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MARCH 1, 2026 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—5 PM

Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM

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Saturday 4-4:45 PM

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Dear friends,

In the Gospel today we hear these words, "This is my beloved Son . Listen to him." How often do we hear people complain—"You're not listening to me!" Listening is more than just "hearing" the words that people are saying. Fr. Walter Burghardt, a well known scripture scholar says that *"listening to the scripture readings at Mass is not the same as reading a book or listening to music. When the readings are proclaimed, Jesus himself is speaking to us. Now. Here is the risen Christ, opening up to us the meaning of the scriptures just as he did to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. And we can respond, as the disciples did, "Did not hearts burn within us...while he opened the scriptures to us. But for this to happen, our hearts have to be open. We have to be able to say, as Samuel did, "Speak Lord for your servant is listening."*

But again, there is something distinctive here. Listening to Jesus is not the same as listening to others. The same intensity, yes, the same openness, but a greater risk. When the Father told Peter, James and John, "Listen to him," he was saying "Obey him, do what he tells you, follow him." To listen to Jesus is to be his disciple, to listen the way Abraham listened to the Lord and left his country and family and his father's house, as we heard in our first reading from the Book of Genesis.

So we ask ourselves: Is this how I listened to the word of God. Or, do we perhaps rephrase the response of Samuel: "Speak Lord and I will think it over." If we really listen to the word of God, then there is a good chance of hearing him in our daily life. This is Jesus who will speak to our hearts as truly as anyone we have profoundly loved, speaks to our heart.



Today, we welcome Bishop Siegel who is joining us as we confirmed the life of God's spirit that is alive in the young men and women who will be confirmed. Our prayer is that the power of the Holy Spirit will help these young men and women to know that God dwells in them. When they allow that presence to guide them, they will be able to be God's life for our world. That work will be done in very ordinary ways and it will happen with each of these young men and women make the decision to show up each day, be aware of all that is around them and offer their lives in service.

We have some other special events that are coming up as well in our parish. This week we will have our Women's Retreat. Jessica Reckelhoff and Rachael Schnaus and their crew have worked really hard to make this a special time of prayer for all the women.

Danielle Weledge and her crew is also planning a special evening of quiet reflection and sacred music on Friday, March 20. Be sure to put this event on your calendar.

All of these events, in one way or another, are invitations this Lent for us to deepen our faith. I hope you will take advantage of them.

Finally, a word of welcome to Fr. Tyler Tenbarge and several of our seminarians who are with us this weekend to talk about their life. We're glad to have you.

Leaning into the journey of life.

Fr. Gene Schroeder



FISH FRY COMING MARCH 13

Thanks for all the great help at our first fish fry this past Friday. Our second Lenten Fish Fry is coming up on Friday, March 13. Price for the dinners will be \$15 . As we have done in the past, it will all be carryout dinners.

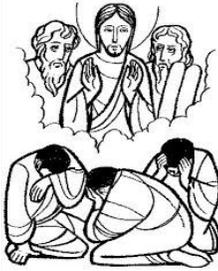


Check your emails for updates for how you can help. In the meantime, be sure to let your friends know that there is still a chance to enjoy the best fish dinner in the area—March 13.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
TO JOIN US FOR A GREAT DINNER



COFFEE, DONUTS AND TASTY
TREATS FROM THE ALTAR SOCIETY
TODAY AFTER THE 8 AM MASS



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM MASS: Maria Rexing(1876), Mary Schmitt (1949), Harvey Klenck (2020), Harold & Esther Klenck

SUNDAY, MARCH 1
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM MASS: Phil, Joe & Eleanor Lasher, Adam Head, Joannen & Clara Appler, Henry & Elsie Appler, John, Mina, Tony, Peter, Elizabeth & Alma Lorenz, Nicolai & Anna Lorenz

10:30 AM MASS: (CONFIRMATION MASS WITH BISHOP SIEGEL) Margarete Wolf (1900), Anna (1958) and Henry Hillenbrand, For all the people in our parish

MONDAY, MARCH 2
MONDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

6:30 PM MASS: John December (1878), Anthony Ehrbacher (1886), Irena Foerstel (1890), Anthony Zeggeling (1899), Valentine (1953) & Lena Schenk, Ruth (2003) & Philip Duncan

TUESDAY, MARCH 3
TUESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

7:30 AM MASS: Elisabeth Frohlinghausen (1865), George Sebastian (1865), Catherine Enlow (1953), Gerald Niemeier (1997) Norm Moutoux (2014)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4
WEDNESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

7:30 AM MASS: Joseph Gobel (1867), Christian Lunkenheimer (1938)

THURSDAY, MARCH 5
THURSDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

NO MASS: Berhardina Tepole (1876), Gertrud Klee (1899), Gertrude Elpers (1937), Barthol (1987) & Erma Rexing

FRIDAY, MARCH 6
FRIDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

7:30 AM MASS: Anna Rockemeyer (1881), Peter Denniger (1891), William (1971) & Mary Kissel, Olivia (1984) & Frank Voelker

SATURDAY, MARCH 7
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM MASS: Anthony Linnemann (1859), Baby Meier (1863), Infant Baumgart (1863), Maria Goebel (1878), Anna Lunkenheimer (1879), Frideric Lunkenheimer (1879), Thomas (1907) & Mary Effinger, Mag (2015) & Joe Eickelhoff, Jenny Collins (2021), For all the people in our parish,

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM MASS: Joe & Winnie Schu, John, Martin & Susabba Haseniour, Caty Miller

10:30 AM MASS: Sue Vauthier, Herbert (1975) & Mary Geuss, Victor (1987) & Carolyn Huck, LaVerne (1992) & Mary Fehrenbacher, Fr. Roman Heerdink (19th Pastor of St. Joe) (1995)



WOMEN'S RETREAT NEXT WEEKEND

Join us for this exciting 2 day retreat. We will host motivational talks brunch, dinner, snacks, drinks crafts, music and a spa hour. Register on line at St. Joe Facebook. \$50/person or contact Jessica Reckelhoff (jreckelhoff@evdkio.org) or Rachel Schnaus (rschnaus@yahoo) to register or for questions.



"Bear your share of the hardship which the gospel entails," St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to respond to these invitations.



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FEBRUARY 15, 2026	\$ 9,891.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 15,350.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 484,345.96
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 521,900.00,
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 5.00

Saluting our young stewards, Beatrice, Peter, Paul, John, & Bernadette Reckelhoff

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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HAITI FOOD FUND	\$ 450.00
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 95.00

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME

- HERITAGE: *Brenda Koester, Jack Fleeger*
- HOLIDAY RETIREMENT VILLAGE: *Anna Mae Gries, Jim Geiser*
- BETHEL MANOR: *Margaret Kafel*
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- EVANSVILLE PROTESTANT HOME: *Mary Lou Davis*

- MARCH 1: Ruby Manger, Jack Mochau, Nancy Schmitt, Samantha Weinzapfel,
- MARCH 2: Janet Debes, Rich Harpenau, Donna Helfreich, Amiee King, Bill Layman, Ron Schneider
- MARCH 3: Beth Jones, Tanner Norsworthy, Mark Raben, Shannon Schulze, Sawyer Spaetti,
- March 4: Audie Greubel, Darlene Appler, Eric McDonald, Natalie Schuble, Zach Turi
- MARCH 5: Jim Hertel, Dave Hertel, Michael Raben
- MARCH 6: Melissa Dalrymple Mark Messal, Donna Niemeier, Hank Schuble, Brook Spaetti, Bryan Wolf,
- MARCH 7: Hayden Houchin, John Reckelhoff
- MARCH 2: Mike & Ann Ennis, Donna & Brett Stucke
- MARCH 3: Greg & Susie Head
- MARCH 5: Clay & Denise Alison
- MARCH 7: Mark & Schelly Weidner

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



HELP US GET OUR CEMETERY READY FOR THE LAWN MOWING SEASON

We ask that you remove any Christmas decorations around your cemetery tombstones that might get in the way of our lawn mowing crews. Remember that flowers and plaques must be attached securely to the tombstone or placed securely in flower vases. Shepherd's crooks, statues, balloons, and the like are not permitted as they are a hazard to our mowing crews. This is a good time to remove old and faded artificial flowers as well. Remember too that planting flowers around the graves is not permitted. Thanks for your help in keeping our cemetery a place of honor and respect as well as a safe place for our lawn mowing crews.



ST. JOE SENIOR CITIZENS WILL BE MEETING THIS COMING FRIDAY, MARCH 6 AT 1 PM WE WILL GATHER IN THE MEETING ROOM

Liturgical Ministers

LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM)

(L) SPECIAL (EM) Jena Wessel, Rachael Schnaus, Becky Doshier Steve Jung

WEEKEND OF MARCH 7-8 5 PM (L) Susie Schapker (EM) Butch and Linda Feulner, Sis & Katie Jarboe **8 AM** (L) Marcia Frey (EM) Darlene Appler, Kylie Frey, Stephanie Frey, Jalane Weber **10:30 AM** (L) Steve Jung, (EM) Shane & Jena Wessel, Debra Baumgart, Al Debes

WEEKEND OF FEB. 28—MARCH 1 5 PM (L) Jim Hermann (EM) Mary Kay Fehrenbacher, Donna Niemeier, Eric and Karen McDonald **8 AM** (L) Tom Folz (EM) Chick Duncan Lisa Cook Rodney and Paula Baehl **10:30 AM**

COMING THIS WEEK.....

- Family Way of the Cross 5:30 pm
 - That Man is You Wednesday, at 5:30 pm
 - Foundations of Faith Wednesday at 6:30 pm
 - Women's Bible Study Friday 8:30-10 am
- For information contact Jessica Reckelhoff, 812-598-1151 or email jreckelhoff@evdio.org

JOIN US MARCH 20 FOR AN EVENING OF QUIET REFELCTION AND SACRED MUSIC

Join us on Friday, March 20th at 7 pm in Church. Something special is in the works at St. Joe. A new experience for anyone who loves some good worship music. Something peaceful, beautiful, and glowing during this Lenten season...We could use a little help bringing it to life.



If you have battery-powered candles you'd be willing to lend for an upcoming evening event, they would be so grateful!

We are keeping the full surprise under wraps for now, but think: soft light... a calm, reflective atmosphere... something truly special at St. Joe

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS THIS MONTH

Catholic Relief Services is an official part of the Catholic Church in the United States. It is the way that we reach out to those who are suffering in Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Sudan, Yemen and so many other places throughout the world where people are suffering.

The second collection is for support of the Church in the Middle East. These funds have supported more than 3,500 church projects in many Eastern Europe Countries.

There is an envelope in your monthly packet of envelopes which you can use to make a contribution. Or you may drop your offering in the collection or send it to us in the mail.



LOOK FOR IT SATURDAY MAY 2 AN EVENING OF GREAT FOOD AND DANCING

JOIN IN THESE AREA FISH FRYS

- MARCH. 6 Holy Redeemer
- MARCH. 20 — St. Matthew's Mt. Vernon
- MARCH 27—St. Philip

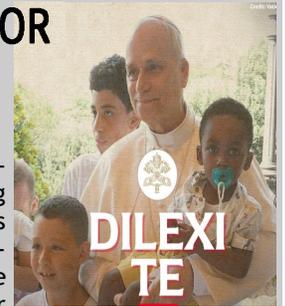


ON THE LOVE FOR THE POOR

We are reading from the Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te* of Pope Leo to all Christians on the Love of the Poor

POPULAR MOVEMENTS

We must also recognize that, throughout centuries of Christian history, helping the poor and advocating for their rights has not only involved individuals, families, institutions, or religious communities. There have been, and still are, various popular movements made up of lay people and led by popular leaders, who have often been viewed with suspicion and even persecuted. I am referring to all those persons who journey, not as individuals, but as a closely-bound community of all and for all, one that refuses to leave the poor and vulnerable behind... 'Popular' leaders, then, are those able to involve everyone... They do not shun or fear those young people who have experienced hurt or borne the weight of the cross.



These popular leaders know that solidarity also means fighting against the structural causes of poverty and inequality; of the lack of work, land and housing; and of the denial of social and labor rights. It means confronting the destructive effects of the empire of money... Solidarity, understood in its deepest sense, is a way of making history, and this is what the popular movements are doing.

For this reason, when different institutions think about the needs of the poor, it is necessary to include popular movements and invigorate local, national and international governing structures with that torrent of moral energy that springs from including the excluded in the building of a common destiny. Popular movements, in fact, invite us to overcome the idea of social policies being a policy for the poor, but never with the poor and never of the poor, much less part of a project which can bring people back together. If politicians and professionals do not listen to them, democracy atrophies, turns into a slogan, a formality; it loses its representative character and becomes disembodied, since it leaves out the people in their daily struggle for dignity, in the building of their future. The same must be said of the institutions of the Church.

CHAPTER FOUR A HISTORY THAT CONTINUES

The century of the Church's Social Doctrine

The acceleration of technological and social change in the past two centuries, with all its contradictions and conflicts, not only had an impact on the lives of the poor but also became the object of debate and reflection on their part. The various movements of workers, women and young people, and the fight against racial discrimination, gave rise to a new appreciation of the dignity of those on the margins of society.

The Church's social doctrine also emerged from this matrix. Its analysis of Christian revelation in the context of modern social, labor, economic and cultural issues would not have been possible without the contribution of the laity, men and women alike, who grappled with the great issues of their time. At their side were those men and women religious who embodied a Church forging ahead in new directions. The epochal change we are now undergoing makes even more necessary a constant interaction between the faithful and the Church's Magisterium, between ordinary citizens and experts, between individuals and institutions. Here too, it needs to be acknowledged once more that the poor are possessed of unique insights indispensable to the Church and to humanity as a whole.

In his Encyclical Letter *Rerum Novarum*, Leo XIII addressed the labor question, pointing to the intolerable living conditions of many industrial workers and arguing for the establishment of a just social order. Saint John XXIII, in his Encyclical *Mater et Magistra*, called for justice on a global scale: rich countries could no longer remain indifferent to countries suffering from hunger and extreme poverty; instead, they were called upon to assist them generously with all their goods.

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