

February 15, 2026

**SIXTH SUNDAY in
ORDINARY TIME**

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St. Anthony

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Parish Lenten Retreat

Preached by

Dn. Bryan Burger

at St. John Parish

LEOPOLD

*When : Feb 23rd
and 24th, 2026*

Time: 6 to 7 PM

“Befriend the CROSS”

Liturgical Roles

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7:15 AM (SJ)

Servers: Skyler, Avery & Talon Hoesli

Lector: Bobby Jansen

Distribute Ashes: Nick Elfrink

Extraordinary Min.: *Karen James

Ushers: Roy Van de Ven, Paul Landewee

Sacristan: Dennis James

Rosary: weekday volunteer

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 6 PM (SA)

Servers: Bryson & Bentley Green

Lector: Chandler Jansen

Distribute Ashes: Gina Bueter

Extraordinary Min.: *Mike Bueter

Ushers: Alfred & Larry VanGennip

Sacristan: volunteer

Rosary: volunteer

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, February 21, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Audrey & Nellie Langston

Lector: Dennis Horrell

Extraordinary Min.: *Andrea Bueter

Ushers: Chad & Michael VanGennip

Offertory: Family of Elmer & Eula VanGennip

Sacristan: Pam Horrell

Rosary: Ernestine Bueter

PCCW Sunday, Feb. 22, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Zach & Camdyn Schreiner

Lector: Cindy (Lindy) Jansen

Extraordinary Min.: *Karen Broshuis, Cindy (A) Jansen, Darlene Stoverink

Choir Min.: Kelly Schreiner

Ushers: Roger Vandeven, Gary Vandeven

Offertory: PCCW- Geri Geringer & Cindy (Lindy) Jansen

Sacristan: Patty Bohnsack

Rosary: PCCW – Polly Mungle

Sunday, February 22, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Valerie Michaelree, Theodore & Walter Smith

Lector: Lauryn Shrum

Extraordinary Min.: *Abby Jansen, Matt Michaelree, Kim Bunger

Choir Min.: Addison Engelen

Ushers: Ted Eftink, Nate Forrester

Offertory: Laura & Kyle Booth Family

Sacristan: Danny & Joann James

Rosary: volunteer

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, February 16, President's Day (No School)

6:55-7:15 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

7:20 AM MASS - Nettie Surface † (SJ)

8:00 AM - 7:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)

Tuesday, February 17

8:05-8:25 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

8:30 AM MASS - Deborah Bueter † (SJ)

Wednesday, February 18, ASH WEDNESDAY

6:50 - 7:10 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

7:15 AM MASS - Eleanor Macke † (SJ)

3:15 PM - Rosary Club (church basement)

5:30-5:55 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)

6:00 PM MASS - Kathy Nanney † (SA)

7:00 PM - St. Anthony Parish Council (Glennon Hall)

Thursday, February 19

8:05-8:25 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

8:30 AM MASS - L/D Members John & Lorene Peters Family (SJ)

Friday, February 20

6:55-7:15 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

7:20 AM MASS - Gerald Jansen † (SJ)

5:00-7:00 PM - KC Fish Fry (KC Hall)

7:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (SJ)

Saturday, February 21

6:30 AM - Men's Group (KC Hall)

8:00 AM - Women's Cursillo (St. Anne's)

4:15-4:45 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)

5:00 PM MASS - Elmer & Eula VanGennip † (SA)

5:00-7:30 PM - HS Youth Group (church office)

Sunday, February 22

7:20-7:50 AM -and - 9:30-9:50 AM CONFESSIONS (SJ)

8:00 AM MASS - Tom & Wilma Elfrink † (SJ)

10:00 AM MASS - Families of St. John & St. Anthony Parishes (SJ)

5:00 PM - OCIA (Parish Office)

St. John Gifts	2/8/26	St. Anthony Gifts	2/8/26
Adults	\$3350.00	Adults	\$1531.00
Loose	\$399.00	Loose	\$208.00
Online	\$1856.00	Maintenance	\$100.00
Latin America	\$35.00	Mirror	\$73.00
First Offering	\$5.00	Votive Candles	\$36.00
Mirror	\$783.99		
Votive Candles	\$52.00		

LENTEN MISSION: Deacon Brian from St. Augustine in Kelso has graciously accepted our invitation to speak to us for our Lenten Mission on February 23 and 24. It will begin each night at 6:00 for about an hour. A basket will be available for offerings and finger food and drinks will be served in the basement each night after Deacon's presentation. All are welcome. Please come and join us for two nights of renewal and fellowship.

StoneBridge & Homebound Extraordinary Minister for February 22:

Barb Bucher

Notes from Fr. Vincent:

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's readings remind us that God looks beyond outward actions to the heart. Sirach speaks of our freedom to choose life, St. Paul points to the Spirit's deeper wisdom, and Jesus calls us to go beyond merely keeping rules by transforming our thoughts, desires, and intentions. True discipleship is not just avoiding sin but loving God sincerely from within, choosing each day the path that leads to life and peace.

We begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Pope Benedict XVI often described Lent as a grace-filled journey of inner renewal, a time to return to God with the whole heart through prayer, fasting, and charity. He taught that these practices are not mere external acts but ways of opening ourselves to God's love, purifying our hearts, and learning to live more deeply in Christ. For him, Lent is like a spiritual pilgrimage that leads us with hope to Easter, where through the Cross we rediscover the joy of new life in the risen Lord.

Ashes we receive on Wednesday have twofold meaning. First, they are a sign of our repentance. They say that we are sorry for our sins and will do penance for them during Lent. Second, they are a sign of our mortality. They say that we will die someday and have to give an account of our lives to God. Let us ask ourselves what kind of penance we can do to make this Lent more meaningful and appealing to God.

As Lent is a season of grace from God let us use this season for forging our relationship with God and others through prayer, fasting and almsgiving." ***What we have lost through sin, let us regain through penance; and let us prepare our souls for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery by fasting, prayer, and works of mercy.***" (St. Leo the Great)

Prayer: Lord, as we journey through Lent, soften my heart, purify my soul through prayer and sacrifice, and lead me closer to You in love and trust. Amen

St. John the Evangelist and St. Anthony, pray for us and protect us.

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Adult Education Notes

Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. Have you decided your offering, your fasting, your suffering for the next 40 days? Don't wait for the last minute or after. Pray about it. Prayer changes things.

I was watching a speaker at the Napa Institute and he talked about suffering. We have our own trials, burdens and pain. We think ours is the worst of all but there has never been any pain as that of our Lord's passion. "Doce me passionem tuam" -Teach me your suffering. His talk echoed this phrase. He said His exterior wounds were as paper cuts per se compared to the interior pain and suffering He experienced inside because of my sins and your sins.

He recommended that we could not honor all the wounds we see with enough love. He said to sit in Adoration and ask Jesus to show you just one of His wounds. Invite Him in the language of a most trusting child to sit with you, without fear, to hold your hand as you sit in the pew and you hold His bloody hand and put your finger in the wound there as St. Thomas did and press your hand into His. Contemplate that one single wound and see the dark colored coagulated blood mixed with dirt. See the bruising and the splinters caused by the wood of the Cross.

Touch the hand. Kiss the wound. Our Lord really does want to be that close to us. Doce me passionem tuam-teach me your suffering. It's a journey of the heart not of the intellect. It's a process we all have to go through to find the paradoxical of the secret of happiness. It's not of ease and comfort but of unity with Christ on the Cross. Doce me passionem tuam-teach me your suffering.

Think of the most difficult and anguishing suffering you have ever endured. Christ was with you in it. He weeps for you from the Cross. He endured that suffering and much more. St. Bernard of Clairvaux asked Jesus what was the greatest wound He had that was not recorded by man. Jesus said, "I had on my shoulder while I bore My Cross on the way of sorrows, the most grievous wound that was more painful than the others."

You need something to pray about? Pick a wound of Christ's body and meditate on how He got that wound. Think of the Cross which was not smooth and clean but raw and rough and full of splinters for His hands and shoulder. Pick the Crown of Thorns. Pick His bare feet. Pick His scourged back. Pick His bruised and swollen face. There is no place on His body not torn or marked. Doce me passionem tuam teach me your suffering. Don't hesitate this Lent to carry your Crosses with Christ uniting your suffering with His with no complaint but with inner joy. This Lent pray these four words— Doce me passionem tuam—teach me your suffering.

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

The Fourth Degree Euchre tournament is set for this Saturday, the 21st, at 6:30 at the council hall. A full night of fun, entertainment and competition.

Still time to purchase Gun of the Month raffle tickets before the first drawing for 2026 which will occur at the March 1 council meeting. Contact Arnold Jansen or any member for tickets.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

Ash Wednesday - February 18th

"I did not come to abolish but to fulfill."
(Matthew 5:17) Jesus calls us to live with integrity, love, and holiness, going beyond the letter of the Law to embrace its full meaning. Priests participate in this mission by bringing His grace to the world through the sacraments, helping others encounter God's love. Could God be inviting you to this ministry of service? Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2. **Vocation Crucifix for February: Francis & Peggy Nenninger** *For the Church, that priests may live and preach God's Word with integrity of heart, guiding His people with compassion and faithfulness, let us pray to the Lord.*

ST. JOHN PCCW:

Last week for Christmas card fronts.

But cancelled stamps (no patriotic) are collected and mailed year round.

Continue to collect for the Rummage Sale. Set up is May 5-6. Sale is May 7-9.

Happy Valentines Day from PCCW.

Area Lenten Fish Frys

Advance KC Fish Fry: Every Friday 2/13 through 3/13. 5-7 PM. \$13 for adults, all kids 15 and under are Free with paid adult.

Scott City KC Fish Fry: Every Friday in Lent (except Good Friday). Serving 4:30 - 7 PM Adults \$15, Kids (6-12) \$8, 5 & Under Free

Jackson KC Fish Fry: Every Friday from February 13 - March 27. Serving from 4:40 - 7:30 PM.

LENT

Lenten prayer exchange:

In an act of charity and prayer for each other, Father has suggested and the Parish Council agreed that we have a Family prayer partner throughout Lent. On Ash Wednesday, there will be a basket in the vestibule full of our parish family names for you to choose from to pray for during Lent. Info on the cards will be all the names of the family members and their address to send a note if you wish and maybe an Easter card at the end. This is within our parish only. Another way for you to pray this Lent. Make it a family prayer project.

Diocese & Area Events

SEMO KC Hygiene Kit Drive: This Lenten season, the SEMO KCs will be hosting a hygiene kit supplies drive with supplies being donated to the homeless in our community. Items needed: bars of soap, washcloths, stick deodorant, travel size shampoo, new toothbrushes, toothpaste, tampons or pads, combs. All donations can be brought to the St. John Henry Newman Center at SEMO between 10-5 or before or after Holy Mass on Sundays at 9:30 AM & 6 PM. Collecting until March 19

2nd Annual SEMO Caminito is scheduled for March 2 - 4, 2026. This is a 3 day, 33-mile walking pilgrimage in the Cape Girardeau area! See flyer in back of church for more details!

Living the Mass: A Path of Discipleship: this is a 4-night mission being held at Sacred Heart Church in Dexter March 2nd to the 5th. 7 - 8 PM nightly. See the flyer in back of church for more details on the nightly talks. Everyone is welcome to attend one or all nights.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Luke James Seabaugh, son of Anthony & Lauren Seabaugh, on his recent Baptism. May the Holy Spirit bless Luke with a wonderful long-lasting faith.

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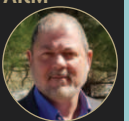
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