

February 25, 2024

Skagit Valley Catholic Churches Regional Ministry

In union with Pope Francis in Rome and Archbishop Paul in Seattle



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.
- Mk 9:7-8

Immaculate Conception Regional School

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1321 East Division Street, Mount Vernon WA 98274

Principal: Sarah Rutherford. rutherford@icrsweb.org

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New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish community! Please fill out a registration form found in the church entryway and place it in the collection basket to register for our parish.

Afterhours Emergencies Requiring the Presence of a Priest:

Please call the Skagit Valley Emergency number:

360-419-4977. This line is reserved for critical

afterhours situations, including death and near death, where last sacraments are being requested.

Please notify the parish office for all other requests.

Catholic Community Services Helpline for Skagit County resources: 360-594-6446

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Planning on getting married?
Couples are asked to contact
their parish office at least 6
months prior to
their wedding.



Skagit Valley Catholic Churches All-Valley News

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICES

What are you doing for Lent?

We welcome you to come share in Taizé Prayer Services; for all peoples and all faiths.

Services will be on Mondays during Lent at 7pm
February 19, 26 and March 4, 18, 25

What to expect? Taizé prayer services are contemplative with simple, meditative songs. We share in quiet prayer, scripture readings, and silence. Services last about 30 minutes.

Immaculate Conception Church, Mount Vernon

Join Our Vibrant Catholic Young Adult Community in Skagit Valley!

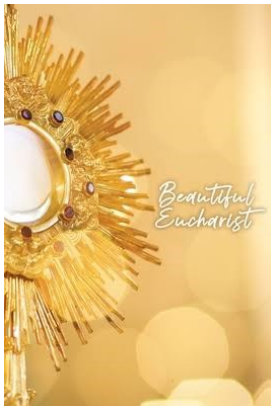
Adults between the ages of 21 and 40, we invite you to come meet others in a similar stage of life. In addition to our quarterly meetups at District Brewing, we put together occasions to gather for faith and fellowship along with opportunities to volunteer within the community. Upcoming we host coffee hour at St. Charles each first Sunday of the month, and will be attending Thursday Adoration followed by a soup supper at Adam and Nessie's through Lent. For more details please see our flocknotes: <https://skagitvalleycatholic.flocknote.com/SVCCYoungAdults>

Beware of Scam Emails and Text Messages

We continue to hear from parishioners who have received scam messages requesting gift cards or money from a person who identifies himself or herself as a SVCC priest, staff person, or key ministry leader. We never send requests like this. Please report these messages as spam, block the sender, and ignore them. Fr. Tom

Free Books

"Beautiful Eucharist"
by Mathew Kelly



If you would like a copy of this free book, stop by your parish office during business hours and pick one up.

LENTEN WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Immaculate Conception:

Mondays - Taizé Prayer Services 7pm

Wednesdays - Soup Supper (St Joe's) 4-6:30pm

Fridays - Stations at Noon (English), 3pm (Spanish), and at 7pm with reflections on the Passion of Christ (Spanish)

Immaculate Heart of Mary:

Wednesdays - Jesus and the Eucharist Study Group 6-8pm

Fridays - Stations 7pm (Bilingual)

St Charles:

Tuesdays - Stations and Soup Supper 5:30pm

Fridays - Stations 8:30pm (Spanish)

Save the Date!

Father Tim Sauer will lead a Parish Mission March 11-13 at Sacred Heart (AM sessions) and Immaculate Conception (PM sessions)



40 Days for Life in Skagit County

We are excited to support life in Skagit County by supporting the 40 Days of Life campaign which runs from Valentine's day (February 14) through Palm Sunday (March 24). Please join us **every Tuesday through the campaign, starting February 20 from 11-12** in front of Planned Parenthood located at 1805 East Division Street Mount Vernon, WA. Visit the 40 Days of Life website for more information.

Text SVCC to 84576 to Flocknote and receive a weekly newsletter from the parishes of your choice

A Note from our Pastor, Fr. Tom McMichael

This week I share with you an excerpt from Pope Francis' 2024 Lenten letter "*Through the Desert God leads us to Freedom*." I encourage you to take a few minutes to read the full text of this wonderful reflection on the Vatican website in [English](#) or [Spanish](#). Lenten blessings. Fr. Tom

. . God has not grown weary of us. Let us welcome Lent as the great season in which he reminds us: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (*Ex* 20:2). Lent is *a season of conversion, a time of freedom*. Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the first Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son. Unlike Pharaoh, God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters. The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery. In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken.

This, however, entails *a struggle*, as the book of Exodus and the temptations of Jesus in the desert make clear to us. The voice of God, who says, "You are my Son, the Beloved" (*Mk* 1:11), and "You shall have no other gods before me" (*Ex* 20:3) is opposed by the enemy and his lies. Even more to be feared than Pharaoh are the idols that we set up for ourselves; we can consider them as his voice speaking within us. To be all-powerful, to be looked up to by all, to domineer over others: every human being is aware of how deeply seductive that lie can be. It is a road well-travelled. We can become attached to money, to certain projects, ideas or goals, to our position, to a tradition, even to certain individuals. Instead of making us move forward, they paralyze us. Instead of encounter, they create conflict. . .

It is time to act, and in Lent, *to act also means to pause*. To pause *in prayer*, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan *in the presence of a wounded brother or sister*. Love of God and love of neighbour are one love. Not to have other gods is to pause in the presence of God beside the flesh of our neighbour. For this reason, prayer, almsgiving and fasting are not three unrelated acts, but a single movement of openness and self-emptying, in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down, the attachments that imprison us. Then the atrophied and isolated heart will revive. Slow down, then, and pause! The contemplative dimension of life that Lent helps us to rediscover will release new energies. In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another: in place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travelers. This is God's dream, the promised land to which we journey once we have left our slavery behind. . .

Esta semana comparto con ustedes un extracto de la carta de Cuaresma de 2024, del Papa Francisco: "A través del desierto Dios nos lleva a la libertad".

Les animo a que se tomen unos minutos para leer el texto completo de esta maravillosa reflexión en el sitio web del Vaticano en inglés o español. Bendiciones de Cuaresma. Padre Tom

. . Dios no se cansa de nosotros. Acojamos la Cuaresma como el tiempo fuerte en el que su Palabra se dirige de nuevo a nosotros: «Yo soy el Señor, tu Dios, que te hice salir de Egipto, de un lugar de esclavitud» (*Ex* 20,2). *Es tiempo de conversión, tiempo de libertad*. Jesús mismo, como recordamos cada año en el primer domingo de Cuaresma, fue conducido por el Espíritu al desierto para ser probado en su libertad. Durante cuarenta días estará ante nosotros y con nosotros: es el Hijo encarnado. A diferencia del Faraón, Dios no quiere súbditos, sino hijos. El desierto es el espacio en el que nuestra libertad puede madurar en una decisión personal de no volver a caer en la esclavitud. En Cuaresma, encontramos nuevos criterios de juicio y una comunidad con la cual emprender un camino que nunca antes habíamos recorrido.

Esto implica *una lucha*, que el libro del Éxodo y las tentaciones de Jesús en el desierto nos narran claramente. A la voz de Dios, que dice: «Tú eres mi Hijo muy querido» (*Mt* 1,11) y «no tendrás otros dioses delante de mí» (*Ex* 20,3), se oponen de hecho las mentiras del enemigo. Más temibles que el Faraón son los ídolos; podríamos considerarlos como su voz en nosotros. El sentirse omnipotentes, reconocidos por todos, tomar ventaja sobre los demás: todo ser humano siente en su interior la seducción de esta mentira. Es un camino trillado. Por eso, podemos apegarnos al dinero, a ciertos proyectos, ideas, objetivos, a nuestra posición, a una tradición e incluso a algunas personas. Esas cosas en lugar de impulsarnos, nos paralizarán. En lugar de unirnos, nos enfrentarán. . .

Es tiempo de actuar, y en Cuaresma *actuar es también detenerse*. Detenerse en *oración*, para acoger la Palabra de Dios, y detenerse como el samaritano, *ante el hermano herido*. El amor a Dios y al prójimo es un único amor. No tener otros dioses es detenerse ante la presencia de Dios, en la carne del prójimo. Por eso la oración, la limosna y el ayuno no son tres ejercicios independientes, sino un único movimiento de apertura, de vaciamiento: fuera los ídolos que nos agobian, fuera los apegos que nos aprisionan. Entonces el corazón atrofiado y aislado se despertará. Por tanto, desacelerar y detenerse. La dimensión contemplativa de la vida, que la Cuaresma nos hará redescubrir, movilizará nuevas energías. Delante de la presencia de Dios nos convertimos en hermanas y hermanos, percibimos a los demás con nueva intensidad; en lugar de amenazas y enemigos encontramos compañeras y compañeros de viaje. Este es el sueño de Dios, la tierra prometida hacia la que marchamos cuando salimos de la esclavitud. . .

Skagit Valley Catholic Churches Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday

8:30 am St. Catherine, Concrete
 5:00 pm Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sedro-Woolley
 5:00 pm St. Charles, Burlington
 5:00 pm Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon
 7:00 pm St. Charles, Burlington SPANISH

Sunday

7:45 am St. Charles, Burlington SPANISH
 8:30 am Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sedro-Woolley
 9:00 am Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon
 9:30 am Sacred Heart, La Conner
 10:00 am Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sedro-Woolley SPANISH
 11:00 am Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon SPANISH
 11:15 am St. Charles, Burlington
 1:00 pm Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon SPANISH

Immaculate Conception
 400 N. 15th Street, Mt. Vernon WA 98274

St. Charles
 935 Peterson Road, Burlington WA 98233

Sacred Heart
 404 Douglas Street, La Conner WA 98257

Immaculate Heart of Mary
 719 Ferry Street, Sedro-Woolley WA 98284

St. Catherine Mission
 45603 Limestone St., Concrete, WA 98237

Weekday Masses

Monday

10:30 am St. Charles, Burlington

Tuesday

12:15 pm Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon

Wednesday

9:00 am Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sedro-Woolley
 6:00 pm St. Charles, Burlington

Thursday

12:15 pm Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon
 7:00 pm Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon (SP)

Friday

9:00 am Sacred Heart, La Conner

Skagit Valley Catholic Churches Confession Times

Monday

10:00 am St. Charles, Burlington

Wednesday

9:30 am Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sedro-Woolley
 5:15-5:45pm St. Charles, Burlington

Thursday

6:00-6:45 pm Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon

Friday

8:30 am Sacred Heart, La Conner by appt.

Saturday

4:00-4:45 pm Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon
 4:00-4:45 pm Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sedro-Woolley
 4:00-4:45 pm St. Charles, Burlington



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION REGIONAL SCHOOL

*Providing an education rooted in Catholic beliefs
and values for students in PreK - 8th grade*

APPLY FOR THE 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR TODAY!



Call the school office to schedule a campus tour

ICRSWEB.org | 360-428-3912

tuition assistance is available

SKAGIT VALLEY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Reconciliation Service and Confessions

Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon

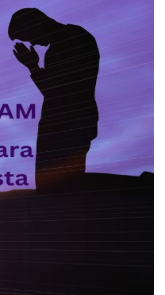
Saturday, March 16th

10:00 AM

Bilingual

Several priests will be available for
confessions after the service until 11:30 AM

Varios sacerdotes estarán disponibles para
las confesiones después del servicio hasta
las 11:30 a.m.



Immaculate Conception Church

Church: 400 N. 15th Street, Mt. Vernon WA 98273 Office: 215 N. 15th Street, Mt. Vernon WA 98273

Phone: 360-336-6622 ext. 120 email: icc@skagitcatholic.org website: www.icc-mv.org

Administrative Assistant: Sandra Ruiz Office Hours: 8:30am—4:45pm M-F (closed 12:30-1:35)

Pastoral Council: Mike Marker Laurie Kerley Rosario Brito Jose Antonio Velasco Maria Velasco
Lomi Whitwer Adolfo Lucatero Kathleen Bullock Scott McMullen

Weekly Calendar Second week of Lent

Sunday, 2/25

9am—Mass
10:15am Faith Formation English, Church
Upper Rooms & Parish Center all main Floor
10:20am—Rosario Spanish, Church
11am—Misa
12:20pm—Rosary Spanish, Church
1pm—Misa
7pm Vespers & Compline, Church

Monday, 2/26

6pm Spanish Choir Church upstairs
7pm RICA Spanish Class, Parish Center
7:00pm Valley Lenten Taize, Church

Tuesday, 2/27

11am Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary, CH
12:15pm—Mass
6:30pm Spiritual & Scriptures studies with
the Charismatic Group Spanish, all Parish C.

Wednesday, 2/28

10:00am Blanket ministry LR
6:30pm RCIA English, Upstairs Church
7pm English Choir rehearsal, Church
7pm Legion de Maria, Church Narthex
7pm All Valley Youth Group, PC & St Joes

Thursday, 2/29

12:15pm Mass
1pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,
Church
7pm—Spanish Word and Communion

Friday, 3/1

9:30am School Mass ICRS, Church
11am Leadership Meeting, Conference
Room
12:00 pm Stations of the Cross English, CH
3:00pm Stations of the Cross, Spanish, CH
7:00-9pm Stations of the Cross, Spanish and
Hispanic Charismatic Group, CH

Saturday, 3/2

7:00pm Sacramentors, Library
9am Spanish Confirmation retreat, Saint
Joseph center
2:00pm Spanish Retreat Holy hour, CH
4pm Confessions, Church
4:15pm Rosary, Church
5pm—Mass
6:30pm Sp. Children Choir, Basement



Love is in the air! No matter how long
you have been married, you can still have
romance in your marriage.
The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Ex-
perience gives you the tools to keep your
marriage alive and vibrant.

Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Ex-
perience on: April 12-14, 2024 at LaQuinta in Tacoma, WA,
Mar 8-10, 2024, Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, Spokane,
WA, Apr 26-28, 2024 in Everett, WA.

Early registration is highly recommended. For more infor-
mation visit our website at: wwme.org or contact: Jeff and
Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321.



Are you looking to deepen your
experience of Lent? We are of-
fering Taizé ("tuh-zay") Prayer
services every Monday at
7:00pm.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Soup Supper Wednesdays

February 28, Mar. 6, 20th. 4-6:30pm
at St. Joseph Center.

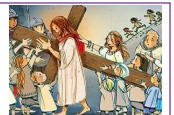
Accepting food donations
Suggested donation: \$5, per-Person
or \$20. per family. All are welcome.



Viacrucis Del 16 de Febrero al 29 de Marzo

En español cada viernes : 3pm y 7pm.

Stations of the Cross begins on **February 16** at noon
and goes thru **March 29**. Divine Mercy novena starts on
Good Friday the 29 and goes to Divine Mercy Sunday on the **April 7th**.



**Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the
Narthex.** During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on our connect-
edness as one family in Christ and work together to ensure our sis-
ters and brothers worldwide can thrive. Visit crsricebowl.org.



2/29 12:15pm
Fr Paul Dalton (RIP)

3/2 12:15pm
Robert Rosso (RIP)

**Please scan the QR code to sign up for
PushPay ONLINE GIVING
platform!**



Stewardship of Treasure Expense: \$387,831
July—January Net Surplus:
Income: \$480,765 \$92,934
July—January Loan Balance:



Weekly Calendar

Sun/Dom. 02/25/24

7:45am—Mass, Spanish
9:45am—Bible Study
11:15am—Mass, English

Mon/Lun. 02/26/24

10:00am—Confessions
10:05am—Rosary
10:30am—Daily Mass
6:30pm—RCIA Inquiry Class
6:30pm—Estudios Biblicos

Tue/Mar. 2/27/24

5:30pm—Stations of the Cross
6:30pm—RCIC Class
6:30pm—St Charlie's Angels

Wed/Mie. 02/28/24

5:15pm—confessions
6:00pm—Mass
6:30pm—F.F. Class

Thu/Jue. 02/29/24

6:30pm—Confirmation Class

Fri/Vie. 03/01/24

10am—RCIA Inquiry
5pm—Silent adoration/adoración
8:30pm—Via Crucis

Sat/ Sab. 03/02/24

8:00am— 1st Reconciliations
4:00-4:45pm Confessions
5:00pm—Mass, English
7:00pm—Mass, Spanish

Stewardship of Treasure

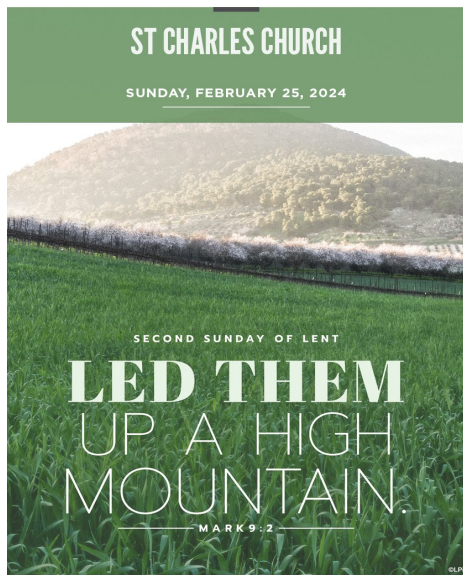
July-January
Income
\$235,233
July-January
Expenses
\$206,327



St. Charles Church

Church and Office: 935 Peterson Rd., Burlington WA 98233
Phone: 360-757-0128 Administrative Assistant: Brenda Rocha
email: stcharles@skagitcatholic.org website: www.stcharles-burlington-wa.org
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00am—2:00pm,
Wednesday 10:00am—5:00pm

Pastoral Council: Rudy Allen Garth Cray Paula Dey Peter McGowan
Juan Peinado Yadira Rodarte



Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Transfiguration left the disciples with more questions than answers. What had they just seen? What had they just heard? They were confused, but they trusted Jesus. Let's follow in their example, trusting in God's care as we journey deeper into Lent.

First Reconciliation For First Communion

Saturday March 2 starting at 8am
Please confirm times with your catechist as each class has a specific time slot.

Primera Reconciliación Para Primera Comunión

Sábado 2 de marzo a
partir de las 8 a.m.
Por favor confirme los
horarios con su
catequista ya que
cada clase tiene un
horario específico.



Stations of the Cross



Tuesday February 20th-March 19
at 5:30pm



followed by soup supper
served by the
St Charlies Angels .

Via Crucis

en Espanol seran los Viernes a las 8:30pm

Free tax preparation through VITA. To make an appointment please call 360.230.9832

Preparación gratuita de impuestos a través de VITA. Para programar una cita, llame al 360.230.9832 entre las 9 am y las 5 p. m. de lunes a viernes.

Food Bank Story for the month of January 2024

Thank you to all the wonderful Skagit Valley parishioners and friends. **You have enabled the Food Bank to:** Distribute over **208,111** lbs of food which helped feed over **2,545** families through the drive-thru and home delivery programs and to help stock emergency shelters in the area. You also provided families with young children with over **345** packages of diapers. Over **100** volunteer warriors generously gave over **1,050** hours of their time to prepare and distribute all the food and diapers.

If you have not seen what is happening at the food bank on Saturdays, please join us
Again, thank you for helping families.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church/ St. Catherine Mission

Church: 719 Ferry Street, Sedro-Woolley WA 98284 Phone: 360-855-0077

Church: 45603 Limestone Street, Concrete WA 98237

email: immaculateheart@skagitcatholic.org website: www.ihm-sw.org

Administrative Assistant: Leslie Cornwell Office Hours: 9:30am—1:30pm M-F

IHM Pastoral Council: Dave Strachila Karen Green Doug Hutter Arturo Lopez Steve McCart Sharon Pawlowicz

St. Catherine Pastoral Council: Yvonne Eagleburger Jan Brovan Nancy Glass David and Georgia Lang Philip and Virginia Moran Diane Young

WEEKLY CALENDAR SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday, Feb 25th

8:30 am Mass, English
9:30 am Coffee Social
10:00 am Mass, Spanish

Tuesday, Feb 27th

3:00 pm Faith Group
7:00 pm Spanish Rosary

Wednesday, Feb 28th

9:00 am Daily Mass
9:30 am Confessions
6 to 8:00 pm Eucharistic
Study Group in Hall

Friday, March 1st

7:00 pm Bilingual
Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 2nd

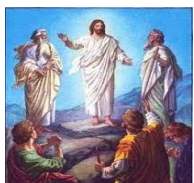
**Saint Catherine
Concrete**

8:30 am Mass

Immaculate Heart of Mary

10 to 12:00 pm Faith
Formation Class in
Church Basement

4:00 pm Confessions
5:00 pm English Mass



Thank you to those who donated to this weekend's Catholic Home Appeal. Your donation will Help provide basic pastoral services to our Home Mission Dioceses.

2024 RICE BOWL

Your donations through the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl help more than 250 million people with lifesaving support. By setting aside or placing \$1 each day in the bowl, you can provide chickens for a family that produce protein rich eggs or \$2 a day, a baby goat that gives a family milk and income. Your gift is a symbol of good your donation will do. There are containers in the narthex. Please turn in your gifts at the end of Lent. You can find containers and envelopes in the narthex.



IHM MASS INTENTIONS

2/25 8:30 am Healing of Rose Clark
10:00 am For the People
2/28 9:00 am Healing of Jane Cimoch
3/2 5:00 pm For the Repose of the Soul of Leo Henggeler

This is my chosen son, listen to him

Stewardship of Treasure 2023/2024

Immaculate Heart of Mary

July-January Income	\$124,324
July-January Expenses	\$129,892
Net Shortfall	\$ (5,568)

St. Catherine Mission

July-January Income	\$ 16,465
July-January Expenses	\$ 15,111
Net Surplus	\$ 1,355

Thank you for your generous gifts

Sacred Heart

Church: 404 Douglas Street, PO Box 757, La Conner WA 98257 Phone: 360-466-3967

email: lori@skagitcatholic.org website: www.sacredheartchurchlaconner.org

Ministry Coordinator: Lori Hansen Office Hours: 11:00am—2:00pm M-Th

Pastoral Council: Denny Doneen Richard Doerflinger Chad Lemrick Ann Gerner Ran Hinrichs
Julie and Robb Anderson Denice Gardner Steve Miller

Weekly Calendar:

Feb. 25th: Sunday Mass 9:30am; collection for Catholic Home Missions; Faith Formation classes & coffee hour .
Feb. 28th Men's & Women's Bible Studies 8:30am & 10am.
March 1st: Friday Mass 9am.

March 3th: Sunday Mass 9:30am; Faith Formation classes make pretzels! Coffee hour after Mass.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Feb. 25. Kristine Stultz - Alison Kepka
Feb. 26. Alex Yu-Rank - Vivian Rice
Feb. 27. Jean Scruggs
Feb. 28. Dominic McGuire
March 2. Shawn Tripp - Caroline Dekker.

Stewardship of Treasure 2023-2024

July—Jan. Income	\$159,328
July—Jan. Expenses	\$142,217
Net Surplus:	\$ 17,111

Thank you for your support!



Lenten Parish Retreat

“From Christmas to Calvary; From the Tomb to the World”

**March 11th, 12th, and 13th—Sacred Heart Parish
Led by Fr. Tim Sauer**

9am—11:30am all three days in the church

The retreat will start with Mass at 9am;
followed by refreshments in the hall,
then continued in the church for the presentation.

All are welcome, no registration necessary.

“Jesus is the definitive revelation of God, and of God's plan and will for our lives. In our three days of retreat we will focus on what Jesus has done for us, how we come to know him, and how we are called to share his Good News with others. We will reflect and meditate on the Cross of Jesus, his Resurrection, and our call to be his enthusiastic witness in the world.”