

*Consecration to Mary*  
**MONDAY, FEB. 19**

*All are Welcome!*

**WHAT IS A  
"CONSECRATION"  
& WHY DO THIS?**

When we consecrate ourselves to Mary; we are entrusting her with our hearts, prayers and petitions. According to Fr. Michael Gaitley (who will be the priest on our video-guided, four-week consecration journey):

*"Mary is the surest and  
quickest way to Jesus!"*

This theme of entrustment to Mary has been echoed by great Marian saints throughout the ages! We have ordered books: "33 Days to Morning Glory" to help guide us through the consecration. (We have a few extra! Maybe God is calling you to try this!)

*If you're interested in knowing more contact  
Peg (507)329-2103*

**Thanks to everyone for  
your continued generous  
support of our parish youth  
for Sunday morning coffee  
& rolls!**

*Your generosity is appreciated!*

## **TEC RETREAT**

*Together Encountering Christ*

**FEB. 17-19**

*St. Catherine Catholic Church, Luverne*

Anyone is welcome to participate in this wonderful 3-day retreat. (It's President's Day break on Monday, so no school will be missed). We have one student signed up to go; and it would be awesome to have others! You must be 16 years old to attend; but TEC's are not for youth only. *Contact Peg for more information TODAY!*

*This would be a great way to begin your Lent!*

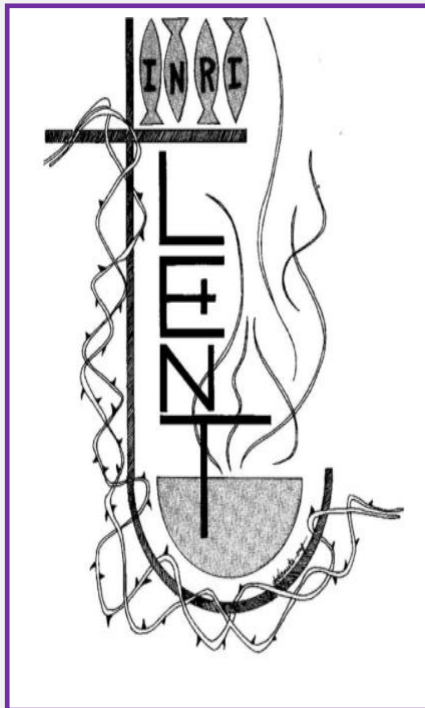
## **LENT 2024:** *Lent begins THIS week!*

*Ash Wednesday Mass; 5:30 p.m., St. Gabriel's*

**WHAT WILL YOU DO THIS LENT,  
AS A FAMILY AND INDIVIDUALLY?**

It's easy to sigh and say, "Here we go again," when it comes to the Lenten Season. Human nature loves "the easy way" ... Our culture caters to instant gratification and quick fixes. Make this Lent a time to step away from these tendencies. The Church/our Catholic Faith, in her wisdom, knows we NEED Lent to put things back in right order in our lives. Pray about it. What will you DO this Lent? Will you give up some bad habits? Spend more time in prayer? Stop by the Church once a week and sit quietly in Jesus' Presence in the Blessed Tabernacle?

*"Behold, now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation!"*  
(2Corinthians 2: 6)



### **LENTEN IDEAS:**

1. *Pick up a Rice Bowl in back of church; and fast from special outings, extravagant meals ... Simplify your lifestyle; and the money you save from doing these things, drop into the Rice Bowl. These funds are used to help those who are less financially blessed than we are.*
2. *Stop by church one day a week – Spend 10-15 minutes in prayer in Jesus' Presence in the Tabernacle. Walk through the Stations of the Cross on your own (Or join us Wed. nights at 6:30 p.m.)*
3. *As Msgr. Paul always read in his Ash Wednesday sermon: Fast from gossip/ill-will towards others. Pray more.*
4. *Check out the resources on the table in back of church.*

### **CONFIRMATION PREP**

*We have eight students preparing for  
this important Sacrament of Initiation*

There are more student prayer cards available on the Faith Formation in back of church. If you are willing to take one (or more!) home with you and commit to praying for a student, that would be wonderful! Our Confirmation session this past week was all about the power of prayer! **Prayer works; and GOD IS listening**

**ST. GABRIEL CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION:**  
*Nevaeh Echternach, Brenton Erdmann, Valeria Flores, Gavin Gerdes,  
Elizabeth Haper, Kellen Hollahan, Andrea Lang & Owen Olsem*