

2nd Sunday OF LENT



Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:4-5

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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 will 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! See the insert in this weekend's bulletin.



A Family Perspective: Transformation is a natural part of family life. When we commit to someone, whether it is a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are pledging our support not just to who they are today, but to the person they are continually becoming.

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!

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.

Area Fish Dinners:

St. Leo, Ridgway--sponsored by Ridgway K of C
 Fish dinners every Friday during Lent. Battered or Baked. Dine In or Take Out. 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. \$14.75
 St. Leo Parish Social Hall, Ridgway.

St. Boniface, Kersey--sponsored by Kersey K of C
 Fish dinners every Friday during Lent. Choice of Fish or Shrimp with sides. Dine In or Take Out. 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Adults \$16.00 Children under 10 \$8.00
 St. Boniface Social Hall, Kersey

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 Second Commandment: **"THE NAME OF THE LORD IS HOLY"** "You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain." (Ex 20: 7)

This commandment demands that we always have respect for our Lord's Name. The CCC, paragraph 2146, says that, "The Second Commandment forbids the abuse of God's Name, ie, every improper use of the Names of God, Jesus Christ, but also of the Virgin Mary, and all the Saints." In addition to this, paragraph 2147 states that, "promises made to others in God's Name engage the divine honor, fidelity, truthfulness, and authority. They must be respected in justice. To be unfaithful to them is to misuse God's Name and, in some way, to make God out to be a liar." This can be very bad. (1 John 1: 10)

In addition, a very bad temptation from evil is blasphemy. This is very bad and "consists in uttering against God-inwardly or outwardly-words of hatred, reproach, or defiance in speaking ill of God; in failing in respect toward Him in one's speech, in misusing God's Name." (CCC paragraph 2148) Always keep in mind, my friends, that no matter how angry we may be toward someone, or no matter how much we are suffering, we can NEVER take our Lord's Name in vain. Pray for the grace to avoid this sin. Thank God that He loves and respects all of us and that He "calls each one by name." (Isaiah 43: 1)

A good reflection question is: Have I sworn recently by taking our Lord's Name in vain? If so, how can I stop? Answer: Go to Confession.

The Third Commandment: **"REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY."**

"Six days you shall labor, and do your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work." (Ex 20: 8-10)

The Jewish people celebrate their sabbath from sundown on Friday evening, until Saturday evening. The CCC paragraph 2168 states that; "The Third Commandment of the Decalogue (Ten Commandments) recalls the holiness of the sabbath. The seventh day is a sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the Lord." We Catholic Christians and other Christian denominations celebrate our "sabbath", our Holy Day of solemn rest, on Sunday. The reason for this is because Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week; that first Easter Sunday; day of resurrection. This is why the Church has always taught and proclaimed that going to Mass on Sunday or the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, is mandatory.

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We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, March 02, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Jack Gahr	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Lenten Weekday	Dn 9: 4b-10 Lk 6: 36-38 (230)
Tuesday, March 03, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Gerald Klaiber	Jim, Barb, Maria, and Rachel	Lenten Weekday <i>Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin</i>	Is 1: 10, 16-20 Mt 23: 1-12 (231)
Wednesday, March 04, 2026 No Mass			Lenten Weekday <i>Saint Casimir</i>	Jer 18: 18-20 Mt 20: 17-28 (232)
Thursday, March 05, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Pauline Lovenduski birthday	Children	Lenten Weekday	Jer 17: 5-10 Lk 16: 19-31 (233)
Friday, March 06, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Rev. Rick Thompson	Tim & Lori Sims	Lenten Weekday	Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46 (234)
Saturday, March 07, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass FIRST SATURDAY	Irene Gregori	Tom & Karen Brown	Lenten Weekday <i>Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs</i>	Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20 Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32 (235)
Saturday, March 07, 2026 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent	(see below)
Sunday, March 08, 2026 9:15 a.m. Mass	Lena Volpe	Goddaughter Susan McDermott	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Ex 17: 3-7 Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8 Jn 4: 5-42 or 4: 5-15, 19b-26. 39a, 40-42 (28)

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

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am Holy Days: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Daily: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:30 am No Mass on Wednesday

The Third Commandment says to keep this day holy (Ex 31: 15) and Jesus says this at the Last Supper; when He said; "Do this in memory of me." (Lk 22: 19b)

My brothers and sisters, Jesus gave us the Mass at the Last Supper and then died on the cross for our salvation. Therefore, He requires us as Catholics, to go to Mass every Sunday, so to celebrate what He has given to us. The precious gifts He gives us at each Mass, is His Life Giving Word as recorded in the Bible and the Bread of Life contained in the Host at Holy Communion. Nothing should ever get in our way, or stand in the way of each of us getting to Mass. Yes, there are illnesses, disabilities, and too much snow to trudge through in order to go to Mass. Some people have to work on Sunday. All of this is understandable. Then people can watch the Mass on TV. But, for those who do **not** have these limitations, Jesus is at Mass waiting for you, for me, and for all of us, week after week, to join Him in this continual celebration of His Last Supper, at the Mass.

God Bless, Father Mark

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