



## Lenten Series- Wednesday Nights 2025



### "Lenten Madness" Tournament of the Saints

*"O God, who by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, didst instruct the hearts of thy faithful servants; grant us in the same Spirit, to discern what is right, and enjoy His comfort forever, through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth, one God, with Thee and the same Spirit, world without end. Amen."*

Combining love of sports with the passion for the lives of the saints, The Lenten series this year is titled, "Lenten Madness" The Tournament of Saints. This year's saints include a mix of heavyweights and lesser-known saints, all of whom followed Jesus faithfully in their own day and in their own way. Closer examination of the bracket will quickly reveal an alphabetical theme. Needless to say, we love all the saints, from A to Z

The program begins at 6:30pm with a meal and then a presentation at 7pm to discuss the week of saints. The Lenten Madness, Tournament of Saints will follow along each week with the booklets provided to learn about the Saints and discuss our favorites. We will use the Saints book provided and the website.

Here's how Lent Madness works: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) about two different saints. Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elite Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the Golden Halo. The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as the site offers quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch.

**The Series will have Five sessions:**

**Mar 12, Session 1: Lenten Madness, Discuss 7 Saints, 1<sup>st</sup> group**

**Mar 19, Session 2: Lenten Madness, Discuss 7 Saints, 2<sup>nd</sup> group**

**Mar 26, Session 3: Lenten Madness, Discuss 7 Saints, 3<sup>rd</sup> group**

**Apr 2, Session 4: Lenten Madness, Discuss 7 Saints, 4<sup>th</sup> group**

**Apr 9, Session 5: Lenten Madness Wrap up, Discuss last 4 saints, final group**

The essence of Lent Madness and this program: allowing people to get to know some amazing people who have come before us in the faith and reminding one another that there's no reason for a dreary Lenten discipline. If this helps people connect with the risen Christ during this season of penitence and renewal, and have a bit of fun in the process, then we have succeeded in a successful Lenten journey.