

'Staff'

Week At a Glance

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Penny's Carolyn Thieme
Pantry: & many volunteers
(Food Pantry)

Backpack Blessing Ministry:
Janet Amuso & volunteers

Please contact the office for communication with council members or other 'staff'

Sunday
8:00a: Reconciliation
8:30a: Mass
9:45a: Bible Study (FF Building)
9:45a: OCIA

Tuesday
7:00p: AA (closed meeting)

Thursday
5:00p: Reconciliation
5:30p: Mass

Friday
6:00p: Stations
7:00p: AA (closed meeting)

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8:30a: Mass
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Last Week's Collections

General Collection - \$2525.22



Today is the First Sunday of Lent – February 22, 2026
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The Temptation of Christ by the Devil, c. 1633–35, Christoffel Jegher, after Peter Paul Rubens.

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. ([Gospel](#)) liturgy.slu.edu

<p><u>Sunday Mass</u> 8:30am Facebook live @ 8:30</p>	<p><u>Stations</u> Friday's during Lent @ 6:p</p>	<p><u>Office Hours</u> Tues. 10:00a-2:00p Thurs. 10:00a-2:00p</p>	<p><u>New, interested in joining or reconnecting?</u></p>
<p><u>Confessions</u> Sunday @ 8:00a Thursday @ 5:00p or by appointment</p>	<p><u>Mass</u> Thursday @ 5:30p</p>	<p>(If calling outside of office hours, please leave a message.)</p>	<p>Please call the office to schedule an appointment.</p>

Parish News

Stations

Every Friday at 6:00p during lent.

Backpack Blessing Ministry

Thank you for your generosity. Packs and other needed items are coming in.

A BIG shout out to the ladies' group who went above and beyond to donate items for our initial giveaway.

Thank You

Harald gives thanks for prayers and a visit from a priest from St. Columba for ashes and Tuesday's visit from Fr. Boutin. Harald is now home after 6 days at SE Health.

Gift Store News

Some new items are in: Easter crosses, Mother's Day gifts, Valentine hearts, Children's bibles, his or her Saints books! Still have Christmas items for 25cents!

Confessions

Holy Redeemer in Eufaula will have a 12-hour period for confession and adoration on March 6th. 8:30 am- 8:30 pm. the first Friday in Lent.

Ways to Give to St. John

sjccozark.com

and click "Menu" in upper R corner
"online giving"

Or



QR Code linked to our online giving

Or

Text to Tithe - Text GIVE to 334-633-0906

Penny's Pantry

The next distribution will NOT be this Friday coming, but March 6th. We have a workday on the Thursday before distribution, bagging and staging, if you are interested in volunteering. We are low on plastic bags, like shopping bags, so feel free to drop those off at the office or in the basket at the entrance to the church.

Women's Club Scholarship

Scholarship Applications are NOW available on the table at the back of church. Deadline is March 1. If you would like to complete the application electronically, make a request by emailing sjoladies@gmail.com. Contact JoAnn McCaffrey (334-237-2857) or joannmccaffrey@aol.com if you have any questions or need to check on the status of your application.

Lenten Reminders:

Lenten Abstinence - Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics, 14 years of age or older, on all Fridays during Lent (Code of Canon Law 1249-53). Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ (all adults are bound by the law of fast until the beginning of their sixtieth year). On all the weekdays of Lent, the U.S. Bishops strongly encourage the faithful to participate in Mass and to observe a self-imposed fast. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. Customarily, the two smaller "collations" when considered together, should not equal the main meal, and ideally should be eaten only if needed to maintain one's strength.

Flowers and Music - During Lent, flowers are not to be used to decorate the altar, with the exception of the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19), and the Solemnity of the Annunciation (March 25). Musical instruments are only played in order to support the singing, with the same exceptions.

Gloria and Creed - The Gloria and the Creed are sung/said on the Lenten solemnities. Note that when the Creed is

said during the Mass of the Annunciation, all genuflect at the words "and by the Holy Spirit, he was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man."

Covering Crosses and Images - If a pastor chooses to observe the option of covering crosses and images, they should not be covered for the whole of Lent. The appropriate time to cover crosses and statues in purple is before the Saturday Vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 5, 2025 (after the Saturday morning Mass). Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday; other images remain covered until the Easter Vigil.

Holy Water - Holy water in church fonts is removed before the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Fonts are refilled on Holy Saturday with water blessed at the Easter Vigil.

Ritual Masses - The General Instruction for the Roman Missal, No. 372, states that Ritual Masses are prohibited on Sundays of Lent and the Easter Season, on days within the octave of Easter, on Ash Wednesday and during Holy Week. The wedding ritual without Mass may be used, though it would seem to be inappropriate during Holy Week.