

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 8, 2026



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OFFICE HOURS

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Saturday: By Appointment

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS APOSTOLATE AT ST. HEDWIG'S

LATIN MASS: Sunday at 9:30AM

Tuesday at 5:30PM

MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00PM: St. Stanislaus

Sunday 9:00AM: St. Stanislaus

Sunday 11:00AM: St. Casimir

Monday-Friday 12:05PM: St. Ann's

First Saturday 9:00AM: St. Ann's

Weekday at St. Stanislaus: Call Parish Office

MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Our Mother of Sorrows)

Sunday, March 8th: Third Sunday of Lent

Private: Cleo T. Angeloff by Dr. Hal Angeloff
11:00am (SC) Jeanne DeForce by Family

Monday, March 9th: Lenten Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Pong Yong Pak Smith by Ron Dombkowski

Tuesday, March 10th: Lenten Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Bernice Zilonka by Gloria Palmer and Family

Wednesday, March 11th: Lenten Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Hortensia Ovin by Don and Michelle Benson

Thursday, March 12th: Lenten Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Glenn Gilson by Lori Krasnesky

Friday, March 13th: Lenten Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Richard Deniziak (Anniversary) by The Romans Family

Saturday, March 14th: Lenten Weekday

Private: Norma H. Angeloff by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Sunday, March 15th: Fourth Sunday of Lent/Laetare Sunday

Private: Galla and Walach Family by Paul and Lisa Galla
11:00am (SC) The Deceased Members of the Ropelewski Family by Estate

CONFESSIONS: Monday-Friday, 11:30-11:55AM (St. Ann's)

March 8, 2026 3rd Sunday of Lent

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, "Dear Father Muir, I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way." I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: "One sows and another reaps" (John 4:37). Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

— Father John Muir

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., March 9th - Private Intention

Tues., March 10th - Charles Mikielski, Jr. (Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Mikielski)

Wed., March 11th - Stella Dombrowski (Theresa Ickiewicz)

Thur., March 12th - Gertrude Wisinski (Jim Valahovic)

Fri., March 13th - William "Bill" Post (Gail Pennock)

Sat., March 14th, 4:00PM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Sun., March 15th, 9:00AM - Marie & Ron Inter (Family)

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Readings for the week of March 8, 2026

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15/Ps 42:2-4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

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SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Gail Smith (Chip & Elaine Rohrbach)

OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS: Robert Merski, Sr., and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

ST. ANN'S: 1) Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff; 2) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) All Parishioners, Living & Deceased; 2) Galla and Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

LENTEN FAITH FORMATION

St. Stan's will host Stations of the Cross every Wednesday of Lent, beginning at 5:00PM. If you would like to serve as a leader of the Stations, sign up sheets are available in the vestibule.

Following Stations, we will also host a "soup and salad" dinner in the Parish Hall in conjunction with an adult faith formation session. Fr. Jason will offer brief presentations on "Five Pivotal Moments in Church History." The evening will wrap up around 7:00PM. Please consider joining us in this journey through Lent.

ST. ANN'S LENTEN SCHEDULE

Daily Confessions: 11:30-11:55AM (Monday - Friday)

Daily Mass: 12:05PM (Monday - Friday)

Rosary following every daily Mass

Eucharistic Adoration from 11:00-Noon (Fridays of Lent)

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11:15PM (Fridays of Lent)

Stations of the Cross at 1:00PM (Fridays of Lent)

*Rice Bowls are available for Almsgiving to the poor

OLD PALMS?

Collection bins will be located in the rear of our churches. If you have palms from previous Ash Wednesdays that you would like to dispose of, please bring them to Mass and place them in the bins. Those old palms are burnt to ashes to use on Ash Wednesday.

SPECIAL THANKS!

This year, we were going to solicit an individual or family to sponsor our Paschal/Easter candle. Before we could make that public, Michele Inter offered to sponsor it for this year. Thank you, Michele! The new candle will be blessed at the Easter Vigil.

ST. STAN'S WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The St. Stan's Women's Society will meet today, March 8th, beginning at 1:00PM. All are welcome to attend.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Stanislaus will host the next Eucharistic Adoration on March 15th, following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM.

INITIAL OFFERING??

Some have inquired about the purpose of the envelope labeled "Initial Offering" in your offertory box. The purpose of that envelope is to off-set the printing and shipping expenses.

**FISH & PIEROGI DINNER
FRIDAY, MARCH 20th
4:00PM-7:00PM
Parish Hall**



EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday

6:00PM - St. Stanislaus

7:30PM - St. Ann's

Good Friday

12:00PM - St. Ann's

2:00PM - St. Stanislaus

Holy Saturday, Blessing of Baskets

2:00PM - St. Stanislaus

Saturday, Easter Vigil

8:00PM - St. Stanislaus

Easter Sunday

9:00AM - St. Stanislaus

11:00AM - St. Casimir's



DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONAL MASS

St. Ann's will host a special devotional Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, March 12th, at 3:00PM. Reconciliation will be celebrated from 1:30-2:45PM. **April 12th NOT March**

GECAC: LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

GECAC is looking for volunteers, 55 and older, willing to volunteer as drivers for their Meals on Wheels program. The position requires that you have a reliable car, valid driver's license, and adequate auto insurance. Volunteers must also undergo a background check at GECAC's expense. Drivers are reimbursed for their mileage at the current federal mileage rate. To volunteer, or if you have any questions, call Kyle at 814-459-4581 (ext. 457).

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Paul reminded the Corinthians, "We proclaim Christ crucified." Christ's weakness is stronger than any human strength. The power of the cross is greater than anything the world or evil has to combat it.

The Lenten season is one of repentance, self-denial, almsgiving, and prayer. Many in our modern world do not see any wisdom in denying themselves anything. Those swept away in a consumer culture want more and they want it faster, bigger, and better. They also are looking for easy and quick satisfaction, unwilling to wait long.

Paul speaks of the "foolishness of God" and how it is wiser than any human wisdom. Lent is a time to put aside that which we feel and think as humans and put on the attitude of Christ. The cross of Christ is neither easy nor fleeting, and it will ask us to deny our very selves for him. To the human mind it makes no sense. However, by putting on Christ and seeing with his eyes, we see reality with clarity. Our sacrifice can lead to riches that only a "foolish" man would covet. But it is exactly there that we are satisfied and fulfilled.

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Let God.

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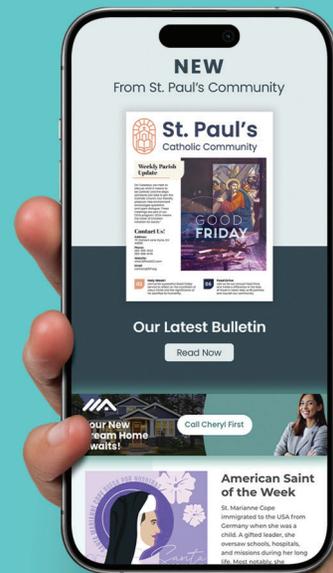


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