

MARCH 22, 2026

FIFTH 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.



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

- Jn 11:25



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

### Sunday Offertory

03-15-2025.....\$  
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000  
Surplus/Deficit.....\$  
 YTD  
 Offertory.....\$121,777  
 Budget.....\$105,000  
Surplus/Deficit.....\$  
 Food Pantry .....\$

*The bulletin will be updated  
 March 29, 2026*



**EZEKIEL 37:12-14**  
**ROMANS 8:8-11**  
**JOHN 11:1-45**

Jesus is our resurrection and our life. Because he has given us of the Spirit, we are no longer dead because of sin, but alive. In Jesus is the fullness of redemption.

Readings may be found in  
 the Saint Augustine  
 Hymnal Number 945

Hi everyone,

This week, we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Traditionally, this time was called Passiontide because it focuses on the Passion of Jesus. All the readings during the week focus on the upcoming celebration of the cross. To celebrate this, we are covering all the images in the church. The reason behind this is that the meaning of the cross is veiled from our eyes due to the blindness that our sins cause. The cross will be unveiled on Good Friday in all its glory!

Fr. Rob

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### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

#### *Readings for the week of March 22, 2026*

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45  
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11  
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30  
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59  
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42  
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54 ©LPi

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, March 21	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Dr. Harry Altman
Sunday, March 22	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, March 23	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday, March 24	Noon Mass	+Laythe Sykes
Wednesday, March 25	Noon Mass	+Mary Anne McNamee
Thursday, March 26	Noon Mass	+Charles Cokley
Friday, March 27	Noon Mass	+Chad Walls
Saturday, March 28	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Mary Anne McNamee
Sunday, March 29	10:30 am Mass	For the People

## 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. Our last Fish Fry will be March 27, 2026.

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

**Lector** - Mary Jo Ratliff

**Lector Fill in Only** - Benjamin Cline

**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

**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.

**PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY**

**Blessing for New Life**

God, in Your goodness, restore our hope.  
Where we feel imprisoned, break our chains.  
Where we feel discouraged, bring us light.  
Where the ground feels dry, break through with life anew.  
Amen. ©LPi

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

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: "Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43) The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, "Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44).

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

**Lenten challenge:** Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now. — Father John Muir  
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- 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