

St. Edward the Confessor

February 24, 2019

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Forgive, and ye
shall be forgiven.

(Luke 6:37)

Thank You

. . . very much to everyone who helped with the preparation for Joan McNab's funeral and reception yesterday. Joan was a founding member of St Edward the Confessor. Thank you also to Father John Baxter who presided over the funeral while Father Ernie was out of town. Our prayers are with Bob and his family as they deal with this terrible loss.

Welcome to Father David Kiyingi

We welcome Father David Kiyingi as celebrant for this morning's Mass. Father David is the 'Priest in Residence' at St John Fisher Parish.

Passion Play

Passion Play rehearsal is from 2:00-4:00 today in the church.

Parish Council

The Parish Council met last Tuesday evening. One important topic that was discussed was our urgent need for a new priest. Father Ernie was scheduled to permanently retire on January 1st, but the diocese has been unable to find a priest to serve us ¼ time. The Parish Council felt that if St Edward's is to grow we need a priest at least half time to properly lead the parish. We will be asking the Board of Wardens to approve funding for a half time priest and then approach father Ray Lafontaine with this new proposal.

Without increased givings this action is expected to lead to an \$8000 deficit this year. As an immediate action to relieve Father Ernie of some of his obligations in the parish, we will attempt to engage various visiting priests for Saturday Masses every second week.

Ash Wednesday

This year, Ash Wednesday will also be known as Pancake Wednesday! On Ash Wednesday, March 6 we will begin our celebration with a community dinner of pancakes and sausages at 6:00 in the south wing. Following dinner we will hold a service of anointing with ashes in the church. This is a joint event with our friends from St John's. If you can help with setting up the south wing in the afternoon or cooking in the kitchen, please talk with Gerry.

ANNUAL ST. EDWARD'S - ST. JOHN'S SOUP & PANCAKE SUPPER



ASH WEDNESDAY
March 6, 2019
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
(South wing)

Cost: \$5.00 per family \$2.00 per individual.

Please bring your own plates, cups and cutlery

EVERYONE WELCOME - BRING A FRIEND

Blessing & Distribution of Ashes

A combined St. John's and St. Edward's
blessing and distribution of ashes at 7:00 PM

Lent: A Fresh Look

All Christian churches are invited to this 3-day event that will focus on the spirituality of Lent. The series is led by Father Thomas Ryan and will take place March 10-12 at St Luke's, 106a Anselme Lavigne in D.D.O.

Twiddle Muffs

Sandra Frost needs help to complete 200 twiddle muffs. 150 are done, only 50 to go. Twiddle muffs look a lot like traditional hand-warming muffs except that they have all sorts of things stitched into them and hanging off of them. Dementia patients find relief from restlessness by keeping their hands occupied with the myriad of tactile and sensory stimulations a twiddle muff offers. Sandra is looking for old keys, key chains, jewelry, beads, buttons, ribbons, pom-poms and almost any small items that can be attached to or sewn into a twiddle muff that can offer a wide variety of sensations to dementia patients. Any trinkets that you have can be brought to the church office and put the name Sandra Frost on the package. Sandra and the Lakeshore hospital will be grateful for your help.

WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS ON TODAY'S READINGS

To pray for those who want to destroy me, my enemies, so that God may bless them: This is truly difficult to understand. "There is an infinite distance between us – we who frequently refuse to forgive even small things – and what the Lord asks of us, which he has exemplified for us: to forgive those who seek to destroy us. It is often very difficult within families, for example, when spouses need to forgive one another after an argument, or when one needs to forgive their mother-in-law. The child asking forgiveness from their fathers. It's not easy... Rather, we are invited to forgive those who are killing us, who want us out of the way... Not only forgive, but even pray that God may watch over them! Even more, to love them. Only Jesus' word can explain this: I cannot go further. It would do us well, today, to think of our enemy – I think all of us have one – someone who has hurt us or wants to hurt us. The Mafia's prayer is: 'You'll pay me back.' The Christian prayer is: 'Lord, give them your blessing, and teach me to love them.' Let us think of one enemy, and pray for them. May the Lord give us the grace to love them.