

Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY, the beginning of Lent is March 2. A Communion Service with Distribution of Ashes will be at 8:45 a.m., and Mass with Distribution of Ashes will be 6:30 p.m. These weeks of Lent will bring many opportunities to help the less fortunate in our area and deepen our faith life. **Little Black Books for Lent** will be available on Ash Wednesday. **Daily Mass will be celebrated on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:45.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, with Jon Anderson, will be held on Fridays of Lent at 6:00 p.m. On March 4 and April 1, Adoration, Benediction and Confessions will follow. Offerings collected will be given to Casa Hogar in Peru.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES will be held at St. Philip on March 24 at 6:30 and at St. Lawrence on March 22 at 6:30. Watch the bulletin for services at other area churches.

MITE BOXES will be distributed to **CCD and ACS students, grades K-8**. This program is an outreach from the Holy Childhood Association, one of the Pontifical Mission Societies represented in the Mission Office. **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 Sunday.**

1891 FINANCIAL LIFE, St. Mary Court 998, will hold its **Annual Towel Collection** during Lent. A basket will be in the back of church. They will be given to local organizations to be distributed to those in need.

THE DEANERY SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS AREA CATHOLIC CHURCHES is sponsoring their Annual Lenten Donation Drive. At St. Philip we will be collecting **infant items** (diapers, wipes, sleepwear, clothing, bibs, spoons, bottles, sippy cups, onesies, baby bath, shampoo) and **essential and hygiene items for adults** (toilet paper, paper towels, liquid and bar soap, laundry and dish detergent, shampoo, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, garbage and sandwich bags, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, brushes, Kleenex).

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR EFFORTS!!

