

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK OF THE
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT AND THE
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

March 16 - 22, 2026

**Monday, 3/16 † Lenten Weekday, Saint
Frances of Rome, Religious**

6pm: SS. C & M – Liz

Tuesday, 3/17 † Lenten Weekday

9am: A. S. – Chester Potempa by Kozak Family

**Wednesday, 3/18 † Lenten Weekday, Saint
Casimir**

6pm: SS. C & M – Mary

Thursday, 3/19 † Lenten Weekday

9am: A.S. Melaney Craig by Jan Duttlinger

Friday, 3/20 † Lenten Weekday

9am: A.S. Chester Potempa by Eloise Valadez & Family

4:30pm – Stations of the Cross – All Saints

6pm – Stations of the Cross – SS. C & M

**Saturday, 3/21 † Lenten Weekday, Saints
Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs**

8:30am: Joanie & Antonio (Birthdays) by Mom &
Grandma

Saturday, 3/21 † Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:30pm: SS. C & M – Bob Neumaier by The Menis
Family

Sunday, 3/22 † Fifth Sunday of Lent

9am: A. S. Arthur Benson by Daughter, Joan

11am: SS. C & M - Parishioner

This week at SS. C & M & All Saints

Mon., March 16 – 9am- Bible Study at Donna Kida's

Wed., March 18 – 6:30 pm – Soup Supper, Parlor
Speaker, Fr. Brian Chadwick

Thurs. March 19 – 2:15pm – Legion of Mary

Thurs., March 19 – 4pm – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Fri., March 20 – 4:30pm - Stations of the Cross, A. S.

Fri., March 20 – 6pm -Stations of the Cross, SS.C & M

Sun., March 22– 9:30am –NO Religious Education



**CATHOLIC
SERVICES
APPEAL**

Partners in Christ's Mission

**United On the Way with Jesus, we invite you
to join us in this year's *Catholic Services Appeal.***

Our appeal is an invitation to travel together in faith, heart to heart,
so that the love of Christ may reach further through our diocesan
ministries. By taking part, you join a shared journey of encountering
Christ in His Church and in one another, bringing hope and grace
to countless Catholics in Northwest Indiana.

Reconciliation Services Next Week

**Monday, March 23 -7:00pm – All Saints,
San Pierre**

**Tuesday, March 24 – 7:00pm - St Thomas,
Knox**

**Wednesday, March 25–7:00pm–SS. Cyril &
Methodius, North Judson**

**Thursday, March 26 – 7:00pm – Holy Cross,
Hamlet**

Due to the changes within our Diocese, our All Saints & SS. Cyril & Methodius weekly Mass schedule, at the present time, will be as follows:

Mondays: 6pm – SS. Cyril & Methodius
Tuesdays: – 9am - All Saints
Wednesdays: – 6pm - SS. Cyril & Methodius
Thursdays: – 9am – All Saints
Fridays: – 9am – All Saints
Saturdays: – 8:30am – SS. Cyril & Methodius
Saturdays: – 4:30pm – Vigil Mass at SS. Cyril & Methodius
Sundays: – 9am – All Saints
Sundays: – 11am – SS. Cyril & Methodius

Dear Padre

March 15, 2026

I am left-handed. Why doesn't the church allow the sign of the cross to be made left-handed?

A Catholic who is unable to make the sign of the cross with the right hand is certainly permitted to do so with the left. There is no rule against it. When Pope Saint John Paul II injured his right arm, he used his left hand to impart his blessing.

The sign of the cross is a sacramental, one of the symbols that identifies you as a Roman Catholic. Just like all such symbolic gestures, there is an expected uniformity. To use a secular example, at a University of Texas football game, fans of the Longhorns give the "hook-'em horns" sign. You wouldn't give the "thumbs-up" sign instead. It would be confusing.

It's true that at one time, the left hand was associated with evil. Jesus sends the goats to sit at his left and the sheep to his right. (See Matthew 25:33.) And, throughout the Scriptures, we read that Jesus sits at the right hand of God. (See Mark 16:19.) The word "sinister" is from the Latin sinister, meaning "left."

Left-handedness is no longer associated with evil. If you wish to make the sign of the cross with your left hand, you may. But do consider why you are doing it. Most left-handed people have no trouble using their right hand for many simple tasks. If your purpose is a bit rebellious, maybe realize that signifying unity with your brothers and sisters in Christ is more important. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.

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In light of our recent storms, we offer you this prayer.



While efforts to curb ecological degradation are, of course, essential, so is prayer. As Catholics, we have a natural advocate in Saint Medard, a sixth-century bishop whose feast day is observed on June 8. Saint Medard is the patron saint for protection from bad storms. As a child, so the legend goes, he was once sheltered from the rain by an eagle hovering over him. Saint Medard is also known for his incredible love of the poor. Let us turn to Saint Medard and ask for his intercession.

Saint Medard, patron saint for protection against bad storms, we ask you to intercede for us during the storms of our lives as well as the storms in nature.

Protect our families and our homes.

We pray for assistance for the victims of hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and other natural disasters.

Loving God, send in more helpers, and multiply resources and supplies for the aid of those in need.

You calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee; deliver us from the storms that are raging around us now.

Saint Medard, pray for us!

Things God won't ask you *On Judgment Day*

God won't ask you what kind of car you drove. He will ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

God won't ask the square footage of your house. He will ask how many people you helped who were homeless.

God won't ask about the labels on the clothes you had in your closet; but will ask how many needy people you helped clothe.

God won't ask about the neighborhood in which you lived. He will ask how well you treated your "neighbor."

God won't ask how popular you were or how many friends you had; but the number you befriended.

God won't ask about your social status; but will ask what sort of class you displayed.

God won't ask how much wealth you amassed; but rather how generous were you to the less fortunate.

God won't ask you about your many possessions; but will ask if they possessed you.

God won't ask about your job title; but will ask you if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

God won't ask how many promotions you received; but will ask how you promoted others.

God won't ask what pleasures you indulged in; but how well you controlled mastered your passions.

God won't ask you about your sex life; but will hold you accountable for the sexually exploited.

God won't ask what political party you belong to; but will ask whether you were a good citizen.

God won't ask how well you succeeded in life; but how you progressed in goodness.

God won't ask how you spent your time; but whether your time on earth was well spent.

God won't ask how learned you are; but will want to know how faithful you've been to Him & His teachings.

God won't ask you what were your priorities in life; but whether you put Him above all things.

God won't ask you to quote from the Bible; but who you have led to Him by living what's in it.

God won't ask you about your failures; but ultimately by how well you loved Him and others.

God won't ask you whether you deserve to be in heaven with Him because the choices you made throughout your life will have already determined that.

Spiritual Blindness

Where do go who cease to be
The Lamb of God gives eyes to see
In Christ we'll walk God's hallowed ground
And see where all the rest are bound

Our neighbors may not know they're blind
They think us strange yet sort of kind
They fail to see as we before
But by God's grace that's us next door

They need the truth to set them free
The Light of God through which to see
When now to these we spread the news
The truth may change their ardent views

Knowledge of God is near to nought
Seldom in schools is Jesus taught
The worldly youth think Christ a tale
Yet though they're blind they need no Braille

Spiritual blind can't read God's word
Without The Lord it sounds absurd
But Jesus' sheep who share His Light
Have open eyes with perfect sight

Without the truth man's eyes are sealed
But Jesus came that they be healed
By no one else are miracles done
But by the hand of Christ God's Son

The living truth is clearly seen
What soon to come and all that's been
When Saul fell blind through Jesus' Light –Act.9: 4
Twas Paul who rose with perfect sight –Act. 13: 9

Change occurred as he bowed his knee –Act.9: 11
The truth of Christ was plain to see –Act.9: 18
We too when blind can join the throng –Lk.4: 18
Can serve The Lord and sing life's song... Michael P. Johnson