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2018

Robert Rennick Jr.	03-05	Tessa J. Anderson	03-06
Kelly Duytschaver	03-08	Michelle Johnson	03-09
Alex Klimkewicz	03-12	Nana Verstraete	03-15
Carol Hankins	03-22	Stephen Potaczek MD	03-29
Brayden Kubinsky	03-30		

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

Nancy & Robert Rennick SR - 03-21-1965



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Angilina Lang	04-04	Tom Greiner	04-05
Karen Ream	04-11	Phyllis Dotson	04-12
Abbiell Ensley	04-13	Hudson Duytschaver	04-14
Lyric Duytschaver	04-17	Robert Rennick, Sr.	04-19
Sawyer M. Ensley	04-21	Teri Warner	04-25
Lillian McIntosh	04-29		

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

*Nana & Rene Verstraete 04-18-1970*

*Dawn & Michael Alcaraz 04-24-2007*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SPONSORS**

Mark Shueneman 04-24 Joe DeSmit - 04-02

*May God Bless You and grant you all a very happy birthday and anniversary !!!*

**SCHEDULE OF OUR REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

*/Unless otherwise announced/*

**Parishioners Meeting** - Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday April ???  
after the Holy Mass.

**Sunday School** –every other Sunday after the 9:00 A.M. Holy Mass  
with Father Jerry and Laura Evans.

**Ladies Adoration Soc. Meetings** – March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.  
Diocesan Meeting of the Ladies Adoration Society Saturday March  
24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M. Divine Word Parish, 3842 West 57<sup>th</sup> St. Chicago,  
Ladies Adoration Society Meeting –Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Stations of the Cross**–Fridays during Lent at 6:00P.M

**St. Joseph Supper, Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 - 7:00 P.M.**

**Easter Brunch** – Sunday after Easter April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M.  
Easter Eggs Hunt during the Brunch

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OUR FINE SPONSORS.**  
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not thank them by your patronage.



**LENTEN SERVICE  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

*Fridays during Lent at 6:00P.M.*

**Station of the Cross – March 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Special participation of the men  
from our parish

**Station of the Cross – March 9<sup>th</sup>** – Special children participation

**Station of the cross – March 16<sup>th</sup>** - Special Young families  
participation

Station of the Cross – March 23<sup>rd</sup> – **the last Station of the Cross of this lent – Let us join together as one parish family**– Reflections readings will be distributed before the service.

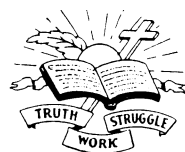
**LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

**Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> after Station of the Cross service**



**KEWANEE FOOD PANTRY**

During Lent we will collect food for the Kewanee Food Pantry.



**SOLEMNITY OF THE INSTITUTION  
OF THE POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC  
CHURCH**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF MARCH  
MARCH 11<sup>th</sup>**

**SUNDAY MASSES IN MARCH AND APRIL**

**MARCH 4<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

9:00 A.M. Holy Mass + Nona Vallejo by Kathy & Bert Erdmann

**MARCH 11<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT -Solemnity of the**

**Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church**

9:00 A.M. Holy Mass + Mike Ptasnik, John & Helen Ptasnik, Glenn Ptasnik by Stella Ptasnik

**MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

9:00 A.M. Holy Mass + Edward Klimkewicz by his wife June Klimkewicz (Anniversary of Ed's death)

**MARCH 25<sup>th</sup> - PALM SUNDAY**

9:00 A.M. Holy Mass + Edward Kubinsky by Ed & Donna Kubinsky ( Anniversary of his death)

**APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> EASTER SUNDAY**

7:00 A.M. Resurrection Procession and the Holy Mass

Holy Mass for the intention of our parish

9:30 A.M. Holy Mass for the departed from Rafalko and Czaban fam.

**APRIL 8<sup>th</sup> – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9:00 A.M. Holy Mass + Mike Ptasnik by his wife Stella – anniversary of death

**Easter Brunch after the Mass, Easter Egg hunt for children**

**APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9:00 A.M. + MaryAnn Pratt by Marie Stonz

**APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup> – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9:00 A.M. Holy Mass + Holy Mass for Frances Kubinsky by her family

**APRIL 29<sup>th</sup> - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9:00 A.M. Holy Mass + Jim Kursock by his wife Sandy – (remembering anniversary of his death and his Birthday)

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES**

**March 27<sup>th</sup> – Holy Tuesday – Holy Mass of Chrism**

**Divine Word Parish Chicago, IL**

The oils, Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumens and Holy Chrism are blessed by our Diocesan Bishop and the clergy

**March 29<sup>th</sup> - Holy Thursday -The Feast of the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood.**

6:00 P.M. Holy Mass for the intention of Fr. Jerry by his wife Leslie

**MARCH 30<sup>th</sup> – GOOD FRIDAY, THE LORD'S PASSION**

6:00 P.M. Solemn Service of the Lord's Passion & Death

**MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> – HOLY SATURDAY – THE VIGIL OF EASTER**

6:00 P.M. Easter Vigil Service.

Blessing of new fire, Paschal candle & water.

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

Preparation of the Easter food baskets with children at 5:30 p.m.

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Holy Mass for the intention of our parish

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## 10 Ways to Walk Through Lent

Here is a list of 10 ideas for walking through Lent.

### 1. REFLECT ON THE CROSS

Reflect daily on the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the meaning of his death on the cross, and the greatness of God's love for you.

### 2. PRAY DAILY

Set aside some extra time each day during the season of Lent for personal prayer in the morning and evening.

### 3. READ THE BIBLE

Make time every day to read your Bible during Lent. One idea is to read the entire Gospel of Mark, which has a special focus on the cross.

### 4. GIVE UP SOMETHING

A common practice for Lent is to give up something—like technology, social media, sweets, coffee, alcohol, etc. This is a great time to detox from things that may have a stronghold in your life.

### 5. START A GOOD HABIT

In addition to giving something up, try doing something good this Lent. Are you a pessimist? Try to be more positive. Are you critical by nature? Make an effort to be more encouraging. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you.

### 6. GIVE YOUR TIME

During Lent, give of your time by volunteering in your church or local community.

### 7. KEEP A JOURNAL

Keeping a journal of your thoughts, prayers, and reflections during Lent can be a helpful aid to your Lenten journey.

### 8. MAKE TIME FOR YOUR FAMILY

If you have kids, plan special times just for them during Lent. Take your family hiking or on a lunch date, or even have a family day where you can serve together in the community.

### 9. GIVE YOUR MONEY

During Lent, give a little more money to your local church or consider your favorite charity or mission agency.

### 10. FORGIVE OTHERS

Lent is a time to make things right in your life and relationships. Is

there a person in your life you need to forgive? Don't hold that resentment any longer. Pray about it and ask God to help you forgive them.

## Stop, look and listen

Lent, the season of the church year that's associated with repentance, begins on Ash Wednesday (March 5 this year). While some people deny themselves by giving up something for Lent, others prepare for Easter through special Bible studies or devotions.

Christians observe Lent for these reasons:

- It causes us to STOP. Lent says, "Stop and rest awhile," as well as "Stop doing wrong."
- It tells us to LOOK. Look inward for an honest self-examination. Look upward to see the cross of Christ offering healing and love. Look forward to the hope of the Resurrection.
- It tells us to LISTEN. Listen to the words of Christ. Listen to the voice of God. Listen to the winds of the Spirit of God. Stop, look and listen. These three words aren't only important for our safety in travel; they're also helpful for our journey through the 40 days of Lent.

## Easter is timeless

Easter is a moveable feast, falling any time between March 22 and April 25 on the Gregorian calendar. At a meeting of bishops in 325 A.D., Easter Sunday was set as the first Sunday after the first full moon following the northern hemisphere's vernal equinox. (Though the equinox can fall on March 19, 20 or 21, the church fixed March 21 as this date.)

Over the years, branches of the church differed on the precise date for Easter, finally reaching agreement in the late 700s. Since 1582, however, when the Western Church adopted the Gregorian calendar while the Eastern Church retained the Julian one, the timing of Easter has sometimes varied between the two.

Such computations are interesting but pale in light of the ultimate assurance that for Christians, every day is truly Easter. Christ's tomb is empty! Jesus defeated death! Whenever we worship, we celebrate resurrection. Date-bound by earthly calendars, the Feast of the Resurrection, by heaven's rendering, is eternal.