

March 8, 2026  
**3rd SUNDAY of LENT**

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Please contact the pastor

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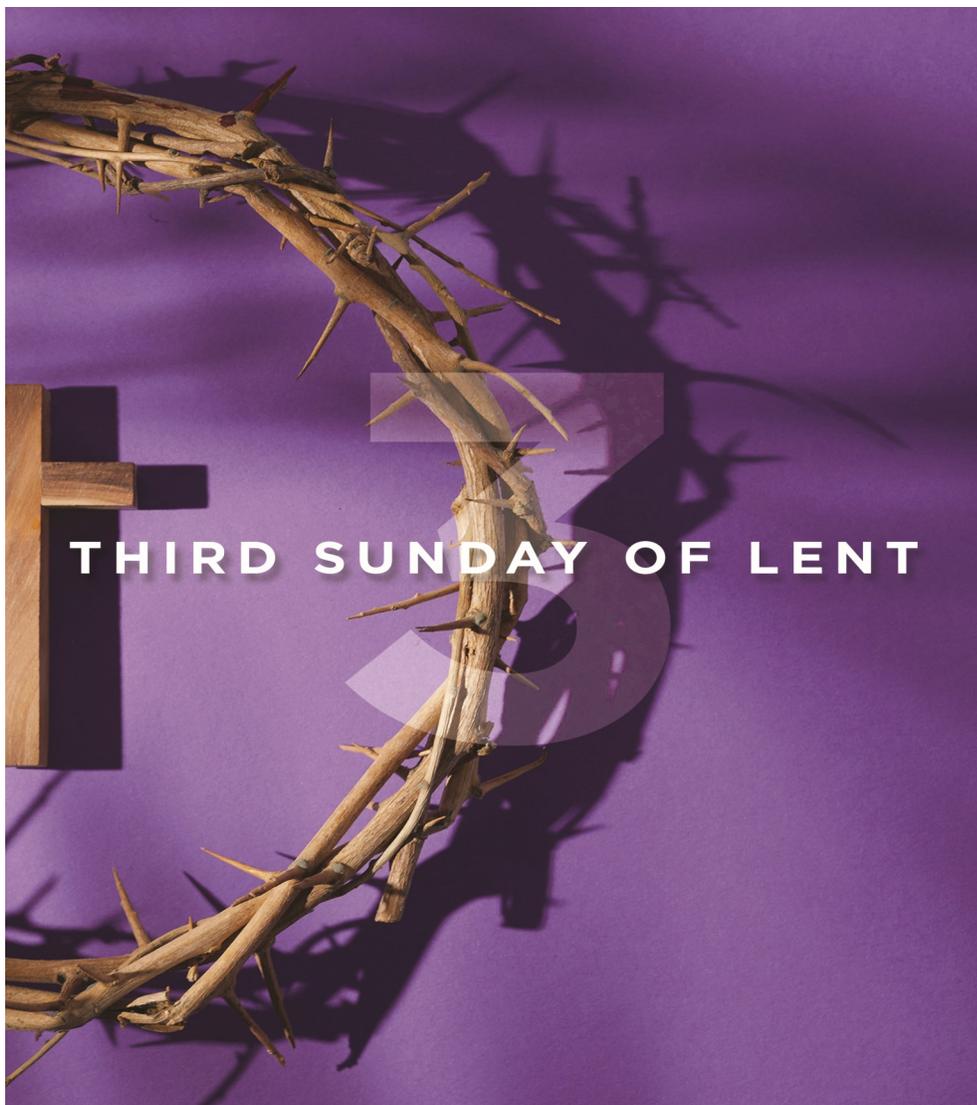
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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**St. John Gifts**

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Loose	\$618.00
Online	\$878.00
Lenten Mission	\$537.00
Benefit Hope	\$100.00
Eastern Europe	\$90.00
Latin America	\$25.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$25.00
Mirror	\$14.00
First Offering	\$5.00
Easter Flowers	\$65.00
Votive Candles	\$55.00

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# Liturgical Roles

## 4th SUNDAY OF LENT

### Saturday, March 14, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Blair Elfrink

Lector: Andrea Bueter

Extraordinary Min. \*Caydence Jansen

Ushers: Richard Eeftink, David Ford

Offertory: Family of Bryan Deck

Sacristan: Pam Horrell

Rosary: Amy Jansen

### Sunday, March 15, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Cooper & Jack Halter, Layton Fluchel

Lector: Annette Wiseman

Extraordinary Min.: \*Pam Wesbecher Courtney Beussink, Cindy (Andrew) Jansen

Choir Min.: Mary Adams

Ushers: Roy Van de Ven, Roger Thiele

Offertory: Stacey & Jason Van de Ven Family

Sacristan: Cindy (Lindy) Jansen

Rosary: Anthony Jansen

### Sunday, March 15, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Aspen Hoesli, Emily James

Lector: Danny James

Extraordinary Min.: \*Tannie Smith, Joann James, Kim Bunger

Choir Min.: Sheryl Eftink

Ushers: Scott & Drew Engelen

Offertory: Family of Leslie Meritt

Sacristan: Danny & Joann James

Rosary: Gerard Macke

### StoneBridge & Homebound

#### Extraordinary Minister for

March 15: Linda Stoverink

## Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

### Monday, March 9

6:55-7:15 AM - L/D Members Ed & Agatha DeBrock (SJ)

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

6:30 PM - St. Johns Parish Council (St. Anne's)

### Tuesday, March 10

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

**8:30 AM MASS** - Bernice Georger † (SJ)

1:00 PM - Prayer Shawl (church basement)

### Wednesday, March 11

3:15 PM - Rosary Club (church basement)

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

**6:00 PM MASS** - Richard VanGennip † (SA)

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

### Thursday, March 12

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

**8:30 AM MASS** - Jeanne Greene † (SJ)

### Friday, March 13

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

**7:20 AM MASS** - L/D Members Ben & Bertha Beussink Family (SJ)

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

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

### Saturday, March 14

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** - Bryan Deck † / Susie Renee † (SA)

*Fr. Brad Smith from Food for the Poor coming to Mass*

### Sunday, March 15

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

**8:00 AM MASS** - Families of St. John & St. Anthony Parishes (SJ)

**10:00 AM MASS** - Leslie Meritt † (SJ)

*Fr. Brad Smith from Food for the Poor coming to both Masses*

10:00 AM - Second Scrutiny for OCIA

5:00 PM - OCIA (Parish Office)

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, March 25

12:30 - 5:30 PM

St. Anthony Hall, Glennon

Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter *StAnthonyGlennon* to schedule your appointment.

## 2026 VOICE FOR LIFE CONTEST WINNERS

Thank you to all schools and PSR programs that participated in this year's Voice for Life contest. All winners of the Voice for Life contest are invited to an award ceremony in which Bishop Rice will give them their certificate of recognition. A small reception will follow. The ceremony will be on **Sunday, March 3 at 2 PM at the Newman Center in Cape.**

Congratulations to **Alayna Wiseman** (K) for Coloring Honorable Mention and **Nellie Langston** (6) for T-shirt Design Honorable Mention!

Next weekend, March 14-15, Reverend Brad Smith will be visiting our parishes to speak on behalf of Food for the Poor. Food for the Poor is a ministry that provides direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

## Notes from Fr. Vincent:

### *Third Sunday of Lent*

E. T. is one of the most successful movies of all time. It is about an extra-terrestrial creature who heals cuts with the touch of his finger, raises dead flowers to life, and who himself is raised from the dead before he departs from the earth, his spaceship leaving a rainbow in the sky. I would guess that millions of people who had never entered the door of a Church flocked to E.T. and were moved by it. They were searching for a source of hope. They were looking for a model of themselves as people who are loved by a Power that will not let them go even in their darkness. Today's Gospel tells us about a Samaritan woman who was looking for God to quench her thirst.

In the first reading from the Book of Exodus (Ex 17:3-7), the people of Israel are thirsty in the desert and begin to complain against God. Yet even in their doubt, God responds with mercy by bringing water from the rock. This reminds us that God remains faithful even when our faith is weak. Many times in our own spiritual desert—moments of discouragement, temptation, or dryness—we may question God's presence. But the Lord is still providing grace, even when we fail to recognize it.

In the Gospel from the Gospel of John (Jn 4:5-42), Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well and offers her "living water." Jesus reveals that the deepest thirst of the human heart is not for ordinary water but for God's love and truth. When the woman encounters Christ personally, her life changes, and she becomes a witness to others. ***"She who came to draw water found the source of life and became a preacher to those in the city."*** (St. Gregory the Great)

Together, these readings invite us this Lent to recognize our thirst for God and to come to Christ, who alone can satisfy the deepest needs of our hearts. When we allow Him to fill us with His living water, we are renewed and sent to share our faith with others.

**Prayer: Lord Jesus, like the Samaritan woman at the well, help me to recognize my thirst for you and receive the living water of your grace. Amen.**

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

*Fr. Vincent Joseph VC*

## Adult Education Notes

Lenten lessons from St. Peter:

Jesus didn't deny Peter but Peter denied Christ. And Peter eventually learned the eternal value of contrition. (taken from "The Repentance of St. Peter").

Peter stands out in an episode where Jesus uses Peter's boat to preach like a floating pulpit. Afterwards, He tells Peter to go put out into the deep for a catch.

Peter is somewhat dismissive but is open enough to indulge Jesus which is all Jesus needs. Peter catches fish. What is telling tho is Peter's reaction. Not mere astonishment or curiosity, but Peter recognizes a profound sign in what has happened and says to Jesus. "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" (Luke 5:8). Peter, like any pious Jew, recognizes the divine presence in his midst, and like Isaiah (6: 5-7) before him, he acknowledges his sinfulness.

Peter's human reaction is the great and frightening Mystery that fascinates us. Faced with God's holiness, our first impulse is to withdraw (like Adam & Eve hiding), but at the same time, God attracts us. We want to stay. He fascinates us. The key to conversion is allowing that fascination to overcome the impulse to run. Jesus didn't flee from Peter even tho He knew Peter would. Even after the denial, it's important to remember that after the cock crowed, "the Lord turned and looked at Peter" (Lk 22: 61). Peter denied, but Jesus didn't. After Jesus's resurrection, He even gives this "sinful man" three chances to fix his three denials (Jn 21: 15-19). And it happens after another miracle of fish.

Peter's behavior is teaching us sinners. First, it should teach us not to flee from God. God is always ready to receive the sinner who acknowledges his sinfulness: He even outpaces him, as did the father of the Prodigal Son. The only one who can separate me from God (Rom 8: 35-39) is ... me, either by my running or my persistent sinfulness.

Second, we learn the value of contrition. After their betrayals, Peter and Judas both wept. The difference is that Peter's tears were contrite and sorrowful recognizing he had done wrong and he repented of it. Judas's tears were merely remorse, recognizing he had done wrong but despairing of forgiveness. Judas succumbed to the temptation we all face: how could God ever forgive me? Pride vs humility.

Peter didn't show to be a model disciple during the 3 years with Jesus. When it came to his own interests, Peter could be full of bravery but when it came to Jesus, it collapsed. He had many flaws. He knew he was not perfect, but He was chosen by God Himself. He was the one to lead the others. He can deny no more. He knows!

Jesus specifically entrusts the binding and loosing of sins here on earth, to be upheld in heaven, to Peter (Mt16:19) who needs his sins to be forgiven, but is entrusted with Jesus's essential work: forgiving sins. That's why Jesus came and that's why Peter needs to continue His work for us and our salvation. Peter's successors continue today and will as long as man repents of his sins and wants forgiveness. Like Peter, be willing and open enough to let God in and work within you. So this Lent, let's let Him.

## Ministry Notes & Updates

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

The Knight of the Year dinner is set for March 14 starting with a Happy Hour followed by dinner and program. Guest speaker will be Gary Beussink of Jackson who is the State Chairman of the Special Olympics program for Missouri strongly supported by the State Knights of Columbus. Our Council has indicated we will be providing some financial support to Special Olympics and come out to learn more about this wonderful program.

### VOCATION MINISTRY:

*Holy Hours for Vocation - Newman Center on Tuesday, March 10th 7-8 PM "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst." (John 4:14)* Only Jesus can satisfy the deepest desires of our hearts. When we encounter Him, our lives overflow with the living water of grace. Some are called to share that grace as priests, religious brothers or sisters, or consecrated virgins. Could God be inviting you to share His living water with others? Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext 2 **Vocation Crucifix for March: Melvin & Debbie Keith** *For our parish, that we may nurture future vocations through prayer, encouragement, and faithful guidance, let us pray to the Lord.*

### ST. JOHN PCCW:

**March 18:** PCCW March Meeting at 7PM in St. Anne's Room. All members invited. Come see what we have planned for 2026 as we appreciate your input.

**March 21:** DCCW Region 6 Retreat at 8:30 AM at St. Vincent's Cape. All invited

**May 5-6:** Set up for Rummage Sale and 7-9 The Sale.

**May 15-16** Marian Conference, St. Louis  
If you did not pick up a copy of our group worklists, let me know and I will get you one.

### 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!

### 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!

## 40 HOUR DEVOTION:

March 20, 21, & 22 our parish will participate in the most important devotion of reverencing and honoring Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 3:00 pm Friday, Mar 20 with continuous Exposition through 40 hours until Sunday morning Mass on the 22nd.

Please sign up for one or even 2 hours throughout the day or night to worship and just be with the Lord as part of your Lenten devotion. Jesus will be waiting to see you!

## 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.

## 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

**A celebration in honor of Bishop Leibrecht's 70th Anniversary of his Priesthood Ordination** will be on March 17, 2026. This joyous occasion will take place at St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral in Cape Girardeau with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 7pm. All are invited!

**St. Ann PCCW Cinnamon Rolls Fundraiser** Saturday, March 14. \$15 a dozen. Pick up Saturday, March 14 2-5 PM and Sunday, March 15 7-noon. Call Guardian Angel school at 573-262-3583 by March 11 to order.

**Jackson KC Ladies Auxilliary Bunco Bash** Sunday, March 16th. Doors open at 12:30, start at 1 \$10/player. Light snacks provided.

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