

# Second Sunday of Lent

**“THIS IS MY BELOVED SON. LISTEN TO HIM.”**

The Transfiguration takes our breath away. It is good that we are dazzled on a yearly basis, because we need this brightness to bring us back to lives of love and purpose. We really want to put Christ first, but the harshness of daily life often pushes him to the sidelines. Today he makes his annual and very hard to ignore appearance arrayed in shimmering splendor. Again we hear God's voice: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him" (Mark 9:7). And like Peter, James, and John before us, we really want to listen, for we know that he is our Beloved, too.

**“ALL THIS BECAUSE YOU OBEYED MY COMMAND”**

Though Jesus knew his trials were about to begin, that day on the mountain he recommitted himself to fulfilling his destiny. That day he experienced God's love so profoundly that he was able to become a willing sacrifice for human sin. And how deeply must God love us by allowing the Crucifixion to happen! "He . . . did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all" (Romans 8:32).

In the first reading, Abraham's profound commitment to God's call caused him to put the knife to his own son's neck. God rewarded Abraham's unswerving obedience with abundant blessings and "descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and sands of the seashore . . . All this because you obeyed my command" (Genesis 22:17, 18).

Today the readings invite us to taste God's deep love and to listen to God's Son. Most importantly, we are encouraged to continue God's love story, recommitting our lives to Christ. As we reflect on God's message of total obedience, let us pray for guidance to see clearly the shape of our destiny. Echoing the psalmist's words, "O Lord, I am your servant" (Psalm 116:16), let us willingly accept any hardships that we encounter and any sacrifices that are necessary, knowing that along the way we will be dazzled and deeply loved.

Today's Readings: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalm 116:10, 15-19; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

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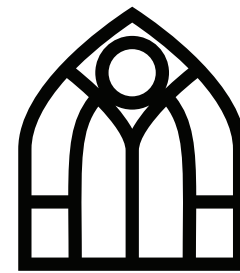
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# The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

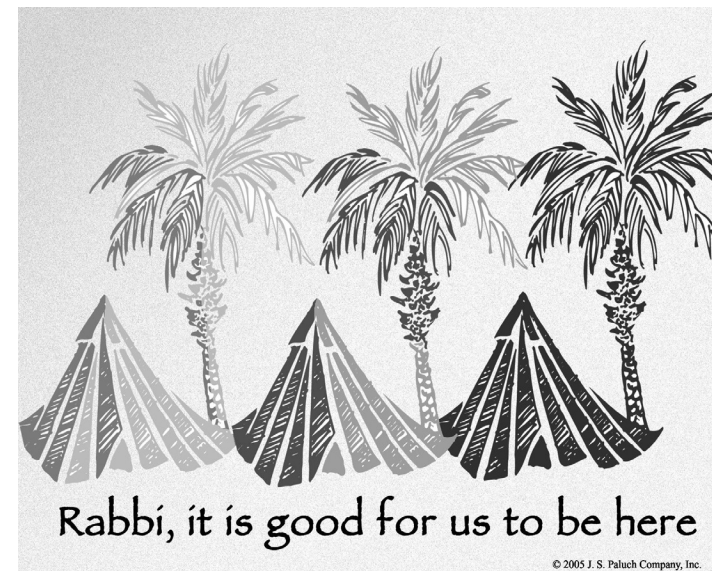
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## Sunday, February 25, 2024



## Parish Schedule/ Mass Intentions

### Reconciliation/Confession

Sat. at 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

### Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Mon., Thurs., Fri. - 6:00 p.m.

### PSR/Eucharistic Revival

Following Mass on Sundays in the parish hall

### Rosary

First Sunday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the quiet room

### Mass Intentions

Sat., February 24 - Gene Davis

Sun., February 25 - Joe Westhoff

Sat., March 2 - Theda Westhoff

Sun., March 3 - William Sanders Sr.

Canon 946 states: "The Christian faithful who make an offering so the Mass may be applied for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by their offering take part in the concern of the Church for the support of its ministers and works." We ask for the standard Mass offering of \$10 per Mass; there are envelopes on the table on the east of the entrance for your offering.

## Our Home



**Parish Established in 1869**

**Church Dedicated in 1904**



# News and Announcements

## Special Collection This Week for Church in Central and Eastern Europe

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now the war in Ukraine. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity to the collection today. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee). #iGiveCatholicTogether (<https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-central-and-eastern-europe>) also accepts funds for this collection, if you prefer to donate online.

## 10 Tips for Making the Lenten Season More Meaningful

(From *SimplyCatholic.com*)

**Slow Down** – Set aside 10 minutes a day for silent prayer or meditation. It will revitalize your body and your spirit.

**Read a good book** – You could choose the life of a saint, a spiritual how-to, an inspirational book or one of the pope’s new books.

**Be kind** – Go out of your way to do something nice for someone else every day.

**Get involved** – Attend a Lenten lecture or spiritual program.

**Volunteer at your parish** – Whether it’s the parish fish fry, cleaning the church or helping with the food drive, it will give you a chance to help others.

**Reach out** – Invite an inactive Catholic to come with you to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, or come to Stations of the Cross, Confession or Mass with you anytime during Lent.

**Pray** – Especially for people you don’t like and for people who don’t like you.

**Tune out** – Turn off the television and spend quality time talking with family members or friends.

**Clean out closets** – Donate gently used items to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

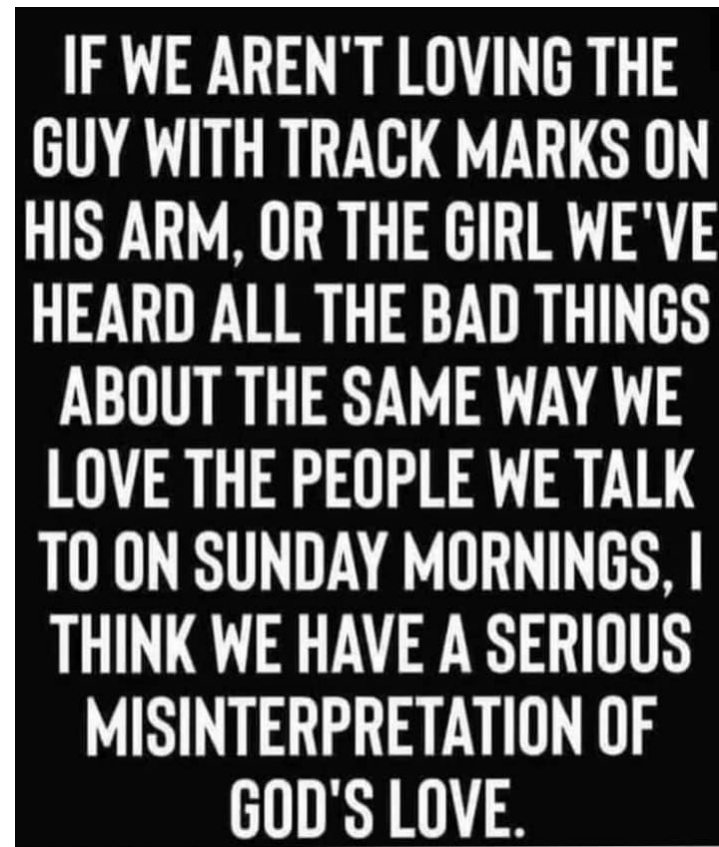
**Donate** – Pick a Catholic mission and decide how you can help by sending money, clothing or supplies.

## Catholic Women’s 65th Annual Spring Assembly

From East to West, all Catholic women are invited to attend the 65th Annual Spring Assembly sponsored by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) on Friday and Saturday, April 19-20, 2024, at the Drury Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, 3351 Percy Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO. If you have never attended an Assembly, this is a nourishing, full fellowship treat for your soul.

There is a line-up of outstanding speakers, raffle drawings, grab bags, a silent purse auction, vendors, a banquet with our very own Fr. Kelly’s private band for entertainment, and many more surprises. Invite your friends and get ready to be filled with Spiritual, Service, and Leadership knowledge to take back to your parishes, homes and lives.

Register from the following link at: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/180h1wejosWXH0giEzDTsITSXPNXc9weV/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/180h1wejosWXH0giEzDTsITSXPNXc9weV/view?usp=drive_link)



# Liturgical Assignments

	February 25, 2024	March 3, 2024
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Virginia Dobler Terry Riegel Karen Riegel	Rebecca Boyer Jill Purinton Greg Clements
<b>Lector</b>	Greg Clements	Michael Pommier
<b>Altar Server</b>	Elizabeth Franklin Jasper Weber	Canyon Dobler Joe Peters
<b>Ushers/Collection</b>	PSR Children	PSR Children

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays	Mar. 2 - Mar. 8	Anniversaries	Mar. 2 - Mar. 8
Jim Weber	March 2	None	
Peggy Heinen	March 4		

Collection	
February 18, 2024	
33 Envelopes out of 76	\$1,503.00
Loose collections	\$ 54.00
Votive Stand	\$ 3.00
Mirror	\$ 29.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 53.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,642.00</b>

The discipline of tithing is the “Square Knot” by which God blesses the tie which binds us to Him, our church and others.

# Prayer List

We pray for those who are sick or in the hospital:

- Josh Blanchard
- Kenny Blanchard
- Michael Blankenship
- Patrick Blankenship
- Brett Campbell
- Todd Cholka
- Fred Colglazier
- Ryan Davis
- Valeta Grunden
- Donnie Higgins
- Carolyn Isaac
- Sherina Morrison
- Jason Noel
- Donna Oswald
- Jackson Revelle
- Robert Sanders
- Sondra Riegel
- Kenneth Stegman
- Isabel Weber

We pray for our military, especially

- Wyatt Davis
- Derek Forst
- Hunter Forst
- Seth Fullerton

# Parish Membership/ Communications

The parish family of St. Mary Catholic Church welcomes you; we are blessed and honored you are here, and we look forward to your registration as one of our parishioners. Fill out a form located on the table at the east side of the entrance. Place the registration slip in the basket at the offering and we will take care of the rest; you may also visit with Father Teter next door at the rectory, or send us an e-mail: [elvadweber@gmail.com](mailto:elvadweber@gmail.com)