

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT-MARCH 8, 2026

Sat.	3-7	4:30 p.m.	The 3rd Sunday of Lent (St. Francis) +Greg Grosdidier
Sun.	3-8	8:00 a.m.	The 3rd Sunday of Lent (St. Ambrose) People of the Parishes
Sun.	3-8	10:00 a.m.	The 3rd Sunday of Lent (St. Francis) +Michael Diskin Jr.
Mon.	3-9	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Chris Carter
Tue.	3-10	7:30 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Debbie Schoenhofer
Wed.	3-11	5:45 p.m.	(St. Francis) +Alex Treiber
Thurs.	3-12	8:30 a.m.	(St. Ambrose) +Garnett Boaz
Fri.	3-13	9:00 a.m.	(PMRV) +Floyd Diskin
Fri.	3-13	4:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Holy Hour & Confessions
Fri.	3-13	5:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat.	3-14	8:00 a.m.	(St. Francis) +Craig French
Sat.	3-14	5:30 p.m.	The 4th Sunday of Lent (St. Francis) +Tom & Betty Duling
Sun.	3-15	8:00 a.m.	The 4th Sunday of Lent (St. Ambrose) +Nancy Steime
Sun.	3-15	10:00 a.m.	The 4th Sunday of Lent (St. Francis) People of the Parishes

<p>CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4:30-5:15 p.m. at St. Francis Wednesday 5:00-5:30 p.m. at St. Francis 30 minutes before each Mass.</p>	<p>ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If you are going to have a significant surgery, please call for Anointing of the Sick before you enter the hospital.</p>
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Fr. Matthew's Email:
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Sacramental Emergency Number:
620-236-0705

ST. AMBROSE LITURGICAL MINISTERS
Sunday, March 15th-8:00 a.m.
Altar Server: Laura Hoppas
Lector: Cindy Lero
Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Ed Spielbusch
March Ushers: Mr. & Mrs. Rusty Lero

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	
	Total Amount Needed
St. Francis \$7,921.00	\$6,920.94
St. Ambrose \$1,127.00	\$1,219.52
Please remember your parish in your Will.	

HOMEBOUND: If you know someone who is elderly or can not attend Mass, please let us know.

March Prayer list. Please pray for: Joe Schoenhofer, Becky Briggs, Jill Coomes, Brad & Katie Stout, Lenny and Anita Boatman, Chelsea Smith, Jerry Church
 (Please call the office to add a name to the new list. 620-449-2224)

ST. FRANCIS LITURGICAL MINISTERS
Monday, March 9th-7:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: Henry, Julian
Tuesday, March 10th-7:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: Kolton, Arlo
Wednesday, March 11th-5:45 p.m.
Altar Servers: Sawyer, Rhett
Saturday, March 14th-8:00 a.m.
Altar Servers: Sadie, Faith
Saturday, March 14th-5:30 p.m.
Altar Servers: Cassie V., London, Elsie
Lector: Cindy Schoenhofer
Eucharistic Minister: Donna Wood
Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Brown
Rosary: Diane Coomes
Sacristan: Renee Brown & Diane Coomes
Sunday, March 15th-10:00 a.m.
Altar Servers: Jackson, Bryton, Devin
Lector: Seth Born
Eucharistic Minister: Nohemy Brewer
Gifts: Brandon Vogel Family
Rosary: Joe Schoenhofer
Sacristans: David & Jean Diskin
March Ushers:
Sat.-5:30 p.m.—Ross Albertini, Charles Schettler, Joel VanLeeuwen
Sun.-10:00 a.m.—Steve Harmon, Don Smith, Mark Smith
St. Francis Hall Chapel Cleaners-March 14th—Wendy Winter, Heather Sinclair, Misty O'Brien, Christel Martin

LENT 2026—Fridays During Lent:
 Eucharistic Holy Hour & Confessions, 4:00–4:50 p.m.; Stations of the Cross at 5:00 p.m.
 On cold days: St. Ambrose. On warm days: Holy Hour at the Hall Chapel and Stations in the Church Garden. (The location will be announced every Friday on Facebook.)
Please remember to read *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality* during Lent.
Lenten Mission – March 7–9
 St. Francis Parish Hall | Fr. Ed Herzog, Speaker
 Saturday: Confessions 3:30 p.m., **Mass 4:30 p.m.**, Opening Talk 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday: Talk 4:00 p.m., Penance Service 5:00 p.m.
 Monday: Closing Talk 6:00 p.m., Social to follow.

BENEFIT FOR AUSTIN & CHELSEA SMITH FAMILY
 — A Pulled Pork Dinner will be held on Sun., March 8, from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at St. Michael Parish Hall in Girard. Please come enjoy a great meal and support the Smith family!

OCIA CLASS will be Tuesday, March 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory Basement. The topic will be “Love of God (1st 3 commandments).”

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA will meet Tuesday, March 10th, at 6:30 p.m. in St. Francis Parish Hall. The meeting will begin with a spiritual reading and close with the Rosary. At the February meeting, Cathleen Swartz was welcomed as a new member. Join us for a fun St. Patrick's themed evening!

PSR will have class this Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be at St. Francis on Wednesdays from 6:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Adoration at St. Ambrose will be on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

HARVEST HOUSE will be on Thursday, March 19th at 12:00 noon at the St. Paul Café. We will each share the name of our favorite saint and explain why they are special to us.

CYM BRANSON SHOW — The CYM is excited to take a day trip to Branson on Thursday, March 19, to see the 3:30 p.m. performance of *David* at Sight & Sound Theatre, followed by dinner at Pizza Ranch before heading home. There are 31 spots available on the bus, and parishioners are invited to join to help fill the bus. The show ticket and dinner will be on your own. Please contact the parish office to reserve your bus seat or for more details.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY—Council 760 will host the second Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 20th at the St. Francis Parish Hall. Serving until 7:00 p.m. Dine in or Carry out available.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BENEFIT BREAKFAST—K of C Council 760 will host a Benefit Breakfast on Sunday, March 22, for Anita and Lenny Boatman, who are facing multiple serious health issues. Breakfast will be served from 8:00–11:30 a.m. in St. Francis Parish West Hall. The benefit will also include a Double Meat Bundle Raffle, with raffle boxes located in St. Paul, Walnut, and Girard (see posters and Facebook). Chances will also be sold during the breakfast, and drawings will be held at the end of the event. Please come out and show your support!

PASTOR MUSINGS—The sicknesses sure are rampant this winter. I was sick twice in early winter but luckily have been feeling well since early February. But I see the effects of a strange winter in the PSR class attendance. This happens to coincide with the Church in the US coming out with a new translation of the “Pastoral Care of the Sick” book. The new one is actually called “Order of the Anointing of the Sick and of their Pastoral Care”. Ever since the new English Mass translation came out in 2011, the Church has worked to re-translate all the English sacramental books, which we would call liturgical books. The new translations seek to more accurately depict the intention of the Latin translation from Vatican II. Thus far, new English translations of liturgical books have been completed for confirmation (2015), matrimony (2016), exorcism (2017), the dedication of a church (2018), the blessing of oils (2019), the baptism of children (2020), ordination (2021), penance (2023), and order of Christian initiation of adults (2024). Back to the sick – I have found this to be an important part of my ministry as a parish priest. And why wouldn't it be? Jesus Himself was often spending time caring for the sick. Sickness and disease is not part of the original Divine plan, but an effect of the Fall of man. Therefore, much prayer and recognition of God's presence is necessary to retain Christian hope. My pastoral care book involves a few main parts: 1) Holy Communion for the sick/homebound, 2) Sacramental Anointing of the sick and 3) offering the last sacraments for a sick person in danger of imminent death (Last Rites). Please call the office if any of these needs are present for you or another! Or if an emergency, the emergency number in the bulletin.

THANK YOU—The family of Jerry Van Leeuwen would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Matt and Fr. David for the beautiful funeral Mass. Your words and prayers brought us comfort. To our parish community and friends, thank you for the Masses offered, memorials given, cards, prayers, food and every expression of sympathy. We appreciate each of you. With sincere gratitude, The Family of Jerry Van Leeuwen.

ST. FRANCIS THRIFT STORE — Now offering a special selection of **First Communion gifts**, along with Catholic gifts for children and adults—perfect for birthdays and other special occasions. Store Hours: Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00–11:00 a.m. The drop-off shed is locked at dark but remains open for donations during daylight hours. Stay connected by following us on Facebook: St. Francis Thrift Store.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—St. Francis de Hieronymo Catholic Church is seeking a faithful, zealous and organized individual to be hired for the part-time position of Director of Religious Education. The essential purpose of the position is the organization and execution of the youth religious education program, grades K-12. Other key responsibilities would be to oversee volunteer catechists, serve as the parish's safe environment coordinator, plan sacramental celebrations and other parish youth events, and maintain an attractive environment for faith formation in the catechesis building. Opportunities for more hours available dependent on the applicant. Please contact the St. Francis parish office at saintfrancis66771@gmail.com for an application.