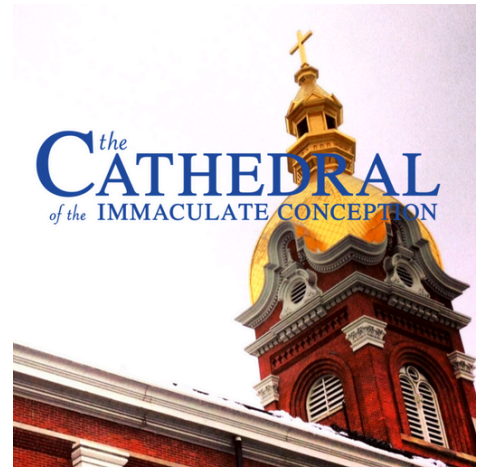


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Dear Members and Friends of the Cathedral,

Welcome to Lent. Or, as I sometimes like to greet people this time of year, “Have a miserable Lent.” Actually, Lent will be quite beautiful at the cathedral again this year.

Father Riley will be back this weekend, and he’ll celebrate the 8 p.m. Mass on Sunday. I’ll take care of confessions and Mass the rest of the weekend. Our deacons are preaching, and the second collection will be for Catholic Charities’ Emergency Assistance Fund. Thanks for your generosity.

Tomorrow on First Friday we expose the Blessed Sacrament after Mass and conclude with benediction at 2 p.m. That Mass will be in the cathedral instead of the chapel because we are making physical preparations for a large number of visitors this Saturday at the Rites of Election.

Stations of the Cross begin tomorrow at 6 p.m. and continue on all the Fridays of Lent.

All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The obligation pertains to children once they reach the age of 14, and it never expires. Don’t forget! No meat tomorrow!

Those interested in joining the church gather on Sunday mornings at 10.

First communion preparation for children continues at the same time.

Monday at 6:30 p.m. we continue adult faith formation featuring the series *The Chosen*.

On Wednesday I’ll give a presentation on Sacred Times—the liturgical year and calendar. Learn more about the times and saints of the church year. Liturgical ministers are especially invited for their own continuing formation, but all are welcome.

Looking ahead, a week from Sunday is family-friendly pub style trivia. Stay after the 11 a.m. Mass for fun in Fr. Donnelly Hall.

And looking further ahead, I’ll play some chamber music for you on harpsichord and piano on Thursday night, March 20. My friends violinist Keith Stanfield and cellist Ho Ahn will be the real stars. We’ll offer music by Bach, Handel and Dvorak. It’s really beautiful music. Hope you can come take a listen.

Some good financial news: You were so generous to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal that we are receiving back 50% of the contributions that exceeded our goal. We blew past the goal

several months ago, and this week we received a check for over \$9,000. Thank you for supporting the diocese and the parish!

Thank you for all your financial gifts. Our pledges are strong, but we still need help with our cash flow. Give to the Building Glory campaign for the Hogan Center

<https://kcgolddome.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/CKC-Pledge-Form-FINAL.pdf> or to the restoration project here

<https://www.kcgolddome.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/BG-page-1.pdf>. If you're in a position to pay the next part of your pledge, please do. That will really help us right now.

Would you like to help the cathedral by laundering the linens we use at Mass? Go to our website and click, "Get involved."

I had trouble again with YouTube live last Friday. I'm going to try to post a video sometime tomorrow afternoon. You will find it on our home page and YouTube page.

In Christ,

Fr. Paul Turner, Pastor

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