

Lenten Speakers Bureau

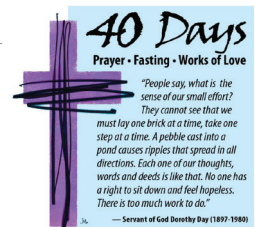
This Lenten season let representatives from Catholic Charities Parish Social Ministry program educate and energize your parish!

- WHO:** Parish Social Ministry (PSM) representatives, including program manager Michael Smith and parish outreach specialists statewide.
- WHAT:** PSM will provide guest speaking on a specific social justice or Catholic social teaching topic to more broadly address our call as Christians to serve our neighbors. In addition, the speaker would then more concretely address the Lenten Commitment Cards used by many parishes (see sample below) to demonstrate how parishioners can concretely live that call to service in their own parish and community.
- WHEN:** Speakers are available leading up to and through the Lenten season (January – March, 2017) for lectures during Mass or at a special parish gathering.
- WHERE:** PSM speakers will come to your parish on a mutually agreed upon date and time.
- WHY:** As Pope Francis noted in his Lenten message in 2015 *“Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each communities and every believer. Above all it is a “time of grace” (2Cor 6:2).”* He urged that we as *“God’s people, then, need this interior renewal, lest we become indifferent and withdraw into ourselves.”* **Let PSM spark a season of renewal in your parish!**
- HOW:** Please contact program manager Michael Smith as soon as possible as it is our intention to visit everyone who would like to take advantage of this special opportunity for parishes to grow in faith together!

An Opportunity to Grow in Faith through Service

Please prayerfully discern and commit to one ministry for Lent and see how the Lord presents Himself to you.

- + **Food Pantry**, availability Saturday mornings.
Please contact [contact name & phone number] for more information.
- + **Thrift Store**, availability Thursday afternoons.
Please contact [contact name & phone number] for more information.
- + **Making cards for the homebound**
Please contact [contact name & phone number] for more information.
- + **Cleaning the parish**
Please contact [contact name & phone number] for more information.
- + **Fundraiser for the emergency assistance program**, to help those seeking financial assistance.
Please contact [contact name & phone number] for more information.
- + **A local community organization**



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