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*All services are held in
UPPER CHURCH
unless otherwise noted.*

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday 5:00 pm, Anticipated

*Saturday, 8:00pm, Neocatechumenal
Way Mass, Lower Church*

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm

WEEKEND CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 3:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, 9:00-10:00 am

DAILY MASS

Monday, 8:30 am, *Lower Church*

Tuesday, 12:00 pm, *Lower Church*

Wednesday, 7:15am and 6:00 pm

Thursday, 10:00 am, *Lower Church*

Friday, 10:00 am

DAILY CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, 4:15-5:15 pm, *Lower Church*

Or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday, 11am-5pm

Monday, 9am - 1pm

Wednesday, 7:15am-5:15pm, *Lower Church*

Thursday, 7-8 pm, *Lower Church*

March 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

During Lent the Pastor's Letters will be from our Holy Deacons.

As we begin the season of Lent, we are called to carry out the Lenten practices of almsgiving, fasting, and prayer. These disciplines give us the opportunity to embrace the penitential aspect of Lent. The challenge for us is to make sure that these Lenten disciplines are not only done from an outward perspective but also lead us to an interior conversion that prepares us for the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. When it comes to almsgiving we need to ask if our focus is limited to how much we give to charity or the time we spend on charitable works? Or does almsgiving enable us to see Christ in those who need our help so that we become his hands and feet in the world we live in? When we allow this to happen, we imitate Christ who came to serve and not be served.

When it comes to fasting, do we restrict it to the days the Church calls us to fast and the things we have given up during Lent such as sweets or limiting our screen time? But what about the things we allow to enter our minds and hearts? Do they cause us to become distracted and to be pulled into the currents of our secular society that lead us away from God's truth? Or does the busyness of life cause us to not take time and truly embrace the blessings God has given to us because we are focused on the next thing that needs our attention? Here fasting enables us to prioritize God in our lives and to safeguard our hearts and minds so that we can avoid those things that pull us away from God and his blessings for us.

When it comes to the discipline of prayer, do we not only look for additional times to pray during Lent such as going to the Stations of the Cross or attending daily Mass, but also allow them to deepen and strengthen our relationship with the Lord? Do we realize that prayer is an integral part of our lives that needs to be a priority each day no matter how busy or tired we may be? Do we make sure that our time in prayer is not only limited to words but also listening to God? And do we make sure that the words that we use in our prayer are not only focused on our needs but also give praise and thanksgiving to God no matter how difficult or challenging our lives may be?

As we start our Lenten journey, let us take time to make sure that the disciplines of almsgiving, fasting, and prayer are not only done as an outward obligation, but even more as an interior one, so that Lent becomes a fruitful season that helps us grow deeper in our faith and the profoundness of God's mercy and love.

Deacon Mike Bannio

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Mar. 2, 2025

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 29,094.

Surplus: \$ 7,094.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week
 #36 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed: \$ 792,000.

Received: \$ 991,527.

Surplus: \$ 199,527.

Read a good book during Lent.

Fr. Longenecker has a selection of his books
 available in the Narthex, OLR price of \$15.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Eric Best, Jim Bever, Glen Bishop, Sandra Brock, Doug Bryant, Will Busby, Martha Catel, Claudia Caldwell, Alex Camp, Carson Family, Kathleen Crawford, Margaret Culkin, Rose Cusumano, Christy Dias, Marian Eleazer, Sarah & Teresa Fuller, Larry & Cynthia Good, Bridget Gracon, Michael Granger, Phillip Greene, Ma'May Grimm, Ed Harden, Janet Hardy, Donald Hargis, Theresa Hargreaves, Kathy Hess, Kathy Illingworth, Ingrid Ireland, Beth Kitchen, John Knope, Kenneth Landgrover, Gerry Loesch, John Loesch, Katherine Lowry, Anna Lunn, Madeline McKiernan, Mike McMahon, Lisa Meyer, Theresa Morelli, Dianne Morrison, Marjorie Munson, Mrs. That Nguyen, Kim Orr, Marlowe Pastor, Dcn. Ray & Nancy Perham, Thien Pham, Andres Prestoza, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, David Rubardt, Sonam Sherpa, Nancy & Earl Smith, Emily Stiffler, Frank Striplin, Peter Stryker, Tedrick Family, Justin Timbers, Cheryl Wallace, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Steve Wiltberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Mary Louise Worthy & family, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, March 8, through Sunday, March 16

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 3/8	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Steve & Virginia Wiltberger</i>
Sunday, 3/9	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Clare Trapasso</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Katie O'Brien Vogg+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Monday, 3/10 Lower Church	8:30 am - Daily Mass <i>For Carolyn Watson+</i>
Tuesday, 3/11 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Daily Mass <i>For Stephanie Kaufmann+</i>
Wednesday, 3/12	7:15 am - Daily Mass, <i>For Scott Menegay+</i> 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Adoration, Lower Church 4:15 - 5:15 pm - Confessions, Upper Church 4:15 - 5:15 pm - Confessions, Lower Church 5:15 pm - Stations of the Cross, Upper Church 6:00 pm - Daily Mass, <i>For Brian Baldowski</i>
Thursday, 3/13 Lower Church	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For Jean Nadeau+</i>
Friday, 3/14	10:00 am - School Mass (limited seating) <i>For David & Scarlet Meade</i> 2:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (Upper Church)
Saturday, 3/15	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Stephanie Kaufmann+</i>
Sunday, 3/16	8:00am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Joyce Geerts</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Mari Bozard</i>

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will NOT have our regular Youth Group meeting on March 9, however, all are encouraged to attend the parish retreat with Fr. Lew.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

“Some people come in our life as blessings. Some come in your life as lessons.” **Mother Teresa**

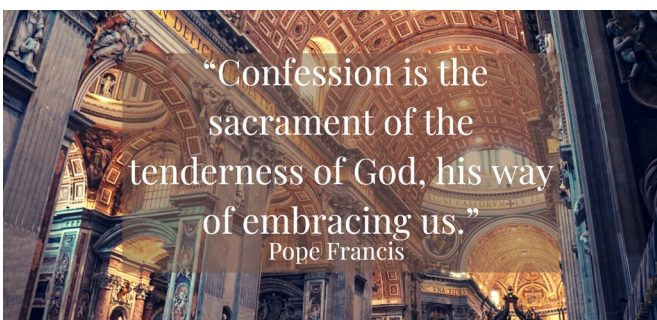
How many times have you met a person who did some sort of harm to you or failed to follow through and you learn not to do that again? We learn lessons from those experiences. We can also count (or too many to count) the people we have met who changed our lives or are “positives” in our life. Both experiences are valuable as we strive to be more like Christ.

In our work at Mother Teresa House, we have had both. The person who is begging for someone to pay for a hotel room, you find them a shelter bed, give them bus tickets and they don't go, and you see them the next day back on the streets panhandling for cash to “pay for a hotel room or buy food”. We have also had a person in the same position, but they take your help and go to the shelter, get a job, save, and get an apartment and car. They are both a blessing and a lesson. One is an opportunity to serve Him and learn that not all really want help, but to be enabled to continue their lifestyle, and one to never give up doing what we do as there are people truly trying to change their lives.

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Wednesdays During Lent (begins March 12)

- 7:15am Mass
- 8:00am-5:00pm Adoration - Lower Church
- 4:15-5:15pm Confessions - Upper Church
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- 5:15pm Stations of the Cross - Upper Church
- 6:00pm Mass



SCHOOL NEWS

Mar. 7-11 NO School- Spring Mini Break

Mar. 19 End of 3rd Quarter

St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.



Join us for our
LENT RETREAT
Mon-Wed. March 10-12,
with Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.
6pm in Upper Church

The Rosary: Mary's Perennial Peace Plan

How to pray when distracted, your difficulties with the Rosary, and how he prays with sacred art.

Lenten Stations of the Cross in Upper Church Wednesdays at 5:15pm Fridays at 2:30pm



Our Knights of Columbus will be serving **Lenten Fish Dinners** on Friday nights, in the Gym, March 7 - April 11.

Doors open at 5:30, dinner served at 6:00

Free, but please make a donation

Wine and beer will be available

50/50 drawing

**Saturday
March 15**
2-8pm in the
Courtyard
Go [HERE](#)
to register.



Diocesan Second Collection for the Weekend of March 9, will be for the Black and Indian Missions.

LENT EVENTS

March 10-12

Lent Retreat with Fr. Lawrence Lew. O.P. - Monday-Wednesday, 6pm in Upper Church, "**The Rosary: Mary's Perennial Peace Plan**, How to pray when distracted, your difficulties with the Rosary, and how he prays with sacred art. Go [HERE](#) for details.

Friday Fish Dinners - Fridays at 6pm in the Gym.

Stations of the Cross - Fridays at 2:30 in Upper Church.

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The Full Choir will present a service of **Choral Evensong for the Solemnity of St. Joseph** on Wednesday, **March 19**, at 7:00pm in Upper Church following the 6pm Mass.

Music will be by Tallis, Stanford, and Faure'.

This service is free and open to the public.

Appreciating the Wisdom of Creighton Model and NaProTechnology

Join us on Thursday, March 27th at 6:30PM
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
Parish Life Building, Room 106
Contact Meghan Pillow at scnaprofnp@gmail.com or Karen Meyer at karenmeyer.napro@gmail.com with questions.
To register: [RSVP](#) or scan the QR code

Lent lasts 40 days (excluding Sundays)

The three pillars of Lent are: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting (one primary meal and two lesser meals) and abstinence from meat.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat.



Go [HERE](#) for information and sign up for vigil hours.

Please see the OLR websites at [olr.church](#) and [olr.school](#) for the most recent news
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