

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 15TH,
2026

FOURTH
SUNDAY OF
LENT

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Prayers for the Sick

Please help us keep the list of the sick updated. If you would like to be on the email prayer chain or want to submit a prayer request of any kind please email joanconlon59@yahoo.com:

Blake Kuntz
 Jenny Funk
 Ann Kitzan
 Shane Focht
 Natalie Sutto
 Torin Hedley
 Jamie Kouba
 Daryl Wanner
 Gail Walls
 LuAnn Woeste
 Ashley Braem
 David Berger
 Ardie Krueger
 Heather Woroneicki
 Mitch Moszer
 Ardelle Tibor
 Jim Tibor
 Carletta Meuchel
 Shirley Tibor

Mass Intentions

Mar 14 th	6:30 PM	For the Special Intentions of Kerry & Brenda Richardson
Mar 15 th	8:30 AM	+Anh Gietzen
Mar 17 th	9:00 AM	+Francis Tibor by Ann Marie & Kacey Wanner
Mar 18 th	6:00 PM	Special Intentions for Ava Wehri by Renae Duppong
Mar 20 th	9:00 AM	+ Steve Schneider
Mar 21 st	6:30 PM	+ Alvin Wehri by Leonard & Irene Wehri
Mar 22 nd	8:30 AM	+Deceased Members of William Duppong Family

Holy Week Ministries sign up available in the gathering space

Ministers

March 14th- Saturday- 6:30 PM:

Lector: Kevin Staiger
 Ushers: Kevin & Toni Staiger
 Servers: Isla & Olvia
 Rosary: Volunteer

March 15TH - Sunday- 8:30 AM:

Lector: Kathy Sardelli
 Ushers: Dave & Kathy Sardelli
 Servers: Simon & Ambrose
 Rosary: Volunteer

March 17TH - Tuesday- 9:00 AM

**March 18TH -Wednesday- Adoration
 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM; Mass at 6:00 PM;
 Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM**

March 20TH - Friday- Mass at 9:00 AM;
 Adoration 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM

March 21ST - Saturday- 6:30 PM:

Lector: Nicole Vogle
 Ushers: Tracy Tibor & Felix Dakken
 Servers: Jovie & Levi
 Rosary: Volunteer

March 22ND - Sunday- 8:30 AM:

Lector: Ken Duppong
 Ushers: Don & Deb Wanner
 Servers: Easton & Linus
 Rosary: Volunteer

**** Confessions 30 minutes before Mass****

**First, third and fifth Wednesdays
there will be Eucharistic Adoration
from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
followed by Mass**

Mass Schedule - Central Time

Masses at St. Ann's

Saturday 6:30 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM

Tuesday 9:00 AM

Friday 9:00 AM

Masses at Sacred Heart:

Saturday 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Sunday 10:30 AM

Thursday 9:00 AM

Parish Office Hours are 10 AM TO 1PM

Tuesdays and Fridays

The Church is open from

7:30 AM TO 7:30 PM Everyday

**ST. ANNS IS AN EMERGENCY STORM SHELTER
FOR THOSE IN NEED DOORS WILL REMAIN OPEN
DURING STORMS**

Daily Readings

March 15: *First Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a*

Psalms 23:1-6

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

March 16: *Isaiah 65:17-21*

Psalms 30:2, 4-6, 11-13

John 4:43-54

March 17: *Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12*

Psalms 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

John 5:1-16

March 18: *Isaiah 49:8-15*

Psalms 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18

John 5:17-30

March 19: *Second Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16*

Psalms 89:2-5, 27, 29

Luke 2:41-51a

March 20: *Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22*

Psalms 34:17-21, 23

John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

March 21: *Jeremiah 11:18-20*

Psalms 7:2-3, 9-12

John 7:40-53

Upcoming Events

***Parish Penance Service- Sunday March 22nd**, a parish penance service will be offered during this holy season of Lent.
Sacred Heart : 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM
St. Ann's: 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

***NO CCD MARCH 18TH**

***Bible Study-** Monday nights at 7:00 PM

***African Mission Appeal:**
envelopes available in the gathering space.

***Rice bowls are available in the gathering space**

***Easter Flowers-** envelopes to donate to the flower fund are available in the gathering space. If you would like to donate in the name of a loved one, please write their name on the envelope. Thank you!

You can hand in envelope to the office or during the collection at Mass.

***Stations of the Cross Schedule for St. Anns:**

Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM

***SEARCH -April 17th-19th** at the Badlands Ministry retreat center in Medora. The Cor Christi Institute at the University of Mary has two sessions, July 6-10 and July 13-17. If you want the registration forms for both retreats, please contact your parish DRE's or Fr. Gary. Know that our parishes will pay for the registration fees.

Stewardship of Treasure

Adult: \$2200

Loose: \$190

African Mission Appeal: \$2120

Thank you for your donations!

“Some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard this and said to Him, ‘Surely we are not also blind, are we?’”

In today's Gospel passage, the Pharisees just could not find it in their hearts to rejoice that Jesus had cured a man from blindness. For the man, blind from birth, what a joy in being able to see the beauty of the world, the faces of loved ones, and all the other visual delights that he had never looked upon. But the Pharisees did not see it this way, because of their ongoing jealousy of Jesus, who drew the admiration and love of the crowds. They saw Him as competition to their authority, and because of this they could not rejoice in the good that He did. Sadly, it sounds all too familiar, as this dynamic still happens in our world today. When someone else succeeds in their work or occupation; when their family experiences material blessings; or when they advance in the spiritual life, we should rejoice in these good fortunes, but sadly, the ugliness of envy shows up instead. We need to ask the Lord to remove the spirit of the Pharisees in us, so that we can see that the blessings of others come from a loving God. We should rejoice in them, while rejoicing in the blessings we have received as well. May we see that we are all one family under God, grateful for His loving care for each one of us.

Difficult Scripture Passages

“Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can see the Kingdom of God without being born from above. I say to you, no one can enter the Kingdom of Heaven without being born of water and spirit” (John 3:3, 5).

Anyone who has encountered a Christian fundamentalist has more than likely been challenged with this Scripture passage. In Protestant bibles, “born from above” is normally translated instead as “born again.” This passage is the cornerstone of Christian fundamentalism, which preaches the need to be “born again,” accepting Jesus Christ as one's personal Lord and Savior. This “born again” experience must be followed by baptism in the name of Jesus, even if the individual was baptized as a child. Christian fundamentalists reject the baptism of young children because the decision to follow Jesus Christ must be made by one's own free will; it cannot be forced.

The Catholic Church rejects this understanding of the theology of the Sacrament of Baptism. From the earliest days of Christianity, the Church (to which the mission of preaching the Gospel and baptizing was entrusted) has baptized children as well as adults. There is explicit testimony of the practice of the baptism of children from the second century onwards, a practice undoubtedly traced to Apostolic times, when whole households received baptism (adults and children included). In the Acts of the Apostles, we read, “Crispus, the synagogue official, came to believe in the Lord along with his entire household (Acts 18:8). The Church has always believed that children should not be deprived of baptism, because they are baptized into the faith of the Church itself. This faith is proclaimed for them by their parents and godparents, who represent the Church, which is at once the mother of all and the mother of each. Granted children do not choose the gift of baptism of their own free will, but the sheer gratuitousness of the grace of salvation granted by baptism is present, nonetheless. Parents would deny a child the priceless gift of becoming a child of God if they did not confer baptism shortly after birth.

This understood, the Church also expects that children will come to fulfill the true meaning of the sacrament by being formed in the Faith in which they have been baptized. The foundation of this sacrament will be the sacrament itself, which they have already received. Christian formation seeks to lead them gradually to learn God's plan in Christ, so that they may ultimately accept for themselves the Faith in which they have been baptized.

Continuing to Grow in Faith: I recently across a Catholic meme about Confirmation. At the top of the image, it said, “Confirmation is the end of religious education for young people.” At the bottom, it read, “Things Jesus would never say.” The point is that many young people and their families believe that Confirmation is the “graduation” from formation in the Catholic Faith. But that formation is lifelong, until the day we leave this earth. As we do not get many young people in our post-Confirmation religion classes, then I would encourage their families at least to have them take part in spiritual and catechetical retreats offered by our diocese. The next SEARCH weekend is coming up, April 17th-19th, and it takes place at the Badlands Ministry retreat center in Medora. The Cor Christi Institute at the University of Mary has two sessions, July 6-10 and July 13-17. If you want the registration forms for both retreats, please contact your parish DRE's or Fr. Gary. Know that our parishes will pay for the registration fees for these wonderful opportunities for young people to grow in faith.

God is Rich in Mercy: Next weekend, on **Sunday March 22nd**, a parish penance service will be offered during this holy season of Lent. At Sacred Heart Parish, confessions will be from 2:30 to 4:30 PM and at St. Ann's from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. The visiting priest assisting with confessions, Father John Paul Gardner, can only assist in the afternoon and will not be able to hear confessions at Saint Ann's in the evening. Please keep this in mind as you plan for your confession that day. May God bless you as you seek to receive the mercy of Jesus and to be free of sin, so there may no obstacle in the way of a spiritual union with our loving Savior.

On the Lighter Side: A pastor said to a precocious five-year-old boy, "So you say that your mother prays for you each night? That is very commendable. What does she say?" The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

A Christian Point to Ponder: *The crown of victory is promised to those who engage in the struggle.*