



March 22, 2022

Dear Parishioners,

Here are some important updates for you:

CRS – Ukraine Relief Collection & Operation Rice Bowl

I want to thank everyone who contributed to the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) special collection the weekend of March 12-13. A total of \$8956.00 was collected and will be forwarded to CRS through the Diocese of Columbus as usual. The funds collected will assist in providing safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, transportation to safe areas, counseling support and more in Ukraine and surrounding bordering countries.

As we do each Lent, you may assist the work of CRS also through “Operation Rice Bowl” Materials are still available in Marian Hall. Money raised for Operation Rice Bowl may be used to help buy seeds so farmers can grow healthy crops; may purchase a lamb for families to provide milk; the purchase of fruit trees that produce food and income for farmers and their families; and so much more! Did you know that at least 25% of donations raised through Operation Rice Bowl stays here in our Diocese to support those who are in need?

If you would like to learn more about Catholic Relief Services, visit their websites at <https://www.crs.org/>, or <https://www.crsricebowl.org> .

“Real Presence, Real Future”

Last Friday, March 18th, the Diocese of Columbus released to the public the second round draft of possible recommendations regarding a diocesan parish reorganization plan. It is very important to note the following:

- These are possible recommendations. “Possible” does not mean “definite.” There will still be more to consider and further feedback will be sought on these recommendations. They could change.
- These are possible recommendations. No decisions have been made. Final decisions can only be made by the bishop. As we do not currently have a bishop in the Diocese of Columbus, no decisions can be made at this time.

Your feedback is important. Video presentations sharing clarifying information from the Fall Parish Consultation Sessions, your feedback from the Fall, and the Second Round Draft Models are now available at <https://realpresencerealfuture.org/draft-models-spring-2022/> . Please watch the video for our parish (Planning Group 2- Central) and fill out the accompanying survey. These are not final recommendations, and it is important to provide feedback and potential alternatives to these drafts. The survey will be available until June 30.

Pope Francis Act of Consecration of Ukraine and Russia

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has invited Bishops, priests and all the faithful worldwide to join together in prayer as he consecrates Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday March 25th, the Solemnity of the Annunciation. The prayer will be made at 5:00pm Rome time (12:00 noon here). Msgr. Stephan Moloney, our Diocesan Administrator, will be celebrating a special noon Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral on Friday at the same time.

Lenten Parish Mission

We will be hosting a Lenten Parish Mission 3 nights this month. Featuring Andrew Petiprin and Joe Zambon, both fellows at the Word on Fire Institute (part of Bishop Robert Barron’s Word on Fire Catholic Ministries). They will present talks (Andrew) and lead us in music/worship (Joe) each night

beginning at 6:45pm on March 28th, 29th and 30th. Topics for each evening will be: (Monday) Is God Real?, (Tuesday) Who is Jesus Christ?, and (Wednesday) Why the Church? Also, there will be time set aside for Eucharistic Adoration on Monday evening, a Penance Service on Tuesday, and a concluding Mass on Wednesday. More information is available in the bulletin and on our parish website. We hope to see everyone there! Also be sure to check out the bulletin and website for other Lenten activities.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony A. Dinovo, Jr.

Pastor