

March 15, 2026  
4th SUNDAY of LENT

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Please contact the pastor

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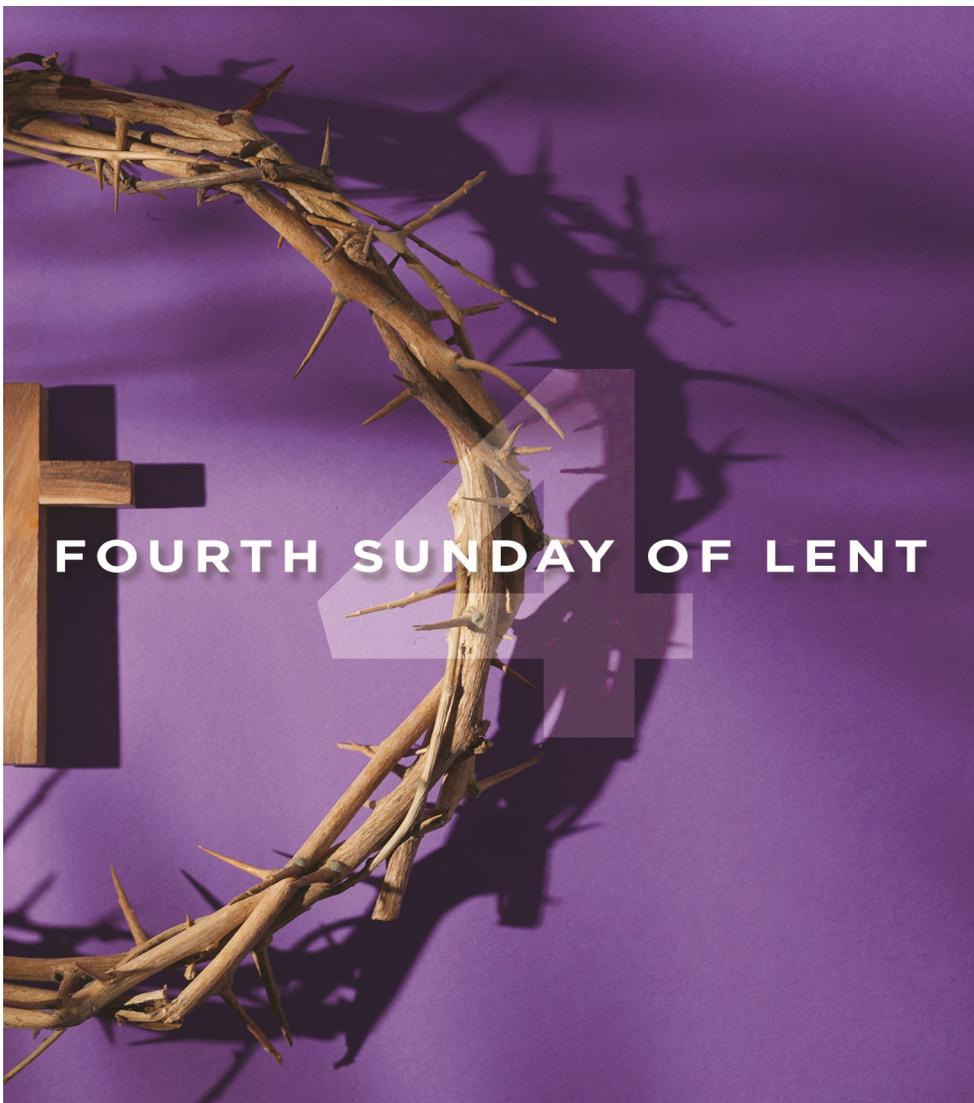
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**3/8/26**

Adults	\$2750.00
Loose	\$213.00
Easter Flowers	\$280.00

**St. John Gifts**

**3/8/26**

Adults	\$3035.00
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Online	\$1918.00
Rice Bowl	\$25.00
Mirror	\$28.00
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*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!*

# Liturgical Roles

## 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

### Saturday, March 21, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Bryson & Bentley Green

Lector: Chandler Jansen

Extraordinary Min. \* Michael  
VanGennip

Ushers: Glen & Sam Horrell

Offertory: Family of Kenneth  
Bueter

Sacristan: Pam Horrell

Rosary: Ernestine Bueter

### PCCW Sunday

#### Sunday, March 22, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Zach & Camdyn Schreiner

Lector: Patty Bohnsack

Extraordinary Min.: \*Aimee  
Hampton Karen James, Cindy  
(Lindy) Jansen

Choir Min.: Kelly Schreiner

Ushers: John Bohnsack, Jesse Long

Offertory: PCCW – Gina Jansen,  
Penny Willrich

Sacristan: Anthony & Janet Jansen

Rosary: PCCW – Gina Jansen

### YOUTH MASS

#### Sunday, March 22, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Youth

Lector: Youth

Extraordinary Min.: \*Abby Jansen,  
Matt Michaelree, Addison  
Engelen

Choir Min.: Joann James

Ushers: Youth

Offertory: Youth

Sacristan: Lori Graham

Rosary: Peggy Nenninger

### StoneBridge & Homebound

#### Extraordinary Minister for

March 22: Cindy (Lindy) Jansen

# Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

## Monday, March 16

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

**7:20 AM MASS** - Janet Beussink † (SJ)

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

## Tuesday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day

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

**8:30 AM MASS** - Kathy Nanney † (SJ)

## Wednesday, March 18

3:15 PM - Rosary Club (church basement)

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

**6:00 PM MASS** - Ronald Cook † (SA)

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

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

7:00 PM - St. John PCCW Meeting (St. Anne's)

## Thursday, March 19, Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

**8:30 AM MASS** - L/D Members Luke & Mary Jansen Family (SJ)

6:00 PM - Church Staff Meeting (St. Anne's)

## Friday, March 20

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

**7:20 AM MASS** - Henry & Lorraine Holzum † (SJ)

**3:00 PM - 40 Hours of Adoration begins (SJ)**

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

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

## Saturday, March 21

8:30 AM - Deanery 6 PCCW Retreat (St. Vincent Cape)

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

**5:00 PM MASS** - Kenneth Bueter † (SA)

## Sunday, March 22

7:00 - 11:30 AM - Boy Scout Breakfast (KC Hall)

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 YOUTH MASS** - Joan McWilliams † (SJ)

10:00 AM - Third Scrutiny for OCIA

**1:00 PM MASS** - For all the sick (StoneBridge)

3:00 PM - DDF Deanery Meeting (St. Mary's Cape)

4:30 PM - OCIA Holy Saturday Practice (SJ)

## 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 and enter  
St.AnthonyGlennon to schedule  
your appointment.

## EASTER EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES:

*Due to the publishing company closing for Easter the early bulletin deadlines are:*

Sunday, March 29 Bulletin Items are due Monday, March 23 at noon

Sunday, April 5 Bulletin Items are due Sunday, March 29 at noon

**March 22 the OCIA will meet in Church at 4:30 pm for Holy Saturday practice. Candidates and Sponsors/Godparents should attend.**

## **Notes from Fr. Vincent:**

### ***Fourth Sunday of Lent***

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent is known as Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday. Laetare Sunday reminds Christians that even during repentance and sacrifice, God's mercy and the joy of salvation are near.

John Killinger, who was pastor, theologian and a prolific author of many books, tells the story of a man who visited one day in a classroom for visually impaired children. Troubled by what he saw, the man remarked, insensitively, "It must be terrible to go through life without eyes." One little girl quickly responded, "It's not half as bad as having two good eyes but still not being able to see." Her point was well made. There is physical blindness, and there is another, even more tragic form of blindness that affects the spirit. Both forms of blindness are present in today's Gospel reading.

Today's gospel describes the joy of a person who was both physically and spiritually healed by Jesus. As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who was blind from birth. This man is the hero of today's Gospel. The Gospel is much more here than just a miracle story about the man—it is a story about everyone who becomes a follower of Christ.

In the beginning, he was blind—he was in darkness. In the end, he is in the light, not just of his physical sight, but because a deeper insight opens him up to Jesus who is the Light of the world.

If we are people of the light, people of integrity, we are not afraid of the light, we have nothing shameful to hide. We are totally transparent. For most of us, that is something of a problem, but let us keep working to become people transfused with light, the light of truth and goodness and love.

For that we need to see Jesus and the Gospel ever more clearly. Then, let this be our prayer today, along with a beggar in the Gospel: Lord, let me see again. (Luke 18:41)

**Prayer: Lord Jesus, You met the Samaritan woman at the well and awakened in her the thirst for living water. Quench our hearts with Your grace, remove our sins, and lead us to worship the Father in spirit and truth. Amen.**

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

*Fr. Vincent Joseph VC*

## **Adult Education Notes**

Our Parish Lenten Service is March 29th at 3:00 pm. Which reminded me of this post I did last year and it is so beautiful I had to share it with you again. I hope you read it slowly and with great meditation. Jesus loves you unconditionally even if you don't feel He does. He loved you before you were you. There is nothing you can do that He won't forgive as long as you are truly sorry for it. God is all-merciful!!

Picture this: Jesus as the Prodigal Son. This parable shows us normally the selfish, greedy, arrogant and bad son of a loving, merciful father.

Well, think of the acts of the son. He asked for his inheritance, left to a distant land, squandered the inheritance, sunk to the lowest of low, regained his senses, went back to the father to ask for forgiveness and the father's love and mercy. The father throws a huge banquet for him.

The words of the parable transcribed from Greek can be seen in two different lights. It can be described like this. Jesus asks His Father for His 'substance' being one with Him (inheritance) and leaves the Father. Then Jesus' incarnation He comes to earth (distant land) and becomes man, where He lavishes (squanders) His Father's love on the sinners and prostitutes that need His mercy. He is arrested and dies (the lowest point of His existence) going into the nether world (pig's sty) but rises (goes back to the Father to live) asking for forgiveness and repentance (Jesus's quest for our salvation which He died for) bringing the lost with Him and the Father receives His Son with all the more love than ever before (Jesus goes back to the Heavenly banquet prepared for those He loves).

WOW! Sit with this and ponder that for a while and truly, truly take it to your heart how Jesus who became sin tho He knew no sin came to save us from ourselves and bring us from our deepest sins, pains, and sorrows home, where we are healed and loved beyond love. If you haven't yet, please this Lent make a true repentance of your sins and go to Confession and get back right with God. He loves you so much. He has redeemed you and you are His.

**Pray for the women from our parish who will be attending the Women's Cursillo weekend on March 19-22.**

## Ministry Notes & Updates

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

Reserve March 28 for annual Crawfish Boil starting at 2 with live music from Randy Houston and Hudson Reid Band. Money Wheel, Gun and 65 inch TV Raffles. And bourbon tasting. \$30 adults. \$15 children 7-15. Questions - Ethan at 208-5037 or James at 450-7899. No pre-sale on tickets.

### VOCATION MINISTRY:

*"I am the light of the world." (John 9:5)*  
Christ's light shines through those who answer His call. In marriage, couples reflect that light by the way they love, forgive, and serve one another. Their faith-filled witness creates a home filled with love and grace, drawing others closer to Christ. How does your marriage reveal God's love to those around you? **Vocation Crucifix for March: Melvin & Debbie Keith** *For married couples, that they may reflect Christ's light in their homes and deepen their covenant of love, 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!

## 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. Joseph - Apple Creek Breakfast and Bake Sale:** March 22, 2026. 7:30 - 11:30 AM. Adults \$12; Kids \$5; Under 5 Free. 138 St. Joseph Lane, Apple Creek, MO

**Catholic Man Night:** Thursday, March 26 at St. Denis, Benton. 6:30 - 9 PM. Please RSVP to SEMOCatholicManNight@gmail.com or text 573-275-5214. Adoration, confession & meal with discussion.

**SOMO AREA ULTREYA:** IC in Jackson, MO on Saturday, March 28th. Note: It's the 4th Saturday this month. Morning prayers in the church at 9 AM with grouping, refreshments and socializing to follow in the parish center. Come share the joy with fellow Cursillistas and hear info about the upcoming weekends. DeColores

**Immaculate Conception in Jackson is Hiring!** In need of a summer care director and workers, after school care workers, a 1st grade teacher and a 6-8 ELA teacher. Please contact Michele Campbell at 573-243-5013 if interested.

**The Leopold Knights of Columbus are having a CPR, AED, etc class on April 9th at 6:30 at the KC hall.**

**No cost to attend. If you want to be certified, there will be a \$22 cost and if you want a certified card, good for 2 years, there will be an additional \$3.**

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