

# St. Cletus Faith Formation Newsletter



Friday, February 24, 2023

Dear Parents,

The Season of Lent begins (began) on Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lent is the season of change. We want to rid ourselves of everything that is not of Christ and become more Christ like. During Lent we recognize the three sacrificial pillars of Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving.

This is the First Sunday of Lent our Gospel today tells the story of the temptation of Jesus in the dessert. Click on the link to listen to the reflection by Father Freidman, OFM.

[Reflection for the First Sunday of Lent](#)

## Confirmation:

If any of our families missed it, following is the link to download the pictures taken by Mrs. Hodak. Click on the link to download pictures.

[Confirmation Photographs.](#)

## Lent

With the beginning of Lent our parish has two opportunities in the next week to help jumpstart the Lenten season.

Tomorrow, our parish will have a special Mass at 11:00 a.m. to confer the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Mass will be followed by a lunch of soup, salad, and bread. If you know of somebody who would benefit from the sacrament, please invite them.

Our second opportunity will be held on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We will have our first *Lenten Evening of Reflection and Prayer*. Father Tom McCarthy, O.S.A. will be the special keynote speaker. Father Tom is an experienced teacher, administrator, retreat director, and parish mission speaker. This will be a very prayerful experience.

## Take Part in Our Parish Wide Survey

And finally, just a reminder about our Parish Survey. **Let your voice be heard!**

**All family members (8<sup>th</sup> grade and up) are asked to complete the survey. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes, so please participate.**

Your opinions will be invaluable to Father Elmer and our various ministries as we plan for the future. Click on the link to access the survey

[Take Survey](#)



## Calendar

Just a reminder, Faith Formation Classes are in session this week. Sunday-Monday, February 26-27.

Our March sessions will be: March 5-6; 12-13; and 19-20.

### Note Eighth Graders and Teen Seekers

We wish to congratulate you again on receiving your Confirmation. While your classes have officially ended, (No classes this week), several have asked about continuing to learn about our Catholic Faith.

Hector and I are trying to put together a series of topics for discussion. Watch the newsletters and look for e-mails for more information. This would be on a volunteer basis.

**Remember to answer the survey.**

### Lenten Outreach Volunteer Opportunity

As we prepare for Lent, we partner with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to reach out and serve others through the Rice Bowl program. Please help distribute Rice Bowls after Masses **February 25-26**. All ages are welcome.

Visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094cacac2ea2fc1-rice#/> to view slots and sign up.

Below you will find a second service opportunity for our Food Pantry.

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## For Our Kids!

### Sunday Readings and Resources for our children and families.

*Catholic Kid's Media –Jesus and the Temptation in the desert.* First Sunday of Lent, cycle A.

[Readings and Reflection for Children](#)

### Fun Activities for Children

[Gospel Activity](#)

[Sunday Word Search](#)

**You Tube Video – Learn about our saint of the week – St. Katharine Drexel.**

[Saint of the Week - Saint Katharine Drexel](#)

God Bless,

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