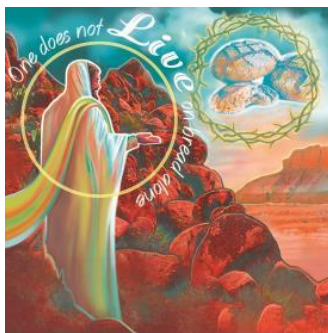


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February 26, 2023

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Scripture Readings

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.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

5:30PM	Saturday, March 4th	9:00 AM	Sunday, March 5th
Lector:	Volunteer	Lector:	Kevin Houghton

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

MON	02/27	NO MASS
TUES	02/28	7:00AM . . . + Rich Poplinski - (Dave Bischof)
WED	03/01	NO MASS
THURS	03/02	NO MASS
FRI	03/03	7:00AM . . . + Jack & Ester Sloan - (Family)
SAT	03/04	5:30PM Pro Populo
SUN	03/05	9:00AM Christian Mothers

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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**

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,311.80
Monthly	\$ 205.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 45.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00

*Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish!
Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!*



Christian Mothers Mass & Meeting – will be held **next Sunday March 5th**. Please mark your calendars.

Everyone is welcome to stop down and join in the meeting.

The Knights of Columbus will hold their meeting next Tuesday, **March 7th** at 7PM in the St Therese Church hall.



The Christian Mother's Annual Basket Party will be held on **April 16th**. Anyone wishing to donate a basket, new basket items or money for items should contact Denise at 814-915-0470. Baskets can be dropped off at any Mass beginning in March.

Rectory 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 27-Mar 3. For emergencies, please call the office before stopping. Arrangements can be made for access. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Lenten Reading Material --- is available in the back of the Church. Please use these booklets to help you **through your Lenten journey!**



Stations of the Cross....will be held every Friday during Lent at **6:40AM before the 7:00AM Mass**. We hope you join us in prayer.



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



St Therese Lenten Piroghi Project

– began last week Feb 23rd and will continue for six weeks. **Piroghi will not be made during Holy Week.**

Sign-up sheets: will be available each week in the back of church. Pick up your order on Fridays from 10AM to Noon in the Social Hall. **Cost is \$8/dozen**



April Showers Special
Benefits: St. Therese Church-Decker Ave.
Winning Number Pays on First Pick 3 Drawing at 7pm
Not eligible for Wild Ball or Bonus Drawing

Saturday, April 15, 2023
One Complete Roll of Each
\$20, \$10 and \$5 PA Lottery Scratch Off Tickets
Plus - \$1,000.00

Not responsible for typographical errors. All unsold tickets become the property of St. Therese Church. Void after 30 days
Donation \$10.00 SGC# - 22-298

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.**

See Eleanor or call or stop by the rectory office **during regular business hours 9-2PM ONLY**, to make arrangements to pick them up.

Community News & Events



The 66th St. Andrew Church Annual Novena to the Infant of Prague will begin on Sunday, March 12 at 7 PM and will continue every evening until Monday, March 20 at 7 PM. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Church beginning at 6 PM. There will be Confessions after Mass every night. Please join us!



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..

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.



Open your hearts to life!



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

Basics of the Polish Language –All Saints Parish in Boswell (Somerset County) will offer a one session class on the basics of the Polish Language on Monday March 13th at 6 PM (325 Quemahoning Street - Boswell). Basic phrases and pronunciation of the Polish language will be taught. The class is free and a will give participants an opportunity to learn about a beautiful, yet complicated language. Open to all, please call the Boswell parish office (814-629-5551) to register by March 6th.

Support Pro-Life

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



Immaculate Conception Parish Summerhill Fish Fries will be held on the following Fridays during Lent Feb 24, 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!

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!



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.