

FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT



Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 03/02/25	\$2,380.00
Weekly budget goal	\$3,425.00
Difference	- \$1,045.00
CSA 2025 Assessment Goal	\$30,504.00

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**POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH
For Families in Crisis**

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.
Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Baptismal Training Sessions 2025

March 22nd	10:00 am	Sacred Heart Church	814-781-1019
April 16th	6:00 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway	814-772-3135
May 22nd	6:30 pm	St. Marys Church	814-781-1019

FAITH FORMATION -- Students in Grades K-5 will meet in the Faith Formation building for class. Edge students will also meet for class this week in the Faith Formation building.

What are you planning on doing for Lent? The following is what we are doing here at St. Joseph Church for Lent:

- **Saturday, March 15th** Movie after Mass--**The Chosen**
- **Sunday, March 16th** at 6:30 pm--**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction**
- **Monday, March 17th** at 6:30 pm--**Adult Faith Formation class**
- **Tuesday, March 18th** at 6:00 pm--**The Rosary in Church**
- **Wednesday, March 19th** at 6:30 pm--**Stations of the Cross followed by our St. Joseph Feast Day Mass at 7 pm.**

A Family Perspective Today, Jesus reminds us: 'Why do you notice the speck in your brother's eye but fail to see the log in your own eye?' It's often easier to focus on changing others, rather than addressing our own flaws. However, this is futile, as the only person we can truly change is ourselves.

Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for fire victim Allen Liegey
Sunday, March 9th 11am - 3pm @ Jay Twp. Fire Hall
Cost: \$12/adults \$5/children. Eat-in or take-out available.
Spaghetti/meatballs, salad, bread, & dessert. Basket raffles too.

40 Days for Life Campaign begins March 5 to April 13, 2025. 40 Days is an International Campaign of Fasting, Prayer, and Community Outreach to end abortion. You can help save babies by participating in this campaign. Since 2007--25,353 babies have been saved, 161 abortion centers closed, and 268 abortion workers quit. 40 Days rosary--after Tuesday 8:30 am Mass at St. Marys Church and after Friday 6:15 am Mass at Sacred Heart. 40 Days Daily Prayer sheets at the entrance of Churches. Sponsored by Elk County Right To Life. For more information, contact Mary Ross at 814-781-6867.



What will you give up and do for Lent?

We grew up knowing that it is our practice as Catholics to give up something as a personal sacrifice during the Season of Lent. We may have even asked others, "What did you give up for Lent?" This practice, also called **fasting**, is to instill in us a spiritual discipline to deny ourselves something in our life that we are doing or eating. The purpose is to change our lives for the better and to unite our sacrifice with our Lord Jesus' Sacrifice on the Cross for our salvation.

Some sacrifices that people make could be spending less time watching TV or giving up candy, soft drinks, etc. It is important for us to practice the traditional **fasting** and **abstinence** during Lent. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fasting** from meat and **abstaining** from eating three large meals to one large and two lighter meals. **Fasting** is to also be practiced on **ALL** Fridays during Lent. This practice is obliged to people from the age of 14 through 58 years old. Anyone over the age of 58 may certainly continue this fasting discipline.

My friends, the spiritual purpose for **fasting** is to actually do something in its place. That something is to spend time praying or reading the little black book that is available in the vestibule or some other spiritual reading, especially the Bible and Bible studies on-line. Also, it is good to practice the **Corporal Works of Mercy**. I share with you briefly about the **Corporal Works of Mercy** at this time.

1. **Feed the hungry. How?** Bring non perishable food to the box in the vestibule of the Church.
2. **Give drink to the thirsty. How?** Be hospitable to all who visit you and do volunteer work by serving food and drink to those in need.
3. **Clothe the naked. How?** Donate clothes to the Guardian Angel Center in Kersey.
4. **Visit the imprisoned. How?** Pray for those in prison and all who commit crimes.
5. **Shelter the homeless. How?** Pray for proper housing for the homeless and contribute to organizations that do this.
6. **Visit the sick. How?** Visit those in hospitals when you are able, send them a card, or call them.
7. **Bury the dead. How?** Always have a funeral Mass in Church or a Word Service at a funeral home in respect and honor for the dead.

Fasting and doing one or most of the Corporal Works of Mercy can bring greater spiritual conversion in our lives. That is what Lent is all about.

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, March 10, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Genevieve Anderson	William McDonald	Lenten Weekday	Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18 Mt 25: 31-46 (224)
Tuesday, March 11, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Kimberly A. Forster	Mother	Lenten Weekday	Is 55: 10-11 Mt 6: 7-15 (225)
Wednesday, March 12, 2025 No Mass			Lenten Weekday	Jon 3: 1-10 Lk 11: 29-32 (226)
Thursday, March 13, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Poor Souls in Purgatory		Lenten Weekday	Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7: 7-12 (227)
Friday, March 14, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Deceased members of the Hudsick Family	Family	Lenten Weekday	Ez 18: 21-28 Mt 5: 20-26 (228)
Saturday, March 15, 2025 No Mass			Lenten Weekday	Dt 26: 16-19 Mt 5: 43-48 (229)
Saturday, March 15, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	Robert J. Burke	Family	Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent	(see below)
Sunday, March 16, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18 Phil 3: 17--4: 1 OR 3: 20--4: 1 Lk 9: 28b-36 (27)

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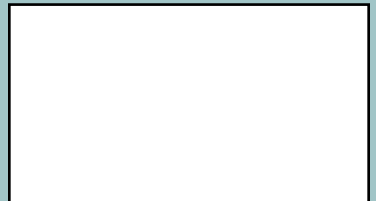


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