Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in today's readings, now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.



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Many of us have read the Bible for years and some of us have owned Bibles for years. Yet, regardless of much reading one have done, the Bible can be a confusing book to read and understand. During this season of Lent, Pastor Tom will lead us through some of the most important themes of the Bible. Pastor will share the most basic understanding of these themes in the biblical and Christian contexts. Pastor will expound of these themes at both the weekend worship services and midweek Lenten worship. Come and hear what the Bible is about.

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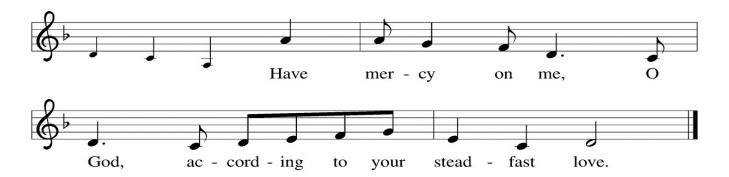
Please Include in your personal Prayers:

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Worship With Us (On YouTube)!

While we are practicing social distancing, we can still remain in community by worshiping together online. Join us for our regular weekend worships:

5pm Saturday Evening Spoken Vespers + 10am Sunday Morning Traditional 5pm Sunday Evening Contemporary

Join us via YouTube at www.YouTube.com/StJohnsErie. You can also find our channel by searching "StJohnsErie" on YouTube. Or you canworship with us in person or online (go to www.StJohnsErie.org and click on the "Worship With Us" tab).

Flower Delivery for March 6th is Diane Bestvina.

