



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection 03/01/26 .....	\$2,660.00
Weekly budget .....	\$3,425.00
Difference .....	<b>\$765.00</b>
CSA Assessment (2026) .....	\$30,986.00
Pledges to date .....	\$22,170.00

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**POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH  
For Disarmament and Peace**

**Let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.**



Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world. Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

**Baptismal Training Sessions 2026**

March 21 10:00 am Sacred Heart 814-781-1019

**FISH DINNERS** continue to be served every Friday during Lent, from NOON until 6:30 pm (or until sold out). Fish or Shrimp dinners cost \$16. Pastor's Platter cost \$19. Come and enjoy a delicious dinner!



**Stations of the Cross** will be on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm during Lent. There will also be **Adoration** on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm during Lent.

**Faith Formation reminder:** Beginning on Sunday, March 8th, students in the Edge program are to be dropped off and picked up from the social hall. Also, please provide your children with breakfast and a good night's rest. This helps students be at their best!

**Area Lenten Penance Services:**

Tuesday, March 10	6:00 pm	St. Mark, Emporium
Thursday, March 12	6:00 pm	Queen of the World
Monday, March 16	6:00 pm	Holy Rosary, Jbg.
Monday, March 23	6:00 pm	St. Mary, St. Marys
Thursday, March 26	6:00 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway
Sunday, March 29	2:00 pm	St. Joseph, Force

**A Family Perspective:** Our children are like the Samaritan woman in today's Gospel. They need more than just material things; they need the 'living water' that only good role models can provide. This "living water" will teach them how to make decisions, take responsibility, respect themselves and others, and honor their commitments. With this, they will "never thirst."

**40 Days For Life Campaign** Feb. 18 thru March 29. 40 Days is an International, twice a year campaign of fasting, praying, and community outreach. Sponsored by Elk County Right To Life.

**The Ten Commandments (continued)**

The Fourth Commandment: **"HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER,"** that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you. (Ex 20: 12)

In the CCC, paragraph 2199, "the Fourth Commandment is addressed expressly to children in their relationship to their father and mother, because this relationship is most universal. It likewise concerns the ties of kinship between members of the extended family. It requires honor, affection, and gratitude toward elders and ancestors...etc."

A very good question to younger children and adult children is: How well are you taking good care of your parents? How well are you younger people in society taking care of the elderly, whether at home, in the hospital, or in the nursing home? Hopefully, when any of us are given that responsibility of taking care of our elderly parents, we do it joyfully. They took care of us and sacrificed a lot in raising us, we can, in turn, be with them and help them navigate the older and sometimes fragile years of their life.

CCC, paragraph 2200, says "that observing the Fourth Commandment brings its rewards: 'Honor your father and mother that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.'" In obeying this command, temporal fruits of 'peace and prosperity' and a long life is given. There are always great blessings when obeying God's Commandments.

The Fifth Commandment: **YOU SHALL NOT KILL**

CCC, paragraph 2258, states that "human life is sacred because from it's beginning, it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, Who is it's sole end--God alone is the Lord of Life from the beginning until its end: no one can, under any circumstance, claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being."

In addition to this is what CCC, paragraph 2270, states about human life. "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person--among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life."

Since the time of the early Church in the First Century, "the Church has affirmed the MORAL EVIL of every procured abortion." (CCC 2271) "Other evils that break this commandment are: intentional homicide, euthanasia (putting to death the sick or handicapped),

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, March 09, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Ann Michelini birthday	Children	Lenten Weekday <i>Saint Frances of Rome, Religious</i>	2 Kgs 5: 1-15ab Lk 4: 24-30 (237)
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Ron Mitchell	Chuck & Vina	Lenten Weekday	Dn 3: 25, 34-43 Mt 18: 21-35 (238)
Wednesday, March 11, 2026 No Mass			Lenten Weekday	Dt 4: 1, 5-9 Mt 5: 17-19 (239)
Thursday, March 12, 2026 8:15 a.m. Mass	Kimberly A. Forster	Mom	Lenten Weekday	Jer 7: 23-28 Lk 11: 14-23 (240)
Friday, March 13, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Poor Souls in Purgatory		Lenten Weekday	Hos 14: 2-10 Mk 12: 28-34 (241)
Saturday, March 14, 2026 No a.m. Mass			Lenten Weekday	Hos 6: 1-6 Lk 18: 9-14 (242)
Saturday, March 14, 2026 5:30 p.m. Mass	Richard Cashmer	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Lent	(see below)
Sunday, March 15, 2026 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	1 Sm 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a Eph 5: 8-14 Jn 9: 1-41 or 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 (31)

**St. Joseph Church**

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Thursday 9a.m. to 4 p.m.

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and suicide. This commandment calls for respect for health, the dead, to avoid war, and to safeguard peace as a great priority.” A good question is: Have I killed anyone's good reputation or caused scandal? In the end, am I following Jesus’ Command to love God and my neighbor and myself?

**The Woman at the Well; our Gospel Reading for this weekend (Jn 4: 5-42)**

Jesus comes to Jacob’s well because he was tired from his journey and he was thirsty for water. At the same time, a woman of Samaria also came to the well to draw water because she was thirsty. As their conversation developed, Jesus was offering a spiritual water; a spring of water that will give eternal life. The woman realized that Jesus was a prophet, so she “left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, ‘come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could He possibly be the Christ?’” (Jn 4: 28-29) **A good question for us is: What is our soul thirsting for during this Lenten Season? Try to answer this question during this week.**

God Bless, Father Mark

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