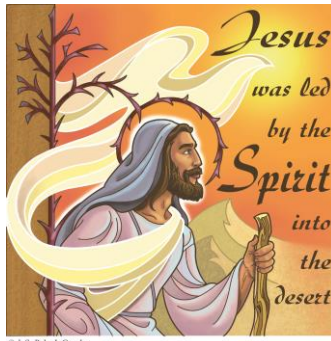


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First Sunday of Lent

Feb 26, 2023

FIRST READING: The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

PSALM: Have mercy on us sinners, O Lord (Psalm 51)

SECOND READING Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

GOSPEL: Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: WHO WE ARE AND WHOSE WE ARE

The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew's Gospel, we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father's hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	02/26	
MON	02/27	
TUES	02/28	8:00AM Peeling Potato's
WED	03/01	11:30AM Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass & Meeting
THURS	03/02	8:00AM Lenten Piroghi Project
FRI	03/03	10-12PM Piroghi Pick-up 4:00PM Stations of the Cross
SAT	03/04	3:00PM CONFESSION
SUN	03/05	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Feb 27th– March 5th)

MON	2/20 7:50AM	For Good health of the Ferrante Family – (Marcos & Rosales)
TUES	2/21 7:50AM	In Thanksgiving from the Rosales Family
WED	2/22 7:50AM	+ Mary Zeisman – (Family)
	. . . . . 12:00PM	+ Christian Mothers
THUR	2/23 7:50AM	+ James Marshall – (Mark Friedman)
FRI	2/24 7:50AM	+ Thomas Friedman – (Doris & John Gritzer)
SAT	2/25 4:00PM	+ (B) Peggy Murray – (Margaret Sutor)
SUN	2/26 7:30AM	+ James Marshall – (Family)
	. . . . . 10:30AM	+ William Kolega – (Tonette & Dom Furfari)

Sunday Feb 26, 2023

Stewardship Reflections: There is a particular strategy Christian stewards might take to journey toward Easter. The reading from the book of Genesis, reminds us of our Creator and the loving care and lavish gifts He gave to our ancestors, Adam and Eve. They were placed in a garden to practice stewardship there. God trusted they would cultivate and care for it. (Gn 2:15).

The passage from Matthew shows us by the example of Jesus Himself how we can attain spiritual strength and grow as disciples. He is in the desert, fasting for 40 days and 40 nights. Like Adam and Eve, He is confronted by the evil one. But our Lord triumphs over the lies of the devil. Jesus confidently and emphatically quotes scripture from his heart.

This Lent, let us embrace this 40-day spiritual reset. Let us prioritize our use of time by committing to prayerful study of the Scriptures and trusting more deeply in the Father's love. Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/7/05)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Feb 18th & Feb 19th 2023)

Weekly	.....	\$ 3,763.00
Building Fund	.....	\$ 10.00
Fuel	.....	\$ 40.00
Easter Flowers	.....	\$ 136.00

Thank you and May God Bless you for your continued support of St. Therese Church.



THE WINNER IS...

Congratulations to **Mark Friedman** who was the big winner of the \$150.00 Gift Card Easter Tree.

Thank you to all who purchased a ticket.



Stations of the Cross - will be held every Friday during Lent at 4PM except Good Friday.



Take a chance on **Lottery Scratch Off Tickets plus \$1000.00**
Winning number determined by the Pick 3 drawing at 7PM Saturday, April 15th.
One complete Roll of each \$20, \$10 and \$5 PA lottery Scratch off Tickets, plus \$1,000.00. **Cost is \$10.**

Christian Mothers will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & Meeting on **Wednesday March 1st** starting at 11:30AM, due to the Piroghi Project.

Lenten Piroghi Project - Piroghi will not be made during Holy Week.

Sign-up sheets: Place your order before or after Mass on Saturday & Sunday on the sheets in vestibule. Pick up will be on Fridays at the Social Hall from 10-12. Extra piroghis will be sold then. **First come first served. While supplies last.**

Schedule for Piroghi Project

- 1) Tuesdays- potatoes starting at 8:00AM
- 2) Thursdays-8:00AM make potato balls and dough, and assemble & cook piroghi.

Donations of Robin Hood flour (regular), butter, eggs, potatoes and monetary gifts are always appreciated.



If you have any spare time and would like to help with the Piroghi Project, please feel free to stop over. **No Experience necessary!!! New volunteers are always welcomed!!**

Office Access Closed

Due to the sewer work at the rectory and in the office, **the office will be closed to walk in traffic again this week, Feb 27th- Mar 3rd.** Office staff will be on hand for telephone and email inquiries.

For emergencies, please call the office before stopping, by arrangements can be made for access.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.



KOC are selling Seminarian Tickets for the month of June. Cost is \$20.00. Winning number determined by the Pick 3 of the PA Lottery drawing at 7PM. Call Dennis Pingatore @ 814-535-6833 to purchase a ticket.



There is an 11th Grade retreat March 5th starting at 7:30AM Mass and continues in the Church Hall. All confirmation students should attend.

Community News & Events



Immaculate Conception Parish Summerhill

Fish Fries will be held on the following Fridays during Lent March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st and Good Friday April 7th from 4-6:30PM at the New Germany Grove Hall

NO Phone orders

Dine -in now open Adults \$15.00 Children 6-11 \$7.50 and under 6 Free

Fish sandwich Meal \$8.00 includes Baked Potato and cole slaw.

Thank you for your continued support!



Craft Show St. Clement Church will host their 2nd Annual Spring Ahead Craft Show on **Saturday, February 25, 9am-2pm** and **Sunday, February 26, 11am-3pm**. Candles, jewelry, hand-knitted, sewn, household and personalized items, jams, jellies, etc. will be available at the sale. They will also have hot food, a bake sale and beverages available for purchase. The event also includes a 50/50 drawing and basket raffle. All are welcome

The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto Annual Men's Turkey Dinner will be held on **Sunday, March 12th** as a drive-thru & take-out dinner. 11AM - until sold out. Turkey dinner with all of the trimmings \$14.00. Hope you enjoy and thanks for your support!



The **66th St. Andrew Church Annual Novena to the Infant of Prague** will begin on **Sunday, March 12, 2023**, at 7:00PM and will continue every evening until Monday, March 20, 2023, at 7:00PM.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Church beginning at 6PM. There will be Confessions after Mass every night. Please join us!

MAINTENANCE MAN - St. Francis of Assisi is looking for a Maintenance man to do day-to-day upkeep at the Activity Building, Church, Rectory and former Convent. Anyone interested please contact the Parish Office at (814)539-1632. It's a part-time job opportunity. Diocesan clearances for protecting God's Children is necessary.



Families and the Gospel - (Matthew: 4: 1-11)

In today's gospel Jesus cautions it is not enough to provide food for our children; "one does not live on bread alone." Let Lent 2023 be a time when you are "led by the Spirit" to explore new ways to be a moral guide to your children.

SUPPORT PRO-LIFE



"Babies are bits of stardust, blown down from the hand of God"

ABORTION - "A baby fills a place in your heart that you never knew was empty"



Prayer during Lent

*Holy God,
now is the acceptable time to
return to you.*

*As we walk the path of these forty days,
may we turn away from sin
and embrace a life of goodness and truth.
Strengthen us on our Lenten journey
and keep us focused on the cross and
resurrection
of your Son, our Savior and Redeemer.
He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.*