

## Stations of the Cross Files

Here's what is in the files...

- 1) An Informational sheet about Ash Wednesday and Lent.
- 2) Nails – every Lent I would go to an antique furniture place and get these 2-inch old fashioned nails that look like the nails that crucified Jesus. Make purple or grey cardstock copies of this nail handout and cut it up in strips. Put two punch holes in the side of each strip, avoiding the words. Take a nail and put it through the two holes on each scripture quote strip and put them all in a basket. Parishioners love this free gift!
- 3) Stations of the Cross – Retreat Edition. We prayed the stations and then gave small groups time to discuss the questions that are included in each station. Teens loved this!
- 4) Stations of the Cross 2006 – Adults and Teens. On Good Friday the Basilica was filled with people. The crowd was given instructions to read the response according to their age – adults or teens. This was well received.
- 5) Stations of the Cross 2009 – At each station, a teen would give testimony on how they have lived out that station. This was really powerful. Teens shared and admitted to falsely accusing someone of something or laughing when someone failed, etc. There is also an instruction sheet included to help the teens create their testimonies. We limited the testimonies to no more than 3 minutes and all testimonies were previewed and pre-approved. The narrator would read the reflection and then introduce the person giving the testimony. The testimonies were read.
- 6) Stations of the Cross 2012 – This version is like 2009, but the reflection questions are read aloud and then the assembly ponders their personal responses in silent prayer while piano is softly playing.
- 7) Stations of the Cross 2015 – This is a pretty standard Stations except while the Stations were being read, various famous Stations from around the world, our own parish's Stations, and images of Stations made by our parish's children and teens were projected on a large screen in front.
- 🤩 Stations of the Cross 2021 – Made for the pandemic last year but updated this year. It is written from Mary's point of view and has a video to accompany it. You need the handout to participate with video. There are parts of the video that are silent where you read the text.
- 9) I have included both the original Word version and PDF version in case your fonts are different from mine. The PDF will show you what it should look like in case the Word version opens all wonky. Just switch out my parish's name and info. Say it's yours - I don't care. Enjoy!

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