

# The Light is On for You throughout Lent

BY THE MESSAGE STAFF

In recent years, parishes across the Diocese of Evansville have scheduled extended hours for individual Confession on a certain date or dates during Lent, and have used "The Light is On for You" as an invitation to all. In reality, the light is on for you throughout Lent and on a regular basis — year-round. As a way of emphasizing that God's mercy and forgiveness are available in the Confessional on a regular basis, **The Message** has assembled the following schedule, which is organized by deanery and parish.

We have included individual Confession schedules that parishes observe year-round, as published on their websites and in their recent weekly bulletins. We also have included special Lenten schedules of individual Confession and reconciliation services provided by parishes.

This schedule will be available for download from **The Message** website at [www.themessageonline.org](http://www.themessageonline.org).

## North Deanery

### Holy Name, Bloomfield:

April 5, 5:30 p.m., Individual Confession  
April 12, 6 p.m., Communal Penance Service

### Our Lady of Hope, Washington:

March 21, 1-2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Individual Confession  
April 6, 6 p.m., Individual Confession  
Saturdays, 2:30 p.m., Individual Confession  
Sundays, 10:30 a.m., Individual Confession

### St. Francis Xavier, Vincennes

Saturdays, 4 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, Individual

### Confession

Saturdays, 4:30 p.m. and Sundays 6:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist Church, Individual Confession  
Thursdays, 7:30 a.m. and Fridays, 11 a.m., Old Cathedral, Individual Confession

### St. Joan of Arc, Jasonville

Saturdays, 6:30 p.m., Individual Confession

### St. John the Evangelist, Loogootee:

March 23 and April 3, 7 p.m., Communal Penance Service  
Saturdays, 3:35-4:15 p.m., Individual Confession

### St. Mary, Sullivan

Saturdays, 6:30 p.m., Individual Confession  
Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Individual Confession

### St. Peter, Linton:

March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8, 4 p.m., Individual Confession  
April 10, 6 p.m., Communal Penance Service

### St. Peter, Montgomery:

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m., All Saints Church, Cannelburg, Individual Confession  
Saturdays, 4:30 p.m., St. Peter Church, Individual Confession

## South Deanery

### St. Benedict Cathedral, Evansville:

Wednesdays during Lent, after 5:30 p.m. Mass, 5:55-6:30 p.m., Individual Confession

Fridays during Lent, 12:10-1 p.m., Individual Confession  
Monday-Saturday, 6:40 a.m. and 8:40 a.m., Individual Confession  
Saturdays, 3 p.m., Individual Confession

### All Saints Parish, Evansville:

April 5, 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., St. Anthony Church, Lenten Forgiveness Services with Individual Confession  
Sundays, 9:30 a.m., St. Anthony Church, Individual Confession  
Saturdays, 3:30 p.m., St. Joseph Church, Individual Confession

### Annunciation Parish, Evansville:

March 30, 6:30 p.m., Christ the King Church, Lenten Reconciliation Service with Individual Confession  
Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, 7:15 a.m., Christ the King Church, Individual Confession  
Wednesdays, 8 a.m., Christ the King Church, Individual Confession  
Saturdays, 4:30 p.m., Christ the King Church, Individual Confession  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., Holy Spirit Church, Individual Confession  
Saturdays, 3 p.m., Holy Spirit Church, Individual Confession

### Good Shepherd, Evansville:

March 19, 1 p.m., Good Shepherd Church, Cluster Reconciliation

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The Message photo by Tim Lilley

## All Saints' "Fat Sunday" breakfast

Members of the A-Men's Club of Evansville's All Saints Parish serve up breakfast to attendees of the group's annual "Fat Sunday" breakfast, held on the Sunday before Lent begins. This year it occurred on Feb. 26 at the St. Anthony of Padua Campus. Chairman Deavron Farmer told *The Message* that a steady crowd streamed in throughout the morning. From 8 a.m. until Noon, club members served a menu of biscuits and gravy, eggs, hash browns, sausage, pancakes and mixed fruit — with coffee, milk or juice. Proceeds will benefit All Saints Parish.

## Christ the King Parish in Dubois County celebrates its birth

BY MIKE STEFFE  
Special to The Message

On March 1, St. Ferdinand Parish in Ferdinand merged with St. Hery Parish in St. Henry to form Christ the King Parish. On Feb. 26, a kickoff celebration drew almost 500 people from the merging parishes representing more than 200 families.

The merger is the culmination of preparation that involved members of both communities working to bring the gifts of each community to bare in service of our Lord. The Church buildings will retain their names — St. Henry in St. Henry and St. Ferdinand in Ferdinand — and the strong relationship that existed with these two great King Saints over the years will continue and grow even stronger.

This Feb. 26 event was wonderfully successful due to the many people from St. Ferdinand and St. Henry who organized, brought desserts, decorated and committed their time to come together as one people. The main meal was catered by Meyer Catering, and all had a great time.

The parish merger committee greeted the guests and explained that even though a lot of work has already taken place there is much more work to do. Deacon James King introduced a new parish ministry manual and asked parishioners to answer their calling for service. Pastor Father Jack Durchholz led the gathering in a prayer and thanked the merger committee for their hard work.

Inasmuch as this is a time of



Submitted photos by Mike Steffe

A crowd of almost 500 — representing more than 200 families — filled the Ferdinand Community Center, above, on Feb. 26 for a kickoff event celebrating the new Christ the King Parish in Dubois County. St. Ferdinand Parish in Ferdinand and St. Henry Parish in St. Henry merged on March 1 to become Christ the King. In addition to a meal catered by Meyer Catering, members of the merging parishes made desserts, shown below, that filled several tables in the Community Center.



change, indicative of our time in history, all had an opportunity to embrace a sense of accomplishment and hope — a hope that will lead Christ the King Parish into the future. The name Christ the King, which was selected by a significant majority of members of the merging parishes, demonstrates the unity and hope present in our new community.

St. Henry had this hope; it called him to his ministry, St. Ferdinand had this hope; it also called him to his ministry. Members of Christ the King have this hope; it calls us to our future ministry and life of faith. Christ is our King!

*The Message* is grateful to Mike Steffe for sharing this report and photos with us.



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## Reconciliations

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March 26, 1 p.m., St. John the Evangelist Church, Daylight, Cluster Reconciliation

Tuesdays, 4:30-5:10 p.m., Thursdays, 7-7:20 a.m. (prior to 7:40 a.m. Mass), Fridays, 7-7:20 a.m., (prior to 7:40 a.m. Mass), or by appointment, Good Shepherd Church, Individual Confession

During Lent only, Saturdays, 2-3 p.m., Good Shepherd Church, Fr. Zach's Office, Individual Confession

### Holy Redeemer, Evansville:

March 19, 1 p.m., Good Shepherd Church, Evansville, Cluster Reconciliation

March 26, 1 p.m., St. John the Evangelist Church, Daylight Cluster Reconciliation

April 10, 6-8 p.m., Individual Confession

April 12, 7:15-9:15 p.m., Individual Confession

Saturdays, 4-4:40 p.m. (prior to 5 p.m. Mass), and by appointment, Individual Confession

### Holy Rosary Parish, Evansville:

April 4, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m., Holy Rosary, Lenten Reconciliation Service with Individual Confession

Saturdays, 3-4 p.m., Holy Rosary, Individual Confession

### Resurrection, Evansville:

March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8, 4-4:30 p.m., April 10 and April 12, 6-7 p.m., Individual Confession

Saturdays, 4 p.m., Individual Confession

### St. Clement Parish, Boonville:

Saturdays, 4:20-4:40 p.m., Sundays, 10-10:15 a.m., St. Clement, Individual Confession

April 10, 6:30-7 p.m., especially for youth, and 7-8 p.m., for anyone; April 12, following 6:30 p.m. Mass; April 13, 3-4 p.m.; April 14 following 1:30 p.m. Good Friday Service; April 14, following 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service; April 15, 3-4 p.m.; April 16, 10-10:15 a.m., St. Clement, Individual Confession

Sundays, 7-7:15 a.m., St. Rupert, Red Brush, Individual Confession  
April 11, 7-8 p.m., April 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m., April 14, following 5:30 p.m. Good Friday Service, April 16, 7-7:15 a.m., St. Rupert, Red Brush, Individual Confession

### St. John the Baptist, Newburgh:

Fridays of Lent, 6 p.m., Individual Confession

Saturdays, 3:45 p.m., Individual Confession

### St. John the Evangelist, Daylight:

March 19, 1 p.m., Good Shepherd Church, Evansville, Cluster Reconciliation

March 26, 1 p.m., St. John The Evangelist Church, Daylight, Cluster Reconciliation

April 9, 1-2 p.m., Individual Confession

April 10 and April 12, 6-7 p.m., Individual Confession

Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m., Sundays and Tuesdays, 6:15-6:45 a.m., Wednesdays, 8:15-8:45 a.m., Thursdays and Fridays, 7:15- 7:45 a.m., Individual Confession

## East Deanery

### Christ the King Parish, Ferdinand:

March 12, 4 p.m., St. Ferdinand Church, Ferdinand, Lenten Penance Service

Saturdays, 4 p.m., St. Ferdinand Church, Ferdinand, Individual Confession

Sundays, 6:45 a.m., St. Henry Church, St. Henry, Individual Confession

### Divine Mercy Parish, St. Anthony of Padua and Sacred Heart of Jesus Churches:

30 minutes prior to weekday Masses, Individual Confession

45 minutes prior to Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses, Individual Confession

### Holy Family, Jasper:

Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m., Sundays, 8-8:15 a.m., Individual Confession

April 14, 3:30-5 p.m. (following the 1:30 p.m. Good Friday Service), Individual Confession

April 15, 3-5 p.m., Individual Confession

### Precious Blood Parish, Jasper:

Saturdays, 3 p.m., Individual Confession

### St. Bernard, Rockport:

March 22, 6-8 p.m., Individual Confession

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m., Individual Confession

Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:30 a.m., Individual Confession

Saturdays, 4 p.m., Individual Confession

### St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Dale:

March 15, 6:15 p.m., St. Joseph, Dale, Communal Penance Service

April 2, 3 p.m., St. Joseph, Dale, Deanery Communal Penance Service

March 3 and March 24, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Mary Help of Christians, Mariah Hill, Individual Confession

March 10 and March 31, 5:30-6:30 p.m., St. Joseph, Dale, Individual Confession

March 17 and April 7, 5:30-6:30 p.m., St. Nicholas, Santa Claus, Individual Confession

April 13, 7:30-9 p.m., St. Joseph, Dale, Individual Confession

Wednesdays through Saturdays, Individual Confession beginning 30 minutes before scheduled Masses

### St. Isidore Parish, Celestine:

Tuesdays, 6-6:20 p.m., St. Peter Celestine, Individual Confession

Wednesdays, 7:30-8 a.m., St. Raphael Church, Individual

Confession

Until April 1: Saturdays, 3:30-4 p.m., St. Raphael Church; Sundays, 7-7:30 a.m., St. Peter Celestine Church, Individual Confession

After April 1: Saturdays, 3:30-4 p.m., St. Peter Celestine Church;

Sundays, 7-7:30 a.m., St. Peter Celestine Church, Individual

Confession

### St. Joseph, Jasper:

March 21, 6:30 p.m., Lenten Penance Service

March 22, 12 p.m., Lenten Penance Service

Wednesdays, starting at 7:30 a.m., Thursdays, starting at 7:15 p.m.,

Saturdays, starting at 11 a.m., Individual Confession

### St. Martin Parish, Chrisney:

March 22, 6-8 p.m., St. Martin Church, Chrisney, Individual Confession

Thursdays, 5:30 p.m., St. Martin Church, Chrisney, Individual Confession

March 22, 6-8 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Church, New Boston, Individual Confession

### St. Mary, Huntingburg:

Fridays: 7-7:45 a.m., Saturdays: 4-4:45 p.m., Saturdays after 5 p.m. Mass, Individual Confession

Sundays after all Masses during Lent: 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., Individual Confession

### St. Mary, Ireland:

Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 7 a.m., Individual Confession

Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Individual Confession

Saturdays, 4:30 p.m., Individual Confession

## West Deanery

### Blessed Sacrament, Oakland City:

30 minutes prior to Sunday Mass (Mass time at 7:30 a.m.), Individual Confession

### Corpus Christi, Evansville:

Saturdays, 3 p.m., Individual Confession

### Holy Cross, Fort Branch:

Thursdays, 7:45-8:10 a.m.; Saturdays, 4-4:20 p.m.; Sundays, 8:15-8:35 a.m., Individual Confession

March 25, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Individual Confession

April 6, 6-8 p.m., Individual Confession

### St. Bernard, Snake Run:

Sundays, 8 a.m., Individual Confession

### St. James, Haubstadt:

April 5, 6-7 p.m., Lenten Penance Service

30 minutes prior to each Mass, Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m., Individual Confession

March 25, 3-5 p.m., Individual Confession

### St. Joseph, Princeton:

Saturdays, 3 p.m., Individual Confession

### St. Joseph, Vanderburgh County:

Saturdays, 4 p.m., Individual Confession

### St. Matthew, Mount Vernon:

March 15, 10:30 a.m., Individual Confession

April 2, 4 p.m., Communal Penance Service

### Sts. Peter and Paul, Haubstadt:

Mondays (during Lent), 5:30-6:10 p.m.; Fridays, 7:30-7:55 a.m.;

Saturdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 5:15-5:50 p.m., Individual Confession

March 15, 6:30-7:45 p.m., Religious Students only, Individual

Confession

March 25, 4-6 p.m., Individual Confession

April 1, 5-5:50 p.m., Individual Confession

April 3 and April 10, 5:30-6:10 p.m., and 7-8 p.m., Individual

Confession

April 12, 6-8 p.m., Individual Confession

### Sts. Peter and Paul, Petersburg:

30 minutes prior to all weekend Masses (Mass times at 5 p.m., Saturday and 10:30 a.m., Sunday), Individual Confession

### St. Philip, Posey County:

Saturdays, 4:30 p.m., Individual Confession

## The Catechism on the Sacrament of Reconciliation

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Following is information about the Sacrament of Reconciliation taken from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. CCC paragraph numbers are included for reference.

### CHAPTER TWO — THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

#### Article 4 — The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

##### I. What is this Sacrament called?

**1423** — It is called the sacrament of conversion because it makes sacramentally present Jesus' call to conversion, the first step in returning to the Father<sup>5</sup> from whom one has strayed by sin.

It is called the sacrament of Penance, since it consecrates the Christian sinner's personal and ecclesial steps of conversion, penance, and satisfaction.

**1424** — It is called the sacrament of confession, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament. In a profound sense it is also a "confession" — acknowledgment and praise — of the holiness of God and of his mercy toward sinful man.

It is called the sacrament of forgiveness, since by the priest's sacramental absolution God grants the penitent "pardon and peace."

It is called the sacrament of Reconciliation, because it imparts to the sinner the live of God who reconciles: "Be reconciled to God." He who lives by God's merciful love is ready to respond to the Lord's call: "Go; first be reconciled to your brother."

#### From Article 4, Section VII, "The Acts of the Penitent"

**1456** — Confession to a priest is an essential part of the sacrament of Penance: "All mortal sins of which penitents after a diligent self-examination are conscious must be recounted by them in confession, even if they are most secret and have been committed against the last two precepts of the Decalogue; for these sins sometimes wound the soul more grievously and are more dangerous than those which are committed openly.

**1458** — Without being strictly necessary, confession of everyday faults (venial sins) is nevertheless strongly recommended by the Church. Indeed the regular confession of our venial sins helps us form our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ and progress in the life of the Spirit. By receiving more frequently through this sacrament the gift of the Father's mercy, we are spurred to be merciful as he is merciful.

*The full text of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is available on the Vatican website at [www.vatican.va/archive/cccl/index.htm](http://www.vatican.va/archive/cccl/index.htm)*