

# UNITE

*Faith Formation*

## LENT

### PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man and giving His life on the Cross. Help us to bear witness to You by following His example of suffering and make us worthy to share in His Resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.

+Amen.

### FROM THE CATECHISM...

“Jesus invites *sinners* to the table of the kingdom: ‘I came not to call the righteous, but sinners’ (Mark 2:17). He invites them to that conversion without which one cannot enter the kingdom, but shows them in word and deed his Father’s boundless mercy for them and the vast ‘joy in heaven over one sinner who repents’ (Luke 15:7). The supreme proof of his love will be the sacrifice of his own life ‘for the forgiveness of sins’ (Matt 26:28).”

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, Paragraph 545)

**READING FOR THE MONTH (Paragraphs 1846-1876)**



“To acknowledge one’s sin, indeed—penetrating still more deeply into the consideration of one’s own personhood—to recognize oneself as being a sinner, capable of sin and inclined to commit sin, is the essential first step in returning to God.”

– St. John Paul II

### SAINT OF THE MONTH:

#### St. Katharine Drexel

Born November 26th, 1858 in Philadelphia, PA, Katharine is the second canonized American-born saint. Born into a rich family and inspired by her parent’s charitable works, she used her fortune to help others (particularly oppressed minorities) and founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, a congregation of missionary nuns. At the time of her death in 1955 she had used more than \$12 million of her inheritance for her charitable and apostolic missions. Her Sisters had grown to over five hundred members in 51 convents and had established 49 elementary schools, 12 high schools, and a University. She is the patron saint of racial justice and philanthropists. Katharine’s feast day is March 3rd.



“A clean heart create for me, God; renew within me a steadfast spirit.”  
(Psalm 51:12)



### SUNDAY GOSPEL READINGS:

February 18th (First Sunday of Lent) - Mark 1:12-15  
 February 25th (Second Sunday of Lent) - Mark 9:2-10  
 March 4th (Third Sunday of Lent) - John 2:13-25  
 March 11th (Fourth Sunday of Lent) - John 3:14-21

# LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

## Reverence

**Wednesday, February 14th — Ash Wednesday Mass:**  
7:00am (Cedar Lake Village); 7:00pm (Divine Mercy Parish)

**Fridays, March 9th and 23rd — Stations of the Cross**  
6:00pm (Madison Place), Parish Fish-Fry to follow

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Thursday, March 29th — Holy Thursday Mass**  
7:00pm (Madison Place)

**Friday, March 30th — Good Friday Communion Service**  
7:00pm (Madison Place)

**Saturday, March 31st — Easter Vigil**  
8:00pm (Madison Place)

**Sunday, April 1st — Easter Sunday**  
8:30am; 10:30am (Madison Place)

### UNITE FAITH FORMATION

*2nd Sundays of the Month,  
10:45am-1:30pm*

March 11<sup>th</sup>: Holy Week

April 8<sup>th</sup>: Divine Mercy

May 13<sup>th</sup>: Our Mother Mary

June 10<sup>th</sup>: The Church

*NO SESSION IN JULY*

## Reflection

### LENTEN SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE, Even for Busy People!

Sessions for Adults taught by Dave Staples from *School of Faith*  
Four Wednesdays (Feb 21st-Mar 21st) from 7:00-8:00pm (Chisolm Trail)  
Cost: \$20 — go to [www.schooloffaith.com](http://www.schooloffaith.com) to register

### Bishop Barron's LENTEN GOSPEL REFLECTIONS Booklet

A reflection on each day's Gospel throughout the Lenten Season  
Pick up your FREE booklet after Mass

### Dynamic Catholic's BEST LENT EVER

A free email program with daily videos and reflections.  
Sign up at [www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com)

### LENTEN REFLECTIONS from FORMED.ORG

Watch a short video reflection, Read an inspiring passage from the *Catechism*, and Reflect on how God's Truth applies to you.  
Sign up for free on [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

## Reconciliation

### Regular Confession Times

Saturdays 3:30pm; Sundays 7:30am (Madison Place)

### Additional Lenten Confession Times

Wednesdays (Feb 21st-Mar 28th) 6:00pm (Prince of Peace Parish)

### Parish Penance Service

Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00pm (Divine Mercy Parish)