

# EMWVC NEWS

The Episcopal Mission of Warren County | Trinity and St. Francis Churches

## March and April

March 2nd (Wednesday)

**Ash Wednesday**

April 10

**Palm Sunday**

April 15

**Good Friday**

April 16

**Holiday Hot Meals  
Easter Vigil at Trinity**

April 17

**Easter Day services**

## Current Worship Schedule

Sunday - Holy Eucharist

8:30 AM St. Francis

*Onsite*

10:30 AM Trinity

*Onsite and Streamed Online*

Wednesday - Evening Prayer

5:30PM Trinity

*Onsite and Streamed Online*

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## Take advantage of the Lenten Season to worship

One of the central roles of a congregation in a community is to support and promote the worshipping of God together. We will continue to offer onsite and online worship each Sunday. With any grace, the ebbing of the Omicron wave of COVID may be a time when the risks abate enough that making the effort to re-establish our worship lives is worth it.

Lent is a traditional time for those new to the faith to dedicate themselves to Jesus. Rededication is similarly a fruitful path for exploring Lent's themes. And so is exploration and experimentation. Perhaps join our sister congregation for worship and fellowship. Try the Wednesday Evening Prayer service with its simplicity of prayer and scripture.

One thing is for sure: we have suffered great spiritual trials these past two years, and there is no guarantee that such trials will somehow end. Finding our way as followers of Jesus means courageously stepping forward, sharing what's working with our fellow travelers, and celebrating each and every miraculous moment as we are led by the Spirit. God's grace has not stopped its pouring down upon us, even if the world in which we walk is scarier than before. May Lent be a time for us to take root in this new world and prepare to blossom with the fruits of Jesus's love.



## Post Pancake Pictures on Tuesday, March 1st!

While we are getting closer to seeing the current wave of COVID drift away and leave us able to host events safely, it will not come soon enough for us to share together in that annual pre-Lenten tradition of stuffing our faces with pancakes, jambalaya, and king cake. Instead, join your church friends in posting a pic of your pre-Lenten feast on Facebook! Bonus points will be awarded for any Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday decorations and for any video of a parishioner successfully flipping a pancake in a frying pan without using a spatula!



## Upcoming Events

### Community Lenten Services – Wednesdays at 7PM

The community Lenten worship services, hosted by Trinity, First Lutheran, First Presbyterian, St. Joseph's Roman Catholic, and St. Paul's Lutheran, return this Lent. Services will begin at 7PM at the church indicated below. Currently, plans do not include refreshments or clergy-led talk following the service due to COVID.

Date	Location	Preacher
March 9	First Lutheran	Father Rick
March 16	First Presbyterian	Father Matthew
March 23	St. Paul's	Pastor Tom Pierotti
March 30	St. Joseph's RC	Pastor Larry
April 6	Trinity	Pastor Jeff



### Holy Week - April 9-16th

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, April 9th, and will include a Wednesday evening service, A Maundy Thursday event, the Good Friday Observance. Details will be posted to our website closer to the date so as to best adapt to the COVID situation at that time.

### Holiday Hot Meals will be back at it again!

We have one final delivery for Holiday Hot Meals 2021-22. On Saturday, April 16th (Holy Saturday), we will once again load up the hot bags and send forth a big helping of love to area shut-ins and other needy families. Be sure to sign up later on in March when volunteer lists go out to Trinity, St. Francis, and many other area churches who partner with us to make this miracle happen.

## Parish News Updates

### COVID

At press time, the omicron variant appears to be waning rapidly in our local area. While news of yet another variant has begun to be heard, we are hopeful that at some point prior to Easter we will switch to a 'mask optional' policy. Please pray for our congregation leaders as they discern the path forward for us. And as always, please contact Father Matthew with your concerns, frustrations, and hopes.

### St. Francis Vicarage

The St. Francis vicarage was severely damaged by a burst heating pipe in mid-January. The high costs of repair and lack of real need for the structure led the leadership to regretfully vote to pursue demolition. That work should be completed sometime early this spring, with grass being planted later on.

A service in honor of the many memories the house holds will be held later in the spring. Long term plans are also being considered, including a garden or labyrinth.

## Formation News

### Sacred Ground class

The decision to postpone the fall Sacred Ground class does not mean it was cancelled. As soon as our masking standards allow, we will set a first date for an in-person meeting of the next class cohort. This means there is still time for you to make the commitment to join in this dynamic, challenging, and informative experience in racial awareness, all sponsored by the Episcopal Church. Friends and family are invited to participate as well! Let Father Matthew know of your interest by calling the office or emailing him at [msrev2007@gmail.com](mailto:msrev2007@gmail.com).



### Private Small groups - Invite Father Matthew to meet your friends!

Got an interest and a couple friends? Approach Father Matthew and see where the conversation takes you! It could be a book study, a type of prayer practice, a current events discussion, or even a poetry slam session. Anything that could bring you and 2-4 friends into conversation, learning, and a low-stress way for your friends to encounter your church and faith.

A parishioner and two of their friends recently expressed interest in meeting to discuss Pope Francis' book *Laudato Si*, his treatise on creation care (doubly fun since Father Matthew is REALLY interested in creation care). Pray for their fruitful meeting and for ways you could sponsor such an encounter.



### Bible Studies

Father Matthew is really interested in sponsoring bible studies, and seeks partners committed to meeting. Times are negotiable (morning, noon, night, weekend). Topics can be a specific scripture text, a biblical theme, or a study of the weekly or daily office readings. Contact him to learn more.

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## Lent begins March 2nd -

### Ash Wednesday

**T**he Proper Liturgy for Ash Wednesday will be observed at **5:30PM** at our Warren location.

The service will include sermon, Imposition of Ashes, and Communion. Plan for 45 minutes of time, depending on the number of participants.

