


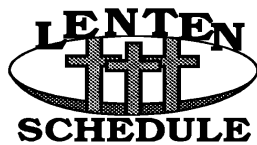
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**February 27, 2022**

LENT – A TIME FOR SPIRITUAL REBIRTH. Forty days and forty nights Moses fasted and prayed before God on Mt. Sinai before he received the 10 Commandments. Forty years the people of Israel wandered in the desert before entering the Promised Land. Forty days and forty nights Jesus prayed and fasted in the desert as he prepared to begin his proclamation of the kingdom of God. Forty days we as Christians look into our hearts and question how we are living our faith in Jesus Christ. It is truly a springtime of spiritual opportunity to reconnect with Christ Jesus in greater prayer, greater charity, greater participation in the sacraments Jesus gave to the Church, especially the Sacrament of Confession, greater awareness of our vocation of being a Christian. This is our accepted time, a time of grace and reconciliation, a time of mercy and healing. May we try to make this holy season of Lent an extraordinary time of spiritual growth and awareness.

ASH WEDNESDAY  **DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES** will take place during Masses on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. Morning Mass at 7:45 a.m. is Slovenian and 7:00 p.m. Mass is English. Ashes that are either sprinkled on the head or used to mark the forehead symbolize dying to our sins and our selfish concerns and growing spiritually through greater prayer, fasting and charity.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE. Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products for everyone 14 years of age and older. Sorry, senior citizens, but this includes you too!! Meat is considered the flesh of any warm-blooded animal, which includes poultry.

There are only 2 required days of fast during Lent: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those from the age of 18 to 60 are required to fast, meaning that only one full meal may be eaten on those days and no snacking in between meals. Remember, this is the bare minimum.



LENTEN DEVOTIONS. Lent is a new beginning to love God with our whole heart, mind and soul and our neighbor as ourselves as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. During Lent we will have the opportunity to spend prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., concluding with Benediction. On Friday we will have Stations of the Cross in English at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by Holy Hour concluding with Night Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Slovenian Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Sunday of Lent at 2:00 p.m. concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us for these special opportunities of prayer.

Last Sunday's Offering: \$5,569

Church Needs: \$250 from Rooted in Faith Campaign; \$50 in memory of Eugene Kogovsek from Marie Giuffre; \$20 in memory of Ann Zakacs from Marie Giuffre; \$100 in memory of Josephine Berkopec, John Berkopec and Antonia Berkopec from Linda Berkopec & family; \$100 in memory of Ann Zakacs from Kathy Gurka; \$250 in memory of Eugene Kogovsek from Robert & Helen Vana; \$30 in memory of Eugene & Jennie Kogovsek from Gary & Melanie Skerl; \$25 in memory of Eugene & Jennie Kogovsek from Frances Morris.

Your generosity to the parish is appreciated!

PATRIOTIC ROSARY will be prayed on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in church.

ALTAR SOCIETY will have its monthly Corporate Communion next Sunday, March 6th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Holy Hour will begin at 1:30 p.m.

PALAČINKA BREAKFAST, sponsored by St. Mary Slovenian School will be in the parish hall on Sunday, March 13th. The palačinke (crepes), eggs & sausage breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Donation is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children.

BABY BOTTLES FOR WOMANKIND. As a Lenten sacrifice, we are asking our parish families to take one (or more) of the baby bottles to fill with your donations during the 40 days of Lent. The bottles are by all of the entrances of the church. Womankind offers hope and help for women facing unexpected pregnancy by providing prenatal care to both mother and baby. Services provided by Womankind to each woman and baby average \$1,400. Your Lenten sacrifice really does make a difference. Perhaps what you would spend on a candy bar, or a bottle of wine, or a dinner skipped because of fasting could easily be used to help Womankind in its mission of charity and compassion; or perhaps donating so much per minute that you're not on your phone or playing video games. Be creative! Be concerned! Be compassionate!

BRINGING AMERICA BACK TO LIFE, PRO-LIFE CONVENTION will be held at the Embassy Suites in Independence, Ohio March 11th & 12th, 2022. You can participate in as much or as little as you wish, either attending the whole program or individual talks. Registration forms are by all of the entrances of the church.

TODAY'S PSALM RESPONSE:
Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Masses for the Week of February 28-March 6, 2022

Monday:	(2/28) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Deceased of Kumse & Slota Families
Tuesday:	(3/1) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Paul Janc (Carol Ann Janc)
Wednesday:	(3/2) ASH WEDNESDAY
7:45 a.m.	Tillie Spehar (Altar Society)
7:00 p.m.	Julka Omahen (M/M Frank Dolinar)
Thursday:	(3/3) ST. KATHERINE DREXEL (Virgin)
7:45 a.m.	Eugene Kogovsek (30 Day)
Friday:	(3/4) ST. CASIMIR
7:45 a.m.	Matthew Dolenc (Dolenc Daughters)
7:00 p.m.	Katica Dreu
Saturday:	(3/5) SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
7:45 a.m.	Tillie Spehar (Jože & Jožica Majer)
5:00 p.m.	Križan Crnjac (Family)
Sunday:	(3/6) FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Altar Society
12:00 noon	Joseph Klein (Joanna Pope)

Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers
(Weekend of March 5th/6th)

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Judi Ferra/Lou Drasler
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Florian Osredkar/Vic Stepec
	10:00 a.m.	Altar Society/Vince Rozman
	12:00 noon	Joe Valencic/Mary Ojnik

Please Pray for Our Sick Tom McNulty, Diana Kozak, Mary Umek, Ted Jenda, Mladen & Dušanka Lengel, Janelle Hoffart & baby Dylan Hoffart.

May They Rest in God's Peace:

+Leonard Mikolajczak
+Rev. John Gorski, pastor emeritus
Holy Trinity Church, Avon

**DOJENČKOVE STEKLENIČKE ZA WOMANKIND.**

Kot postno daritev prosimo naše župnijske družine, da med 40 postnih dneh vzamete eno (ali več) dojenčkovih stekleničk in jih napolnite z vašimi prispevkom. Steklenice so pri vseh vhodih v cerkev. Womankind ponuja upanje in pomoč ženskam, ki se soočajo z nepričakovano nosečnostjo, da zagotavlja pred-rojstno oskrbo tako materam kot otrokom. Storitve, ki jih Womankind nudi vsaki ženski in otroku znašajo povprečno \$1,400. Vaša postna daritev res naredi razliko. Morda bi to, kar bi porabili za čokolado, steklenico vina ali večerjo, ki ste jo zaradi posta zamudili, z lahkoto porabili za pomoč Womankind pri njihovem poslanstvu dobrodelnosti in sočutja; ali morda darujete gotovo vsoto na minuto, da ne uporabljate telefona ali igrate video igre. Bodite stvarilni! Bodite prizadevni! Bodite sočutni!

PRO-LIFE KONVENCIJA BRINGING AMERICA BACK TO LIFE se bo potekala v Embassy Suites v Independenceu, Ohio, 11. in 12. marca 2022. Sodelujete lahko kolikor želite, bodisi da se udeležite celotnega programa ali posameznih govorov. Vpisnice so pri vseh vhodih cerkve.

DANES JE 8. NAVADNA NEDELJA

POST – ČAS ZA DUHOVNO PREROJENJE. Štirideset dni in štirideset noči se je Mojzes postil in molil pred Bogom na gori Sinaj, preden je prejel 10 zapovedi. Štirideset let je izraelsko ljudstvo tavallo po puščavi, preden je vstopilo v obljubljeni deželo. Štirideset dni in štirideset noči je Jezus molil in se postil v puščavi, ko se je pripravljaj na začetek svojega oznanjevanja Božjega kraljestva. Štirideset dni, mi kot kristjani gledamo v svoja srca in se sprašujemo, kako živimo svojo vero v Jezusu Kristusu. To je resnično pomladni čas duhovne priložnosti, da se ponovno povežemo z Jezusom Kristusom da več molimo, več dobrega storimo, z večjo udeležbo pri zakramentih, ki jih je Jezus dal Cerkvi, zlasti pri zakramentu spovedi in z večjem zavedanjem svojemu poklicu biti kristjan. To je naš sprejeti čas, čas milosti in sprave, čas usmiljenja in ozdravljenja. Naj bo ta sveti postni čas izreden čas duhovne rasti in zavedanja.

PODELITEV PEPELA bo pri mašah na pepelnično sredo, 2. marca. Jutranja maša ob 7:45 zjutraj je slovenska in ob 7:00 zvečer je angleška. Pepel, s katerim označimo čelo ali ga potresemo po glavi, simbolizira umiranje za naše grehe in naše sebične skrbi ter duhovno rast z več molitvami, postom in dobrodelnostjo.

POST IN ZDRŽEK. Pepelnična sredo in vsi petki v Postu so dnevi zdržka od mesa in mesnih izdelkov za vse, od 14 leta in starejši. Oprostite, upokojenci, to velja tudi za vas!! Meso se smatra od vsake toplokrvne živali, to vključuje perutnina.

V postnem času sta obvezna samo dva dneva strogega posta: pepelnična sredo in veliki petek. Tisti, stari od 18 do 60 let, se morajo držati strogega posta, kar pomeni, samo eden navaden obrok čez dan in brez prigrizkov med obroki. Ne pozabite, da je to malenkost.

POSTNE POBOŽNOSTI. Postni čas je novi začetek ljubiti Boga z vsem srcem, mišljenjem in dušo in do bližnjega kot samega sebe, ko se pripravljamo na obhajanje velikonočne skrivnosti. V postnem času bomo imeli možnost preživeti molitveni čas pred Najsvetejšim vsak četrtek od 2:00 popoldne do 6:00 zvečer, zaključno z blagoslovom. V petkih bomo imeli križev pot v angleščini ob 6:30 zvečer sledi maša ob 7:00, nato pa sveta ura, ki se zaključi z večerno molitvijo in blagoslovom Najsvetejšega. Slovenski križev pot se bo molil vsako nedeljo v postu ob 2:00 popoldan zaključno z blagoslovom Najsvetejšega. Pridružite se nam za te molitvene priložnosti.

OLTARNO DRUŠTVO ima svojo skupno sv. obhajilo naslednjo nedeljo, 6. marca pri 10:00 maši. Sveta ura bo ob 1:30 popoldan.

ZAJTRK S PALAČINKAMI, ki ga pripravlja naša Slovenska šola bo v nedeljo, 13. marca v župnijski dvorani. Zajtrk s palačinkami, jajci in klobasami bo na voljo od 8:30 zjutraj do 12:00 opoldan. Dar je \$9 za odrasle in \$5 za otroke.

ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:
Dobro je, Gospod, da te slavimo.