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Saturday 5 pm Sunday 11 am

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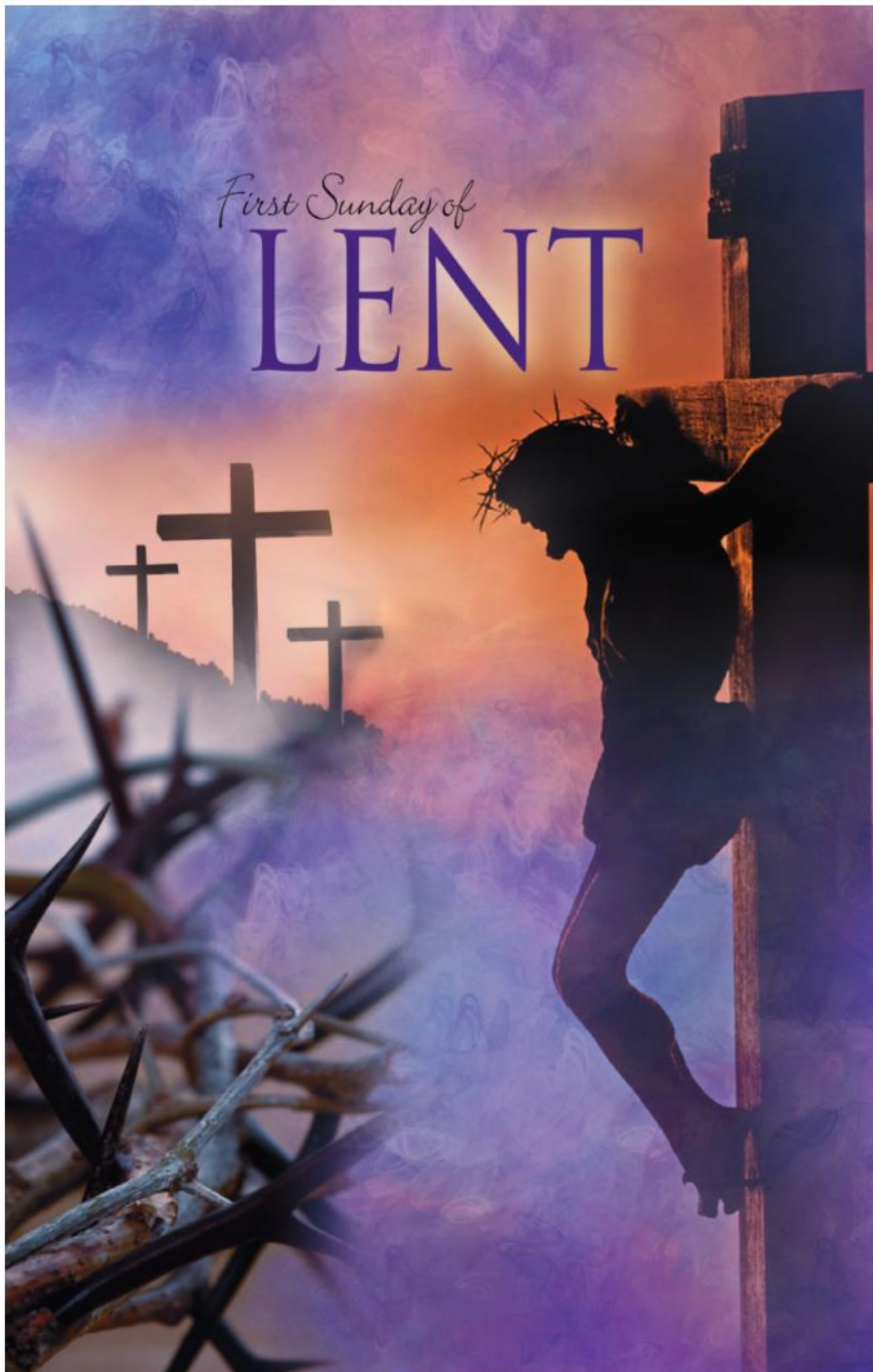
#### Weekend Mass

Sunday 9 am

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## Saturday, March 8

4 pm Confessions (in church)  
4:30 pm Pray the Rosary  
5 pm †Donna Allen-Carrier by Mom & Dad  
†Karen Kartes DeWeerd by Jane Monehen

## Sunday, March 9

9 am †Theresa Doppel by Family  
Kristopher Piotrowski Family  
11 am †Lois H Wrase by Roger & JoAnne Hoekenga  
†Nancy Corcoran by Tom & Amy Sanocki  
†Augustin Cabrera Jr. by Ken & Andrea  
DeLore Children by Gene & Janet Stout

## Tuesday, March 11

5 pm Confessions  
6 pm †Casey Kiel by the Piotrowski family

## Wednesday, March 12

5 pm Confessions  
5:30 pm Pray the Rosary  
6 pm †Donna Allen-Carrier by Mom & Dad

## Thursday, March 13

8:30 am †Bill McCabe by the McCabe Family  
9 am Confessions  
9 am - 6 pm Eucharistic Adoration

## Friday, March 14

8 am Pray the Rosary  
8:30 am †Sandy Majeski by Eric and Becky Lewis  
†Edward and Anna Machiag by Adela and family

9 am Confessions

## Saturday, March 15

4 pm Confessions (in church)  
4:30 pm Pray the Rosary  
5 pm †Earnest & Rosemary Sesselmann by Sesselmann Siblings

## Sunday, March 16

9 am †Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wozniak by family  
†Irena Walega by the Dzuban family  
11 am †Nancy Schmalzer by Brash Family

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## Liturgical Roles

March 15

### 5pm Mass at St. Francis

#### Altar Servers

Adrianna & Aubrey Price

#### Eucharistic Ministers Team #3

Dick & Melanie Schroder, John & Mary Allen,  
Marjorie Eddy, Cheri Kimball, Gayle  
Lagerman, Kristi Nagengast

#### Greeters

Cumbee Family & Pat Rasch

#### Lectors

See Schedule

#### Ushers Team #1

Josh Roznowski, Dan Alvesteffer, Dan  
Haggerty & Joe Staple

#### March 16

### 9am Mass at St. Michael

#### Altar Servers

Natalie and Matthew Adamski

#### Eucharistic Ministers

Jim and Gwen Young (CH)

Beth Adamski and Mary LaBash (CI)

#### Lector

Vince Desmond

### 11am Mass at St. Francis

#### Altar Servers

Anderson Vickers, Kaelan Schneller & Emiya  
Peterson

#### Eucharistic Ministers Team #3

Richard Rogers, Bette McAuliffe, Dave & Peg  
Alexander, Barbara Novak-Banta, Phil  
Betlejewski, Paul & Jenni Hurst, Al Lutkus,  
Linda McKendry, Jim White

#### Greeters

Jan Bates, Sandy Drabczyk, Mike & Charlene  
Matteson

#### Lectors

See Schedule

#### Ushers Team #3

Paul LeRoux, Larry Finner, Dan Matthews,  
Mike VanWalsum, Bryan Convertini,  
Brandon Stewart

## St. Francis Weekly Offerings

March 2, 2025

Contribution Envelopes: \$14,089

Holy Day: \$210

Online Giving: \$4,602

## Readings for Week of March 10, 2025

Monday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 Psalm 19 Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 34 Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10 Psalm 51 Luke 11:29-32

Thursday: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Psalm 138 Matthew 7:7-12

Friday: Ezekiel 18:21-28 Psalm 130 Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday: Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Psalm 119 Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28b-36



As we begin this season of Lent, let us fervently pray that the Lord gives us strength to navigate our struggles with trust, courage in the face of physical or mental suffering, and help in overcoming worry.



Let's give a shout out to one of our Maintenance Assistants  
**RANDY ANDERSON.**

He's been with St. Francis for over three years and is now the lone Maintenance man at St. Michael. Randy is truly an unsung hero, completing tasks that we don't often think about.... like dusting the walls!

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## Saint Michael the Archangel

Sundays 8:30am Pray the Rosary

### Stations of the Cross

St. Michael will have stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 6:00 pm.

### Gorzkie Zale and Stations of the Cross in Polish

Join us on Sundays during Lent at 12:30 pm.

### Offertory

March 2, 2025

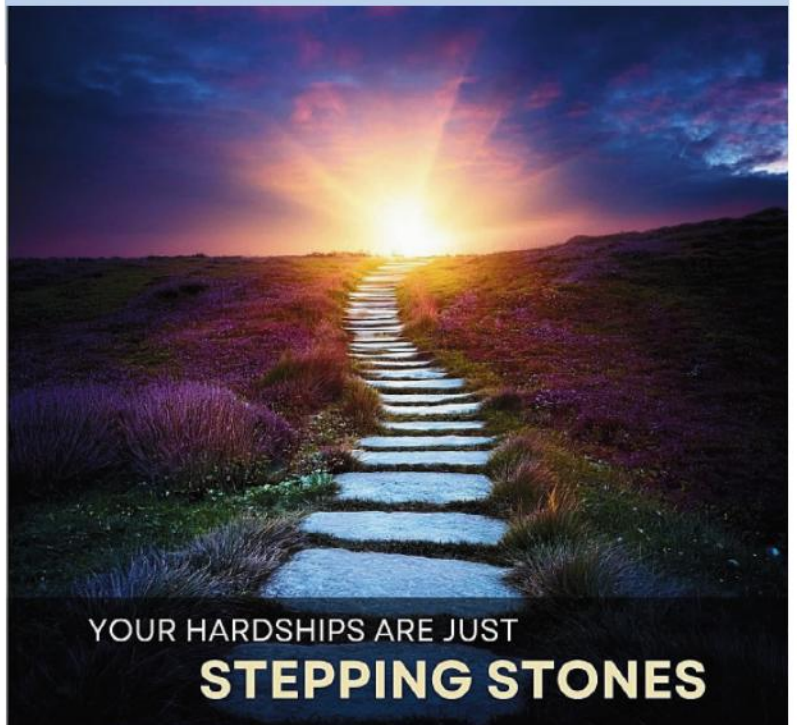
Sunday offertory: \$7,417.01

Online giving: \$790

### St. Michael's Prayer Line

Audrey Adamczak (231) 759-8164

Marlene Evans (231) 670-6149



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**Pray the Rosary daily!**  
We continue to pray for our priests  
and for religious vocations

**St. Michael the Archangel**  
Friday 8 am  
Sunday 8:30 am

**St. Francis de Sales**  
Wednesday 5:30 pm  
Saturday 4:30 pm



## St. Francis de Sales Calendar of Events

### Monday, March 10

10 am	Mary Monday Rosary	Marian Chapel
9 am	Mom's Group	Guild Room
6:30p	That Man is YOU!	Conf. Room 3

### Tuesday, March 11

9 am	Women's Guild	Guild Room
5:30 pm	Y Healthy Weight Class	Conf. Room 5 & Wilma Hall

### Wednesday, March 12

2 pm	Euchre	Conf. Room 2
6 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting	Conf. Room 3

### Thursday, March 13

9 am	TOPS	Conf. Room 3
5 pm	Faith Formation: Grades PreK-K	Atrium
5:30 pm	Coin Club	Wilma Hall
6 pm	Soup & Stations	Marian Chapel/Shepherds Hall
6:30 pm	Faith Formation: Grades PreK-5	Classrooms

### Saturday, March 15

9 am	Men's Faith & Fellowship	Conf. Room 3
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### Sunday, March 16

12:15 pm	Sunday Social	Shepherd's Hall
7 pm	Middle School Youth Group	Youth Room

## Faith Formation

### St. Francis & St. Michael

#### Middle & High School Youth Groups

- Sundays - 7:00-8:30pm
- In the St Francis youth room
- See website for complete schedule

#### 1st - 5th Grades

- Thursdays - 6:30-8pm
- See website for complete schedule

#### 3 yrs - Kindergarten

- Thursdays 5-6pm OR 6:30-8pm
- See website for complete schedule

#### Adults

- Relate Group - for 18+
- Next Group
  - February 1st after 5pm Mass
  - In youth room
- See website for complete schedule
- Come join the OCIA classes. See OCIA schedule

### OCIA Schedule

#### St. Francis & St Michael

March 9th: Anointing  
 March 16th: No Session  
 March 23rd: Social Justice

Contact Liorah Marianos if you have any questions!

#### **That Man is YOU!**

Facilitator: Pat McKeown  
**Mondays at 6:00pm** with Video and Discussion beginning at 6:30pm.

### Men's Faith & Fellowship

Facilitator: Mark Schrier  
 Join us **Saturday mornings at 9am** and enjoy refreshments & fellowship as we discuss "Epic: History of the Catholic Church".



## Ministries looking for Volunteers!

### Ushers, Cantors and Greeters

Men, Women, Teens are all welcome to help!

If you'd like to know more about any of these ministries, contact Liorah at the parish office or [ministries@stfrancisns.org](mailto:ministries@stfrancisns.org)

### Lenten Stations & Soup Suppers

Thursdays during Lent at 6pm!  
 Stations of the Cross in Marian Chapel followed by soup in Shepherds Hall!

*\*Bringing a soup to share is encouraged but not required!*

**March 6, 13, 20, 27  
 April 3, 10**

## Please remember them in your daily prayers

Diane Alderink Mary Jane Bard Leah Bell Jim Benedict Amy Bringedahl Matt Cashbaugh Ron Chandonnet Charlotte Cook Martin Deater Andrew Degner Dorothy Doza Aliyah Droblin Cathleen Dubault Lorraine Feiber Jim Geisler Rita Greeley Connie Harrison	Patricia Jensen Dorothy Jones Madeline Joseph Marleah Kooi Alice Kujawski Pat Linck Kristine Masters Jim Mastee Jerry McKenzie Paul Medenbach Rhonda Leonard-Nathan Phyllis Oza Theresa Panzero Sue Paquin Veronica Rush Emily Ruud Jim Sowa	<u><b>Day Spring</b></u> Jean Blower Nancy Bozell Ann Briggs Marilyn Dion Veda Filipiak Kathy Hale Mary Hynes Maureen Kelly Irene Lodzinski Elizabeth Middlecamp Marcella Sharnowski Joe Sirianni Karen Szepeinski Hope Varela	<u><b>Lake Woods Nursing and Rehab Center</b></u> Michael Abraham James Alviar Mary Benjamin Jeffrey Butler John Kukulski Paul Thomas <u><b>Roosevelt Park</b></u> Nancy Hux Margaret Jawor Verone Jawor June Martin Marirose McDaniel Helen Mulready William Norkus Francis Somers Agnes Strach Deborah Wagner Richard Zokas	<u><b>Chestnut Fields</b></u> Bernadette DeVoursney Marlene Kelly Mary Therese Kendra Patricia Numerdor Louise Sanford  <u><b>Seminole Shores</b></u> Pam Johnston Jim Keating Ann Lomasiewicz Roy Lorenz Terri Ludovicz Marilyn Pilon Irene Rogers Jo Youngstrom
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\*Due to HIPAA laws, only names that have been given to the parish by an individual or family member can be printed in the bulletin.

### The Message of the Cross - A Lenten Journey from Vice to Virtue By Deacon Jim Cross

Many of us grew up memorizing the Catholic theological virtues and cardinal vices, or seven “deadly” sins. But sometimes learning doesn’t get past the memorizing stage (at least for me) to actual application in our lives. Here’s a brief primer:

We all have “habits” of behavior, thinking and feeling. They are good or bad patterns in our life that either please God, strengthen our relationships with each other and reflect positively on our faith (virtues), or that offend God and others, strain relationships and reflect poorly on our faith (vices). Virtuous people not only tend to be more successful in relationships, but are happier people overall. Therefore, a worthy goal is to minimize our vices and maximize our virtues. And what better season to do that than LENT?!

Since Lent is a period where we seek to grow in holiness, let’s consider how we might use an understanding of the virtues and vices. At its essence, vice is the opposite of virtue. So it could be argued that for each vice, there is a corresponding virtue that is lacking. The sin of Pride is actually the lack of Humility. Greed is the absence of Gratitude and Generosity. Lust is the lack of Chastity. Anger is the absence of Patience. Envy is counteracted by Kindness. Sloth is a lack of Diligence. And finally, the vice of Gluttony (over-indulgence) is essentially the opposite of Temperance (moderation and self control). That last example serves as a good model for our Lenten discussion. During Lent, we traditionally “go after” the sin of gluttony by fasting and abstaining from meat. The idea is that we are conquering that vice by training ourselves to replace it with its corresponding virtue. And we do it in a very specific way, by giving up something specific that we might be too prone to over-indulge in.

In the same way, we can conquer other vices- or bad habits of thinking, feeling or acting that lead us into sin- by focusing on their positive, alternative virtues. If I have an anger issue, the way to conquer it is to put myself into a “self-help program” that deliberately builds the virtue of patience. Maybe I adjust my route to work in a way that hits every stop light possible. At each stop light I remind myself that I’m building patience. If I’m greedy, maybe I need to take a route to work through some of the poorest parts of town and spend my drive time thinking about how fortunate I am. In building the virtue of Gratitude, I can then channel it toward generosity.

My challenge for you is to first spend some time thinking carefully about what vices are most present in your life. Be specific about the actual behaviors, and which vice they represent. For example, is my being late for Church the result of Sloth? Is my objectifying others how Lust shows itself in my life? Is my rudeness to my spouse more from the vice of Anger or Pride? Spend some time in prayer about those vices, and maybe even do some research about them and their corresponding virtues. Then create a Lenten self-help plan to eliminate the most prevalent vice in your life by practicing daily the virtue that will replace it. As you focus daily on that virtue (prayer, post-it notes on the mirror, a change in your daily routine), you should be able to track how the increase of that virtue causes an equal decrease in your vice. Hopefully when Holy week arrives, you will find yourself ready to present to our Lord a holier, more virtuous self, and what better gift could you offer Him and everyone else in your life!

- Yours in Christ! Deacon Jim



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