

MARCH 9, 2025



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC PARISH

(covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy)

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Anointing of the Sick

Through this sacrament the believer is strengthened by Christ's grace through the anointing of Holy Oils. All who are seriously ill, hospitalized, or having surgery can receive this sacrament. Please contact the parish office if you wish to receive this sacrament.

Baptism

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated by appointment. All parents must attend a baptismal preparation meeting prior to the Baptism. Please call the office to schedule dates.

Confessions

Sat: 3:15 - 3:45 pm St. Michael
(also available by appointment)

Matrimony

A meeting with the parish priest should precede all other wedding plans. Couples contemplating matrimony should contact the parish office six months to a year before the celebration of the sacrament.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 6:00 pm, St. Michael's Church following 5:30 pm Mass, Benediction at 7:00 pm

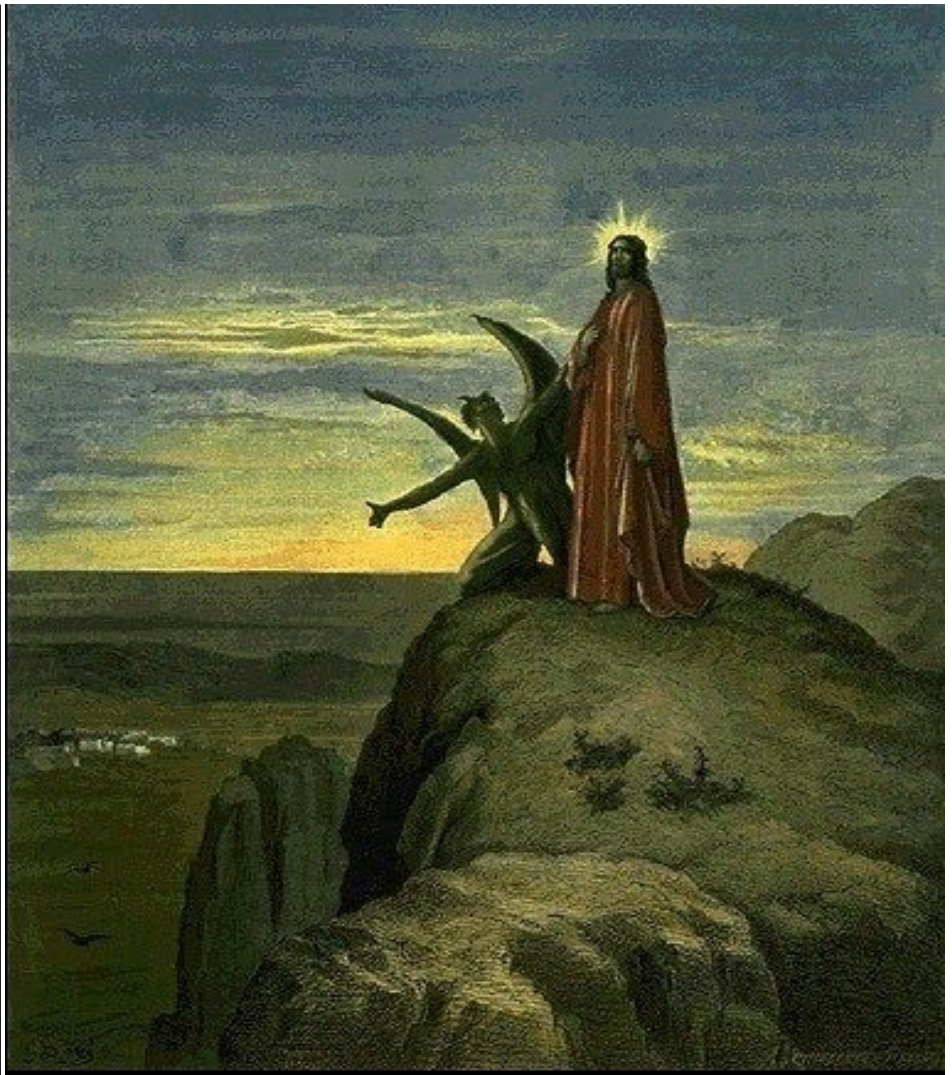
First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

First Fridays

To all elderly and homebound, if you would like a visit from Father Joe on First Friday, please contact the Parish Office and let us know the month before.

C.C.D. (2024/25)

(Religious education classes held during the school year)
Sunday - 8:15 am - 9:15 am,
St. Michael Church hall



Pastoral Council

David Beahm, David Brann, Leslie Debach, Will Hawrylo,
Jean Herman, Ralph Lepper, Sherry Vargson,
Sarah Watson - youth representative

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"As members of the parish community of Saint Michael, Saint John and Saint Aloysius, we are rooted in a relationship with Jesus Christ passed on to our Holy Father and in communion with our Bishop. We joyfully proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and his real presence in the Eucharist. We serve the Lord through acts of faith, hope and charity by the graces given through the Sacraments. It is our intention to carry out this mission so that we may be the face of Jesus Christ in the world."

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 8 Saturday after Ash Wednesday
VIGIL: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
 4:00 pm, Canton † Bea Jones (Chick & Leslie Debach)

Sunday, March 9 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
 8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
 9:30 am, Canton † Theresa Kingsley
 (Theresa & Joe Sheridan)
 11:15 am, Troy † Karl Congdon (Jayne & Riley)

Monday, March 10 Lenten Weekday
 7:00 am, Rectory - Private Intention

Tuesday, March 11 Lenten Weekday
 5:30 pm, Troy † Jeanne Wywiorski (Barbara Wywiorski)
 6:00 pm, Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 12 Lenten Weekday
 5:30 pm, Canton † Deceased members of Knights of
 Columbus Council #5515 (K of C Council #5517)
 6:00 pm, Canton - Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 13 Lenten Weekday
 No Mass

Friday, March 14 Lenten Weekday
 7:00 am, Rectory † Russ & Marie O'Neal
 (John & Pat Rushin)

Saturday, March 15 Lenten Weekday
VIGIL: 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
 4:00 pm, Canton † Richard Ross (Family)

Sunday, March 16 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
 8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo
 9:30 am, Canton † Theresa Kingsley (St. Michael's A&R)
 11:15 am, Troy † Robert Morris (Louise Wilber)

Fellowship is held in St. Michael's Church hall following the 9:30 am Mass each Sunday.



The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn this week for repose of the soul of Theresa Kingsley (offered by Melony Schrader). *Sanctuary lamp intentions may be requested by contacting the parish office. The cost is \$10 for all three lamps for a weekend.*

SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS February 24 - March 2, 2025

Weekly Offerings:	3,326.00
Electronic Offerings:	1,330.00
Other Parish Income:	302.46
Total Parish Income:	4,958.46
Average weekly expenses:	4,356.13
Difference:	602.33
Care & Education of Priests:	484.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Contribution statements are available on request from the parish office. If you received one last year, it was sent mid-January, so please call if it hasn't arrived.

SAINT MICHAEL'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL PIEROGI SALE!

Orders can be placed using the order form on the parish website, paper forms in all three churches, or by calling Alicia at (570) 673-4125. We are taking orders through 6 pm on Sunday, March 16th.

Pickup will be from St. Michael's Hall on:

- March 19th & 20th: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- March 21st: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- March 22nd: 9:00 am - Noon
- March 23rd: 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Pierogi making in St. Michael's Hall will be Monday, March 17 - Friday, March 21, 9 am - 2 pm, with lunch provided. Come for an hour or spend the day.

Everyone is invited and we have ***FUN!***

There is also a sign up sheet in St. Michael's Church for the donation of flour, sour cream, shredded cheese, and/or money for the rest of the supplies.

Lent Is...

Lent is a time of preparing,
 A time for forgiveness and a time for sharing;
 A time to give to others and show some caring,
 Lent is a direction with just the right bearing.
 A forty day period of penitence and fasting,
 That should remain in our hearts for a time everlasting.
 Although it's observed from Ash Wednesday to Easter by many churches,
 It should affect everyone's life, for we're all searchers;
 Looking for a purpose in life, a new direction;
 And Lent is a way filled with affection,
 For it paved the way for Christ's resurrection.
 Lent is a time for feeling sorrow for our misdeeds.
 It provides us with a way of fulfilling our needs;
 The need to abstain from what is wrong,
 And follow in the footsteps of Christ all along.

Author: Father Joe Kutch (1981)

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barby, John & Peggy Adams, Karl Barton,
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 Lauren Kreager, David Kule, Jo Kule, Bob Lutz,
 Joyce Maloney, Tom McBlane, Bunny Meuse,
 Bernadette Moore, Orlando Morales, Delina Morgan,
 Mary Nybeck, Pamela Porter O'Brien, John O'Brien,
 Leo Parchesky, Ramona Parker, Gary Paquette,
 Lori Pellegrini, Pat Rushin, Cristy Schmelzle,
 Ahmed Hassa Sharief, Anthony Shipula, Bev Smith,
 Sharon Snyder, Carl E. Steffon, Elias Vroman,
 Calvin Watson, Steven Wilber, John Wilcox,
 Anthony Wolf, Nicholas Wolf, Fran Zizza
*Contact the office to add a name to the prayer list.
 Names remain on the list for 3 months per request.*

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March 2025

St. Michael Parish

One Minute Meditations

St. Agnes of Bohemia

Imagine refusing marriage proposals from two kings and the Holy Roman Emperor.

For Agnes, daughter of Queen Constance and King Ottokar I, none but the King of Heaven could win her heart. In 1236, after financing the construction of a Poor Clare monastery in Prague, she entered this monastery with seven other noblewomen. Elected abbess, she continued to perform the lowliest tasks in the community. She exchanged letters with St. Clare of Assisi, which survive today.

Scripture is God's love letter

Sacred Scripture isn't just a record of events that happened long ago but is intended for us today. When we read the Bible through the lens of Church teaching, we see God revealing the ways of the love of His heart for each of us, "back then" and still today.

"And what is the secret of perseverance? Love.

Fall in Love, and you will not leave him." —St.

Josemaría Escrivá

Cultivate a heart for Lent

Just as an experienced gardener prepares the soil before planting to ensure healthy growth, we must prepare the "soil" of our hearts during Lent. This season invites us to clear away obstacles that hinder our relationship with God and nourish our spirits through prayer and the Sacraments. By doing so, we cultivate the "good fruits" that lead to a renewed and vibrant spiritual life.

Uproot the Weeds: Studies suggest that forming a new habit takes at least three weeks, depending on its nature. Begin by uprooting unhealthy habits and replacing them with holy, life-giving practices. Start small but be consistent — like waking up just five or ten minutes earlier to pray. Even small acts of self-discipline build the spiritual strength needed to face greater

challenges, including temptations.

Nourish the Soil: Spiritual growth isn't possible without grace. Mother Teresa, despite her incredible work, insisted on a daily Holy Hour, affirming, "How can we last even one day living our life without hearing Jesus say, 'I love you'— impossible." Follow her example by creating and following a routine of daily prayer, weekly Mass, and monthly Confession.

Preserve the Fruits: Commit to practices that bring new life, like choosing kindness over gossip, and prayer over screen time. By nurturing these habits, you'll encounter Jesus' love more deeply and reflect that love to others.

As we journey through Lent, may our hearts become fertile ground where faith, hope, and love can blossom abundantly.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics give something up for Lent?

Catholics around the world make sacrifices during Lent to remind us that God is greater than anything the world can offer. By giving up small comforts or practicing acts of self-denial, we acknowledge that every good gift comes from Him. The sacrifice serves to remind us.

True love requires sacrifice. God demonstrated this perfectly by giving His only Son for our salvation (John 3:16). Our Lenten sacrifices help us imitate this divine love. By uniting our sacrifices with Christ's ultimate sacrifice on the Cross, we become more like Him.

The virtue that leads to a balanced life

Prudence is the virtue of wise decision-making, guiding us to apply moral principles in everyday life with clarity and integrity. It empowers us to navigate complex situations with fairness and sound judgment.

Act justly and fairly by treating others with justice, free from favoritism or prejudice. For example, when caring for children, prudence ensures we give equal attention to each child, fostering an atmosphere of respect and equality.

Balance courage and caution by finding the middle ground between fear and recklessness. Prudence empowers us to make bold yet responsible choices. For

example, taking out a mortgage for a comfortable home is a prudent investment, whereas going into excessive debt to impress others is not.

Master desires and avoid greed to keep from becoming enslaved by life's pleasures. This virtue helps us avoid excessive consumption. Prudence allows us to appreciate good food, fine entertainment, or the latest technology without falling into excessive consumption.

Prudence brings us practical wisdom. When we practice prudence, we not only make better decisions but also move closer to living a balanced, fulfilling life.

from Scripture

John 9:1-41, Faith gives us true sight

In this Gospel reading, Jesus cured a blind man on the Sabbath by making mud and smearing it on the man's eyes. This cure was two-fold; the man received both physical sight and the sight of faith. As he was being questioned by the Pharisees, his understanding of who Jesus was moved from knowing Him as simply a man, to acclaiming Him as a prophet, and finally, to worshipping Him as the Son of God.

While the faith of the cured man progresses, the spiritual sight of

the Pharisees does the opposite. In their anger, they were blinded to the truth—that the curing of the blind man was God's work. Furious that Jesus failed to observe the Sabbath, they refused to believe that the man had been blind from birth and had been healed by Jesus.

In Baptism, we are given the gift of faith—the ability to “see” God and our life in relation to him. The longer we follow Jesus and learn from Him, the better we understand Him. However, through sin, we can become spiritually blind.

Q & A Why don't I feel better after Confession?

After Confession, many feel lighter, more peaceful. Other times, we may feel no change, or even sadness. Still, we are forgiven. Here's how to find peace.

Make amends: That lingering unease might be God's gentle nudge to make things right. Forgiveness is given in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but healing continues through restitution. If you confessed to stealing \$20, you're forgiven—but you still need to return it. Making amends completes the reconciliation process.

Reject false guilt: “Healthy” guilt alerts us to sin, like a burglar alarm. Once you've confessed, the alarm should turn off. If guilt lingers, recognize it as a temptation to doubt God's mercy. God doesn't hold grudges and neither should you. If you're struggling, seek help from a priest, counselor, or trusted Catholic friend.

Then do what pleases Him most – be still and let Him love you.

Feasts & Celebrations

March 6 - St. Colette (1447). St. Colette was born in Corbie, France. She was orphaned at seventeen and gave her inheritance to the poor. She later became a Franciscan Tertiary and later reformed the Poor Clares. She founded seventeen convents under the reformed rule.

March 17 - St. Patrick (493). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is credited with establishing the Church there.

March 19 - St. Joseph, Husband of Mary. Jesus' earthly foster father and husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and protector of families.

March 20 - St. Cuthbert (687). St. Cuthbert joined the Benedictines at the Melrose Abbey. For his holiness, fervor and charity, he was made abbot of the Lindisfarne Abbey. He retired to be a hermit.

March 25 - the Annunciation. The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. Even at her young age, she had complete confidence in God's grace and trusted in his wisdom.

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LENT 2025

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*).

9	<i>Each tree is known by its own fruit</i> (Luke 6:44). After Mass, ask God "what 'good fruit' He wants your life to bear this Lent."	10	Practice true charity: "Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself" (St. Francis de Sales).	11	Take fifteen minutes today for silent prayer. Don't worry about finding the right words. Just be still and let Him love you.	12	Enjoy pretzels, a traditional Lenten snack invented by monks. They thought the folded loops resembled arms crossed in prayer.	13	Skim the glossary of the <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i> until something strikes your interest, and dive deeper.	14	Pray the Chapter of Divine Mercy today, especially for the dying. You can find more information here: https://www.usccb.org/prayers	15	Write a note of encouragement to someone you think needs cheering up.
16	Stay after Mass today to pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.	17	In honor of St. Patrick's missionary work in Ireland, offer extra prayers for those who teach the Faith.	18	Listening well is a small but meaningful act of courtesy. Give the gift of your full attention.	19	In honor of St. Joseph, focus on the joyful Mysteries today, reflecting on St. Joseph's role in each event.	20	Lent and Holy Week are busy times in a Catholic parish. Call or stop by your parish office and ask how you can help.	21	"There is no such thing as innocent slander" (Pope Francis). Today, practice the penance of not complaining about anyone.	22	Contact Catholic Relief Services (877-435-7277 or www.crs.org) to see how you can support any of their projects.
23	Write down three points you remember from Father's homily. Choose one you want to put into practice this week.	24	Honor your word, even to yourself. Perform a chore you've been putting off.	25	<i>The Annunciation</i> Happy Solemnity! Today, we celebrate that God became man (John 1:14). Attend daily Mass or have a dessert—or both!	26	Make a small sacrifice today: No cream in your coffee, no butter on your toast, no music in the car.	27	Ask God to show you whatever keeps you from fully experiencing His love. Resolve to deal with it before Lent ends.	28	Counter pride with authentic humility. Pray, "O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!"	29	<i>Return, O Israel, to the LORD, your God; you have collapsed through your guilt</i> (Hosea 14:2) Pray the Act of Contrition and ask for forgiveness.
30	<i>Laetare Sunday</i> Today marks the halfway point to Easter! Have a dessert to celebrate that you have made it halfway to Lent.	31	Renew your commitment to your Lenten resolutions.	1	April Examine your conscience, using the Ten Commandments as a guide (Exodus 20:1-17).	2	Go to Confession and experience God's mercy. Thank Him for His love and resolve to avoid future sin.	3	Instead of spending time on your screen, read a good spiritual classic.	4	Attend daily Mass or visit the Blessed Sacrament sometime today. Thank Jesus for His sacrifice of love.	5	Choose to forego a financial luxury, such as online shopping or eating out. Abstain from it until Easter and donate the extra money.
6	Extend fellowship. Invite friends to brunch after Mass, either at a restaurant or at your home.	7	Loving others well starts with knowing we are loved. Ask God to reveal His love to you today.	8	Read the Passion Narrative from the Gospel of Luke (Luke 22-23). What areas of your life and heart need His grace?	9	Reduce the contents of your dosets. If you used or worn something in a year, donate it to charity.	10	Go for a walk and look for signs of Spring.	11	Observe a (recreational) screen fast, from 12:00pm to 3:00pm, the time Jesus hung on the Cross.	12	Play the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, meditating on Christ's Passion through the eyes of His mother.
13	<i>Palm Sunday</i> When listening to the Gospel readings at Mass, imagine yourself in the scene. How would you respond?	14	Pray for all those coming into the Church at Easter Vigil.	15	Forgive anyone who has hurt you. Ask forgiveness of anyone you have harmed.	16	Reflect on your Lent: where did you grow? What graces did you receive? What habits would you like to continue after Easter?	17	<i>Holy Thursday</i> Make a Holy Hour today in a church or chapel to console Jesus for the abandonment, indifference, and sacrilege He suffers by us.	18	<i>Good Friday</i> Reread Luke 23. Jesus carried His Cross out of love for you. Resolve to imitate Him more faithfully this year.	19	<i>Holy Saturday</i> Light a candle and renew your baptismal vows to remain committed to Christ.

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LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

LENT FASTING RULES

CATHOLIC RULES FOR FASTING DURING LENT IN 2025

<https://hallow.com/blog/lent-fasting-rules/>

Along with prayer and almsgiving, fasting is one of the three pillars of Lent.

In a message for Lent in 2008, Pope Benedict XVI described these as “specific tasks that accompany the faithful concretely in this process of interior renewal.”

A decade earlier, St. (Pope) John Paul II described Lent as a “commitment to a new life, inspired by Gospel values,” moving away from selfishness and drawing closer to the path of Christ.

That path, according to Pope John Paul II, can be summarized in the words of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, with fasting consisting of moderation in food and lifestyle as “a sincere effort to remove from our hearts all that is the result of sin and inclines us to evil.”

Prayer and almsgiving may be easier to fully grasp than fasting, for which the Church has provided specific rules and guidelines to help shape our Lenten journey towards renewal. In 2025, Hallow’s Pray40 Lent prayer challenge focuses on prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Here’s an overview of common questions about Lent fasting rules to guide your observance in 2025.

LENT FASTING RULES: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS FASTING?

In the Catholic Church, fasting is a practice in self-discipline with a penitential focus. In the context of Lent, it refers to reducing food intake and limiting how many meals we have.

WHAT ARE THE LENT FASTING RULES?

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, fasting rules allow Catholics to eat only one full meal and two smaller meals which, combined, would not equal a single normal meal. Additionally, Catholics may not eat meat on these two days—or on any Friday during Lent.

WHAT ARE THE LENT RULES ON ABSTINENCE?

In this context, abstinence refers to “abstaining” from meat on Fridays during Lent. Whereas Catholics fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday with just one large meal, Catholics must refrain from eating meat on other Fridays, though they can have three full meals.

AT WHAT AGE DO YOU START FASTING FOR LENT?

Those ages 18-59, in reasonable health, are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those 14 and older must abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent. Canon Law does mention that for young children not fasting, parents should still communicate the meaning and penance.

WHO IS EXEMPT FROM FASTING DURING LENT?

Children, adults with physical and mental illness, pregnant women and those nursing are all exempt. The

LENTEN HOLY HOURS WITH BISHOP BAMBERA

For the third straight year, Bishop Bambera will visit each deanery in the Diocese of Scranton during Lent to hold a special Holy Hour for the faithful.



The complete list of dates and locations for the Lenten Holy Hours can be found online at <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/bishop-bambera-to-hold-holy-hours-throughout-diocese-during-lent/>

In the Sayre Deanery, Holy Hour will be on Monday, March 31st in Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Saint Basil Church, 123 Churchill Street, Dushore, PA

USCCB stresses that “common sense should prevail” and that no one should jeopardize their health to fast.

WHEN IS FASTING OVER?

Lent ends on Holy Thursday, but Lenten fasting (and personal commitments) usually continues until Easter. Papal document Paschalis Solemnitatis recommends this in order that we “with uplifted and welcoming heart be ready to celebrate the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection.”

CAN YOU EAT MEAT ON GOOD FRIDAY?

On the one hand, Good Friday is part of the Easter Triduum, which marks the end of Lent. However, since Good Friday itself is a day of abstinence, it’s best to abstain from meat, as in the Fridays of Lent.

DO SUNDAYS COUNT FOR FASTING?

It’s been a custom for Catholics to give something up during Lent, in addition to the fastings and abstinence rules. Some keep their sacrifice continuously, but Sundays during Lent are not “prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.” Ultimately, it’s a personal decision.

ARE FISH FRYS OK?

Since it is fish instead of meat, your local church fish fry is a fine option for Fridays during Lent. Because the Lent season is one rooted in penance, a modest meal at your parish is probably a better option than a lavish seafood feast at a fine restaurant.

DOES “ABSTINENCE” APPLY TO SEX? DO CATHOLICS NEED TO ABSTAIN FROM SEX DURING LENT?

No. Abstinence refers to food.

Some parish birth records from the Middle Ages show that births declined nine months after Lent and rose nine months after Easter, so there may be some historical precedent for the practice.

WHAT CAN YOU DRINK ON ASH WEDNESDAY? WHAT ARE THE FASTING RULES AROUND LIQUIDS LIKE COFFEE?

Normal rules around fasting before receiving Communion (abstaining from food an hour before Mass) apply during Lent. Outside of that, there are no specific rules around liquids, so coffee, tea and soda are fine. A smoothie that constitutes a meal would probably count as food.

WHAT ARE THE FASTING RULES AROUND ALCOHOL?

The Church does not specifically limit alcohol. A person’s personal discretion is best.



POPE FRANCIS'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

THIS WEEK ON **formed**, WEEK OF MARCH 9, 2025

WEEK ONE | RESTORE

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.



ST. FRANCES & LITURGICAL LIVING

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call “trash can soup.” Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. <https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/>.



LIVING LENT AS A FAMILY

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Augustine Institute Graduate School Professor Dr. Sehorn and his wife, Sarah Sehorn, to discuss liturgical living during Lent. .



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MARCH 10 - 16, 2025 READINGS

- Mon:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46
- Tues:** Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:31-46
- Wed:** Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32
- Thurs:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8
Mt 7:7-12
- Fri:** Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26
- Sat:** Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48
- Sun:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14
Phil 3:17—4:1 Lk 9:28b-36

CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

The Knights of Columbus have begun their annual COAL (Chance of a Lifetime) Sweepstakes. The drawing will be held on May 16, 2025. Tickets cost \$5.00 and you may purchase as many as you would like.

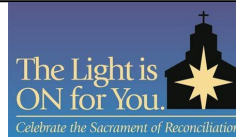
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- 11th & 12th: \$2,000
- 13th, 14th, 15th, & 16th: \$1,000

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in Saint Michael's Church on Mondays during Lent from 5:30 - 7 pm, except on Monday, March 31st. Father Joe will be attending Holy Hour with Bishop Bambara in St. Basil Church, Dushore.



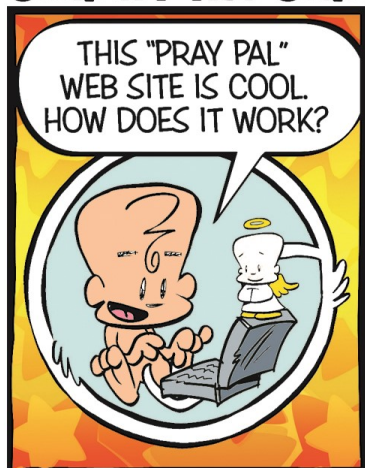
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As of March 1, we have reached 78.46% of our \$19,238 parish goal. \$15,095.00 has been donated or pledged by 72 donors. Our current participation rate 26.67%. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far, both financially and with your prayers.

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi





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