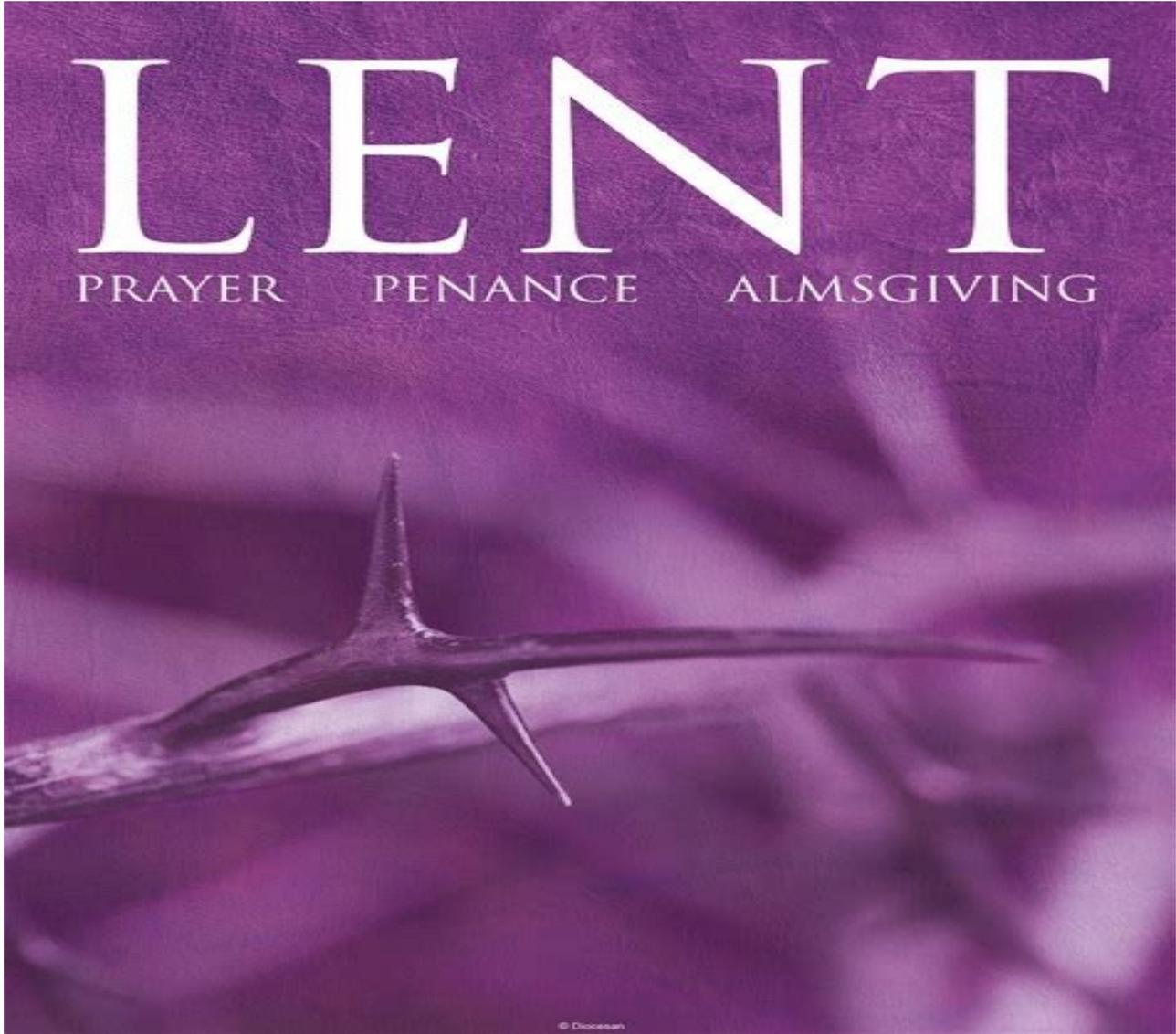


Fifth Sunday of LENT - March 22, 2026



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**Come Join Us To
Celebrate
Fr. Brian Carpenter's
50th Birthday**

**At the Parish Hall
May 2nd
After 4 PM Mass
Pot Luck, signup sheet will be
provided in church next
month.**



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE - March 28th & 29th

Lectors:

Mar., 28th - 4:00 p.m. Carol Marshall/Dolores Sullivan

Mar., 29th (**Palm Sunday**)

8:00 a.m. Mick Jasinski/Jonathon Griffiee

10:00 a.m. Anna Mankowski/
Johannes Olind

Servers:

4:00 p.m. None

8:00 a.m. Joe and Henry Sarver

10:00 a.m. Anthony Meyer, Elliott & Nolan
Jeffress, Nicholas Matthys

EMHC:

10:00 a.m. Gina DeMeyer

**Counters for March: **Jim Henderson
 Tenison Stone****

Please Pray For:



Leona Doms, Carolyn Tuszynski, Sharon Strieter, Edmund Kaplon, Ann Marie Osgood, Connie DeCocker, Dawn Reid, Linda Maxwell, Haley Huton, Gloria Ferick, Gene Smith, Mark Stone, Alexa Montenaro, Alan Tobolski, Mary Montenaro, Kathi Carpenter, John Hardman.

An offering has been made for the Sanctuary
Lamp
in memory of:
Betty Rzepka

03/22/2026



3/28/2026

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Brothers and Sisters,

I have good news to share. Two of our students preparing for first Eucharist will be receiving the Sacrament of Penance for the first time this weekend.

The Sacrament of Penance is one that scares people. For some it's more dreadful than going to the dentist! After all, we don't like to look at our sins. I think that our trepidation stems from our human experience of sin. When our sin is exposed, we face juridical consequences. We are brought before a judge. Or worse, Mom, and our sin is met with swift punishment.

This dynamic is foreign to the Sacramental of Penance. We must not conflate God's response to sin with a human response to sin. The Sacrament of Penance is not about punishment, but forgiveness. As I often tell those preparing for the sacrament, "it's you parents' job to make your feel bad about your sins, my job is to make you feel forgiven." And indeed, that is what the sacrament is about - forgiveness.

Despite what many people think, the penance itself is not a punishment for sin. To think of it this way is a mistake. For one thing, the penance is often a prayer, and prayer is not punishment (and should never be thought of as such). Prayer is about deepening our relationship with God. So, a penance seeks not to punish, but to deepen a relationship. It is our way of reconnecting with God. After a fight with someone we love, we often seek to reconcile, perhaps by a hug, a kiss, or more intimate means. In a similar way, when we have separated ourselves from God, we "make up" for our sins by deepening our intimacy with God.

If we lose sight of this dynamic, the sacrament loses its transformative power and is reduced to a juridical structure. But God does not call us into a juridical relationship, He calls us into a loving relationship. The sacramental economy is ordered to helping us know that we are loved and desired by God. It draws us more deeply into God's love.

We must not approach the Sacrament of Penance with juridical minds. Instead, we must approach it as it truly is – God's gesture of love. He is offering us his pardon and peace, as the prayer of absolution states. That is not something we should approach with fear, but with great joy!

Peace,
Fr. Brian

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper (April 2) 7:00pm

Good Friday – Passion of the Lord (April 3) 3:00pm

Easter Vigil - (April 4) 9:15pm

Easter Sunday (April 5) 8:00am & 10:00am



Mass Schedule/Mass Intentions

- **Mon., Mar. 23** - Rosary 7:30 a.m./Mass 8:00 a.m.
Intention: Matthew, Jack & Margaret Barrett+
- **Tues., Mar. 24** - Rosary 7:30 a.m./Mass 8:00 a.m.
Intention: Gene VanLue+
- **Wed., Mar. 25** - Mass 6:30 p.m./ Holy Hour 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Intention: People of the Parish
- **Thurs., Mar. 26** - Rosary 7:30 a.m./Mass 8:00 a.m.
Intention: Ted & Theresa Krzyzewski
- **Fri., Mar. 27** - No Public Mass
- **Sat., Mar. 28** - Confession 3:00 p.m./Mass 4:00 p.m.

Children's Adoration—1:30 p.m.
(Child Care will Be provided)
Intention: John Verosky+
- **Sun., Mar 29 (Palm Sunday)** - Mass 8:00 a.m./Mass 10:00 a.m.
Intention: 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. Richard Rybicki+

Parish Office is open Monday - Thursday - hours will vary - please call (574-654-3781) to confirm someone is in the office.

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

As of **March 15th**

Weekly Mass Collection.....	\$4,260.00
Actual Month to Date.....	\$13,675.00
Month to Date Budget	\$10,500.00
Variance	\$3,175.00
YTD Actual	\$161,515.23
YTD Budget	\$129,500.00
Variance.....	\$32,015.23

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Remember to continue to tithe to the Church. Please remember St. Stanislaus Kostka in your will and estate planning. Thank you for your generosity.

Our parish will observe the tradition of almsgiving by taking up a second collection at all weekend Masses during Lent, which assist those around our area and one parish project:

The collections will be as follows:

Feb. 28 & March 1: New Carlisle Food Pantry

March 7 & 8: The Share Foundation

March 14 & 15: Christ Child Society

March 21 & 22: St. Vincent de Paul Society

March 28 & 29: Church Repairs

You will need to put your donation in an envelope with either your parish envelope number or your name (or even better, both). If paying by check, you can put your parish envelope number in the memo field of the check.

Please make all checks payable to the parish!



Lenten Schedule

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