

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, 2026
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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*The Lord, your God, shall
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shall you serve.”*

With joy and thanksgiving to God, we extend heartfelt
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WELCOME! We're so happy you're here today. God delights in you, and He desires to draw close to you in this Holy Mass. If you're visiting St. Catharine for the first time, thank you for praying with us—we're honored by your presence. Please silence your phones and help us keep a spirit of reverence in the church. **Restrooms can be found in the Undercroft and the Parish Center.** If you need help, just look for someone wearing a green lanyard. We hope you'll join us again soon!

TO THE PARENTS of LITTLE ONES... Thank you for your courage and love in bringing your children to Mass. Even when it feels chaotic, your efforts matter more than you know. God sees every sacrifice, and your children's presence is a powerful witness of faith.

If your children have some extra wiggles or need to let out a few extra joyful noises, we have a large **Quieting Room in the Church, as well as a video feed in the Parish Hall Gallery** should you need to step out. But please do come back—we want you here!

TO OUR PARISH FAMILY... Children remind us that the Church is alive and growing. Their joyful noises are music to God's ears. Let's welcome them with kindness and support their parents with a smile of encouragement.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



Sunday-Friday
6:00am-12:00am
Saturday
6:00am-4:00pm



Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Fridays at 3:00pm

Children's Holy Hour

Saturdays at 3:00pm

Confession

Wednesday • 6:30pm
Saturday • 9:00am



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ADORE Night

Every Wednesday at 6:30pm

A candle-lit evening of Adoration with Confession, songs of praise & worship, prayers, and devotions.

This Week

Sunday, February 22nd: *First Sunday of Lent*

8:30am Holy Mass (Richard & Lucille Hoffman)
9:30am Family of Faith
9:30am St. Vincent de Paul Sandwich Making
11:00am Confirmation Mass (People of the Parish)
12:00pm Baptisms
1:30pm Diocesan Rite of Election
5:00pm Holy Mass (Vince Disabto)*
6:00pm Lumen High School Youth Group

Monday, February 23rd: *Monday of the First Week of Lent*

8:00am Holy Mass
6:30pm Scouts
7:00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, February 24th: *Tuesday of the First Week of Lent*

8:00am Holy Mass
7:00pm Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Wednesday, February 25th: *Wednesday of the First Week of Lent*

12p-2p Parish Offices Closed
6:00pm Holy Mass
6:30pm ADORE Night (Confession/Adoration)

Thursday, February 26th: *Thursday of the First Week of Lent*

7:30am Men's Rosary
8:00am Holy Mass (Mike Haffele)
6:00pm Lent Small Groups

Friday, February 27th: *Friday of the First Week of Lent*

8:00am Holy Mass
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 28th: *Saturday of the First Week of Lent*

7:00am That Man Is You!
8:30am Holy Mass
9:00am Confessions

Sunday, March 1st: *Second Sunday of Lent*

8:30am Holy Mass (Special Intention of Debbie Kebe)
9:30am Baptism Class
11:00am Holy Mass (Deceased Members of Nester Family)*
12:00pm Baptisms
5:00pm Holy Mass (People of the Parish)

*Denotes the use of incense

Upcoming Holy Days and Feasts

Thurs, March 19th	Solemnity of Saint Joseph
Weds, March 25th	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Sun, March 29th	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion+
Sun, April 5th	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord+

+Holy Day of Obligation



February 22, 2026

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

First Sunday of Lent

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7 | Rom 5:12-19 | Mt 4:1-11

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Although we're at the very beginning of Lent, today's first reading from Genesis prepares us for words we will hear on the night of the Easter Vigil: "O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!" (Exsultet) *O truly necessary sin?! O happy fault?!* What could these words actually *mean*? I think the Exsultet is drawing us to see that sin is not the end of the story. In the mysterious working of grace, being in a state of needing God's forgiveness (sin) opens us up to the possibility of experiencing and receiving his endless love and mercy. As we take on practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lent, may we not grow discouraged when we inevitably fall short, but may we recognize that our very weakness presents us with an opportunity to rejoice in his merciful love.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

At the heart of evangelization is announcing the good news that our sin doesn't have the last word. St. Paul puts it this way: While death came through Adam's sin, "the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many." While sin certainly wreaks havoc by bringing suffering and death into our world, the conviction of the Church is that the restoration God brings about through the death and resurrection of Jesus elevates humanity to a state far better than what we lost in the fall. What might it look like to witness to this great hope we have in Jesus in our own lives? How can we offer encouragement to those who feel they have fallen too far from grace that God's mercy is far more powerful than any transgression they may have committed?

REFLECT

Throughout the Gospels, we hear story after story of sinners ending up closer to God than those who think themselves to be perfectly obedient (The Prodigal Son [Lk 15:11-32]; the Pharisee and the Tax Collector [Lk 18:9-14]). As you contemplate which Lenten practices to adopt in these next few weeks, keep in mind that holiness isn't found in perfect adherence to these practices, but by humbling yourself to recognize the God who loves you even when you fall.

HELP US

FILL A PLATE

FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

WAYS TO HELP

Purchase items on the suggested list, double bag them in paper bags, and place them on top of the wooden collection boxes at the Church entrances. You can make a bag of the essential items or purchase multiple quantities of individual items.

Make a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and we will purchase the food to give to the needy. Please put your donation in an envelope marked "SVDP Fill a Plate" and place it in the collection basket or mail/drop at the Church office any time.

SUGGESTED ITEMS

- Cereal
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Canned Soup
- Canned Vegetables or Beans
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Whole Meals (chili, chunky soup, stew, pasta)
- Tuna
- Pasta and Tomato Sauce
- Mac and Cheese

NO GLASS
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Questions? Denny Devine • denny.devine@gmail.com

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

"The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects."

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the Prayer Chain please email info@stcatharine.com or call 614-231-4509. Names will remain on the Prayer Chain for 4 months or until they are asked to be removed.

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Taylor
Ryan

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Sr. Christella
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Listening and Fasting

Message of Pope Leo XIV for Lent 2026

Dear brothers and sisters,

Lent is a time in which the Church... invites us to place the mystery of God back at the center of our lives, so that our faith may be renewed and our hearts freed from the anxieties and distractions of daily life. Every path toward conversion begins by allowing the word of God to touch our hearts and welcoming it with a docile spirit... The Lenten journey is thus a precious opportunity to heed the voice of the Lord and renew our commitment to following Christ... where the mystery of his passion, death and resurrection will be fulfilled.

Listening

This year, I would like to reflect on the importance of making room for the word through listening. The willingness to listen is the first way we show our desire for relationship.



In revealing himself to Moses... God teaches us that listening is one of his defining characteristics: he hears the cry of his people. Hearing the cry of the oppressed is the beginning of liberation...

Our God seeks to involve us. Even today he shares with us what is in his heart. Listening to the word in the liturgy teaches us to listen to the truth of reality... Sacred Scripture helps us recognize and respond to the cry of those who suffer. To foster this openness, we must allow God to teach us how to listen as he does...

Fasting

If Lent is a time for listening, fasting is a concrete way to prepare ourselves to receive the word of God. Abstaining... is an ancient practice essential to conversion. Because it involves the body, fasting helps us recognize what we truly hunger for... It purifies our desires, keeps our hunger and thirst for justice alive, and frees us from complacency. ...Fasting permits us to govern our desires and expand them, directing them toward God and the good of others.

To remain faithful to its evangelical character... fasting must be lived in faith and humility, grounded in communion with the Lord. It should also include other forms of self-denial that help us adopt a more sober way of life...

I invite you to a practical form of abstinence: refraining from words that offend and wound our neighbor. Let us disarm our language... avoiding harsh judgment and slander, and instead cultivate kindness and respect in our families, workplaces, and communities. In this way, words of hatred give way to words of hope and peace.

Together

Finally, Lent emphasizes the communal dimension of listening and fasting... Our parishes, families, and communities are called to walk this shared journey, where listening to the word of God and to the cry of the poor shapes our common life, and fasting becomes a foundation for sincere repentance. Conversion... also concerns the quality of our relationships and dialogue.

Dear friends, let us ask for the grace of a Lent that makes us more attentive to God and to the least among us... May our communities become places where those who suffer are welcomed, where listening opens paths to freedom, and where we are ready to build a civilization of love.

Visit <https://www.vaticannews.va> to read the Pope's complete message.

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LENT
AT ST. CATHARINE



WEEKLY CONFESSION TIMES

Wednesdays • 6:30pm
Saturdays • 9:00am

Whether it's been three months, three years, or 30 years since your last Confession, **you can always begin again** and receive the healing mercy of Jesus.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent
7:00pm

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FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Days of Fasting: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (ages 18-59)
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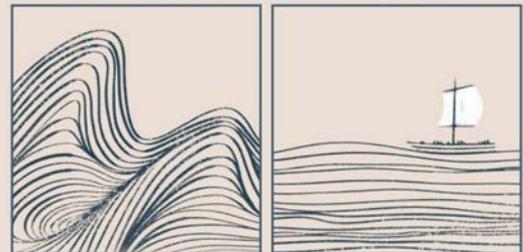
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	LC	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	MC	Altar Servers	Hospitality	
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Sun, March 1 11:00am	*1 Needed*	Chuck Burkhart (1) Emily McFadden (2)	Brealie Caridi - North Jane Isaacs - North David Isaacs - South Harrison Smith - South Bobbi Snyder - Precious Blood West North Jonathan McFadden - Precious Blood West South Mike Agriesti - Precious Blood North Beth Henney - Precious Blood South	Aidan Henney	Elijah Heskamp Andrew Horn Paddy McFadden	Ed Stange - West Chuck Burkhart - NE Giana Coleman - East South *1 Needed*	Group 2 Maria Roberts
Sun, March 1 5:00pm	Rita Hoyt	John Thiel (1) *1 Needed*	Peggy Mackessy - North Barbara Murphy - North Mark Savino - South *2 Needed*	Thomas Sweeney	Kateri Fouts Laura Harris Theresa Murphy	Matt Plank - West Megan Walker - North Megan VanLandingham - S Jim Mackessy - NE Tyler VanLandingham - SE	Bickford Ted Sapp

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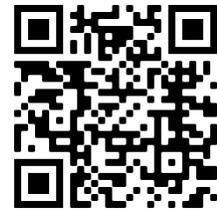
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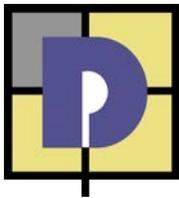
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