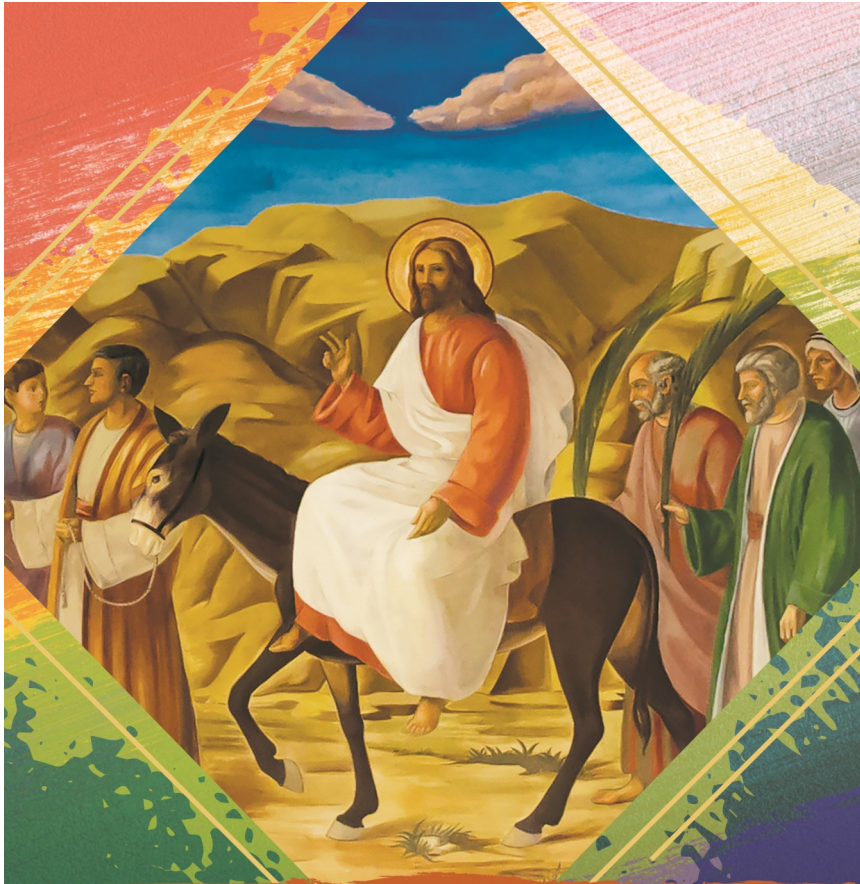




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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

*Say to daughter Zion,  
"Behold, your king comes to you,  
meek and riding on an ass."  
- Mt 21:5*

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March 29, 2026

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Matthew 26:14-27:66

Just prior to this week's Passion narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman's scandalous action toward Jesus: "A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head" (Matthew 26:7). The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year's wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week?

Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus' body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: "She has done a good thing for me" (Matthew 26:10). Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about.

What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don't just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

**Lenten Challenge:** Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week — not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted.

— Father John Muir

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### Weekday Masses

Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Liturgical Ministers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeter	Gift Bearer	Usher
<b>April 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday, 8:30 AM</b>	Karen O'Dell	Gayle Bibee	Kathy Pajares	Bernadette Gadu Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling Paul Schwartzhoff
<b>April 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday, 10:30 AM</b>	Jerry Ahrens	Joyce Dierkes	Kathleen DuMontier	Bobby Elam Marilyn Elam	Chris Knee Carol Tyler

### Respect Life Corner

“Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end’ (*Spe salvi* 31).”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life” (citing Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe salvi* © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

### VOCATION CORNER

As we begin Holy Week, we see Jesus following the will (call) of the Father. He will complete His call even to the Cross. Are we willing to follow our call – even if it means giving of ourselves totally in service to the Lord? Everyone has their unique call. Everyone needs to respond to the will of the Father – priesthood, sisterhood, married life, single. Take some quiet time during this sacred week and listen, in our innermost being, to what the Lord really wants us to be.

### Blessing for Holy Week

Be with us this week, Lord, journeying closer and closer to Your pierced and Sacred Heart. Immerse us in Your intense and undying love. Help us to encounter Your passion in new ways that inform, surprise, and inspire us.  
Amen.

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### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

This week, we see things that break our heart — God betrayed. This week, we see things that shake our faith — God bleeding on a cross. This week, this Holy Week, with all its difficult moments, can change us, if we let it. Are we ready?

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## Weekly Readings



### Readings for the week of March 29, 2026

Sunday:	Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54
Monday:	Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday:	Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/ Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/ Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/ Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
Next Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

### Observances for the week of March 29, 2026

Sunday:	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins
Monday:	
Tuesday:	
Wednesday:	April Fools' Day
Thursday:	Holy Thursday
Friday:	Good Friday
Saturday:	Holy Saturday
Next Sunday:	Easter Sunday

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### Mass Intentions for the week of March 29, 2026

SUN 3/29	8:30 AM	Deluvia & Evans Families
	10:30 AM	For The People
MON 3/30	8:00 AM	Lynne Schwartzhoff
TUE 3/31	8:00 AM	Anne Marie Eckmann
WED 4/1	8:00 AM	William Prantaitis

For the full Triduum schedule see the section on the next page titled **This Week**.

THUR 4/2	7:00 PM	At St. Augustine of Canterbury
FRI 4/3	3:00 PM	At St. Augustine of Canterbury
SAT 4/5	8:00 PM	At St. Augustine of Canterbury
SUN 4/6	8:30 AM	For The People
	10:30 AM	Velda Bringaze, Cambree York

**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC -  
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR  
ORDINARY MOMENTS**  
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** The chasm between man and his Creator is an ancient one, and it is driven deep and wide. But this week — this Holy Week — a bridge is built across the chasm. And God reaches out His hand.

**The Humanity of Holy Week**

We have all sold Jesus out, at one point or another. Some of us have done it more than once, and we've done it for a lot less than 30 pieces of silver.

We have all denied Christ, and we have done it more than three times and under much less pressure than Peter, who feared for his life when he shouted, "I do not know the man!"

We have all struck the face of God — out of anger? Fear? Confusion? All of the above? — screaming, in agony, "Prophecy for me!"

At one point or another, we have all looked at our Lord beaten and betrayed, and we have all said, as Pilate did: "What shall I do with Jesus called Christ?"

And we have all hung on the cross chosen for us, crying out in bewilderment: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Holy Week is a week where we see humanity, in all its vulnerability and ignorance. We see it in the "villains" of the piece, like Judas, and in the morally neutral characters like Pilate and the Jews who have been misled about Jesus. We even see it in the "good guys" like Peter.

In this, the holiest week of the year, we see ourselves at our very worst. The chasm between man and his Creator is an ancient one, and it is driven deep and wide — by the pridefulness of Adam and Eve, yes, but also by every poor choice you and I have ever made.

Every "I don't know the man!"

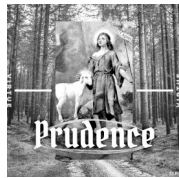
Every "Prophecy!"

Every "What shall I do with Jesus?"

These cries echo forth from the depths of this chasm.

But this week — this Holy Week — a bridge is built across the chasm. And God reaches out His hand.

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**Prudence, Explained!**

Those who have the vision condition of nearsightedness need glasses in order to discern objects which are far away. Without the aid of glasses, a nearsighted person's world is small; anything which lies beyond their strength of vision is hidden to them.

The virtue of prudence is like glasses for a soul made nearsighted by original sin. "A prudent man is one who sees as it were from afar, for his sight is keen, and he foresees the event of uncertainties," said St. Isidore of Seville.

The Catechism teaches that prudence disposes our practical reason to not only discern what is good, but to choose the right way of achieving that good. Prudence is "the charioteer of the virtues," guiding the judgment of our conscience and directing our actions in accordance with that judgment (CCC 1806). Without prudence, not only can we not clearly see what is good, but we have no hope of realizing that good.  
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**Holy Land Collection**

Pope Leo XIV has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Holy Land Collection which will be held on Good Friday. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. In times of crisis, the Pontifical Holy Land Collection also provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. For additional information go to mail@myfranciscan.com. Please be generous!



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

*"Heavenly Father, we offer all the prayer requests on our prayer chain to you. We ask that you would hear and answer each one according to your perfect will. We trust in your love, your power, and your grace. May your peace reign in our hearts and in the lives of those we are praying for."*

Bishop Designate	Huebner Family	Matt
Godfrey Mullen, OSB	Jenna	Mrs. Reynolds
Alex	Johnathan	Patty
Cambree	Jon	Sienna
Carin	Kathleen	Sonia
Cathy	Kayla	Tanya
Hudson	Maielle	York Family

Please keep in your prayers all who are ill, specially those listed below, their families and their

caregivers.

To add names to the Prayer List, please contact Carol Lesko by phone at 618-698-5838. If she unavailable to take your call please leave a message.

Names will be published for 4 weeks unless we are notified to retain them longer.



Due to an Early Bulletin Deadline  
the Weekly contributions for the weekend of  
March 22nd will be printed in the  
April 5th bulletin.

## This Week

March 29, 2026

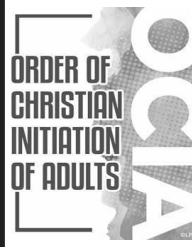
- Sunday** - 8:30 am Mass  
Live Stream Mass 8:30 am  
- 10:30 am Mass
- Monday** -
- Tuesday** -
- Wednesday** - Eucharistic Exposition  
2:30-4:30 pm  
- Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm
- Thursday** - 7:00 pm Mass at St. Augustine  
Adoration after Mass until Midnight
- Friday** - 2:00 pm Stations of the Cross at  
St. Augustine of followed by  
- 3:00 pm Good Friday Service  
-Fish Fry 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- Saturday** - St. Augustine  
Confessions 11-12 followed by  
Blessing of the food at 12:00 pm  
-St. Henry  
Blessing of the food at 12:00 pm  
- 8:00 pm Mass at St. Augustine
- Sunday** St. Henry Church  
- 8:30 am Mass  
Live Stream Mass 8:30 am  
- 10:30 am Mass



The Parish Rosary Program. Each week parishioners are requested to either email to the church secretary [sthenryc@peaknet.net](mailto:sthenryc@peaknet.net) or drop a slip of paper in the collection basket with the number of rosaries they prayed this week. (started February 12, 2023)

Due to an Early Bulletin Deadline  
Rosary totals will be in the next bulletin

Please pray for the following people:



Nora Ayala  
Matthew Felix  
Quincy McGowan  
Angelina Rodarte  
Kialani Willingham  
Kymani Willingham  
Quandela Anani Zogolo

They are joining the Catholic church at the Easter Vigil.

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### Parish Registration

#### Question:

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

#### Answer:

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

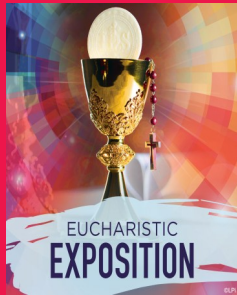
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Friday, April 3rd at St. Augustine of Canterbury 2:00 pm  
Lead by Deacon Jim  
Good Friday service will follow the Stations of the Cross

### Contribution Statements for 2025

Contribution statements will be sent out **BY REQUEST** again this year. If you would like a contribution statement for your taxes, please let Dawn know at 618-233-2423 or email [sthenryc@peaknet.net](mailto:sthenryc@peaknet.net).



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is the most powerful prayer a person can say to obtain God's mercy!

If you have never experienced The Chaplet in song then you are in for an amazing experience.

Eucharistic Exposition every Wednesday from 2:30-4:30.

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.”  
Luke 19:38



The Men's Club and the Ladies of St. Henry will host the **final fish fry** of the Lenten season **Friday, April 3rd, from 4:00 to 7:30 pm**

**in the Msgr. Voss Parish Center.** Enjoy our hand-cut fried cod, baked salmon, shrimp, and many side items. Homemade or store-bought items are always needed for our dessert table. If you would like to donate a dessert item, please bring it to the parish center on Friday afternoon.

**Thanks for your support.**

# BIRTHDAYS

Jennifer Jackstadt 3/30	Michael Dresch 4/2
Denise Argo 3/31	Chad Wuller 4/2
Dawn Partington 3/31	Kathleen Staub 4/3
Frances Quirk 3/31	Larry Brown 4/4
Maureen Reed 3/31	Stephen Hurst 4/4
Jerad Dachsteiner 4/1	Vincent Anani-Zoglo 4/5
Patricia Sobczak 4/1	Jean Forhan 4/5
Allison Wuller 4/1	Craig Ventimiglia 4/5
Jennifer Babka 4/2	Marilee Wieland 4/5



## CRS RICE BOWL

Called to Share Bread for Life

Holy Week, the heart of the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. As we witness the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of the Eucharist, we are reminded of our call to be bread broken for others. Let us draw strength from the Bread of Life and dedicate ourselves to serving our sisters and brothers who bear heavy crosses, bringing hope and resurrection to the world. Visit [crsricebowl.org/holy-week](http://crsricebowl.org/holy-week) to learn more.

Liturgical Ministers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeter	Gift Bearer	Usher	Chrism (Holy Oils)
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7:00 PM @ St. Augustine Holy Thursday				Need 1 or 2 Volunteers	↔ Can be the same people	Need 3 Volunteers
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday, 3:00 PM @ St. Augustine Good Friday Service	Need Volunteer	Readings & Voice of passion				
April 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday, 8:00 PM @ St. Augustine Easter Vigil	Need Volunteer	Genesis 22:1-18		Need Volunteer		

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March 25, 2026

Dear Parishioner,

WeShare/ Ministry Brands / Parish SOFT (Their name has changed so many times) has been a success, with many households using it to support our parish. We feel, however, that it is now time to change vendors to one that better meets our needs. Effective Monday April 6th, we will be using Online Giving, from Our Sunday Visitor, as our electronic offertory vendor. Considerable thought and analysis have gone into this decision; our reasons for the change are:

- Better Pricing
- More effective data interface and back-office support
- Our Sunday Visitor is an established Catholic support service ([www.osv.com](http://www.osv.com))
- Flexibility in payment options

Online Giving is intended to be a convenient tool for you to use, and we strongly support both Online Giving and Offering Envelopes for contributions to the parish. Online Giving is the electronic way to participate in weekly offertory.

**Start giving online today!**

1. Visit our church website at <https://www.sthenrybelleville.com/> and click on the online giving link.
2. Create an account.
3. Schedule your recurring gifts.

Please prayerfully consider giving online. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rev. Kenneth J. York".

Very Rev. Kenneth J. York, Pastor

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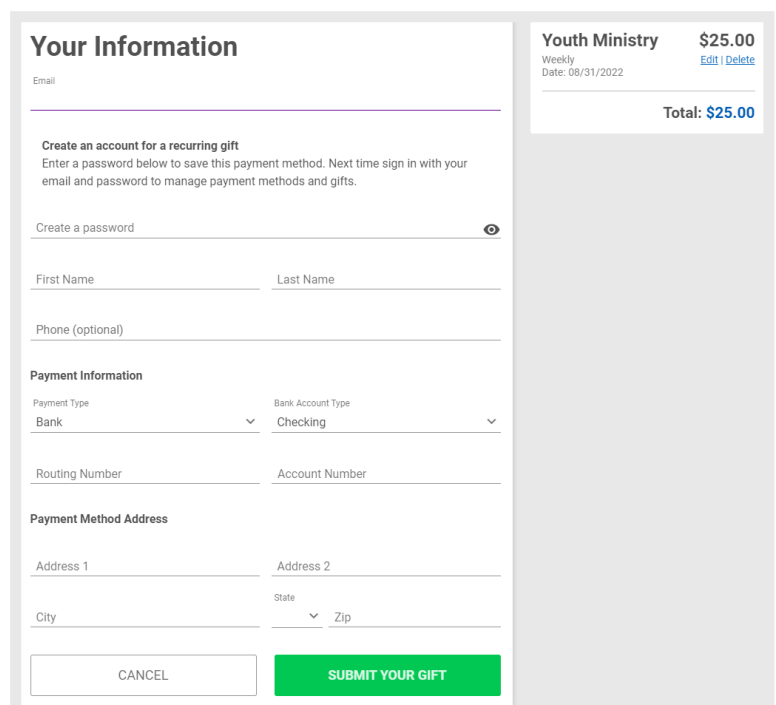
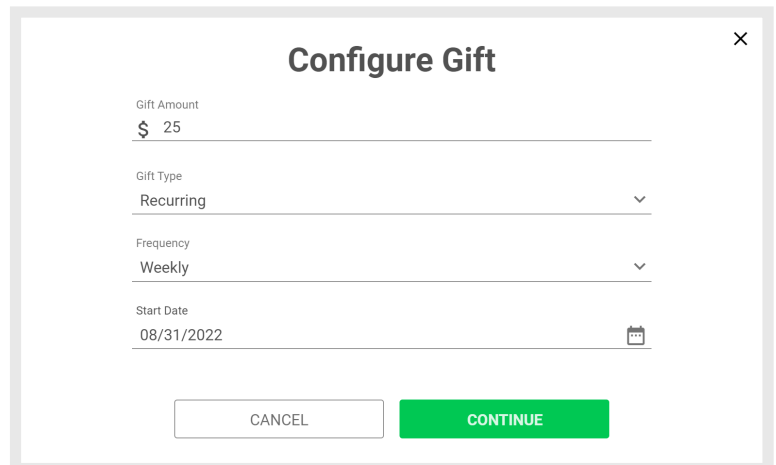
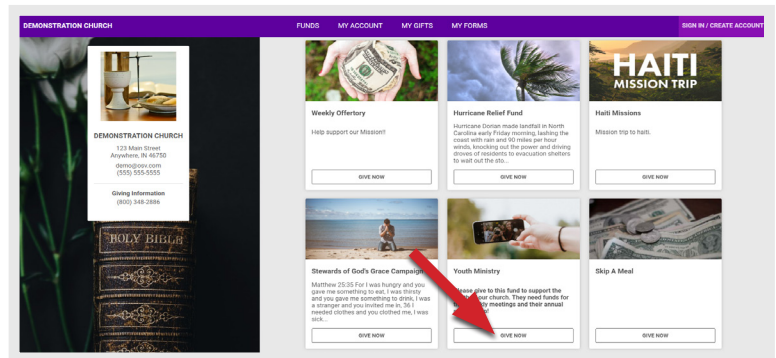
On the **Giving page**, click on the **Fund** that you would like to donate to.

## 2. Configure Gift

- Enter Amount
- Gift Type** - Recurring or One Time
- If **Recurring** - Select Frequency
- Start Date**
- Click **Continue**

## 3. Fill in Your Information

- Email** (if you already have an account with this email address, it will ask you to login)
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  - Checking
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- New Password**
  - If you want to create an account to setup a recurring donation or if you are doing a one-time donation and want to create an account to make donating in the future quicker, enter a password.
- Submit Your Gift!**



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