

March 4, 2018
Third Sunday
Of Lent



Mass Schedule:
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
(interpreted)
5:00 p.m.

At Masses we
remember:
10 am:
Tom O’Gorman
5 pm:
Intentions of Laurie & Matt

02/25/2018 collection:
\$394.32
Thank you for your support.

March 4—FREE LUNCH
Service Luncheon-noon
Skalny Room

March 8-Women’s Group
8 pm Campus Life Center—
Room 1000

March 9—Stations of the
Cross—noon, Allen Chapel

March 11– Mass
(interpreted) 10 am Allen
Chapel
NO 5 PM Mass

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Knights of Columbus

Fish Fry Dinners

Delivered to campus

March 23

Buy Tickets at Masses.

RIT NATION

One more week of classes before Spring Break! I think we are all cheering! Enjoy your down time, consider some self care throughout the week—maybe read a book or go for a walk. If you are somewhere with nice weather, get outside! Wherever you are and whatever you do while on break, enjoy yourself!

Looking for a FREE LUNCH? Consider coming to the Skalny Room on Monday, March 5 @ noon. Folks from Franciscan Volunteer Ministry and SSJ Service Corps will be here to offer information and answer questions about a year of service after graduation. This is for everyone....all are welcome!

Reminder, next weekend, Sunday, March 11 there will only be one Mass (10 am—interpreted) because of Spring Break. The following Sunday, March 18th, we will be back to the 10 am (interpreted) and 5 pm Mass schedule.

Lent is a time that we as Christians focus ourselves on prayer, fasting and giving alms. A student asked me the other day how often we should pray? You know, that is a great question. I think the goal is to make our lives—or possibly a response to our lives our prayer. And so the short answer is—often! Our prayer might be quietly listening and observing as we make our way from one part of campus to another. Prayer is also reflecting on a scripture text or passage. Prayer can be asking God to hold the worries and troubles that seem to plague our minds and hearts. Prayer can also be listening to music with a heart that is open to the possibilities God might be inviting us to consider. Much of our lives can be prayer, it is the attitude we bring to our relationship with God that makes it prayerful.

Many of us understand fasting during Lent...choosing to not do something or consume something for the 40 days of Lent. Most of us are very familiar with fasting—quite possibly you were taught this as a young child. Are you fasting from something this Lent? Or possibly did you decide to do something positive rather than “give up” something. Once again, it is our intention that brings meaning to our actions.

And then, quite possibly the least familiar Lenten practice—giving alms. This is sharing what we have with others. Many are familiar with CRS Rice Bowl. We handed them out on Ash Wednesday. Half of the money collected goes to the poorest of the poor in our world. The other half goes to outreach to those in need in Monroe County. Almost 1/2 of the population of the world lives on less than \$2.50 a day. The small amount that any of us able to offer might seem insignificant, because it is such a small amount. But together, we can make a difference. For example, each weekend, the average Newman attendance at Mass is 225 people. If each of us offered \$2.00 a week, together we would be offering almost \$450. for the ministries of Newman—our outreach efforts that our community participates in throughout the semesters. And so, consider giving to others in a way that might seem small and insignificant, but together, we really do make a difference!

Know that we are here for you. Have a great week! Alice MN