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MASS & DEVOTION SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2ND THROUGH 8TH, 2020

MON. 2 8:00AM (Manley) +Virgil Fisher requested by Lucille Fisher
TUE. 3 8:00AM (Manley) +Poor Souls requested by James & Mary Wade
WED. 4 8:00AM (Manley) Father's Day Novena
THU. 5 8:00AM (Manley) Special Intention for Janet Zoz
5:30PM (Elmwood) EXPOSITION AND HOLY HOUR
6:30PM (Elmwood) STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00PM (Elmwood) +Christopher Scott Jones req. by Mary Frances Reinke
FRI. 6 10:00AM (Louisville Care Center)+Saoirse Kennedy Hill req. by Mary Frances Reinke
6:30PM (Manley) STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00PM (Manley) Special Intention of Lynn & Mary McHugh
SAT. 7 ***No morning Mass.***

SAT. 7 5:00PM (Manley) Special Intention for Scott Koke requested by Barb Koke
SUN. 8 9:00AM (Elmwood) Special Intention for our CCD Teachers req. by St. Mary Altar Society
11:00AM (Manley) ***FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISHES.***

CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:50PM. Sunday, ½ hour before each Sunday Mass at time allows. Or please call to set up a time.

From a sermon by Saint Leo the Great, pope:

Purification of spirit through fasting and almsgiving

"Dear friends, at every moment the earth is full of the mercy of God, and nature itself is a lesson for all the faithful in the worship of God. The heavens, the sea and all that is in them bear witness to the goodness and omnipotence of their Creator, and the marvelous beauty of the elements as they obey him demands from the intelligent creation a fitting expression of its gratitude. With the return of that season marked out in a special way by the mystery of our redemption, and of the days that lead up to the paschal feast, we are summoned more urgently to prepare ourselves by a purification of spirit. Indeed, the whole Church rejoices in the forgiveness of sins.

Initially, we are made new by the rebirth of baptism. Yet there is still required a daily renewal to repair the shortcomings of our mortal nature, and whatever degree of progress has been made, there is no one who should not be more advanced. All must therefore strive to ensure that on the day of redemption no one may be found in the sins of their former life.

Dear friends, what the Christian should be doing at all times should be done now with greater care and devotion, so that the Lenten fast enjoined by the apostles may be fulfilled, not simply by abstinence from food but above all by the renunciation of sin. There is no more profitable practice, as a companion to holy and spiritual fasting, than that of almsgiving. This embraces under the single name of mercy many excellent works of devotion, so that the good intentions of all the faithful may be of equal value, even where their means are not. The love that we owe both God and man is always free from any obstacle that would prevent us from having a good intention. The person who shows love and compassion to those in any kind of affliction is blessed, not only with the virtue of good will but also with the gift of peace. The works of mercy are innumerable. Their very variety bring this advantage to those who are true Christians, that in the matter of almsgiving not only the rich and affluent but also those of average means and the poor are able to do their part. Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in love within their hearts."

PRAYER TO SAINT MONICA FOR OUR CHILDREN: *The Plattsmouth Deanery Council of Catholic Women is asking our Ladies and Parishes to pray the Saint Monica prayer for conversions and for our children, especially those who have fallen away from the Faith.*
"O God, You are the comfort of those who mourn and the Savior of all who trust in You. Blessed Monica's loving tears move you to convert her son Augustine. Help us who pray to You, for the salvation of our sons and daughters, too. May we also grieve for our own sins and win the grace of your pardon through the intercession of this loving Saint, through Christ our Lord, Amen." Saint Monica pray for us!

2020 LENTEN SERIES – A LENTEN ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST: ***Mondays of Lent, March 2nd through March 30th. At the John XXIII Chapel, (3700 Sheridan Blvd. in Lincoln) from 7:00PM to 8:30PM.*** *Matt Simmons will be giving the talks with Adoration to follow. There will also be time for confession and silent prayer. Everyone is warmly invited to attend!*

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITAL: *Join Catholics from across the state for a day of advocacy at the Nebraska State Capitol on March 4, 2020! Hear from keynote speaker - former Nebraska Governor Kay Orr, State Senators, and the Nebraska Catholic Conference staff on important legislative issues of the 2020 Legislative session. Register at necatholic.org or call 402-477-7517.*

MOTHER/DAUGHTER PROGRAM ***"Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" for girls age 9-13 and their mothers, Saturday, March 14th, from 9AM to NOON at John XXIII Diocesan Center.***
This program is designed to educate girls on growing up and becoming a woman. Pre-registration is required. Cost is $25 per mother/daughter or $35 per family. **(See Fr. Wiedel for scholarships.)**
To register, *visit* lincolndiocese.regfox.com/motherdaughter *Questions, please call Jen Davis at 402-261-6375 or email* jmdavis17@gmail.com

FATHER/SON PROGRAM ***"In His Image" for boys age 10-14 and their fathers will be held Sunday, March 15th, from 1:30 to 4:30PM at John XXIII Diocesan Center.***
This program is designed to educate boys on growing up and becoming a man. Pre-registration is required. Cost is $25 per father/son or $35 per family. **(See Father Wiedel for scholarships.)**
To register, *visit* lincolndiocese.regfox.com/fatherson *Questions, please call the NFP Offices 402-473-0630 or email* naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net

SALAD LUNCHEON INVITE: *The Elmwood Christian Church Women's Fellowship cordially invite Saint Mary's Ladies to a spring salad luncheon on Saturday, March 21st at Noon. Program on purses given by Sharon Crosby.* ***R.S.V.P. to Carolyn Golden at 308-293-6678 by March 15th.***

SAINT PARTICK'S ALTAR SOCIETY: *Acknowledgements from the charities we contributed to in December and January are posted on the Altar Society bulletin board in the front entrance of Church*