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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 8, 2026

THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS SCHEDULE
Weekend: Saturday 6:00 PM - Sunday 8:30 AM
Daily: Tuesday - Saturday 8:30 AM
Holy Hour: Saturdays 7:30-8:30 AM, Thursdays 7-8:00 pm
Confessions: 30 min. prior to all Masses

PRAYER REQUESTS
MAY GOD THE SON SEND HIS HEALING AMONG US.

- Tim Pingel
- Rosemary Cloud
- Kaylee Nichole Ross
- John Weidler
- Martha Gerling
- Donna Manuel
- Catherine Barragan

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	Mar 7	8:30 am	Michael Dirkes
Sat	Mar 7	6:00 pm	Dan & Mary Brunetti
Sun	Mar 8	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Ann
Mon	Mar 9		NO MASS
Tues	Mar 10	8:30 am	Mitch Lammers
Wed	Mar 11	8:30 am	Sue McCance +
Thurs	Mar 12	8:30 am	Lainie Mercurio
Fri	Mar 13	8:30 am	Nick Rogers
Sat	Mar 14	8:30 am	Anna Brown
Sat	Mar 14	6:00 pm	Glenna Pfaff

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***MAN OF THE SHROUD EXHIBIT*: MARCH 7 (9 am - 6 pm) & MARCH 8 (after 8:30 am Mass - 5 pm)** This free exhibit offers an in-depth exploration of the Shroud of Turin—one of the most studied and debated relics in human history. Through 41 carefully curated panels, visitors are invited to examine the evidence surrounding the Shroud and consider the enduring question it poses: *Who is the Man of the Shroud?*

RESPECT LIFE: Please join the Respect Life Group on Walgreen's corner to pray the Rosary for an end to abortion for 6 consecutive Sundays beginning February 22nd through March 29th from 3:00-4:00 pm. Signs will be available, and feel free to bring a chair if needed. All are invited to attend.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY: Come and bring family and friends to our St Patrick's Day celebrations hosted by the Marthas and Marys in the church hall. We will be serving on **March 17th from 11:30AM-7:00 PM** with takeout available. Corned beef and cabbage dinner is $15, Rueben with chips is $10 and 2 slices of pizza will be $5. Drink and dessert provided. In addition, we will have Italian cookies for sale with proceeds going to a local charity. We hope to see you there for this new fun event. Both cash & card are accepted.

FISH FRIDAY - MARCH 13 - 4:30-730 PM: Join us in the parish hall for a fresh twist on our Lenten tradition as the Knights of Columbus host the first in a series of Fish Fridays featuring some amazing fish taco dinners for $15, cheese pizza slices for $5 and good times for all! Bring your family & friends, and spread the word. Take out orders will be available. Cash or Credit accepted. We'll see you on the 13th!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Come pray the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday & Friday mornings after the 8:30 am Mass or Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00 pm.

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SATURDAYS, 9:05 AM IN THE CHURCH HALL

GOSPEL ENCOUNTER GROUP
1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS - 9:15AM TO 10:15AM, FOLLOWING MORNING MASS.
Contact Ed & Maryann Barlettt terppahmeb@gmail.com with questions.

MEN'S GROUP
SATURDAYS, 7 AM IN THE CHURCH HALL
For Info: Eddie VanBuskirk eddievanbuskirk11@outlook.com

LEGION OF MARY
MEETS EVERY SATURDAY IN THE HALL AT 9:15 AM
Contact Mary Lou Greim 816-645-7370

ALTAR FLOWERS AT ST. ANN'S
Thank you
Barbara Sloan
for donating to the flower fund for the Altar!

What a beautiful way to honor God!

GIVING: FEB 28-MAR 1 **ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE AT THE LINK BELOW:**

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SCAN TO DONATE

AVIA CHRISTI ACADEMY: Avia Christi Academy is seeking teachers for the 2026/2027 school year. School meets right here at Saint Ann on Tuesdays (9-12th grade) and Wednesdays (K-8th grade) These are part time paid positions: *Art for 3rd-8th grade, Science for 3rd-8th grade, and Domestic Skills - (needlepoint/crochet/sewing/cooking/nutrition/etc) for 9th-12th grade girls*. Please contact Courtney Champagne @ aviachristiacademy@gmail.com **SAVE THE DATE:** The 2nd annual Avia Christi Gala is Thursday, April 30, 2026, at The Montgomery in Excelsior Springs! Have an item or idea for our silent auction? Contact Jamie Baugh @ 708-305-1221.

FROM FATHER DREW

THE WAY OF THE CROSS AND ADORATION

The Way of the Cross

Islam took hold in what is now Saudi Arabia in the 7 th century. Shortly after Muhammad, the founder of Islam died in 632, his followers conquered the Holy Land. Then Muslims went on to conquer two-thirds of all Christendom. For 400 years Christendom did next-to nothing in response. Finally, in 1095 Pope Urban II called a crusade and in 1099 Christians retook Jerusalem for Christ. But that only lasted until 1187 when the Muslims conquered it again. But as a consequence of the Crusades, Christian pilgrims were once again allowed safe passage to the Christian sites in the Holy Land.

From early times, before the Muslim conquest, Christian pilgrims would travel the Via Dolorosa (The Way of Sorrows) in Jerusalem. They would travel the path Christ took on Good Friday, stopping at various spots to meditate and pray on Christ's Passion. When the Muslims denied these pilgrimages, the Christian faithful started building replicas of the holy places in their own cities and towns. "The Stations of the Cross" developed from this. Eventually fourteen Stations were erected in every church. The Stations are reminders that we are pilgrims on earth, and our safe passage is totally dependent on Christ's crusade, His "Way of the Cross." That is what crusade means. It is from the Latin crux, as in crucifix, as in "to mark with a cross."

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament came into being the same time the Stations of the Cross devotion took hold. St Francis of Assisi, who in the early 1200's ventured into the Muslim-controlled Holy Land in an attempt to convert the place, was a big proponent of Eucharistic Adoration.

Our Catechism states: Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil. Adoration is homage of the spirit to the "King of Glory", respectful silence in the presence of the "ever greater" God (CCC 2628). The change of the bread and wine into Christ's Body and Blood is called transubstantiation. The substance, the thing itself is changed. And at no time does it change back. Christ's presence, His true substantial presence in the Sacred Host: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity remains. And because it remains, we adore that presence. That is our first attitude. The creature with awe and reverence adores the Creator.

Adoration then is not limited to our time at Mass. We receive the Lord, we come to Him and He comes to us, outside of Mass as well. What does it mean to "receive the Lord," anyway? Pope Benedict XVI wrote receiving Christ is not just a physical act, like eating a slice of bread. Receiving Christ stretches beyond the time of the Eucharistic celebration. And the Church, through the centuries has grown in this Eucharistic mystery. Benedict wrote that is why the eternal light was lit in the Church, and the tabernacle was placed front and center up above the altar. For the Lord is always there, not just spiritually but substantially present.

That is why historically Catholic churches were the most beautiful building in town. Why should they not have been? Why should they not be again? Catholic churches are God's house, the King's palace. And the King of Kings is up on His throne waiting to have an audience with you, at any time, day or night – because He is always there. He, who is always the answer. As Pope Benedict XVI put it: The Eucharist is God as an answer, as an answering presence.

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