

March 1, 2026
2nd SUNDAY of LENT

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SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the pastor

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register. Forms in office.

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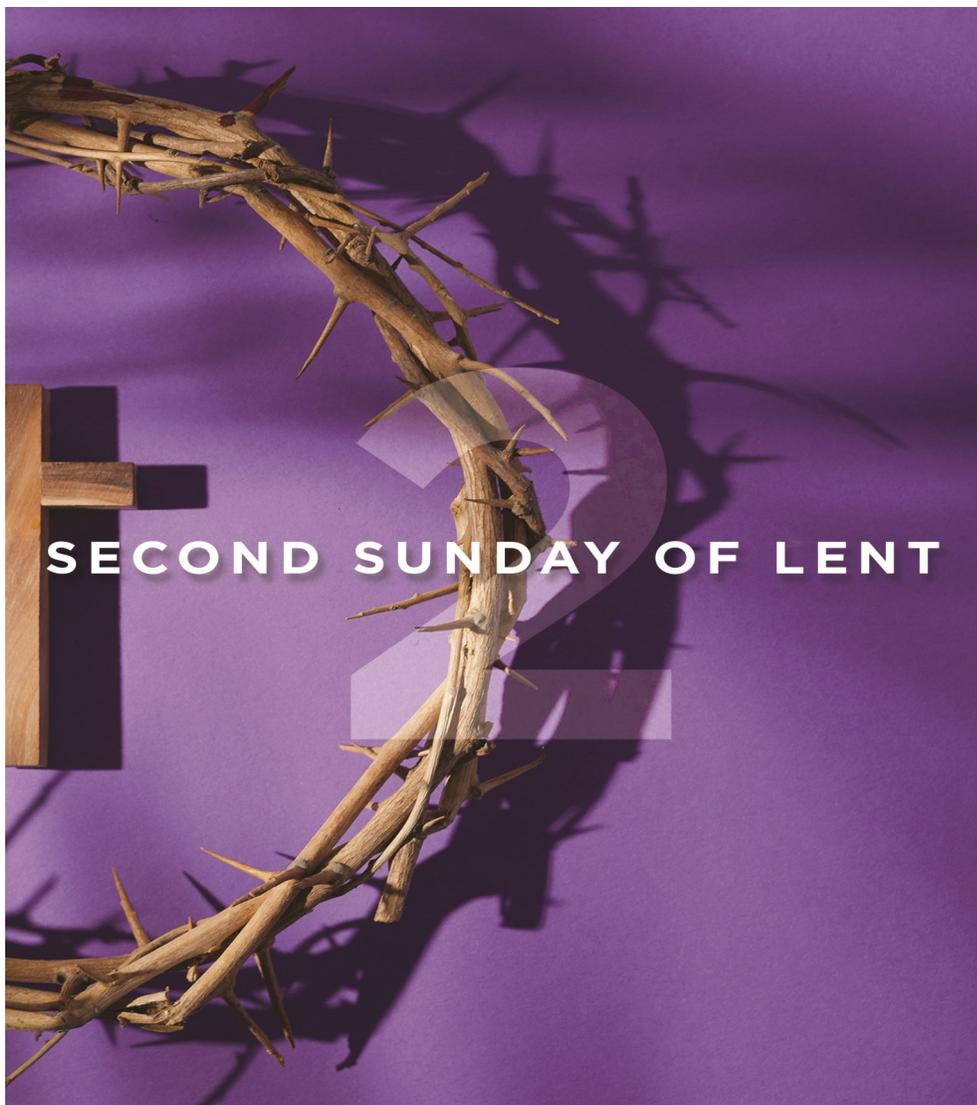
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Parish & Finance Councils

St. Anthony Gifts 2/22/26

Adults	\$415.00
Loose	\$107.00
Mirror	\$24.00
East Europe	\$75.00

St. John Gifts 2/22/26

Adults	\$4155.00
Loose	\$248.25
Online	\$468.00
Mirror	\$84.00
Eastern Europe	\$225.00
Votive Candles	\$70.30

ST. JOHN COUNCIL MEMBERS

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ST. ANTHONY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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ST. JOHN FINANCE MEMBERS

Rene Landewee Dennis James
 Marian Hutchings Ted Eftink
 Bob Clubb Roger Bucher
 Amanda McDonough

ST. ANTHONY FINANCE MEMBERS

Rhonda Horrell Chris Horrell

Welcome! We're so glad you've come to worship with us this weekend. If you are not currently registered with either St. John Church or St. Anthony Church and would like to do so, registration forms in the vestibule of either parish or on the parish website. We would love to have you as a part of our parish family!

Online giving is now available.

<https://osvhub.com/stjohnchurchleopold/funds>

Liturgical Roles

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 7, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Lucianna & Clara Horrell

Lector: Ernestine Bueter

Extraordinary Min. *Derek Jansen

Ushers: Dale Bueter, Mike Bueter

Offertory: Family of Glen, Ethel & Bob Thiele

Sacristan: Rita Holshouser

Rosary: Rita Holshouser

Sunday, March 8, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Nash & Thad Adams

Lector: Cody Van de Ven

Extraordinary Min.: *Stacy Halter, Darlene Stoverink, Karen Broshuis

Choir Min.: Kristi Jansen

Ushers: Matt & Tommy Beussink

Offertory: Family of Sylvester Engelen & Tim Hester

Sacristan: Patty Bohnsack

Rosary: Nick Elfrink

Sunday, March 8, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Skyler & Quinton Hoesli, Jude Felter

Lector: Annabel Engelen

Extraordinary Min.: *Abby Jansen, Leeann Jansen, Chuck Forrester

Choir Min.: Dustin Hoesli

Ushers: Ted Eftink, Nate Forrester

Offertory: Sarah & Doug Deck Family

Sacristan: Sheryl Eftink

Rosary: Lori Graham

StoneBridge & Homebound

Extraordinary Minister for

March 8: Jeanne Forrester

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, March 2

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

7:20 AM MASS - Gene H. Cook † (SJ)

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

Tuesday, March 3, church office closed

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

8:30 AM MASS - L/D Members Leo & Agnes Broshuis Family (SJ)

Wednesday, March 4

3:15 PM - Rosary Club (church basement)

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

6:00 PM MASS - Elmer & Ida Koenig † (SA)

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (SA)

6:30 - 8:00 PM - HS Youth Group Meeting (church office)

Thursday, March 5

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

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

12:00 - 9:00 PM - KC EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)

Friday, March 6

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

7:20 AM MASS - Susie (Deck) McCrimmons † (SJ)

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

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

Saturday, March 7

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 - Glen, Ethel & Bob Thiele † (SA)

5:00 - 6:30 PM - HS Youth Group (church office)

Sunday, March 8, Daylight savings time begins

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

8:00 AM MASS - Sylester Engelen † /Tim Hester † (SJ)

8:30 AM - 2:30 PM - Confirmation Retreat (SA)

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

10:00 AM - First Scrutiny for OCIA

2:30 PM CONFIRMATION RETREAT MASS - Confirmation Candidates (SA)

5:00 PM - OCIA (Parish Office)

PRAYER REQUEST:

Please pray for our OCIA candidates: *Amanda & Lawrence Nenninger, Jared Moneyhun, Addison & Adrienne Spradling and Phillip Mackey.*

Today they will attend the Rite of Election with Bishop Rice at St. Mary's. On March 8 we begin the Scrutinies of the Church for them. The purpose of these are "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful" in the hearts of the Elect and to "strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good." These Scrutinies are associated with the upcoming Gospel stories on the 3rd, 4th, & 5th Sundays of Lent. Jesus and the Woman at the Well-the Living Water. Jesus healing the man born blind-the Light of the World. Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead-the Resurrection and the Life. Pray the Holy Spirit will give them the light, the strength, the courage to open themselves to the Lord Jesus and take to heart the commitment they are journeying toward.

Notes from Fr. Vincent:

Second Sunday of Lent

"Christ's Transfiguration aims at strengthening the apostles' faith in anticipation of his Passion: the ascent onto the 'high mountain' prepares for the ascent to Calvary" (CCC 568).

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ reminds us that behind the ordinary moments of life, God's glory is present. On the mountain, the disciples saw Jesus shining with divine light, and they realized that the One who walked with them was truly the Son of God. In our lives too, there are moments when God strengthens our faith—especially in prayer, the Eucharist, and quiet encounters with Him. The great lesson is that the sacred is in the ordinary that it is to be found in one's ordinary life, in one's neighbors, friends and family, in our backyard.

This event also prepares us for the cross. "The Transfiguration shows us that the glory of Christ is not a departure from the Cross but leads to it; it invites us to climb the mountain of prayer to contemplate the face of Jesus." (Pope Benedict XVI). The disciples saw Christ's glory before they would see His suffering, teaching us that suffering is not the end; God's glory follows the cross. During difficult times, we are invited to trust that God is transforming us, even when we do not fully understand.

Finally, the Father's voice says, "Listen to Him." The Transfiguration calls us to listen more closely to Jesus in the Gospel and allow His words to guide our daily life. When we truly listen to Christ, our hearts are gradually transformed, and His light begins to shine through us.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, who revealed Your glory on the mountain, transform our hearts so that we may listen to You, carry our crosses with faith, and share in the light of Your resurrection. Amen.

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

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

In Gratitude:

Thank you to the Prayer Shawl Ladies for investing their time and talent into creating beautiful baptismal gifts for the newly baptized children in our parishes.

We know that these were made with love, prayers, and care. Thank you for your ministry!

A very special thank you to Matt Beussink, Bonnie Thiele, and Edna Seiler for arranging the wonderful taco soup and refreshments after the Lenten Mission talks last Monday and Tuesday evening. Your hospitality was recognized and very appreciated.

Adult Education Notes

In the Gospel of the feeding of the 5,000, the disciples are looking elsewhere for a solution to their problem to feed all these people when Jesus said, "You give them something to eat." I can imagine them, wringing their hands helplessly as they survey the crowd and wonder, "Where can anyone get enough bread to satisfy them here in this deserted place?" (Mark 8:4) I can also imagine the playful quirk of our Lord's lips as He knows how He will intervene. And I love how He doesn't exactly answer their question. Instead, He turns a question back on them: "How many loaves do you have?" Mark 8:5, emphasis added). And from their meager offering, He provides abundantly.

You know it really is enough—in fact, it is more than enough—to just show up and give the Lord whatever you have. Even if it doesn't feel like enough. Even if you have no idea how you'll get through the day. Sometimes caffeine might be part of the Lord's abundant provision, and sometimes He might simply give us the grace to arrive at work or to serve our families in love when we didn't think we could even get out of bed. And nothing we give to Him will ever be wasted; it will only be multiplied.

Lent is well into swing now. Are you thinking like the disciples? Is it enough? Is what my Lenten offering is—enough? Just to let you know, Jesus will take whatever you have and He will bless it and it will be enough. I am brought to think of the theme of The Chosen. "You are not asked to feed the 5,000 but to provide the loaves and fish." God knows that you are willing and will do what you can. He knows your heart and your ability to be a good disciple and how you can help to further His kingdom. Just bring it. Just give your offering to Him and ask Him to use it for good. It will not be wasted. As the disciples gathered 12 baskets full afterward, so will you have a basket to share after the Lord blesses your gift.

Today's Gospel is the Transfiguration. Jesus showed Himself to Peter, James, and John as He truly is—the Son of God. He gave them the privilege of seeing Him as we will when we meet Him face to face. What a blessing to them and to us that God wrote this into the Bible to strengthen our faith and hope to know He is Who He says and will keep His promises.

As you continue your Lent, be assured that the Lord sees you and your faith, your offering, your love for Him and your neighbor. Keep offering. Stay steadfast and faithful. You will be blessed as you offer. You may not see it readily but God IS blessing you.

The OCIA members are going to the Rite of Election today. Please pray for them as they draw closer to their initiation into our Church family. Maybe do an extra offering for their increased faith in what they are giving themselves to. The Scrutinies are approaching and these are special Gospels on the Lord's greatest foundational teachings for not only the Elect but for as well. Keep alert to these Gospels on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent. Pay attention to what they are referring to and to Father's homilies on them. That is another way to offer yourself to Lent—be present wholeheartedly and listen. God bless you and your offering!

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

Remember fish fries and shooting matches every Friday evening, Knight of Year dinner on March 14, Crawfish Boil on March 28 and Health Information Program on April 9 (more to come on this community event).

VOCATION MINISTRY:

"This is my beloved Son...listen to him."
Matthew 17:5 God's voice calls us to follow His Son closely. Could priesthood be your path to proclaiming Christ's message, leading others to listen to Him? Trust His guidance. Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext 2
Vocation Crucifix for March: Melvin & Debbie Keith *For those discerning their vocation, that they may recognize God's presence in their lives, let us pray to the Lord.*

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

The High School Youth Group is looking for parishioners who would be willing to help sponsor a youth to attend Steubenville this summer. Most of the cost will be covered by grants and fundraising but we have some youth who need financial assistance with the required deposit. If you are willing to help, please contact Tannie Smith. Thank you!

ST. JOHN PCCW:

I mailed over 1200 card fronts to St Jude's Ranch for children in Boulder, Nevada. Thanks and you can go to their website if you want to learn more about them.

Spring Assembly for Diocese is April 10-11 at Cape Drury Inn. Polly and Geri have application forms.\$75 before March 13th and \$85 after.

Rummage Sale May 7-8 setup and 9-11 the sale. We will need lots of help.

ST. ANTHONY PCCW:

St. Anthony PCCW will be collecting for Birthright for Lent. Also collecting for Mother's House in Hayti, MO and the Whole Health Outreach in Ellington for the Spring Assembly. There will be slips of paper in back of church that has items that they may need. Thank you!

Ministry Notes & Updates

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

As a Lenten service project, we will be having a diaper drive for our local Birthright. There is an immediate need for all sizes. Please help by donating. You may leave diapers in the back of church. For monetary donations to purchase diapers, please put in a marked envelope into collection basket. Thank you so much for your generosity!

PARISH LENTEN PRAYER CHAIN:

There are still lots of Family Names to be picked up and to pray for. If you haven't got one yet please grab one. If you have a Family and would like to pray for another one, go ahead and pick one up. We all need prayer no matter how small. Prayer changes things.

Mowing Bids Being Accepted:

Bids are being accepted for mowing of the properties of St. Anthony's church and cemetery. The scope of work & mowing agreement are located in the back of church. Deadline to submit is March 15 to Fr. Vincent.

We are now accepting bids for mowing St. John Church properties. All bids must be directly submitted to Fr. Vincent. The deadline to submit a bid is March 16. Contact church office for scope of work.

Diocese & Area Events

Deanery 6 Council of Catholic Women will have their March Retreat, March 21, 2026 at St. Vincent Catholic Church, 1913 Ritter Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO. Stations of the Cross starts at 8:30 am in the church, followed by registration, breakfast, a guest speaker, and meeting. Every lady from the parish is welcome to come.

Volunteers Needed:

As we prepare to commemorate the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, we are seeking 12 volunteers to have their feet washed, mirroring Christ's act of service and humility. If you would like to participate in this powerful, meaningful, and humbling ritual, please contact the parish office.

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