

February 27, 2022

Hello Parish Family,

We have just a few things to share with you this week. We want to make sure you know that the Reconciliation Service for the First Communion children that was scheduled for next Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, has been postponed. We will keep you updated when a new date is determined.

We want to repeat the schedule for Ash Wednesday Services: Tuesday evening at 6:00 at St. Charles, Wednesday morning at 9:00 at St. Augustine St. Monica, and Wednesday morning at 11:00 at Nativity. Hopefully, one of these times will make it possible for you to attend.

As we approach the season of Lent, we hope that you will be able to take a little extra time and spend it with Jesus. Starting this Sunday at Mass, we will have a suggestion for you and a visual reminder that you can take home with you of something you can do every day of Lent that will take just a few seconds as you start your day. In future emails, we will be sending other suggestions to you as well as weekly links to the virtual Stations of the Cross. If you can attend the 11:00 a.m. Friday Mass at St. Charles, there will be live Stations of the Cross after Mass.

“Finally, The Department of Communications of the Archdiocese shares with you a statement from Archbishop Vigneron concerning the situation in Ukraine:

*Pope Francis has spoken of his heartfelt anguish and concern for the worsening situation in Ukraine. As we begin this solemn season of Lent, let us pray for the safety of everyone in harm's way and for a peaceful and just resolution to present tensions.*

Our Holy Father also reminds us of Jesus' teaching that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with “God's weapons” of prayer and fasting. Here in southeast Michigan, I encourage the priests and people of the Archdiocese of Detroit to join their prayers with Pope Francis for Day of Fasting for Peace on March 2, Ash Wednesday.

*May the Queen of Peace continue to promote diplomatic efforts and an end to any action that causes even more suffering to the people of Ukraine.”*

Keeping you in our prayers,

The Parish Team

