

2019

LENTEN

services, retreats and enrichment opportunities

ASH WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST AND RETREAT

Wednesday, March 6

Collegeville • Join St. John's Monastic Community for Ash Wednesday Mass with distribution of ashes at 5 p.m. in the Abbey Church with Abbot John Klassen presiding.

St. Cloud • Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:15 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral.

St. Joseph • Join the Benedictine Sisters for Eucharist and distribution of ashes at 5 p.m. in Sacred Heart Chapel, St. Benedict's Monastery.

St. Joseph • An Ash Wednesday retreat titled "Celebrating Lent with the Gospels" is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Spirituality Center, St. Benedict's Monastery. Led by Benedictine Sister Margaret Michaud, participants will consider the four Gospel accounts of Christ's passion and resurrection to experience Lent and Easter with renewed appreciation. Those who attend are invited to bring their personal Bibles. The fee is \$65. (Noon meal included.) For information or to register, call 320-363-7112 or visit <https://sbm.osb.org/event/celebrating-lent-with-the-gospels-ash-wednesday-retreat>.

PRAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays — March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12

Little Falls • Join the Franciscan Sisters to pray the Stations of the Cross at 3:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Chapel, St. Francis Convent.

Fridays — March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5

St. Cloud • Reconciliation at 4:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m. followed by a soup supper at St. Mary's Cathedral. (*No Stations of the Cross on April 12.*)

Friday, April 12

St. Cloud • Via Crucis (The Way of the Cross) at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral.

SUNDAY LITURGIES

Sundays — March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 14

Collegeville • Join the St. John's Monastic Community for the Lenten Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. in the Abbey Church.

Little Falls • Join the Franciscan Sisters for the Lenten liturgy at 8:30 a.m. in Sacred Heart Chapel, St. Francis Convent.

Onamia • Join the Crosier Community for Solemn Lenten Vespers at 5 p.m. at Holy Cross Priory Church.

St. Cloud • Lenten Eucharist celebrated at 9:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. (Saturday Masses celebrated at 5 p.m.)

St. Joseph • Join the Benedictine Sisters for the Lenten Eucharist at 10.30 a.m. in Sacred Heart Chapel, St. Benedict's Monastery. Assemble in the Gathering Place (main entrance to chapel).

LENTEN HEALING MASS

Sunday, March 31

Onamia • Crosier Fathers and Brothers invite all to a Lenten Healing Mass at the National Shrine of St. Odilia at 9 a.m. Mass includes the Anointing of the Sick and the ritual blessing with the Relic of St. Odilia. Coffee and rolls served in Holy Cross Center following Mass.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITY

TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

Fridays — March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5

St. Cloud • Taizé Prayer Around the Cross from 7 to 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. This prayer will be led by the Crosier Fathers and Brothers and includes the ritual blessing with the relic of St. Odilia. (*No Taizé Prayer on April 12.*)

LENTEN RETREATS AND COURSES

'SACRED PAUSE LENTEN PRAYER'

Thursdays — March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 11

St. Joseph • The "Sacred Pause Lenten Prayer" program is Thursdays in Lent from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Spirituality Center at St. Benedict's Monastery. Led by Benedictine Sisters Mary Catherine Holicky and Eunice Antony, program is limited to 12 participants

who will gather for the common prayer of “lectio,” share a simple meal and then meet with a sister spiritual companion for 30 minutes. Fee is \$90 for six sessions. For information or to register, call 320-363-7112 or visit <https://sbm.osb.org/event/sacred-pause-lenten-prayer-6/>.

‘LISTENING IN LENT’ WEEKEND RETREAT

Friday, March 8, through Sunday, March 10

Collegetown • A Lenten retreat led by Mary Stommes, editor of “Give Us This Day,” titled “Listening Our Way Through Lent,” begins with dinner at 5:30 p.m. Friday night and concludes after lunch on Sunday (around 1 p.m.) at St. John’s Abbey. Those who attend will reflect on “continuously listening” to God and to everyday life as a rich and fruitful Lenten practice to assist in more easily recognizing the hope and joy of Easter. Attendees are welcome to pray with the monastic community and share in daily Eucharist. The sacrament of reconciliation will be available. The cost is \$195 for a single room or \$340 for a double room (\$170 per person), \$380 for a double suite (\$190 per person); meals included. For those who wish to commute, the fee is \$65 per person, which includes Saturday and Sunday lunches. For more information or to register, call 320-363-3929 or register online at www.abbeyguesthouse.org.

‘CENTERING PRAYER’ WEEKEND RETREAT

Friday, March 8, through Sunday, March 10

St. Joseph • Those who have been practicing centering prayer regularly are invited to attend an all-silent retreat led by Benedictine Sister Katherine Howard. The retreat begins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and ends at 1 p.m. on Sunday. It includes multiple periods of Centering Prayer and one teaching session each day. Optional group reflection time is provided. The fee is \$250, which includes meals and overnight accommodations. For more information call 320-363-7112 or visit <https://sbm.osb.org/event/centering-prayer-retreat-2/>.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

Saturday, March 9

Little Falls • A Lenten Day of Reflection titled “Exploring Lent through the New Cosmology: We are stardust!” is from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in St. Francis Hall at St. Francis Convent. (Check-in begins at 9 a.m.) Presenter Franciscan Sister Ade Kroll will guide participants in exploring the universe in an ever-changing cosmic and cultural context and discovering the wonder of God as they prepare to celebrate the Easter mysteries. As the early Church used its understanding of cosmology to ground its faith, we today, with our current understanding of science and cosmology, can do the same. Fifty-plus years of discoveries in space and technology have changed the consciousness of who we are as humans and created a new cultural framework. For more information, or to register by March 1, contact Christi Hartwell at 320-632-0680 or chartwell@fslf.org.

A COURSE IN FORGIVENESS

Thursdays, March 14, 28 and April 4, 11

St. Joseph • “Forgiveness: Our Humanity Cooperating with God’s Grace” is four Thursdays in Lent from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Spirituality Center at St. Benedict’s Monastery. Led by Becky Van Ness, director of the Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction at St. John’s School of Theology, the series is for those with something specific to forgive as well as those who desire to become more forgiving. The program will attempt to connect insights from psychology with Christian spirituality to help participants understand the invitation to wholeness that the practice of forgiveness offers. The fee is \$120 for the series or \$40 for a single session. For more information call 320-363-7112 or [visit https://sbm.osb.org/event/forgiveness-our-humanity-cooperating-with-gods-grace-4/](https://sbm.osb.org/event/forgiveness-our-humanity-cooperating-with-gods-grace-4/).

‘DIGNITY OF WOMEN’ LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday, March 16

Albany • St. Cloud DCCW hosts “Dignity of Women” Lenten retreat at handicapped accessible Seven Dolores Parish (150 2nd St. S.) starting with registration at 8:30 a.m. Rosary and Mass are at 9:15 a.m. followed by speaker Deb Rudolf, pastoral associate at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell. Cost is \$15 by March 1 or \$20 afterwards. For more information, contact Linda Borgerding at 320-293-1839 or lbarger77@gmail.com. Mail registration to her at 33504 Shorewood Dr., Avon, MN 56310. Gluten-free options available for lunch — call Linda in advance, if needed.

SACRED PERFORMANCES

LENTEN ORGAN CONCERT

Sunday, March 31

St. Cloud • “Seven Last Words” featuring Dr. Jacob Benda performing on the organ accompanied by St. Mary’s Choir at 4 p.m. in the Upper Church at St. Mary’s Cathedral.

‘JOURNEY WITH JESUS TO CALVARY’

Wednesday, April 10; Friday, April 12; Saturday, April 13; Sunday, April 14

St. Francis • “Journey With Jesus to Calvary” will be presented four times at St. Francis of Assisi Church — at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 10; at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 12, and Saturday, April 13; and at 1 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 14. This is the 11th year the play, written by St. Francis parishioners, will be performed. Over 60 parishioners are taking part in this year’s production. There is no admission cost but a free will offering to benefit the parish religious education programs will be collected. The church is located 10 miles north of Albany on State Hwy. 238. For more information, contact Bob at 320-573-2933.