

February 19, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

What a week! Lots of snow, some bitterly cold temperatures, not a lot of school, etc. I want to particularly call out those who have helped ensure that the parking lots, sidewalks, driveways, etc., have been kept clear and passable: yeoman's work this week! Thank you so much!

It seems not much has happened in the last week besides the snow, so this will just be a brief note.

This weekend, we welcome our three RCIA candidates via the Rite of Election at the 8:45 AM Mass at St. John Neumann. However, we will be doing the entirety of the rite locally instead of sending them to the Cathedral for the usual rite of Election. Please keep Mike, Malachi and Bailey in your prayers over these 40 days of Lent!

And yes, Lent has started and is off and running. Corpus Christi is hosting the Lenten Taize Prayer Service on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. in church Please consider joining us for this prayerful experience. It will also be livestreamed, so you can join us from home.

For our parish outreach program this year, we are partnering with the new Women's Center of Mount Healthy, the eighth location for the Elizabeth's New Life Center. In the gathering space at each parish is a collection of tags for their 'Baby Boutique,' which helps expectant mothers gather all the items they need for when their baby arrives: cribs, car seats, diapers, formula, etc. One of the things I love about ENLC is how they run the Baby Boutique. While clients are able to come in and shop at the center, for every parenting and life skills class that they take via the center, they earn 'Baby Bucks' that can be spent in the Boutique. What they have found is that this empowers the clients to take a greater ownership not only of the things that are in the boutique, but a greater ownership and control of their lives as well. They truly do make a difference and I am very glad to support their efforts!

Times of prayer continue apace in the parishes, as well. In particular, there are two upcoming days for Adoration and Confession: March 2 at Corpus Christi and March 26 at St. John Neumann. Adoration will begin as the usual morning Mass concludes and will run until 8 pm. Throughout the day, confessors will be available as well to hear confessions, should anyone wish to avail themselves of this great Sacrament of Healing.

Finally, fasting, the part of Lent no one likes! But we give it a go regardless and seek to hunger more deeply for the Lord!

God Bless and stay warm this weekend!

Fr. Kyle