

MARCH 8, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

# *SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH*



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Mass: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday - Noon

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

## BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

## MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10



## From the Pastor's Desk....

### Sunday Offertory

03-01-2025.....\$4,730  
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000  
**Surplus/Deficit**.....\$1,730  
 YTD  
 Offertory.....\$117,642  
 Budget.....\$102,000  
**Surplus/Deficit**.....\$15,642  
 Food Pantry .....\$125



**EXODUS 17:3-7**  
**ROMANS 5:1-2, 5-8**  
**JOHN 4:5-42**

Jesus satisfies our thirst for eternal life. Through his Spirit his grace has been poured into our hearts. God satisfies the thirst of the Israelites whose hearts had become hardened and rebellious.

Hi everyone,

This week we celebrate the Third Week of Lent. The most important part of this Sunday is that we celebrate the Scrutinies for those who will be baptized at Easter. These scrutinies sort of serve as the qualifications for baptism. Over the next three weeks we will be reviewing these qualifications for baptism. This week, we have the story of the Woman at the Well. The important part is that Jesus focuses on the woman's thirst. We must be thirsty for the water of life in order to receive it. Do you have a thirst for salvation? During Lent, we learn to experience hunger and thirst through fasting. This fasting is supposed to remind us that we are really hungry and thirsty for the things of God!

Fr. Rob

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### WEEKLY READINGS

#### *Readings for the week of March 8, 2026*

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42  
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30  
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35  
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19  
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23  
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34  
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 ©LPi

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, March 7	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Severino Tanael
Sunday, March 8	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, March 9	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday, March 10	<b>No Mass</b>	
Wednesday, March 11	Noon Mass	+Charles Schmidt
Thursday, March 12	Noon Mass	+Larry Ratliff
Friday, March 13	Noon Mass	+Charles Cokley
Saturday, March 14	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Drew and Lexi Dreggors
Sunday, March 15	10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm	For the People +Tedric Evangelista

Readings may be found in  
 the Saint Augustine  
 Hymnal Number 939

# Parish Calendar & Announcements

**ROSARY** - The first Saturday of each month at noon.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Join us each Friday at 6:00 pm for Stations of the Cross. Immediately following, join us in the parish hall for some delicious fish fried up by the Knights of Columbus and enjoy fellowship with our church families.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, "Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way." That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: "One sows and another reaps" (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.— Father John Muir ©LPi

**LAY MINISTRY - 03/08/2026**

**Lector** - Steve Mischenski  
**Lector Fill in Only** - William Fleniken  
**Gift Bearer Server** - Joseph & Pia Mata  
**Coffee & Donuts** – Fadi & Lina AlAkhrass  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** - Sidney Cline

**LAY MINISTRY - 03/15/2026**

**Lector** - Joe Collins  
**Lector Fill in Only** - Isabella Ramsey  
**Gift Bearer Server** - Christopher & Lindsay Elliott  
**Coffee & Donuts** – Todd & Sandra May  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** - Joseph Mata

**LAY MINISTRY - 03/22/2026**

**Lector** - Mary Jo Ratliff  
**Lector Fill in Only** - Paylin Meade  
**Gift Bearer Server** - Todd & Sandra May  
**Coffee & Donuts** – Denny Rohrer  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** - Frank Dawahare

**LAY MINISTRY - 03/29/2026**

**Lector** - Joseph Mata  
**Lector Fill in Only** - Mary Jo Ratliff  
**Gift Bearer Server** - Joseph & Pia Mata  
**Coffee & Donuts** – Zach & Jonnica Bryson  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** - Pia Mata

**PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY**

***Blessing of Living Water***

Lord, where there has been dryness in my life, bless me with Your living water!

Where I fear to dream of new hope and growth, bless me with Your living water!

Where I'm thirsty for new and abundant life, bless me with Your living water!

Drench the parched earth with Your promise, bless me with Your living water!  
 Amen. ©LPi

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS**

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Communion classes will be starting soon. If you have a child who is eligible to participate in these classes, please reach out to Frank or Theresa Dawahare for more information or to register your child.

**Contact Information:**

- Frank Dawahare  
(frank.dawahare@ettky.com)
- Theresa Dawahare  
(@theresadawahare@upike.com)

You may contact Frank or Theresa either at church or by email.



- Susie Johnson
- Skylar Coleman and her unborn baby, Kallum
- Lakeisha Therese Tucker, 3rd stage colon cancer
- Ray Buchanan
- Cecilia Newman, Kenny Schmidt's sister
- Jimmie Goss
- Chona Curry
- Sharon Collins, cancer
- Wilson Vanzant, Lisa Scalf's stepdad
- Sister Kathy Avery
- Ransom McCoy, Lindsay May's dad
- Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt's mother
- Wanda Baker
- Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son
- Sandy Lowe, cancer
- Ron Saros
- Helen Altman
- Fran Sykes
- +Peggy Anderson
- +Kenny Blackburn
- +Mary Anne McNamee
- +Sidney Tackett

**VOTIVE CANDLES:**

Suggested donation: Large votives \$3.00 and small votives \$0.50