

# Weekly NEWS

March 8<sup>th</sup> , 2026

## Important Dates

- March 29 – April 5<sup>th</sup> Easter break
- March 29<sup>th</sup> - Confirmation Retreat
- April 11<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Retreat
- April 12<sup>th</sup> PSR
- April 18<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Rehearsal
- April 19<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> Confirmation
- April 26 Class 10am Mass 11 am

## Reminders

As we head into our winter weather, keep in mind your families safety. Church is rarely cancelled, but if road conditions are unsafe near you, please stay home.

## What Are We Learning?

### Grow in faith for Lent

Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of the Lenten season, and Immaculate Conception Parish offers abundant options to make Lent a fertile "spring" to grow your faith life. Please take advantage of these opportunities!

#### **Ash Wednesday Masses**

February 18 at 8:05am & 6:30pm

#### **Offer Your Prayers for Someone**

Prayer works wonders! Take a card to remember the intentions of one of our homebound, or this year's Confirmandi, OCIA catechumens and candidates, or seminarians.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Hour**

Tuesdays during Lent: 4pm, Silent Adoration in church begins; 6:30pm, Holy Hour (Holy Rosary, individual Reconciliation); 7:30pm, Benediction at 7:30pm.

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Fridays at 2pm (with ICS students) and 7pm (parish ministries lead).

#### **Knights of Columbus Blood Drive**

Friday, March 6, Garden Level, 8am-1pm. (A beautiful sacrifice.)

#### **Reconcile Tuesdays & Saturdays**

Feel God's magnanimous love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm, and Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30pm.

#### **UNBOUND: Seeking the Freedom of God's Love (an invitation)**

Wednesdays, Feb. 25 - April 1, 6:30pm in the Gira Library. Jesus invites us, and those he meets in the Gospels, to find a deeper spirituality and step into the Light. (No cost, materials provided.)

#### **Scripture Study Prep for Sunday**

Women's Bible Study every Tuesday at 6:30pm, Library  
Pathfinder's Men's Group every Saturday at 7:30am, KC Room

#### **CRS Rice Bowls AND Change for Life**

Your change can bring change! Practice almsgiving in a

meaningful way by picking up a CRS Rice Bowl in the Gathering Space, and/or continuing to use your SVDP Change for Life. Your monetary sacrifice makes a life-giving difference to the poorest of the poor. (Don't forget Cross Catholic Outreach, too!)

#### **Knights of Columbus Fish Fries**

The famous drive-thru Fish Fry serves from 3-7pm on Ash Wednesday and select Fridays! Check the bulletin for details.

#### **Lenten Speaker Series**

**Thursdays in Church:**

February 19, 7pm: Benjamin

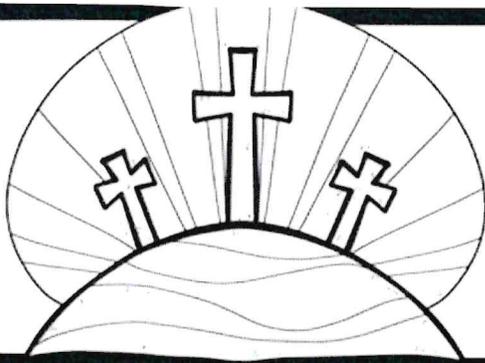
Parviz, Grief and Hope

March 12, 6:30pm: Fr. Brian

Barker, Reflections on Lent

March 19, 6:30pm: Louis Damani

Jones, Mental Health & Faith



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### Faith Reflection

**First Reading**

Exodus 17:3-7

**Second Reading**

Romans 5:1-2,5-8

**Gospel Reading**

John 4:5-42

Lent is a season for repentance. It is a season during which we are called to reflect upon and to live deeply the promises of Baptism. The well and the conversation about water immediately recall for us the Sacrament of Baptism. As the Samaritan woman was converted and sent on a mission because of the conversation about water, we too are converted and sent by our Baptism to preach the good news of Jesus to others.

### Good News

#### *Third Week of Lent*

*"...We learn little by little that we are all engaged in the same life-long process of conversion of heart, of return to love."*

*You Are Sent, C 36  
SSND Constitution*

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## Gibault Update

HOP INTO FUN!  
**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
MARCH 22 | 12:30PM  
GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
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RAIN OR SHINE  
PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH EASTER BUNNY  
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**GIBAULT WOMENS CLUB PRESENTS:**



**MARCH 21 5PM**

**GIBAULT FR. HUSTEDDE GYM**  
TICKETS: \$40 IN ADVANCE  
\$45 AT THE DOOR

FEATURING APPETIZERS, DESSERTS, DRINKS & MORE FROM 20+ VENDORS

