



March 1, 2026 Second Sunday of Lent



THIS IS MY
BELOVED SON,
WITH WHOM I AM
WELL PLEASED;
listen to him.

MATTHEW 17:5

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SATURDAY VIGIL 4:30 pm-Church
SUNDAY 7:30 am, 9:15 am, 11:00 am-Church
HOLY DAYS Variable (see inside bulletin)-Church
DAILY MASS Mon/Sat 9:00 am, Tues/Thurs 6:30 am & 9:00 am, Wed 6:30 am & 7:00 pm and Friday 6:30 am & 9:00 am
ADORATION Wednesdays from 7:00 am - 6:30 pm with recitation of the holy rosary at 6:20 in the Chapel followed by Benediction.
CONFESSIONS are Saturdays from 7:30—8:45 am and 3:00-4:15 pm in the Chapel. Also by appointment. Call Parish Office.
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parishioners who would like to have their child baptized at St. Leo's are requested to call Monsignor Hahn at the Parish Office to personally schedule an appointment to meet with him to discuss this great Sacrament. Normally Baptisms are held on the first Sunday of each month, after our 11:00 am Mass, or approximately at 12:00 Noon. At least one sponsor must be a practicing Catholic, age 16 or older, Confirmed, and must present a sponsor certificate if from another parish. Parents must be registered members of St. Leo's parish.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples contemplating marriage must contact Monsignor Hahn at the Parish Office at least one year before the date of the intended marriage. Church date and arrangements should precede all other wedding plans.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Call any parish priest as soon as there is any serious illness.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

When a parishioner is confined to home because of illness, advanced age or infirmity, please call the Parish Office and arrangements will be made to bring Holy Communion to the person.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Adults interested in learning more about their faith or in becoming Catholic may join the program of formation and instruction which begins in September. Call the Religious Education Office.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to active registered members of the parish and who are receiving the Sacraments on a regular basis.

Mass Schedule

03/01-Second Sunday in Lent

Gn 12:1-4; Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22; 2 Tm 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9
7:30 AM-Anna K. Welsh-(Jack & Carol Hohman)
9:15 AM-Parishioners
11:00 AM-Elaine Aulenbach-(Carl & Val Christiansen)
12:00 PM--**40 Hours Devotions** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all day
7:00 PM-40 Hours Evening Prayer & Homily

03/02-Monday

Dn 9:4-10; Ps 79:8-9,11,13; Lk 6:36-38
9:00 AM-Timothy Edward Sloop-(Sponaugle Family)
9:30 AM-Adoration all day
7:00 PM-Evening Prayer and Homily

03/03-Tuesday-Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin

Is 1:10,16-20; Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23; Mt 23:1-2
9:00 AM-Anthony Horney-(Marge and Jack Barney)
9:30 AM-Adoration all day
7:00 PM-Evening Prayer and Homily

03/04-Wednesday-Saint Casimir

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6,14-16; Mt 20:17-28
9:00 AM-Ints. Steve Fritz-(Tom & Carla Carson)

03/05-Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 16:19-31
6:30 AM-Barbara T. Culley-(Dcn. Frank & Lynne Kuchinsi)
9:00 AM-Naomi & Harold Prince-(Sylvia Schmalhofer)

03/06-Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43,45-46
6:30 AM-Mason Doran-(Kate Allegretti)
9:00 AM-Kayla Wingbermuehle-Brown-(Steve & Janet Fritz)
2:30 PM-Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM-Stations of the Cross

03/07-Saturday-Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Mi 7:14-15,18-20; Ps 103:1-4,9-12; Lk 15:1-3,11-32
9:00 AM-Judy Romeo-(Jerry & Coleen Anastasio)
4:30 PM-Angie Stover-(Jean Polansky)

03/08-Third Sunday in Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2,6-9; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42
7:30 AM-Cindy Rozell-(Steve Rozell)
9:15 AM-Saint Leo Parishioners
11:00 AM-Frank & Josephine Levitsky-(BSW)
12:00-1:00 PM-Adoration for Vocations

Gospel Message

March 8, 2026

Jesus satisfies our thirst for eternal life. Through his Spirit his grace has been poured into our hearts. God satisfies the thirst of the Israelites whose hearts had become hardened and rebellious.

Weekly Collections

2/22/26

Fair Share \$17,930.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Sunday at 10:30 AM (Church)
Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri at 9:30 AM (Chapel)
Wednesday at 6:20 PM (Chapel)
Saturday at 4:00 PM (Church)
(First Saturdays: 8:00 AM in the Church)

"Even while living in the world, the heart of Mary was so filled with motherly tenderness and compassion for men that no-one ever suffered so much for their own pains, as Mary suffered for the pains of her children."
- Saint Jerome

That Man Is You

Week 20: A Descent into the Isolation of the Self

Saturday, March 7th at 7:00 AM in Rooms 3-4

- Prayer is Essential
- The Plan of God vs. the Plan of Satan
- Joy of Communion
- Isolation of Self
- Union with God is Your Destiny
- It is not Good for Man to be Alone



“Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them” (Matthew 17:1)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year, on this Second Sunday of Lent, we hear of the event of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Jesus takes Peter, James and John “up a high mountain”, and in today’s account from Saint Matthew, we hear that His face “shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light”. We are told that Moses and Elijah appeared and then, they heard a voice from the cloud saying, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.”

It is a most dramatic event, so much so that we are told that the disciples “fell prostrate and were very much afraid” and yet, Jesus then calms them saying, “do not be afraid”. And so, we too are meant to hear these words spoken to us. We are to gaze upon the Lord and know who He reveals Himself to be, the Son of God, to listen to Him, and not all the discordant voices of our time, and never to be afraid to follow Him.

Ten days ago, we began this holy season of Lent, as Jesus called us to that three part regimen; “to pray, fast and give alms”. We know the “fasting” that Lent entails, that self-denial so necessary to discipline our wounded inclinations. I hope and pray that we have been faithful in our Lenten resolutions. We hear that call of “almsgiving”, the most tangible of which each year is our Diocesan Annual Campaign, formerly known as our “Lenten Appeal” and I hope that all of us have generously accepted this call to “give” to support the poor and needy in our Diocese.

Now, and in a most special way, over these next three days, our Parish has that special opportunity of “prayer” as we gather for our Forty Hours Devotions. On this Sunday after our noon Mass and then, Monday and Tuesday, after our 9:00 a.m. Mass, Our Lord, in His Eucharistic Presence, will be in the Monstrance, placed on our Altar for prayer and adoration. We will have that opportunity to simply come into His Presence, to silently adore Him and to “listen to Him”. And then each evening at 7:00 p.m., we will gather to celebrate Evening Prayer. I am delighted that Father Andrew St. Denis, a newly ordained Priest of our Diocese, will be our homilist.

These days offer us an extraordinary gift, known as the “Plenary Indulgence”, if we spend at least one-half hour of Adoration before Our Lord. This indulgence is a special grace that removes all “temporal punishment due to sin”, that residual aspect of our sin that remains even after sin has been forgiven in the Sacrament of Penance. We can either receive this grace or we can apply it to one in Purgatory, so that this person would be immediately brought into the glory of heaven. To receive it, one must be free from all attachments to sin, receive Sacramental Confession and Holy Communion within several days before or after this devotion, and pray for our Holy Father. What a magnificent gift and grace that can be ours.

Let us take this great opportunity over these days, to engage in that deepest prayer before our Eucharistic Lord, to say with Saint Peter, “it is good that we are here”, so that then, you and I may be brought into a deeper communion with Him, whom we adore as we continue in our disciplines of “prayer, fasting and almsgiving” in this most special and holy season of Lent.

Monsignor Hahn





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January 21, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your steadfast support of the Diocese of Harrisburg. Because of your prayers and generous sharing of your time, talent, and treasure, our Catholic community continues to thrive. Together, we can build a legacy that will shape the faith in our region for generations to come. Achieving this vision, however, requires thoughtful stewardship of our resources. After careful consultation with members of the clergy and Diocesan leadership, I have chosen to explore the possibility of launching a special Diocesan-wide campaign to address several pressing needs.

Our initial step will be a comprehensive campaign feasibility study, conducted over the next twelve weeks beginning this month. The Steier Group, a respected national Catholic fundraising and development firm based in Omaha, Nebraska, will lead this effort.

The purpose of the study is to assess our readiness and the level of support for a significant fundraising initiative. This process is essential to ensure that our decisions are collaborative, well-informed, and responsive to the needs and capacities of you, our parishioners, and our Diocesan and parish leadership. I stress that this study is the key part of our discernment process and that no decisions have been made to proceed with a fundraising campaign at this time.

In the coming months, all parishioners will be invited to participate in the study, either through personal interviews, mail, or online surveys. You will receive a preliminary fact sheet outlining the potential objectives of the campaign. I encourage you to review this document carefully and to note any questions or comments before your interview or survey.

Thank you for your leadership, your love for your parish and the Diocese, and for your prayerful consideration during this important time. Your input will help us gather the most accurate and comprehensive information possible, ensuring that, if we decide to move forward—the campaign truly reflects the hopes and values of our faith community.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Timothy C. Senior'.

Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior
Bishop of Harrisburg

Share your feedback on these important initiatives and more by completing the feasibility study survey at: steiergroup.com/survey or scan the QR code below and select Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg.



2026 Saint Leo the Great Lenten Meals

Fridays in Lent from 5:30 - 6:45 PM in the Parish Hall - all are welcome!

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Menu and Ministries

Free-will offering to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul fund.

3/6/26: Fish Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Fruit Cup and Chips - served by SLTG Parish Council

3/13/26: Seafood Chowder and Mac & Cheese - served by the Vocations Ministry Team

3/20/26: No Meal

3/27/26: Tomato Pies from Corropolese, Fruit Cup, Chips - served by SLTG PSR Teachers and Sister Dorothy



Area Lenten Penance Services

Church	Date	Time
Our Lady of Lourdes, New Holland	Every Sunday in Lent	9:15 - 10:15 AM
St. Philip the Apostle	Sunday, March 8	2:00 PM
Sacred Heart	Monday, March 9	7:00 PM
San Juan Bautista	Tuesday, March 10	7:00 PM
St. Peter's, Elizabethtown	Monday, March 16	7:00 PM
St. Catherine, Quarryville	Tuesday, March 17	7:00 PM
OMPH, Ephrata	Thursday, March 19	7:00 PM
St. James, Lititz	Thursday, March 19	7:00 PM
Mary, Mother of the Church Mount Joy	Monday, March 23	7:00 PM
Saint Leo the Great	Tuesday, March 24	7:00 PM
St. Joseph, Lancaster	Wednesday, March 25	7:00 PM
St. John Neumann	Thursday, March 26	7:00 PM
St. Mary's	Sunday, March 29	6:30 PM

A CALL TO SERVE

Planning for upcoming parish events is underway and we need your help!

- > Coffee & Donuts
- > 40 Hours
- > Lenten Meals
- > Special Events
- > Event Photographer
- > Golf Outing
- > Parish Picnic
- > Funeral Luncheons



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 CALL: (717)394-1742 X 323

Hempfield Food Pantry

Our next collection will take place **March 7th & 8th** at all Masses. The pantry requests **NO** glass jars and no expired food items. Requested items are: cereal, pancake mix, canned mixed fruit, canned peaches, canned Mandarin oranges, canned spaghetti sauce, egg noodles, salmon (15 oz), canned cream of chicken soup, dried beans, raisins, crackers, cake mix & icing ketchup, mustard, salad dressing. May God Bless you!

First Friday Prayer for Families

Friday, March 6 at 1:00 PM in the Chapel

All are welcome to join us as we pray for our families and the current needs of the world. If you have questions, please see Theresa Kline or Wendi Oliveros.

Young Catholic Professionals of South-Central PA Hosting Executive Speaker Series



Young Catholic Professionals is hosting an Executive Speaker Series with Brandon Hall on **March 5 at 6:30 PM** at the Prince Street Café in Lancaster titled, *Overcoming Stress and Fear with Faith and Science*.

Brandon is the founder of CatholicWell, a wellness platform that unites Catholic tradition with modern neuroscience and health practices to provide a holistic path to wellness.

The event is free! More information is available in QR code Link!



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Ct. Queen of Peace #1023 of Lancaster invites ladies of the parish to participate in a spiritual retreat on **Sunday, March 8th, 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM** in rooms 3 & 4 following Adoration in the church from 12: 00 PM -1:00 PM. The theme is *The Potter*. Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP by March 6th to Lois- 717-341-9695, Mary- 717-538-5885, or Susan- 814-932-5182.

Retrouvaille – Hope for a Better Marriage

Does your marriage feel distant, strained, stuck, or even in crisis? Do you look perfect on the outside but are not perfect on the inside? Retrouvaille can help. The Retrouvaille Marriage Program has helped thousands find new hope, better communication, and a deeper connection. Talk to someone now at 717-356-2185 or visit HelpOurMarriage.org. **You can have a better marriage. Don't wait.** Our next weekend will be May 1st-3rd, 2026.

Fast for Vocations

Bishop Senior invites you to join him in fasting on Wednesdays during Lent for an increase in vocations in the Diocese of Harrisburg. This fasting is the same as what we observe on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, but whatever sacrifice you offer for vocations is greatly appreciated. If you'd like to make your pledge online, visit www.hbgdiocese.org/fast.

2nd Annual St. Patrick's Basket Bingo Tues. March 17th

Doors open at 12:30 PM. Games start at 2:00 PM. Baskets valued at over \$100. Entry ticket includes 20 games/9 cards per game. Strip tickets available for purchase! Food, beverages, and snacks available for purchase. St. James Catholic Church, 505 Woodcrest Ave. Lititz, PA. Reserved tickets available: call the Bingo office 717-626-5580, ext. 4.




A Pilgrimage to France

Father Augustine Joseph, MSFS, of St. Peter Parish in Columbia is hosting a pilgrimage to France from **Sept. 28 to Oct. 8th, 2026**. Some of the highlights will be: Lourdes, Paris (including the newly restored Notre Dame Cathedral), Ars, Chartres Cathedral, Lisieux, and more! Daily Holy Masses will be offered. The base price is \$4,899 (\$4,999 after 6-20-26) + \$659 for airline taxes and fuel surcharge. Our flight, which will leave from Philadelphia, is sponsored by Pentecost Tours, Inc.

For a brochure and for more information, call 717-684-7070, or email stpeterscolumbia@gmail.com.

2026 Men's Conference
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Father Boniface Hicks,
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**March 21, 2026:
10:00am to 11:30am**
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Woodcrest Ave. Lititz, Pa 17540

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**Co-ed Flag Football
Grades k-6**






March 20th - Flag Football Combine
March 27th - Team Practice
April 10 - Games
April 17th - Games
April 24th - Games
May 1st - Youth Track and Field Meet
May 8th - Playoffs
May 15th - Playoffs






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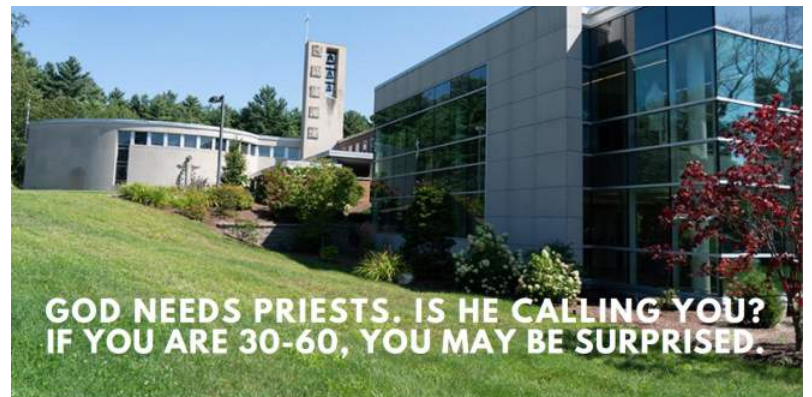




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FIRST FRIDAY VISIT

March 13

5:00 PM EST

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary

HOLY HOUR AND EVENING PRAYER

In-Person Visit: Includes Dinner with seminarians and tour of the Seminary

Register: Contact Msgr. William Fay
781-899-5500 ext. 134
firstfriday@psjs.edu

Virtual Visit: Live-stream Holy Hour followed by a Zoom visit
(Zoom link provided at registration)



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We Are Made for More. A Q&A with Christopher West and Mike Mangione

As parishes and families try to keep up with a fast-moving world where the definition and purpose of our humanity seem to constantly change, an eye-opening and breathtakingly beautiful national touring event called **Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land** is coming to:

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 2427 Marietta Avenue Lancaster, PA 17601 Thursday, April 23, 2026

"Where do we come from and where are we going? If we don't have compelling answers to these questions, we have no orientation in our lives," says Christopher West, world-renowned teacher of St. John Paul II's liberating vision of human life and love called "Theology of the Body."

The event, led by West and internationally touring folk/Americana musician Mike Mangione, will dive deeply into life's deepest questions and provide both grounding and great hope.

"This is not just a lecture or a talk," insists West. "It's an evening of beauty and reflection that weaves music, video, images and the spoken word into a message of hope that there really is a banquet of love that corresponds to the deepest hunger of our hearts."

West and Mangione recently spoke to the media about some of these clues and much more, including the transformation they hope takes place in those who attend Made for More.



Christopher West (left) and Mike Mangione.

What is Made for More? Why is this your focus?

Christopher West: We call it Made for More because we yearn for so much more than what the world is telling us. The world understands that we are creatures of hunger and passion, but they lead us to what I call "the fast food gospel," which is the promise of immediate gratification for that hunger. Many people think Christianity, on the other hand, is an invitation to a "starvation diet." No! That's not the Gospel. Christianity is an invitation to an infinite feast of life-giving love, and that's what this event is all about.

Mike Mangione: It's a presentation meant to meet you where you are and bring you to a place of communion. It is the culmination of Christopher's 25 years in this work, my 15 in music and our friendship. It is a conversation through sight and sound about how God

reveals himself through creation and how our desires are meant to draw us closer to Him. It is a special and unique opportunity coming to your area.

It is my focus because it addresses the question of what it means to be human, Christian, Catholic right at a crucial moment in our history. We really need to look at these questions before we lose ourselves and slip into a stale state of indifference as a culture.

How is it different from other Catholic presentations?

MM: It is broad and relevant to all types of people. "Catholic talks" tend to be more on a specific element of the Catholic tradition/faith. This talk will be focused on the human heart no matter where it has been before. This presentation uses sight, sound, video, music, and images to reveal, teach and enable us to experience something communally as a group.

CW: Catholicism is a sensual religion – meaning, we experience the divine in and through our bodies, through our senses. And this event is designed to engage your senses, to wake them up and enable a new way of seeing, of hearing, of experiencing the world.

Mike, what is your role in the event? What are you trying to convey through your music?

MM: I am a co-creator as well as the musician for the event. My goal is to facilitate an experience that is communal between presenters, recipients and the Holy Spirit. I call it the Holy Campfire experience ... where we can all gather around and discuss the deepest mysteries of what it means to be human and be part of the human mystery. It is sometimes easier to achieve this with music because, like most art forms, it is often felt first and understood later. My aim is to create an event that brings the audience into the experience rather than just simply watching a talk.

Christopher, what are you trying to convey through your presentation?

CW: We're taking people on a journey through some particular words of Christ. We start with: "They look but do not see." So we've been trained to look at the world, but not see it; to look at the human body, for instance, but not see it. All of creation has a message, and Jesus says, "Come and become one who sees." He's in the business of giving sight to the blind.

The great battle between lightness and darkness is particularly intense in the world today. The meaning of our humanity is being eclipsed. The goal of this event is really to help turn the lights on for people, so they can see the mystery of God revealed through all of creation, and especially through our own humanity, our own bodies as male and female. Through that "coming to see," our eyes are opened in stunning new ways to God's plan for creation and for our own lives.

Mike, what is the "dance" between your music and Christopher's presentation?

MM: There are places music can go that the spoken word cannot. There is so much happening at once: lyrics, melody, instrumentation etc. All of these things can combine into a potent force that can pierce the heart. Sometimes the spoken word can tease out very clear ideas in a way that music never can. Combined, if done correctly, you can create a full head and heart experience. We try to create an experience where Christopher sets up a thought or a vision and then the music helps to prayerfully reflect upon it.

Is Made for More just for adults and parents? Or can youth attend?

MM: Made For More is for everyone who is ready to ponder the questions "Who am I, what am I, and where am I going?" This event is for married, single, celibate, Catholic, non-Catholic, devout, skeptic, youth and ... experienced.

Why is art and beauty essential to the event?

CW: Art is the language of the heart and the heart is wired for beauty, but, sadly, a lot of us are anesthetized in the modern world. "Anesthetized" actually means "numb to beauty." We want to wake people up to beauty, and through that, help people get in touch with their deepest yearnings. That's where we discover the great mystery we are all part of.

How can Made for More transform a parish? How can it help the priest and parish leadership?

MM: Made for More can tenderize the hearts and dig the furrows for the Holy Spirit to drop seeds and cultivate. We provide post-event resources that help those seeds take root and potentially grow into something beautiful and life-giving. Any seeds dropped in the right conditions can provide an abundant harvest.

What would you like attendees to come away feeling?

MM: Empathy, affirmation and hope.
CW: That they're not crazy to yearn for more than what this world offers. They're not crazy to want to be loved and affirmed as they are, behind the masks, warts and all. They're not crazy to imagine a world where every tear is wiped from the eye and every cry of the heart is answered. It's called "the promised land," and we want to give people a vision of it.

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Parish Events

SUNDAY-03-01-26

12:00-8:00 PM-40 HOURS ADORATION-CHURCH
7:00 PM-40 HOURS HOMILY AND NIGHT PRAYER

MONDAY-03-02-26

9:30 AM-8:00 PM-40 HOURS ADORATION-CHURCH
7:00 PM-40 HOURS HOMILY AND NIGHT PRAYER

TUESDAY-03-03-26

9:30 AM-8:00 PM-40 HOURS ADORATION-CHURCH
5:30 PM-PARISH-WIDE DINNER-PARISH HALL
7:00 PM-CLOSING OF 40 HOURS AND NIGHT PRAYER

WEDNESDAY-03-04-26

7:30 PM-SECULAR FRANCISCANS-RM 2

THURSDAY-03-05-26

10:00 AM-CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP-RM 2
3:30 PM-SCHOOL CHOIR REHEARSAL-LOFT
7:00 PM-CHOIR-CHAPEL

FRIDAY-03-06-26

9:45 AM-CFCL-WEBER CENTER
2:30- STATIONS OF THE CROSS-CHURCH
5:30 PM-LENTEN MEAL-PARISH HALL
7:00 PM-STATIONS OF THE CROSS-CHURCH

SATURDAY-03-07-26

7:00 AM-THAT MAN IS YOU-RMS 3-4

SUNDAY-03-08-26

12:00 PM-ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS-CHURCH
1:00 PM-CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS-RMS 3-4
6:30 PM-BIBLE STUDY-RMS 3-4

Come, let us Adore!
Holy Hour for Vocations

O Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.

**Sunday, March 8th from 12:00-1:00 PM
in the Church. All families are welcome.**

Young Adult Retreat

Young adults ages 18-39, married or single, are invited to the annual **Diocesan Young Adult Retreat, May 22-24**. This year's retreat is entitled *Unafraid: Out of the Upper Room*. God calls us to go out into the world, but that is not as easy as it sounds. The world can be difficult and often frightening. No one understood that better than the apostles as they hid in the Upper Room leading up to Pentecost. Through the Holy Spirit, HIS power and encouragement turned the apostles from a fearful, hidden group of outcasts to those boldly preaching in the streets to everyone they encountered. Come join us for a weekend (which just so happens to take place during Pentecost) where we will discover how to welcome the Holy Spirit into our lives and work with Him so that we can move out of our own Upper Rooms and accomplish the mission God has for each of us! The retreat will include Mass, prayer, Confession, teachings, small groups, fellowship, and fun! The cost includes all retreat activities, three meals on Saturday, Sunday Brunch, and lodging. Find full details at <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/unafraid-out-of-the-upper-room-young-adult-retreat/>

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