

OLV Lent 2010 Info

Fasting, Alms, Reconciliation, & Holy Week

FASTING

LENTEN RULES OF FAST & ABSTINENCE:

TO FAST MEANS: One single full meal, with small amounts at only two other meals. No eating between. The Church law binds all Catholics who've completed their 18th year through the day of their 59th birthday.

TO ABSTAIN MEANS: Not to eat meat or any meat products. Church law includes all over 14 yrs. of age.

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY are days of FAST & ABSTINENCE. **ALL OTHER FRIDAYS** of Lent--are days of ABSTINENCE.

NOTES: 1) These rules are considered a MINIMAL response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion. We should seek to do MORE rather than less--in the Spirit of spiritual sacrifice. 2) Priests are allowed to dispense those whose medications or physical conditions might be jeopardized by these rules.

ALMS

Feed the Hungry:

On your way into church each week, bring items of non-perishable food. **On March 7-8, bring the food to the foot of the cross** in the sanctuary. These donations will be given in your name to the Food Pantry which is still open at nearby North Akron School (Christ the King), & very grateful for our support. Other weeks, bring food to the back of church as a helping hand others in need.

Weekly ALMS—For Haiti Relief:

On the way out of church each week, people of all ages can put an offering into the Alms baskets at each door. Follow our Lord's words that the sacrifice that pleases Him most is to give care to those in need. This year our donations will go to Haitian Relief through our effective Catholic Relief Services. The heartbreaking needs will continue for a very long time. Our pennies and dollars can add to the support for millions who have lost everything. *(Make checks to OLV. We'll send one large New Life gift after Easter.)*

RECONCILIATION

Communal Reconciliation Service:

Sun., March 21 at 7 pm, at St. Eugene in Munroe Falls.

The church is just west of Water Works Park on Munroe Falls Blvd.

O.L.V. Confessions:

- **REGULAR CONFESSIONS:** Each Sat. from 9-9:30 am, in the Reconciliation Room to the left of the choir area.
- **SPECIAL TIMES FOR Holy Week:**
Monday, March 29: **4:30-5:00 pm**
Tuesday, March 30: **10:30-11:00 am**
Wednesday, March 31: **6:00-7:00 pm**
(*NO Confessions Sat. April 3 or 10!*)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

PASSION (Palm) SUNDAY—March 28:

Regular Weekend Schedule:

Sat. 5:00, Sun. 9:00 & 10:45.

Gather in Finnerty Hall for blessing of palms & Procession into church.

HOLY THURSDAY—APRIL 1:

(NO Morning Services)

7:30 pm: Solemn Mass at 7:30 PM..

8:30-11 pm: Stay with Jesus in Private Prayer.

GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 2

(NO Morning Mass)

3 pm: Solemn Liturgy at 3 PM.

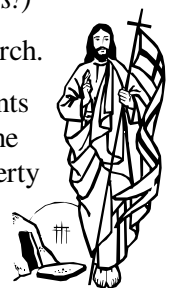
7:30 pm: NEW Stations prayers, with youth depicting the steps of Jesus, & Veneration of the Cross.

HOLY SATURDAY—APRIL 3:

(NO Confessions nor a 5:00 pm Mass!)

1 pm: Blessing of Easter Food in church.

9:00 pm: **Easter Vigil** with Sacraments of Initiation of new members of the church. Reception follows in Finnerty Hall.



EASTER SUNDAY—April 4:

Special 3-Mass Schedule:

7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 am.