

WHAT IS THE SEASON OF LENT?

The Season of Lent is a time of prayer and penance in preparation for Easter. It is especially a penitential season, a time of reflection and self-discipline and the turning of the mind to God, and the renewal of one's spiritual life.

WHAT IS A PENITENTIAL SEASON?

A penitential season is a time when we put aside our usual occupations and concentrate on the things of the soul. It is a time to think about our position before God, the state of our conscience, our moral and religious life, the reality of death and the salvation achieved for us by Jesus Christ. It is especially a time for reflecting on the passion and crucifixion of the Lord and the price that he paid for our redemption.

WHEN DOES THE SEASON OF LENT BEGIN?

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.

WHEN DOES THE SEASON OF LENT END?

The Season of Lent ends at the Solemn Easter Vigil on Easter Eve.

HOW LONG DOES THE SEASON OF LENT LAST?

The Season of Lent lasts for 48 day, including the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday and the last day of Lent, Holy Saturday.

SPECIAL PRACTICES OF LENT?

The special practices of Lent are prayer, almsgiving and fasting. Prayer is directed to God, almsgiving to others, and fasting to our own spiritual welfare.

WHAT ARE THE OBLIGATIONS OF LENT?

The obligations of Lent are fasting and abstinence, but it is a time as well for setting aside times for prayer, attending Mass on weekdays, the devotion of the Stations of the Cross, reflection upon the Passion and Death of the Lord, and for the renewal of our own spiritual life.

WHAT IS FASTING?

Fasting is taking less food than usual, limiting our intake of food.

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

Abstinence is not eating meat for the whole day. On a day of abstinence one may not eat meat.

WHY DO CATHOLICS FAST AND ABSTAIN?

Fasting and abstinence are religious practices, as penance for our sins, or to enable us to spend more time in prayer. They are penitential practices, a spiritual discipline to strengthen the soul and open it to God.

WHEN ARE CATHOLICS OBLIGED TO FAST?

Catholics are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23, 2020

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St. Stephens

Friday: Adoration followed by benediction 3:45pm

Saturday: Confessions 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Sunday Masses: 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM

Tuesday & Thursday: Mass at 7:15am

Wednesday & Friday: Mass at 5:00pm

1st Saturday: Adoration at 8:00am; Mass at 9:00am;

Anointing for anyone wishing to be anointed

St. Josephs, Ethete

Sunday Mass: 11:00 AM

Confessions 15 minutes before Mass

Wednesday & Friday Communion Service at 5:15 PM

Blessed Sacrament, Ft. Washakie

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 PM

Confessions 15 minutes before Mass

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Come in seeking; come in wondering; come in hurting. Come into this house
of companionship and compassion. Come in. You are welcome here. Our
faith Family opens its doors to you and in the name of Christ, bids you
Welcome!
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*The purpose of St. Stephen's Indian Mission, the presence of
the Roman Catholic Church among the Eastern Shoshone
and Northern Arapaho, is to grow into a strong
community of believers, sharing our lives in the Holy
Spirit, forming one welcoming People of God, who are
committed to Jesus Christ, His gospel and mission.*

Readings February 24th through March 1st:

- Mon: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
- Tue: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11, 23; Mk 9:30-37
- Wed: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thur: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
- Fri: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
- Sat: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
- Sun: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

Sunday Ministry Schedule-St. Stephens

3/1/20

9:00 Mass

Lector: Marilu Duncan
 Extraordinary Ministers: Sister Monica, Carol Kellogg, Linda Bebout
 Lector: Sarah Remacle
 Extraordinary Ministers: Volunteers needed

Parish Collection

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"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Corinthians 9:7

Happenings:

2/23: Rosary @ 8:20am
 Coffee and donuts after the 9am Mass
 Soup supper
 2/29: Choir practice 3pm

St. Stephens Religious Ed/Baptism

Please plan to attend three classes if you wish your child to be baptized. Classes for March are the 2nd, 9th, and 16th from 5:30pm-6:30pm
 Religious Ed Classes are after the 9am Mass.

St. Margaret Parish in Riverton will host a men's retreat beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, March 20, and ending with 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 21. Featured speaker Greg Schlueter of MassImpact.us will challenge men of all ages – father, sons, grandfathers – to become the men God, the Church, our families, and our communities need them to be. Cost of the retreat is \$40, which includes Saturday lunch and snacks throughout the weekend. For more information and to register, visit wyomingcatholicmen.com/retreats.

Soup Supper is today after the 5pm Mass! If you can, bring a soup, if you can't then bring your appetite! Join us in Eagle Hall for fellowship.

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Praise Him now and always.

Congratulations to Ozshnee Red Willow "Mercedes" Gray who received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion) this week.

Congratulations also to Miliano Serviano Marquel Hurtado who was baptized. Proud mother is Ozshnee Gray and proud godmother is Jana Gray!
 Welcome to our church family, Ozshnee & Miliano!

Mass Intentions/Communion Service & Schedule this week

- 2/22: 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament Thanksgiving for prayers answered
- 2/23: 9am St. Stephens John Warren for his 90th birthday
 11am St. Josephs Blanch Ridgely Family
 5pm St. Stephens For the people
- 2/25: 7:15am St. Stephens James Cole
- 2/26: 5:30pm St. Stephens For the people
 5:30pm St. Josephs Poor Souls in purgatory
- 2/27: 7:15am St. Stephens Vern Scheer
- 2/28: 5:00pm St. Stephens +Jimmy Christie
 5:15pm St. Josephs Communion service
- 2/29: 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament For the people
- 3/1: 9am St. Stephens Richard Wodrich
 11am St. Josephs Vickie Bray
 5pm St. Stephens Special Intention

Please pray for the repose of the soul of: +Nathaniel Whiteplume
Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Church.

Mass on Ash Wednesday, 2/26, will be at 5:30pm at St. Stephens and St. Josephs. Join us for Mass and imposition of ashes. God bless.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the 5pm Mass on Fridays at St. Stephens and after the 5:15pm communion service at St. Josephs.

Blessed Sacrament and St. Josephs

Baptism Classes

The last Sunday of each month will be Baptism Sunday at St. Joseph's. Three classes are required. Please call Sister Teresa at 332-9090.

Religious Education

Classes for Kindergarteners and First Grade and First Communion students is at 11am on Sundays.

Confirmation

Classes begin immediately after Mass.

Having Mass offered for an anniversary, marriage, special occasion, or in memory of someone is a special gift. Cards are available at the office. Diocesan guideline is \$10.00 for Mass.