

## ***PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS***

### ***Third Sunday of Lent***

***March 14/15, 2020***

1. Please pray for our adults and young people journeying towards becoming Catholic this Easter. There are photos of the adults in the Vestibule. Please consider dropping them a note or card c/o RCIA here at the parish. Those words of encouragement mean a great deal to them during this very intense time.
2. Our Diocesan Episcopal Vicar, Fr. Rafael Partida will lead an English Day of Reflection Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm in the parish hall, entitled “Beauty, Truth and Goodness as Portals to God”. This is in lieu of our usual 3 night Parish Lenten Mission. Please join us.
3. In the rear of the church you will find two prayer banners along with paper, pins and pencils. You can write your prayer petition down and pin it to the banner. All petitions will be burned in the fire at Easter Vigil.
4. This Monday we will have our Communal Penance Service at 7pm. All Catholics are encouraged to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation at least once during Lent. Following a brief service, there will be 8 priests available to hear your confession.
5. Join fellow parishioners this Friday for Stations of the Cross at 6:15 in the church followed by a free soup supper in the parish hall at 7pm hosted by parish and community life ministries.
6. In an abundance of caution, the Knights of dinner set for next weekend is being postponed to October. Tickets can be refunded or applied to the rescheduled date.
7. As you leave Mass today, pick a slip of paper from the basket near the exit which contain various Acts of Mercy you may choose to do as part of your Lenten journey. When you have completed the Act of Mercy, you are free to pin the paper to the prayer banners in the back of the church and they will be burned in the Easter fire.
8. **READ ONLY AT SATURDAY 5:15:** This Mass is in need of greeters or additional ushers who can assist in monitoring for disabled arriving after Mass begins by being willing to stay in the alcove on the parking lot side of the church during at least the first 15 minutes of Mass. If you are willing, please contact Robert Lucero at the number on the back of the bulletin or the Liturgy Office.

## **ADDITIONAL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT**

9. Here at St. Catherine's we are continuing to search for ways to be responsive to everyone's needs. Starting next weekend, March 21/22, we will have Communion Services led primarily by Deacons, in the parish hall along with each weekend Mass. In this way, parishioners will be able to better exercise social distancing, that is seating several feet apart. Each service will begin 15 minutes after the Mass in the church begins. For example, 10:15 Mass in the church and 10:30 Communion service in the hall.
  
10. **A Communion Service includes the parts of the Mass except there is no consecration of the Eucharist but rather you will be given the Body of Christ that has been consecrated at an earlier Mass. Please join us in our efforts to keep our community safe while still being able to attend services and receive our Lord in the Eucharist.**

**Many more parish activities are in today's bulletin & on St. Catherine's website & facebook**