

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Times

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 12:00 p.m. (Noon)
Holy Days 6:30 p.m. Vigil

Confession Times

Saturday: 3:45 p.m.
Sunday : After Noon Mass or
anytime by appointment

First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2024

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Second Reading: Peter 3:18-22

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:12-15

Readings can be found in the Blue Hymnal #809

Ministry Contacts

To Contact Father Fairman,
Please contact the Everett Parish Office
At 814-652-5854

Fulton County Catholic Mission

Sr. Martha Burbulla, 717-485-5917
Carmelite Community of The Word

Mass Intentions

2/3/2024	Saturday 4:00 p.m.	+Drew Wilkinson req. by Karen & Jeff Croft
2/4/2024	Sunday 12:00 p.m. (Noon)	+Living & Deceased Family & Friends of the Gartner Family
2/10/2024	Saturday 4:00 p.m.	+Dorothy Headley req. by Deb Chafardon
2/11/2024	Sunday 12:00 p.m. (Noon)	+Loretta Gotto Keller req.by Karen & Jeff Croft
2/17/2024	Saturday 4:00 p.m.	+Rose Sutara req. by Loren & Deb Leese
2/18/2024	Sunday 12:00 p.m. (Noon)	+John & Evelyn Leisinger req. by Ed & Karen Leisinger
2/24/2024	Saturday 4:00 p.m.	For The People
2/25/2024	Sunday 12:00 p.m. (Noon)	+Roy Starr req. by Karen & Jeff Croft

Lector Schedule

2/17/24	Saturday	Kathy Lake
2/18/24	Sunday	Sister Martha
2/24/24	Saturday	Carol Babinsack
2/25/24	Sunday	Maureen Willoughby

Counters Schedule

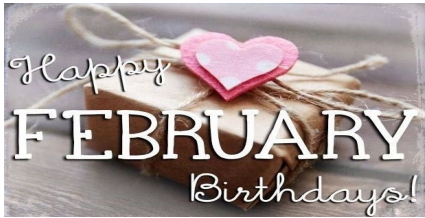
2/18/2024	Deb Chafardon & Erin Swope
2/25/2024	Marlene Joyce & Deb Leese



Weekly
Offering

Date:	<u>February 4, 2024</u>	<u>February 11, 2024</u>
Weekly Offering	\$1,350.00	\$820.00
Energy	\$65.00	\$25.00
Maintenance	\$95.00	\$90.00





- 2/10 Brent Pistner
- 2/15 Sister Judith
- 2/16 Karen Leisinger
- 2/19 Cara Bafile
- 2/24 Imagine Jansen
- 2/26 Joseph Chafardon



- 2/2 Joseph & Deb Chafardon
- 2/12 Gerald & Mary Monninger

Donations for New Stations of the Cross

We are beginning to raise funds to purchase a new Stations of the Cross for the church. The old ones are made of heavy plaster and are difficult to repair. **Please place your donations in an envelope with “Stations” written on the front.**

If you would like to have the donation “In Memory” or “In Honor” of someone, please indicate that. A chart will be placed in the Vestibule to show how much we need to reach the goal to purchase the Stations.

On the bulletin board in the vestibule is a picture of the Stations of the Cross that will be purchased.



Family Life News

Northern Deanery Raffle

Tickets \$10 each. Raffle is 6/8/24.
 Tickets are available after both weekend Masses.

Last day for ticket sales is May 26th.

Pie Ingredients Needed

The Spring Pie sale is approaching and we are again asking for donations of a few ingredients. The list of needed items is out in the church Vestibule. Please bring your items by March 3, 2024.

At the same time we are asking for Monetary donations to help defray the cost of the Cherry pie filling, fresh apples and pie boxes with all need to be purchased .

Grandma Ann's Spring Pie Sale

The Family Life Committee is Sponsoring our Spring Pie Sale for the weekend of March 16 & 17, 2024. Available for order are Apple & Cherry, Plain & Crumb Topped pies. The cost of the pies \$13.00. There are order forms either attached to the Bulletin, in the Vestibule or order by calling Doris Nolte at 814-448-0094.

Order deadline is March 3, 2024.

Spotlight Volunteer of the Month

Reminder to submit name(s) of volunteers to be Spotlighted. Forms and box for submissions are located in the vestibule.

Stewardship Reflections

February 18, 2024 – 1st Sunday of Lent

As we celebrate our first Sunday of Lent, our readings today remind us why we partake in this 40-day Lenten journey – to prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Christ on the glorious Easter morning.

Just like Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert where He was tempted by Satan, we too are called to ‘the desert’ – tempted by Satan to turn away from God. We should strive to fully participate in this Lenten season by mirroring Jesus, the model steward by Whom we are called to imitate. Through our time in ‘the desert’, we will confront evil by weeding out the roots of sin in our lives through fasting. And we will be sustained and nourished in the desert by prayer. If we willingly choose to spend this Lent like Jesus, we will be ready to receive the glorious gift of Himself and partake in the riches that pour forth from that Gift.

Let us strive to purify our hearts for the remainder of these 40 days so that we might be ready to receive all that God plans to bless us with on Easter.

LENT SCHEDULE



Stations of the Cross
Every Wednesday during Lent
starting February 21st
at 6:30 p.m. during Lent

What are you doing for Lent this year?

Sister Martha invites you to share your Lenten journey with her before Masses starting the first weekend of Lent, Saturday, February 17 at 3 p.m. in the Church Hall before the 4 o'clock Mass or Sunday, February 18 at 11 a.m. before the Noon Mass. The program is simple, Lenten Scripture reflection and sharing.. Come and see.

Around the Area

Men's Conference

Our Diocesan "Strength In Christ" Men's Conference is scheduled for Sunday, March 3rd at the Bertschi Center on the campus of Mount Aloysius College. If you are interested in attending, information and registration forms are in the vestibule of the church.

Diaconate 2023-2024 class

FOR UPCOMING 2024 DIACONATE CLASS

**PATROLOGY
TAUGHT BY DEACON MICHAEL RUSSO
VIA ZOOM.**

This is an 8-Week Class and open to all.

**Dates: March 06, 13, 20;
April 03, 24; May 01, 15, 22, 2024
Time: 6:00-8:30 PM**

Registration for this class is required!

You may find the Registration form on the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Website or contact your parish secretary for one.

Deadline for Registration is February 13, 2024

Information and registration forms are in the vestibule of the church.

Women's Retreat

Being held at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Saturday, March 16, 2024
Register by emailing Amy Timan at atiman@dioceseaj.org