

March 22, 2026
5th SUNDAY of LENT

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SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact Pastor at least 6 months in advance. Participation in a Marriage Preparation program is required.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the pastor

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register. Forms in office.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

sjsabulletin@gmail.com Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesday by noon.

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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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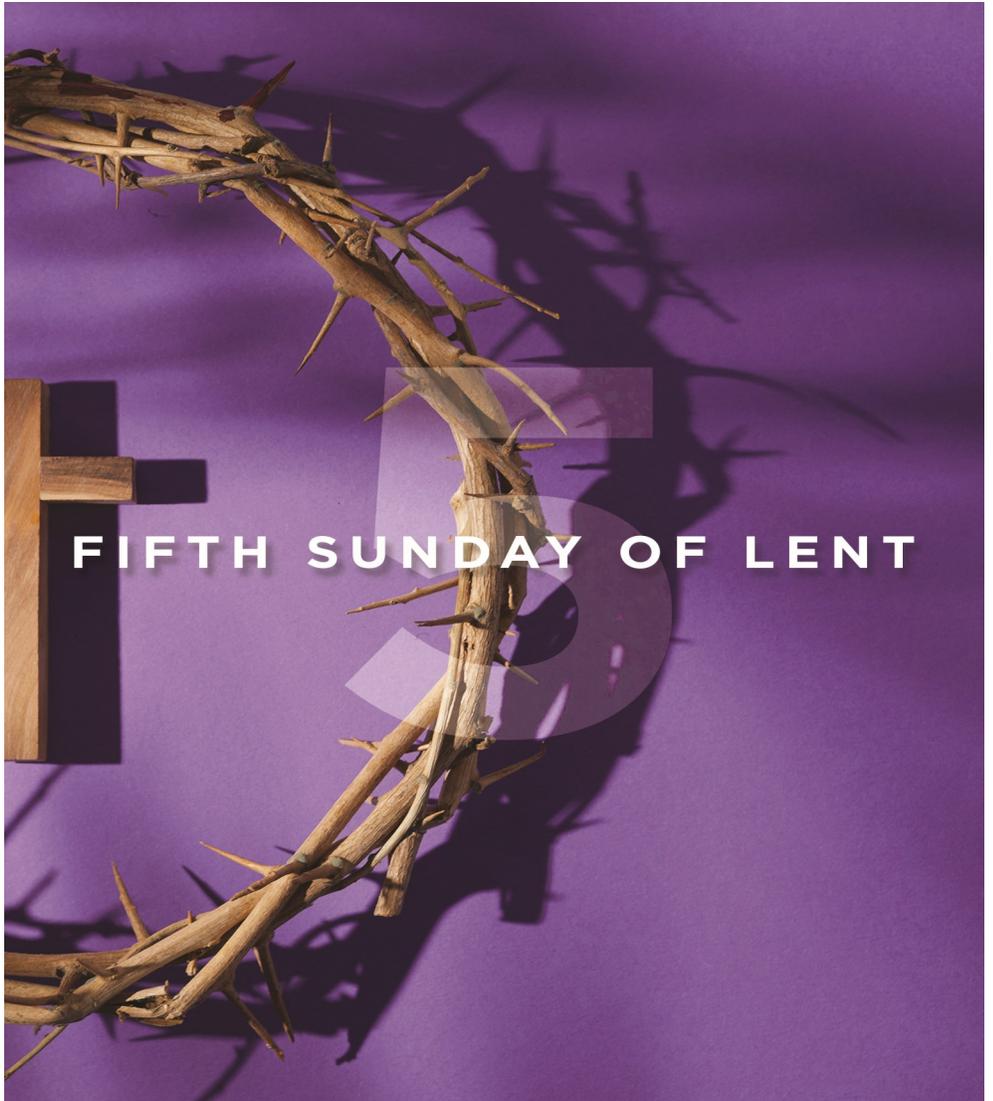
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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For ALL sacramental related inquiries, please contact Fr. Vincent directly at 573-238-2450. You do not have to go through the parish office since Father keeps his own calendar and makes his own appointments.

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!

St. Anthony Gifts 3/15/26

Adults \$505.00
 Loose \$749.00
 Catholic Relief \$160.00
 Easter Flowers \$30.00

St. John Gifts 3/15/26

Adults \$2750.00
 Loose \$348.30
 Online \$343.00
 Catholic Relief \$620.00
 Easter Flowers \$200.00
 Votive Candles \$113.50

Online giving is now available.

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

Liturgical Roles

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, March 28, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Audrey & Nellie Langston

Lector: Dennis Horrell

Voice: Ernestine Bueter

Extraordinary Min. *Gina Bueter

Ushers: Keith & Josh Horrell

Offertory: Doug & Rita Holshouser

Sacristan: Gina Bueter

Rosary: Gina Bueter

4th Degree Sunday

Sunday, March 29, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Alaine Long, Addison Arnzen

Lector: Polly Mungle

Voice: Abby Bohnsack

Extraordinary Min.: *Ron

Wesbecher, Bob Clubb, Jean Clubb

Choir Min.: Pam Wesbecher

Ushers: Fourth Degree

Offertory: Fourth Degree

Sacristan: Abby Bohnsack

Rosary: Fourth Degree

Sunday, March 29, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Sophia Mason, Lauren VanGennip

Lector: Lauryn Shrum

Voice: Sheryl Eftink

Extraordinary Min.: *Chuck

Forrester, Leeann Jansen, Holly Jansen

Choir Min.: Dustin Hoesli

Ushers: Charles Hutchings, Victor Vandeven

Offertory: Family of Melvin Holzum

Sacristan: Eva Dunn

Rosary: volunteer

StoneBridge & Homebound

Extraordinary Minister for

March 29: Caydence Jansen

Join us for a **Parish Lenten Penance Service** on **Sunday, March 29 (Palm Sunday)** at **3:00 PM** at St. John Church. Many priests will be available to hear confessions. What a perfect opportunity to seek God's mercy and prepare our hearts for Easter!

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, March 23

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

7:20 AM MASS - Geraldine Cook † (SJ)

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

Tuesday, March 24

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

8:30 AM MASS - Virgil & Thelma Beel † (SJ)

6:30 PM - St. John Finance Council (church office)

Wednesday, March 25, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

3:15 PM - Rosary Club (church basement)

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

6:00 PM MASS - Roy Beel † (SA)

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

Thursday, March 26

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

8:30 AM MASS - Joe Scharenborg † (SJ)

Friday, March 27

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

7:20 AM MASS - L/D Members Gene H. & Geraldine Cook Family (SJ)

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

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

Saturday, March 28

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

8:00 AM - Women's Cursillo (church basement)

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

5:00 PM MASS - Families of St. John & St. Anthony Parishes (SA)

Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday

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 - Tom & Wilma Elfrink † (SJ)

10:00 AM MASS - Melvin Holzum † (SJ)

3:00 PM - LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE (SJ)

5:00 PM - OCIA (church office)

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

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 *StAnthonyGlennon* to schedule your appointment.

Boy Scout Breakfast

Sunday, March 22

Leopold KC Hall

Serving 7 - 11:30 AM

\$10 for adults,
\$5 kids age 6-12

Notes from Fr. Vincent:

Fifth Sunday of Lent

A little boy was asked to give blood to his injured brother because he possessed the same rare blood type. Realizing that his brother would die without this blood, he agreed. When the transfusion was completed, the young donor asked the doctor, "Now, when will I die?" We are moved by the innocent courage of a child who would give his blood to his brother thinking that it would cost him his life. Our Lord, however, knew for certain that the blood needed to save humankind was a total transfusion. To raise Lazarus and us to eternal life, our Lord literally had to bleed to death for us. To give life to us, Jesus had to give his life for us.

Death and resurrection are the themes that permeate today's Scripture lessons. In the first reading from the Book of Ezekiel (37:12–14), God promises to open the graves of His people and bring them back to life. This vision of dry bones reminds us that even when life seems hopeless or spiritually dead, God has the power to restore and renew us through His Spirit.

In the Gospel from the Gospel of John (11:1–45), Jesus Christ raises Lazarus from the dead. The miracle of the raising of Lazarus is the 6th of seven signs Jesus performed and is the climax of Jesus' public ministry. Jesus declares, "I am the resurrection and the life." This miracle reveals that Christ has power not only over physical death but also over the spiritual death caused by sin. "The raising of Lazarus shows that Christ does not only give life—He is Life itself, and those who believe in Him will never be abandoned to death"(Pope Benedict XVI)

As we approach Holy Week, the Church invites us to trust in Christ who brings life where there is death. If we allow Him to enter the "tombs" of our hearts—our sins, fears, and struggles—He will call us out to new life and hope.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, who called Lazarus from the tomb, raise us from the death of sin and fill our hearts with the hope of new life.

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

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Adult Education Notes

This is an article from Fr. Bill Peckman. He talks about the parable of the Prodigal Son and shows a perspective you may not have known. This parable is perfect for Lent and reinstating the need and the availability of the Sacrament of Confession. This is his urgent call to embrace God's Mercy before Lent ends. Let's read.

One of the more overlooked facts from the parable of the Prodigal Son is that after the younger brother has wasted all his inheritance, he knows his father is merciful. He counts on that mercy, but does not presume upon it; he only expects his father to bring him on as a servant. He does not expect to be brought back as a son. He is aware of the gravity of his sin against his father and against God. What the son finds is a mercy far greater than what he rightfully expects. His father is so overjoyed at his son's return that the boy scarcely gets his apology out before the father restores him to the family.

But this parable is not only about the younger son. Scripture tells us that the parable is directed to the scribes and Pharisees who scorned Jesus for eating with and consorting with tax collectors and sinners. *The second focus of the story is the older brother.* He does not share in his father's disposition of mercy. He holds his brother in so much contempt that he refers to him as "your son" and not "my brother". The father is saddened that for a son who has "done everything you ever asked" he has not taken on his father's quality of mercy. The older son is no more like his father at the end of the story than the younger son is like his father at the beginning.

The parable ends open-ended; will the older son adopt the attitude of the mercy of his father, or will he be the one separated from his father? **All of us sin. All of us fall short of the mark.** Maybe we are wasteful with our freedom as was the younger son, or we have failed to take on the attitude of the father as the older son.

Recalling where Jesus tells us, "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect," we fall just as short through a lack of mercy and charity as does the person who squanders their freedom on a sinful life. Our church has become a church of long communion lines and short (if existing at all) Confession lines.

We want the benefits of being God's children while we reject the duties of being God's children. It is easy to justify our own sin while easily condemning the sins of another. As this Gospel reminds us, we court eternal disaster in doing so.

We have a merciful Father who wants to forgive. Jesus knows how we are hard-wired and what we need, hence, he leaves us the Sacrament of Confession to give us the concrete way of experiencing what the younger son experiences at the hands of his father. Don't let this Lent pass by without making it to confession. Allow the mercy of the Father to bring you fully home so that you may share fully in both the duties and the benefits of being His child. —Fr. Bill Peckman

Easter Sunday is April 5th. Don't let the time pass by.

The Lord is so pleased that you took the time to pray with Him and be in His Presence during 40 Hour Devotion. The grace you received is more beneficial than you know. I thank you for sacrificing an hour to let Him love you. God Bless you all!!

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

Annual Easter Egg Hunt this coming Saturday at St. Johns at 9am for ages 0 through third grade. Bigger and better than ever. Great morning for the kids.

And for the adults, the Crawfish Boil starting at 2pm at the hall.

At the annual Knight of the Year dinner, Robbie Coomer was selected as Knight of the Year, the Andrew Jansen family as Family of the Year and Cooper Halter as Youth of the Year. The Lady Friend of the Knights was Dana Beussink and Community Friend of the Year was Mike Aufdenberg.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

"I am the resurrection and the life." John 11:25 Jesus' promise of new life inspires all vocations. Could He be calling you to the priesthood, to bring His Word to others through the sacraments? Open your heart to His plan. Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2 **Vocation Crucifix for March: Melvin & Debbie Keith** *For the Church, that priests may bring the hope of Christ's resurrection to all through their ministry, let us pray to the Lord.*

ST. JOHN PCCW:

Rummage Sale-Set up and bring merchandise on Tuesday, May 5 and Wednesday May 6 before noon. Sale Thursday and Friday May 7-8 7am-5pm and Saturday May 9th 7-11(\$5 bag day) Appreciate your items and help with set-up and sale days. Our major fundraiser.

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!

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.

In Gratitude:

Thank you to those volunteers who worked at the spring clean-up in the Prayer Garden. Your efforts are recognized and greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing the garden flourish this spring.

Thank you to all those who were directly and indirectly involved in making the Confirmation Retreat such a great success! Your incredible support is much appreciated.

Diocese & Area Events

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

St. Joseph Scott City Spring Dinner: Sunday, March 29th. 10:30 - 1:00. Fried Chicken, Chicken & Dumplings and all the sides including dessert and drink. Adults \$15, Kids 6-12 \$7 Under 5 are Free. Carry-outs available.

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.

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