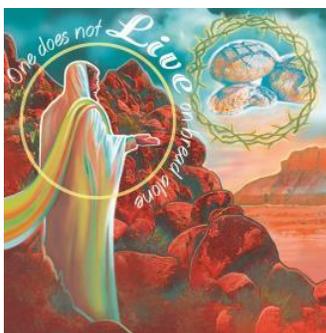


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February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

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

5:30PM Saturday, Feb 28th
Lector: Volunteer

9:00 AM Sunday, March 1st
Lector: Denise Lakatos

Mass Intentions for the Week: (Feb 23rd - March 1st)

MON 02/16 7:00AM. . . + Matilda & Martin Simcic
TUES 02/17 7:00AM. . . + David Keafer - (Anna & Mark Pleskovic)
WED 02/18 7:00AM. . . + Martin & Matilda Simcic
THURS 02/19 7:00AM. . . + Ed, Betty, Carl & Marie Pavlosky - (Sister, AnnaMae)
FRI 02/20 7:00AM. . . + Martin & Matilda Simcic
SAT 02/21 5:30PM. . . .Pro Populo
SUN 02/22 9:00AM. . . + Holy Souls in Purgatory - (Bob Kuhns)

Stewardship Reflections:

As we begin the beautiful and challenging season of Lent, our readings this week remind us why we need these 40 days so much. They also suggest a particular strategy we Christian stewards might take as we make the journey towards Easter, so that we arrive there as better disciples – more focused on Christ and His mission for us.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, shows us by the example of Jesus Himself one way that we can attain spiritual strength and grow to become more effective disciples and stewards. In this passage we find our Lord in the desert, fasting for 40 days and 40 nights. Like Adam and Eve, He is confronted by the evil one. But unlike our fallen parents, our Lord triumphs over the devil’s lies and sends him slithering away. How did He do it? By knowing the Scriptures and by proclaiming them confidently, and by His perfect trust in the Father.

This Lent, let’s embrace this 40-day spiritual reset. Let’s commit to prayerfully studying the Scriptures. This could take the form of a daily family Gospel reflection, a few moments with the Psalms at the beginning of a lunch break, “fasting” from social media, or any other countless ways. As faithful stewards, we are called to prioritize our use of time to seek a relationship with our loving God. Let’s get to know Him better by studying His word this Lent.

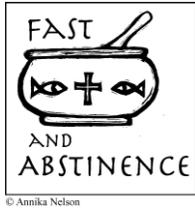
LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS

Feb 14th & Feb 15th, 2026

Weekly	\$ 1,935.00
Monthly	\$ 75.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 30.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00
Poor Box	\$ 104.00
1 st Offer	\$ 5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5.00
Fuel	\$ 30.00
Lent	\$ 5.00
Flowers	\$ 5.00
Holy Land	\$ 20.00
Easter	\$ 20.00

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!

The Christian Mother’s Annual Basket Party will be held this year in April. We are once again asking for donations of themed baskets (at least \$25 in value). If basket making isn’t your specialty you can make a monetary donation and we will make it for you! Anyone wishing to donate a basket, new basket items or money to be used towards a basket should contact Janet (814-241-6198). Monetary donations can be dropped in the collection basket. Just mark the envelope “Donation for Christian Mothers Basket Party.” Checks should be made payable to St. Anne’s Christian Mothers. Baskets or donations of new items can be dropped off at any Mass through March 31.



Fasting and Abstinence
Wednesday, Feb 18th when the Church begins the forty day journey toward the Triduum (the Three Days) with the annual discipline of fasting, praying and giving alms.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (April 3rd) are days of **fast and abstinence** along with **all Fridays during lent**. Fasting refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all during the day. The church directs the holy Fast to all those 18 years until their 60th year.

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.



Coffee and Cake...will be served in the Church Basement after both Masses **this weekend, Feb 21st & 22nd** for all those parishioners who are celebrating their birthday this month!

Everyone is welcome to stop down for a delicious treat and to enjoy friendly conversation and fellowship.

Hope to see you there



St Therese Lenten Piroghi Project is now going on and will continue for next five 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 Thursdays Noon – 2PM or Fridays 10AM to Noon in the St Therese Social Hall.

Cost is \$8.50 dozen



The Learning Lamp will be collecting new and gently used children’s books from infant to middle school ages during the month of February. There will be a box beginning next week in the back of church to donate your new or gently used children’s books.

