

Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY, the beginning of Lent, is February 26. Masses will be 8:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. These weeks of Lent will bring many opportunities to help the less fortunate in our area and to deepen our faith life. **Little Black Books for Lent** are available this weekend. **Daily Mass** will be celebrated on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:45 a.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, with Deacon Jim Landry, will be held on Tuesdays of Lent at 6:00 and also on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m...please come early to pray. Offerings collected will be given to Catholic Charities. Please be generous.

COMMUNAL PENANCE will be held at St. Philip on Monday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. Watch the bulletin for dates and times at area churches during Lent. Father Janusz also offers confession before **every daily and weekend Mass**.

MITE BOXES will be distributed to CCD and ACS students. This program is an outreach from the Holy Childhood Association, one of the Pontifical Mission Societies represented in the Mission Office. Since 1960, Santa Cruz Parish, Bolivia has been a Mission Parish of the Diocese of LaCrosse, and for many years has been assisted by the efforts of our children. **RICE BOWLS** will be available for **all other families and high school students** of the parish. This is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and is organized locally by the Social Concerns Office of the Diocese. **Mite Boxes and Rice Bowls should be returned to church on Easter.**

THE WAY OF THE CROSS SHADOW STATIONS will be presented by AHS students on February 27, March 4 and April 8 at 7:00 at the AHS gym.

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC SOCIETY OF FORESTERS, COURT 998, will hold its Annual Towel Collection during Holy Week. A basket will be in back of church. They will be given to local organizations to be distributed to those in need.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD TABLE, sponsored by our parish, will be held on Thursday, March 19 at United Methodist Church (behind McMillan Library). Sign-up sheets for workers and desserts are in the back of church, so please stop after Mass and sign up to help.



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THE DEANERY SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS CATHOLIC CHURCHES is sponsoring their Annual Lenten Donation Drive for Infant, Elderly and Adult Essential needs, that will be donated to area agencies. Locally, many households are affected by accidents, illness and unemployment, and are struggling to provide the essentials for their families. Drop off items in the back of church. Please refer to the following list. They can be dropped off in the back of church.

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR EFFORTS!!

| Infant and Elderly Needs | | Essential/Hygiene Needs | |
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| Diapers/Baby wipes | Depends-size large | Toilet paper/ paper towels | Garbage bags/sandwich bags |
| Sleepwear/Clothing | Ensure | Liquid hand soap/bar soap | Toothbrush/toothpaste |
| Bibs/spoons/bottles | Large print book | Laundry detergent | Comb/ hairbrush |
| Bottles/sippy cups | Soft candy | Dish detergent | Kleenex/tissues |
| Onesies/ Undershirts | Playing cards | Shampoo/ Conditioner | Deodorant |
| Baby Bath/shampoo | Infant Books | Razors/shaving cream | Sanitary pads/tampons |

