

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 1, 2026
Second Sunday of Lent



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Parish Council

Karen Croft - President
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 Joe Fignar, Angela Roman, and Doris Nolte

Mass Times

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday at 12: 00 p.m. (Noon)

Confession Times

Saturday: 3:30 p.m.
 Sunday: After Noon Mass or Anytime by Appointment

New Parishioners: Please fill out a blue card, on the table in the vestibule by the guest book.

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Second Reading: Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Readings can be found in the Blue Hymnal #811

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:00 p.m. 2/28/26	+Robert Croft Req. by Loren & Deb Leese
Sunday 12:00p.m. (NOON) 3/1/26	+Doug Gresty req. by Sally Gresty
Saturday 4:00 p.m. 3/7/26	+Living and Deceased Members of The Gartner Family req. by The Gartner Family
Sunday 12:00p.m. (NOON) 3/8/26	+Frank Meszaros Req. by Terri Booth
Saturday 4:00 p.m. 3/14/26	+Bill Kendall req. by Janice & Joe Wolfe
Sunday 12:00p.m. (NOON) 3/15/26	+Francis & Violet Chafardon req. by Family
Saturday 4:00 p.m. 3/21/26	+Frank Griffen req. by Janice & Joe Wolfe
Sunday 12:00p.m. (NOON) 3/22/26	+George Hann req. by Joe & Janice Wolfe
Saturday 4:00 p.m. 3/28/26	+Henry Babb req. by Arlene Babb & Family
Sunday 12:00p.m. (NOON) 3/29/26	For The People

Lector Schedule

2/28	Saturday	Carol Babinsack
3/1	Sunday	Joe Wolfe
3/7	Saturday	Cathy Snyder
3/8	Sunday	Brent Pistner
3/14	Saturday	Father Fairman
3/15	Sunday	Kathy Lake

Counter Schedule

3/1	Carol Babinsack & Kathy Lake
3/8	Ed & Karen Leisinger
3/15	Carol Babinsack & Kathy Lake
3/22	Deb Chafardon & Erin Swope
3/29	Deb Leese & Marlene Joyce

Catholic Ministries Drive

<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>2/22/26</u>
Weekly Collection	\$738.00
Energy	\$0.00
Building Maintenance	\$0.00
Mandeville Diocese	\$40.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$35.00
Altar Flower Donation	\$20.00
Total:	\$833.00

Your Generosity is Greatly Appreciated!

March Birthdays

3/6 Cora Jones
3/7 Helena Miskowski
3/10 Donna Fisher
3/26 Amanda Jones
3/27 Aleksandra Miskowski

Happy Anniversary

3/21 William & Jonnie Zeger

PRAYER LIST



Rick Chafardon, Kathy Kendall,
Jeremiah Murphy, Dan Myers,
Robert Torsky, Kevin Joyce,
Susan Cabbage, Dennis Cabbage Jr.,
Peggy Hoffman, Jerry Monninger,
Maureen Willoughby, Cynthia Souders,
Jim Babinsack and Tom Haubrick

Please call to add or remove a name once the person is recovered or no longer in need of special prayer.

If you are placing someone other than a family member on the list, please be sure to have their permission first.

Stewardship Reflection

March 1, 2026 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Our readings for this second Sunday of Lent offer us, as Christian stewards, the motivation to continue our 40-day journey towards deeper holiness.

The first reading from the book of Genesis describes God's call to Abram (who would later be called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram's response is an ancient example of good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable way of life, to the only home he has ever known, he recognizes that all he has is a gift from God, puts his trust in God, and obeys. And God rewards him saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, and the extra acts of service we perform during this season – all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others. Let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others – and as better stewards of all God's gifts to us.

2026 Northern Deanery Raffle

You may purchase your tickets after Saturday and Sunday Masses

Cost of Ticket is \$20.00 each.

Drawing is May 31st, 2026

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Grandma Ann's Spring Pie Sale

Pie Orders are due March 8, 2026

Please place your order form in the basket in the vestibule and not in the collection.

Pie Ingredient Donations

Are due Sunday, March 8th.

Your help is greatly appreciated



Stations of the Cross

Wednesday during Lent at 6:30 p.m.
starting February 25th.

Catholic Ministers Drive 2026 "Sent to Serve"

This weekend, February 28th and March 1st is
Announcement Weekend for the
Catholic Ministries Drive 2026

More information is attached to the bulletin.

How Long Is Lent?

Lent lasts 40 days, reflecting the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert. However, when counting the days from Ash Wednesday to Easter, the total comes to 46 days.

Does Lent End on Easter Sunday?

No. Lent ends on Holy Thursday evening, when the Easter Triduum begins.
The Triduum includes:

- Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper)
- Good Friday (Commemoration of the Lord's Passion)
- Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

<https://focus.org/posts/when-is-lent-2026/>