

# Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 15, 2026

**Mission Statement:** We are a united faith filled community, dedicated to Christ, obedient to the Holy Spirit. We strive to live the Word of God through sacramental life. We are committed to the enrichment of our children with faith, hope and love.

## Faith Formation News Noticias de Formacion de Fe

### St. James & St. Mary

#### Faith Formation Classes

At this time, we are closed to registration. We appreciate all families that signed up. We look forward to the next school year. Thank you

#### Las clases de formación en la fe

En este momento, estamos cerrados para inscripciones. Agradecemos a todas las familias que se inscribieron. Esperamos con ilusión el próximo año escolar. Gracias.

### St. James

**Wednesdays** Grades 1st - 5th  
1:30pm - 3:00pm

Grades 6th -12th  
7:00pm - 8:00pm

**Miércoles** Grados 1ro - 5to  
1:30pm - 3:00 pm

Grados 6to -12  
7:00pm - 8:00pm

### St. Mary

**Wednesdays** Grades 1st - 5th  
4:30pm - 5:30pm

**Miércoles** Grados 1ro - 5to  
4:30pm - 5:30pm

*For questions and inquiries, please call the Faith Formation Office.*

*Para preguntas y consultas, por favor llame a la Oficina de Formación en la Fe.*



May the Lord bestow  
His abundant blessing upon

**Dalila Odette Garril Garcia**, daughter of Fabiola Honoria Garril Garcia, was Baptized on February 28, 2026, at St. James Catholic Church, St James.

**Jayden Mason Tripp**, son of Adam Tripp and Marcella Ringham, was Baptized on March 8, 2026, at St. James Catholic Church, St James.

#### Parishioner's Help

St James is in need of Lectors. Please call the parish office 507-375-3542 if you are interested in helping.

#### St. Mary's School ~ Winter Raffle Winners



March 15, 2026 ~ \$200 ~ Joanne McCabe



#### Pancake Brunch

Hosted by:  
Knights of Columbus  
& Catholic Daughters of America  
Sunday, 3-22-26 at Marion Hall  
from 9am to 2pm  
Join Us!

#### Thank you Parishioners

To all that have donated money toward the light project at St. Mary's Church. We appreciate the response from so many. Elite Electric will be working on the project soon.

Thank you,  
St. Mary's CCW

#### Gracias, feligreses.

A todos los que han donado para el proyecto de iluminación de la iglesia de Santa María. Agradecemos la gran respuesta. Elite Electric trabajará en el proyecto pronto.

Gracias,  
CCW de Santa María

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## Mass Schedule & Intentions: March 16 - 22, 2026

Mon 16	No Mass		
Tues 17	No Mass		
Wed 18	8:30 am	St. Mary Parish	✘ Lyle & Harriet Wright
Thur 19	No Mass		
Fri 20	11:00 am	Truman Nursing Home	✘ Clem & Edna Kunz
Sat 21	5:30 pm	St. Mary Parish	✘ Sandy Seibert
Sun 22	8:00 am	St. Mary Parish - <i>Spanish Mass</i>	<i>pro populo</i>
Sun 22	10:00 am	St. James Parish	✘ Katherine Frisch
Sun 22	12:00 pm	St. James Parish - <i>Spanish Mass</i>	Herrejon Family

## Liturgical Roles: March 21 & 22, 2026

### Sat. 21 - St. Mary 5:30 p.m.

**Servers:** Annika Hagen, David Hagen

**Reader:** Bob Yurcek

**Ushers:** David Johnson, Chuck Voss

### Sun. 22 - St. James 10:00 a.m.

**Servers:**

**Reader:** Nona Runge

**Communion Ministers:**

**Ushers:**

## 2026 ~ Catholic Ministries Appeal Update

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Donors</u>
St. James	\$18,967		
St. Mary	\$12,193		

**Remember:** If parish goals are not met by December 31, 2026, the parishes **must** pay the amount remaining from operating funds.

***“And of all that you give me  
I will surely give one tenth to you.”*** *Genesis 28:22*

<i>As of March 8, 2026</i>	<b>St. James</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>
Church Support needed per week:	6,379	2,388
Church Support giving last week:	2,459	2,405
Church Support needed fiscal year-to-date:	229,644	85,968
Church Support giving fiscal year-to-date:	144,704	60,330



## **READINGS** For the Week

### **MONDAY March 16**

*Lenten Weekday*  
Isaiah 65:17-21  
John 4:43-54

### **TUESDAY March 17**

*St. Patrick, Bishop*  
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12  
John 5:1-16

### **WEDNESDAY March 18**

*St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop  
and Doctor of the Church*  
Isaiah 49:8-15  
John 5:17-30

### **THURSDAY March 19**

*St. Joseph, Spouse of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary*  
2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

### **FRIDAY March 20**

*Lenten Weekday*  
Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22  
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### **SATURDAY March 21**

*Lenten Weekday*  
Jeremiah 11:18-20  
John 7:40-53

### **SUNDAY March 22**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Romans 8:8-11  
John 11:1-45





Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that we are already in the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent now. The theme of light and clear sight is a theme in our gospel reading this week, with the story of Jesus bringing sight to the man who had been born blind. I would like to share with you for your reflection this

week a reading from the Liturgy of the Hours that delves into the mystery of Jesus healing our spiritual sight. It is the second reading from the Office of Readings.

### From a treatise on John by Saint Augustine, Bishop

“The Lord tells us: *I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. In these few words he gives a command and makes a promise. Let us do what he commands so that we may not blush to covet what he promises and to hear him say on the day of judgment: ‘I laid down certain conditions for obtaining my promises. Have you fulfilled them?’ If you say: ‘What did you command, Lord our God?’ he will tell you: ‘I commanded you to follow me. You asked for advice on how to enter into life. What life, if not the life about which it is written: With you is the fountain of life?’*”

Let us do now what he commands. Let us follow in the footsteps of the Lord. Let us throw off the chains that prevent us from following him. Who can throw off these shackles without the aid of the one addressed in these words: *You have broken my chains? Another psalm says of him: The Lord frees those in chains, the Lord raises up the downcast.*

Those who have been freed and raised up follow the light. The light they follow speaks to them: *I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness. The Lord gives light to the blind. Brethren, that light shines on us now, for we have had our eyes anointed with the eye-salve of faith. His saliva was mixed with earth to anoint the man born blind. We are of Adam’s stock, blind from our birth; we need him to give us light. He mixed saliva with earth, and so it was prophesied: Truth has sprung up from the earth. He himself has said: I am the way, the truth, and the life.*

We shall be in possession of the truth when we see face to face. This is his promise to us. Who would dare to hope for something that God in his goodness did not choose to promise or bestow? We shall see face to face. The Apostle says: *Now I know in part, now obscurely through a mirror, but then face to face. John the apostle says in one of his letters: Dearly beloved, we are now children of God, and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be. We know that when he is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. This is a great promise.*

If you love me, follow me. ‘I do love you,’ you protest, ‘but how do I follow you?’ If the Lord your God said to you: ‘I am the truth and the life,’ in your desire for truth, in your love for life, you would certainly ask him to show you the way to reach them. You would say to yourself: ‘Truth is a great reality, life is a great reality; if only it were possible for my soul to find them!’

Have an amazing week!  
Fr. Dobbs



Hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Cuesta creer que ya estemos en la cuarta semana de Cuaresma. El tema de la luz y la visión clara es un tema recurrente en nuestra lectura del Evangelio de esta semana, con la historia de Jesús devolviendo la vista al hombre que había nacido ciego. Me gustaría compartir con

ustedes, para su reflexión de esta semana, una lectura de la Liturgia de las Horas que profundiza en el misterio de cómo Jesús sanó nuestra visión espiritual. Es la segunda lectura del Oficio de Lecturas.

### Del tratado sobre Juan de San Agustín, obispo.

“El Señor nos dice: *Yo soy la luz del mundo; quien me sigue no andará en tinieblas, sino que tendrá la luz de la vida. En estas pocas palabras nos da un mandato y nos hace una promesa. Hagamos lo que nos manda para que no nos avergoncemos de codiciar lo que promete y de oírle decir en el día del juicio: ‘Establecí ciertas condiciones para obtener mis promesas. ¿Las has cumplido?’ Si preguntas: ‘¿Qué mandaste, Señor Dios nuestro?’ te responderá: ‘Te ordené que me siguieras. Me pediste consejo sobre cómo entrar en la vida. ¿Qué vida, sino la vida de la que está escrito: Contigo está la fuente de la vida?’*”

Hagamos ahora lo que él manda. Sigamos los pasos del Señor. Desatemos las cadenas que nos impiden seguirlo. ¿Quién puede liberarse de estas ataduras sin la ayuda de aquel a quien se dirigen estas palabras: *“Has roto mis cadenas?” Otro salmo dice de él: “El Señor libera a los encadenados, el Señor levanta a los abatidos.”*

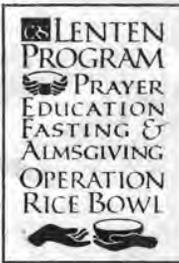
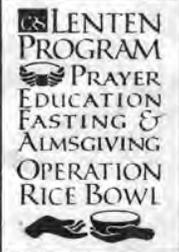
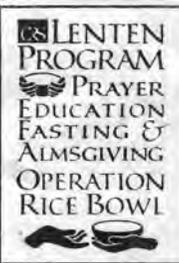
Los que han sido liberados y resucitados siguen la luz. La luz que siguen les habla: *“Yo soy la luz del mundo; el que me sigue no andará en tinieblas. El Señor da luz a los ciegos.” Hermanos, esa luz brilla sobre nosotros ahora, pues hemos sido ungidos con el colirio de la fe. Su saliva se mezcló con tierra para ungir al ciego de nacimiento. Somos de la estirpe de Adán, ciegos de nacimiento; necesitamos que él nos dé luz. Él mezcló saliva con tierra, y así fue profetizado: “La verdad ha brotado de la tierra.” El mismo ha dicho: “Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida.”*

Estaremos en posesión de la verdad cuando veamos cara a cara. Esta es su promesa para nosotros. ¿Quién se atrevería a esperar algo que Dios, en su bondad, no eligió prometer ni conceder? Veremos cara a cara. El Apóstol dice: Ahora conozco en parte, ahora oscuramente a través de un espejo, pero entonces veré cara a cara. El apóstol Juan dice en una de sus cartas: Queridos, ahora somos hijos de Dios, y aún no se ha manifestado lo que seremos. Sabemos que cuando él se manifieste, seremos semejantes a él, porque lo veremos tal como es. Esta es una gran promesa.

Si me amas, sígueme. ‘Te amo’, protestas, ‘pero ¿cómo te sigo?’ Si el Señor tu Dios te dijera: ‘Yo soy la verdad y la vida’, en tu deseo de la verdad, en tu amor por la vida, sin duda le pedirías que te mostrara el camino para alcanzarlas. Te dirías: ‘La verdad es una gran realidad, la vida es una gran realidad; ¡ojalá mi alma pudiera encontrarlas!’

¡Que tengas una semana maravillosa!  
P. Dobbs

# Meetings & Events Calendar ~ March 15 - 28, 2026

Sunday 15	Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20	Saturday 21
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4th Sunday of Lent</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  </div> <p><b>St. James</b> Rosary - <i>Spanish</i> right after noon mass. ALL ARE WELCOME</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2nd Collection</b> Catholic Relief Services</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. James</b> Rosary - 7:30 am in the church.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Patrick's Day</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. Mary</b> Rosary - 8:00 am in the church.</p> <div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>Faith Formation Classes</b> See Faith Formation News Colum on page 1 for details.</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WELLSPRING</b> <b>Coffee &amp; Conversation</b> Good Samaritan Prairie View Dining Room, at 3pm Puzzles and Dessert Join us for a fun time! <i>Please call Wellspring at 507-375-1276 to register.</i></p>		<div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Abstain from Meat</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. Mary</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: right;">Stations of the Cross 2:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5th Sunday of Lent Vigil</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Open Hearts Young Women's Discernment Day Lourdes High School, Rochester, MN</p>
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