

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 21-22, 2026 — First Sunday of Lent



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*“Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples.
Preach the gospel to all people.”*

Parish Calendar

Sunday, February 22

Food Sunday
 Religious Ed classes 11:15 AM
 OCIA Class 11:15 AM

Dr. Leroy Byrd Wheelchair breakfast 11:00 AM

Tuesday, February 24

Daily Mass 8:30 AM
 Bible Study: The Kingdom Yet to Come 10:00 AM
 Finance Council 1:00 PM
 Bible Study: The Kingdom Yet to Come 6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 25

Daily Mass 8:30 AM
 Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper 6:00 PM

Thursday, February 26

Book Club 9:30 AM

Friday, February 27

Share the Word 9:00 AM

Saturday, February 28

Men's Fellowship & Breakfast 7:00 AM
 Women's Health & Wellness 8:30 AM
 Braten Baptism 3:00 PM

| INCOME | Budget/week | Actual/week |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Envelopes | \$ 3,385.00 | \$ 5,490.00 |
| Plate | \$ 750.00 | \$ 992.50 |
| Online gifts | \$ 1,750.00 | \$ 2,146.83 |
| Building Fund | | \$ 25.00 |
| Total | \$ 5,616.00 | \$ 8,654.33 |
| Kids' collection | | \$ 141.65 |

Parish Staff

Rev. Thomas K. Connolly, Pastor
 Joe Schroeder, Deacon
 Jeannie Saccomanno, Office Manager
 Bill Ryan, Facilities Manager
 Emily Busch, RE Coordinator
 Sydney Wilson, Youth Minister
 Mary Green, Admin. Assistant

Parish Council

Kira Busch | Michael Grieshaber, Chair
 Paul Hittson | Lara McHenry
 Ellen Stoner | Joe Winkler

Finance Council

Joleen Cooney | Ric Gaunt | Jim Novello
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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM
 Sunday 10:00 AM
 Tuesday & Wednesday
 Daily Mass 8:30 AM
Reconciliation on Wednesday
 9:00—2:00 PM
Adoration Wednesdays 9:00—2:00 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 21—St. Joseph Parishioners
 Sunday, February 22— Andy Keon+
 Tuesday, February 24— Sue Kerschen+
 Wednesday, February 25— Steve Schafer+
 Saturday, February 28—St. Joseph Parishioners



During Lent, Catholics are required to observe specific regulations regarding fasting and abstinence, particularly on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent.

Fasting: Catholics aged 18 to 59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days, only one full meal is allowed, along with two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal. Eating solid food between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

Abstinence: All Catholics aged 14 and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent. On days of abstinence, no meal is allowed.

Exceptions: Those who are sick, pregnant, nursing, or have health issues that would be adversely affected by fasting or abstinence are not bound by these regulations.

Significance of Observance: The practices of fasting and abstinence during Lent are meant to foster spiritual growth, self-discipline, and a deeper connection to the suffering of Christ. They are also seen as a way to prepare for the celebration of Easter.

—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

First Reading *Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7*
Responsorial *Psalms 51:3-4,5-6,12-13,17*
Second Reading *Romans 5:12-19*
Gospel Reading *Matthew 4:1-11*

Background on the Gospel Reading

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

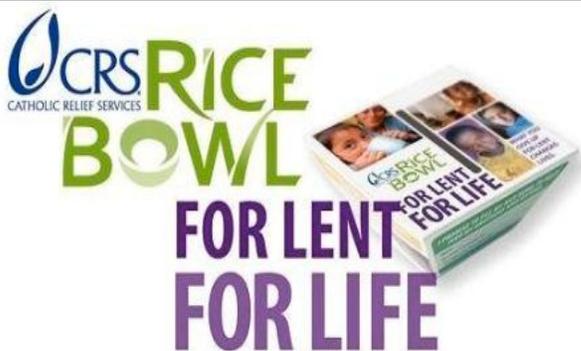
Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

—*Sunday Connection, Loyola Press*



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February 23—March 3, 2026

The theme for the 98th Annual Novena of Grace is **"The Call to Relationship"**, centered on the various ways we engage in our relationships to God, others and ourselves.

Prayer service—Monday—Saturday at 12:15 PM.

Novena Masses—Monday—Friday at 5:30 PM.

Each prayer service and Mass will include praying out loud the community's various novena prayer intentions and individual blessings with the relics of St. Francis Xavier.



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