

RICE BOWLS-Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. **Pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl this weekend from an Usher or pick up from tables in back of Church.** During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. We will have a second collection on the weekend of March 27th & 28th, you may hand in your Rice Bowls to the Ushers before mass or after mass on March 27th & 28th.

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY-“Safe Haven Sunday” will be held on February 20-21. The theme for 2021 is “Connected: How Strong Family Relationships Lead to Internet-Safe Kids.” The constant flood of influence that comes through the internet and social media in all of its various forms, along with social pressures from peers make it difficult for children to live virtuous and holy lives. In the digital age, it’s not a matter of if your child will see something inappropriate online. It’s only a matter of when. And regrettably, internet pornography is teaching our children how and what to think about sex and marriage. You may get your free Ebook, available through website, <http://www.diolaf.org/safehaven>. It will provide resources to you to give you confidence for how to talk to your children about internet dangers, as well as their personal online and offline choices. We hope our parishioners will utilize the free resources that are available this year. You can also visit <https://cleanheart.online/diocese-lafayette-la> to learn more.

LENTEN REGULATIONS-Ash Wednesday, February 17th and All Fridays of Lent are obligatory days of abstinence- (means we do not eat meat). The law of fast binds everyone from age 18-59. Good Friday is an obligatory day of fast and abstinence-means we have only one full meal a day. Two lighter meals are permitted. We do not eat meat this day also. The law of abstinence binds from age 14 & Older. Those that are excused are the physically & mentally ill including those suffering from chronic illness, diabetes, pregnant or nursing mothers.

Ash Wednesday is Not a Holy Day of Obligation.

**SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY-
A PRAYER FOR INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES-**

Loving Father,

Thank you for the gift of marriage and family life. We entrust to you our home, where our marriage and family lives and grows. We ask you to make it a safe haven for all who live and enter these walls. May our home truly be a holy place for both young and old to be formed in the truth regarding life, love, sex, and marriage. May each of our members be protected from and guided in seeking to avoid pornography, while embracing the freedom and purity of life in Christ.

If there are past wounds that have occurred due to the availability of pornography on our family’s devices, lack of awareness of parents, or because of indifference, we ask you to send forth your Spirit to heal, bless, renew, and consecrate this home as a safe haven with your son Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, today, tomorrow, and always.

We ask this through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Saints Joachim and Anne, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Amen.

**Please pray for the
Repose of the Soul
and Consolation of the Families of
Ludrick James Labbe,
Father to Rev. Donovan Labbe.**

Prayer to Begin the CRS Rice Bowl

God of mercy,

You call us to recognize you in our sisters and brothers and to care for those most in need—for whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me.

This Lent, ignite your love in us so that through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving we may support all who experience hunger in body, heart and spirit. May these CRS Rice Bowls be instruments of encounter, bringing us closer to you—our God—and to our neighbors both near and far.

May our Lenten journey help us to see our role in caring for the most vulnerable—particularly those experiencing hunger, poverty and obstacles to thrive.

Through these 40 days, may we deepen our faith in you and our love for one another, as we await with joyful anticipation the great celebration of Easter. Amen

