



**Ash Wednesday
Services**



February 18

***7:00 am Prayer Service
w/ Distribution of Ashes @ St. Pats***

***9:10 am Mass w/
Distribution of Ashes @ Immaculate Conception***

***12 Noon Prayer Service
w/ Distribution of Ashes @ St. Pats***

***5:30 pm Mass
w/Distribution of Ashes @ St. Pats***

***6:00 pm Mass
w/Distribution of Ashes @ Immaculate Conception***

ALL ARE WELCOME!

*The Historic Church of St. Patrick
and Immaculate Conception*
2026 LENTEN SCHEDULE



LENTEN WEEKDAY

9:10 am **Tuesday** Mass @ Immaculate Conception
5:00 pm **Wednesday** Stations of the Cross @ Historic St. Patrick
5:30 pm **Wednesday** Mass @ Historic St. Patrick

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS
(during Lent)

12:00 pm @ Historic St. Patrick followed with Soup & Bread in the Rectory
2:20 pm @ Immaculate Conception Stations of the Cross

ST. PATRICK & IMMACULATE - ANOINTING

Saturday, February 21—4:00 pm—Immaculate Conception
Sunday February 22—11:00 am—Immaculate Conception

Sunday, February 22—8:00 am—Historic St. Patrick
Sunday, February 22—10:00 am—Historic St. Patrick

ST. PATRICK AND IMMACULATE PENANCE SERVICE

Saturday, March 21—4:00 pm—Immaculate Conception
Sunday March 22—11:00 am—Immaculate Conception

Sunday, March 22—10:00 am—Historic St. Patrick

WHAT IS SHROVE TUESDAY?

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday. Shrove is the past tense of the verb to schrive which means to obtain penance and give absolution. There is a Catholic custom of going to confession on Shrove Tuesday to prepare for Lent.

Carnival comes from the Latin words carne vale meaning "farewell to the flesh" like other Catholic holidays and celebrations it likely has its roots in pre-Christian traditions based on the seasons.

Other names for Shrove Tuesday:

Fat Tuesday

Pancake Tuesday

Mardi Gras

WHAT 'S WITH THE PANCAKES?

Pancakes were an easy way for Christians to use up their milk, eggs and sugar before the 40 days of fasting during Lent. Lent involved adopting a simpler diet, without the luxuries of "fattening" foods.

THE USE OF ASHES ON ASH WEDNESDAY

The act of applying ashes to our forehead symbolizes our mortality as well as our need for ongoing repentance.

Ashes are applied to our forehead in the sign of the cross as the words, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return" are spoken to us. The other formula which is used, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" emphasizes our call to continual conversion and holiness of life. These ashes are obtained from palms that have been burnt from the year before.

FAST AND ABSTINANCE

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday those who are 18 but not yet 60 can fast by only having one full meal. Two smaller meals are allowed as needed. Eating between meals should be avoided.

Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Friday's of Lent.

LENT

Lent is the penitential season of 40 days (excluding Sundays) set aside by the Church in order for the faithful to prepare for the commemoration of the Lord's Passion, Death and the celebration of His Resurrection.

Lent begins at midnight of Ash Wednesday and officially ends at the start of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

- *Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- *Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- *Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- *Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- *Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- *Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- *Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- *Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- *Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

The Historic Church of Saint Patrick

Preservation Society

Established 1980 by Rev. John "Archie" Thomas

"The Mission of the Preservation Society is nothing less than to secure the structural and aesthetic integrity of the Historic Church of Saint Patrick. This charge is not lightly given for it demands that the society consider not merely the present, but those future generations who will come behind us so that they might find in this majestic temple a suitable place for the worship, adoration and glorification of our loving God."

- Arch Thomas

As we continue our historic journey, we invite you to pause for a moment to allow the grandeur of this holy house of God to embrace you in a visual depiction of the Covenant between God and humanity: I will be your God, you will be my beloved!



This year, the March Calendar Lottery will 100% support the Preservation Society and the future projects it supports as well as those structural and building needs that crop up from time to time.

The goal is to sell all 1000 tickets, guaranteeing 31 daily winners and a payout of \$3350, leaving \$6650 for the Preservation Society. A nice-sized fundraiser indeed!

 Ancient Order of Hibernians 
Annual Shamrock Dinner

Molly's Irish Pub

322 Locust Street
Toledo, Ohio 43604

Thursday, February 26th
6:00 PM

\$30 Adults | Children Free

Please RSVP by February 23rd

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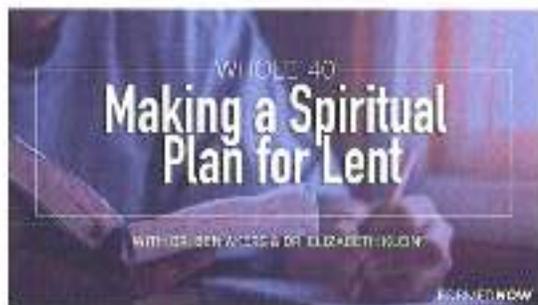
This Week on Formed

Week of February 15, 2026



Lent | What Catholics Believe

Join Fr. Scott Bailey, a priest in the Archdiocese of Denver, as he answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Lent. What is Lent? Why is it 40 days long? Or even, what should I give up for Lent? Find out in this episode of What Catholics Believe.



Whole 40

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



Ash Wednesday | Drawing Closer to God

Using the cross marked on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday, Ms. Kim teaches kids about the Fall, our need for a savior, and God's plan to save us and give us life by sending his Son to die for our sins. In light of these truths, Ms. Kim discusses the phrases we hear on Ash Wednesday: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" and "Repent and believe in the gospel," relating them to the overarching Lenten theme of turning back to God.

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God's Mosaic Masterpiece



St. Martin de Porres Parish
presents:

The Toledo Symphony Orchestra
under the direction of
Maestro Antoine Clark

featuring

**The Clarence Smith
Community Chorus**

Sunday, February 22, 2026



St. Katharine Drexel Honorees:

Doctors Samina & Zaheer Hasan

Joseph and Joyce Moran

Tickets - \$35 - General Admission

\$45 -Reserved

Call - 419-241-4544

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