader, **Christian Ramos** for all of their hard work in & out of the classroom.

Mr. Joseph M. Akosi, Principal

“Finding Everyday Holiness in Lent” Continued

Also, take time to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. Even if you aren't ready to celebrate the sacrament, participate in the Communal Lenten Penance service (*March 26*) and think about how sin breaks our relationships with others and with God, and how we all yearn to be healed and made whole.

Share in God's generosity.

Jesus' death and Resurrection is the ultimate gift to us. Remember all the gifts God has given you, and imitate God's generosity by increasing your offering to your parish and to outside charities, and keep it up throughout the coming year. Try to see these offerings as sharing in the love and generosity of God, a love and generosity that are stronger than sin and death.

Simplify.

Try to keep things simple as a family. So many of us are spending so much of our lives in a relentless pursuit of more stuff. Try to rediscover the simple joys of being together. Don't be discouraged if this doesn't always go well. If we were perfect, what need would we have of a Savior? “O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam,” the Church sings at Easter, “that won for us so great a Redeemer!”

Spend time with the Blessed Sacrament.

We can never fully plumb or exhaust the mystery of God's presence in the Eucharist. We all would benefit from some extra time spent at church in God's presence before the tabernacle, adoring and contemplating the gift of God's own self to us. This Eucharistic Adoration, like our Eucharistic celebration, is a way to praise and thank God with our prayers and with our lives, to help us participate in Christ's redemptive life, to strengthen the entire Body of Christ, and to help us be Christ in our own lives. Thus our Eucharistic Adoration comes out of, and leads us back to, our community celebration of Sunday Eucharist. You can join in Eucharistic Adoration every day in our Adoration Chapel.

Pray!

Offer a brief prayer of praise in the morning and in the evening. Start, return to, or continue praying the Rosary. Start with as little as a decade if that is all you have time for. Talk with Mary, the Mother of God, whom the Church holds up to us as the perfect model of discipleship. Ask her to help you always say “yes” to God's will, as she did.

The Rev. Edward J. Smith

Lenten Journey

It is time to prepare our hearts for our Risen Jesus. **The 40 days of Lent begins Wednesday, March 1st.** Don't miss out on the many events and opportunities we have this season to lead you in prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

You will find the yearly Booklets of the Complete Catholic Mass and Daily Meditations for the Lenten Season on the tables in the main vestibule of the church. These booklets are full of great prayers, meditations and reflections to lead you through your 40 Day Lenten Journey. The booklets are free to take and prayerfully use.

The Weekly Lenten Stations of the Cross will begin Friday, March 3rd at 1:15 pm. There will also be a

Good Friday Stations of the Cross at Noon on Friday, April 14th. Come prayerfully reflect on the Jesus' journey throughout Lent. If you cannot make our weekly Friday afternoon devotion, St. Teresa will offer the Stations on Wednesdays at 7 pm.

Our Pierogi Sales begin Ash Wednesday and continue Fridays during Lent. Come enjoy our favorite meatless dish all season long. Spread the word!



There will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during our Cluster Communal Penance Service. *It will be held Sunday, March 26th, at 2pm at St. Thomas.* Come prepare your hearts with the gift of mercy and forgiveness from our God.

The Elyria Catholic Students will perform the Living Stations of the Cross at St. Anthony's on Tuesday, March 14th, at 1 pm. If you are able to make it, this very moving experience.

Keep an eye on the bulletin for these and many more events this Lenten Season. May your Lenten Journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving bring you closer to the Risen Jesus.



Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 13th
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
7 pm

Good Friday

Friday, April 14th
Stations of the Cross
Noon

The Lord's Passion
3 pm

Blessing of Food

Saturday, April 15th
12 pm



Easter Masses

Holy Saturday, April 15th
9 pm Vigil

Resurrection Sunday, April 16th
10 am

Pierogi News

This year we hope to be more successful than ever! Our Pierogi has gained fame & help us gain fortune . . . But not without your help!! As always, volunteers are our greatest asset. **Pierogi Production is every Tuesday until April 4th at 8:00 am & 6:00 pm in the Social Hall.** Please consider joining us and lending your hands throughout the Lenten Season.

2017 Pierogi Sale Dates

March 1st (Ash Wednesday)

March 3rd

March 10th

March 17th

March 24th

March 31st

April 7th

Our delicious Potato-n-Cheese or Sauerkraut Pierogi will be sold for \$6 per dozen frozen (uncooked) or \$7 per dozen cooked with butter and onions from Noon to 6:00 pm. Cabbage-n-Noodles and Baked Goods will also be available for purchase on all sale days!

Thank you for helping us make this fundraiser a HUGE success!

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Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, March 1st

Ash Wednesday

8:30 am Mass

Noon Ash Service

7 pm Mass

First Pierogi Sale!

Friday, March 3rd

Beginning of weekly

Stations of the Cross

1:15 pm

Beginning of Friday Pierogi Sales!

Tuesday, March 14th

EC Living Stations of the Cross

1 pm in the Church

Sunday, March 26th

Cluster Communal Penance Service

2pm at St. Thomas

Sunday, April 9th

Palm Sunday

Holy Thursday, April 13th

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7 pm

Good Friday, April 14th

Stations of the Cross

Noon

The Lord's Passion

3 pm

Parish Office closes at Noon

Holy Saturday, April 15th

Food Blessing in the Church

12 pm

Easter Vigil Mass

9 pm

Easter Sunday, April 16th

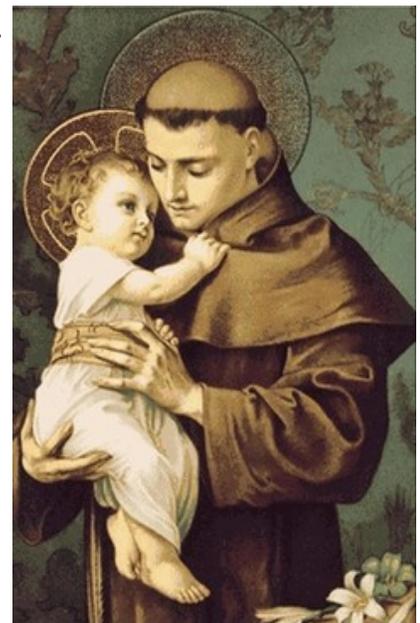
The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Mass

10 am

Easter Monday, April 17th

Parish Office Closed



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