



*“Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you will return”*

*(Taken from the “Blessing of the Ashes”)*

**Lent 2025**

Dear Friends in Christ,

As a community of faith and as an entire Church across the world, we begin our journey of Lent. It is a journey of prayer, fasting and abstinence. In this powerful and penitential season, I encourage you to participate fully in the liturgical life of our Parish. Included on the back of this letter is a detailed schedule of our many Lenten endeavors, including our renown **Fish Fry Dinners!** I would like to especially highlight the following:

- **The Sacrament of Reconciliation:** There are many opportunities to celebrate this holy and healing Sacrament. Even if it has been years - even decades, since you have celebrated this Sacrament, I invite you to celebrate this powerful healing sacrament. You will be greeted with compassion in the confessional, and we priests will gently guide you along in celebrating the holy Sacrament.
- **Eucharistic Adoration:** We have a precious treasure unique to our Parish community: **Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.** I encourage you to contemplate spending an hour a week with the Lord as an individual or as a family. Consider committing an hour a week or more to our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament!
- **Gethsemane Tree:** Please also find enclosed the opportunity to remember your beloved deceased and other special intentions on our Gethsemane Tree.
- **Divine Mercy Sunday:** Most Blessed Sacrament Parish will be commemorating the second Sunday of Easter, known as Divine Mercy Sunday, on April 27th. Divine Mercy Service will be prayed at 3:00 pm.

Finally, with humility and gratitude, I ask that you prayerfully consider making an additional sacrificial donation to our parish community this Lent/Easter, above and beyond your usual offering. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones as we journey together with our Lord to the Cross, to Calvary, and to the glory of the Resurrection.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Fr. Keith*

*Rev. Keith A. Stripe, Pastor  
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