

Things already in Schedule for Lent:

1- Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon: WED. Feb. 14 (Ash Wed.): @ Bethany Lutheran Church in Iowa Falls 11:30 prayer service (led by Fr. Kevin); followed by luncheon at noon (will continue weekly

2-Spiritual Talk:Fr. Aaron Junge, Associate Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas parish in Ames, IA, has formally agreed to come give a Lenten talk (based on the theme of book "Perfectly Yourself" by Matthew Kelly on **Sun Feb. 18 at 7:00pm, at St. Mark's in Iowa Falls (OPEN TO ALL PARISHES!)**

(Perfectly Yourself book was the parish gift in Iowa Falls Eldora, and Eldora's Faith Formation has taken initiative to organize some things over the next few months based around this book).

3-Date Night: Sunday March 11, 5:30-7:30 @ Eldora. Matt Selby from Archdiocese speaking

4-Thursday "Cenacle" in Iowa Falls (Thurs. Feb. 8 and (we hope) Thurs. March 8, 7-8pm - Holy Hour with praise and worship music and confession available

5-Communal Reconciliation Services

- Sun Jan 21,, 3:00pm @ Eldora (Before Lent)
- Wed. Jan 31, 7:00pm @ Ackley (Before Lent)
- Wed. March 14, 7:00pm @ Hampton
- Sat. March 24, 10:00am – Communal Reconciliation @ Iowa Falls
- *Through Lent will be available HOUR before Masses as well*

Mass Schedules

Ash Wednesday (Set ahead of time, due to it being on Wednesday and having to work with the Religious Education Mass Schedule)

7:30am Mass - Eldora

5:00pm Mass - Ackley

6:30pm Mass - Iowa Falls

6:30pm - Liturgy of word and Distribution of Ashes @ Eldora (NOT a MASS)

7:15 Mass - Hampton

PROPOSED Schedule for Triduum (This is a PROPOSED (aka NOT set) schedule, that Fr. Tony and I put together just based on what was done in past years...open to discussion and change at meeting)

Holy Thursday - 29 March

7:00pm Eldora

7:00pm Ackley

Pointed out to me that it might be good to offer a SPANISH service in Hampton.

But they would prefer the later time.

So also suggested: Ackley @ 5:00pm and Hampton (Spanish) at 7:00pm

Good Friday 30 March

12:00 (noon) - Ecumenical service (Stations of Cross) in Eldora (NOT A MASS)

3:00pm - Iowa Falls

7:00pm - Eldora

7:00pm Hampton (SPANISH & ENGLISH)

NOTE: Ackley is not listed as having a Good Friday service, but could certainly do one if Ackley would like...subject of discussion

Holy Saturday 31 March

8:00pm - Iowa Falls

8:00pm - Hampton (SPANISH & ENGLISH)

Easter Sunday 1 April

8:00am – Eldora

8:00am – Hampton

10:30am – Ackley

10:30am – Iowa Falls

5:30pm – Hampton (Spanish)

Lent: How will we draw our parishes more deeply into this spiritual season? Break into individual committees!

1-Evening Masses? - I have heard that some parishes of the linkage of having their daily mass during the EVENING during lent, (and sometimes have Stations of the Cross or Soup Suppers as part of it). Fr. Tony and I discussed and we are open to this if parishes desire to do this.

2-Stations of the Cross? A traditional prayer usually done as part of Lent. To think about if, when, and how, might be a good way to do this in your parish.

3-Liturgy of the Hours: A praying of the psalms at certain times of day...perhaps could be done as part of Lent?

4-Mass Experience: What is the experience of Mass going to be? Less music? Perhaps A Capella? Change in Mass settings?

----->**Iowa Falls/Eldora:** plans to use the **chant setting of the mass**).

----->**Hampton:** because of the two language communities, during Advent we used the **Latin Chant Setting** of the Mass...b/c Advent was so short this year, I think we should use it again during Lent (though perhaps a capella, to encourage people to sing it).

----->**Ackley?**

NOTE FOR HAMPTON: Remember to consult with the Hispanic community to figure out ways to collaborate and have prayer experiences in BOTH languages (i.e. BILINGUAL Stations of the Cross; "Soup" suppers planned with Hispanic community, etc.)

NOTE FOR ACKLEY: We discussed the possibility of re-training and re-commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Holy Thursday.

After further thought and consideration, because there is a lot going on during Holy Week, the priests would prefer NOT to do it then...so a couple proposals

- 1- When did Hampton last do theirs? I think it would make most sense to sync up with them?
- 2- OR we could do it on another significant day...such as the Feast of Corpus Christi would be very appropriate (This year on Sunday June, 3)