

**LITURGIES FOR THE SECOND
SUNDAY OF LENT AND THE
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

March 17 - 23, 2025

**Monday, 3/17 † Lenten Weekday, Saint
Patrick, Bishop**

6 pm: Michelle Havens by Jack & Kay Reimbold

**Tuesday, 3/18 † Weekday, Saint Cyril of
Jerusalem, Bishop**

8am: Mary

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

**Wednesday, 3/19 † SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

9am: A.S. Mary Daly by David Stalbaum

6pm: Bob Okeley by Jerry & Mindy & Jeromy

Thursday, 3/20 † Lenten Weekday

8am: Nate

9am: A.S. Mary Daly by David Stalbaum

Friday, 3/21 † Lenten Weekday

8am: Bob Okeley by Jerry & Mindy & Jeromy

9am: A.S. Sis Scutchfield by Joan Sickler

5pm – Stations of the Cross, All Saints

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

Saturday, 3/22 † Lenten Weekday

8:30am: McKenzie

Saturday, 3/22† Vigil, Second Sunday of Lent

4:30pm: Joe by Sister, Annette

Sunday, 3/23 † Second Sunday of Lent

7:30am: Ryan

9am: A. S.- Joann Scamerhorn by Joan Sickler

11am: Parishioners

**Don't forget to bring in your palms from last year,
or years past.**

This week at SS. C & M & All Saints

Mon., March 17 – 9am – Bible Study, Parlor

Mon., March 17 – 6:30pm – Lenten Soup Supper,
Parlor

Wed., March 19 – 6:30pm – Parish Council, Rectory

Fri., March 21– 5pm – Stations of the Cross, All
Saints

Fri., March 21– 6pm – Stations of the Cross,
SS. C & M

Sun., March .23 – 9:30am – Religious Education,

Our second Lenten Soup supper is this Monday, March 17, 2025 with Father Paul Quanz being our guest speaker. The soup suppers will be held in the church parlor after the 6pm Masses. A different priest from the Diocese of Gary will be our guest speaker each week. All are encouraged to attend these informative and delicious suppers.

**Dear Parishioners of All Saints & SS. Cyril &
Methodius**

70 Dioceses throughout the country are participating in a nationwide survey to assess the health and welfare of the Catholic Church as a whole.

We, as parishes of the Diocese of Gary have begun this survey and are asking each parishioner to participate in this survey (including teens if they would like).

All Saints & SS. Cyril's surveys are completely separate. Each churches letterhead will indicate whether it's All Saints or SS. Cyril & Methodius.

In order to participate (if you have access to a computer) you may go to:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/cd8k2c>
to complete the survey.

If you do not have access to a computer, you may complete the handwritten survey and place it in the box provided in the church vestibule. Your survey is confidential and your name will not be included.

Further direction will be forthcoming from Catholic Leadership re: what to do with your paper surveys

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." - Genesis 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

Dear Padre

March 16, 2025

Does the Church teach how we should dress to go to Mass? Maybe I'm just old-fashioned, but the way some people dress seems very disrespectful.

Church teaching, dogmas, doctrines, and creedal formulations are not the specific resources to consult in order to answer this question. It is properly a matter of discipline and practice, although the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does direct that "bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey respect" (1387). There are many commentaries on what exactly "respect" might mean.

It would be very difficult to establish a universal dress code. The many different cultures, climates, and particular circumstances of a specific Catholic community make a dress code unmanageable. It seems that you judge the local practice not up to your standards. Your judgment may be correct, or you may have unreasonable expectations. There was a time when "Sunday best" was the established norm. In other communities, the expectation would be "business casual" as a bare minimum. Now, it seems standards and practices are very fluid and flexible. All of this being said, it is ultimately a pastoral concern, not doctrinal or dogmatic. Try not to allow how other people dress distract you from your purpose at Mass. While they may not look like you imagine they should, their prayer might be genuine and heartfelt. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.

Good News!

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent (C)

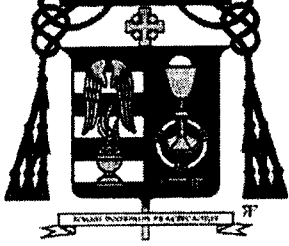
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 / Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1
Luke 9:28b-36

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The darkness can be unsettling. As a child, my nightly bedtime ritual included checking beneath my bed as well as in the dark hall closet. One could never know what denizens of harm might be lurking there, hidden in the shadows. As adults, the darkness we fear is no longer what lies hidden about our home. Rather, the darkness we attempt to escape is the unknown forces that have the power to overturn our lives. It is the death of someone we love that plunges us into fear and loss, forcing us to somehow make our way, alone and unsure. It is the frightening medical diagnosis that has the ability to dismantle our planned future. It is the financial security that dissolves before our very eyes. In such darkness, we grope blindly to find our way.

The Book of Genesis notes that a trance came upon Abram, a terrifying darkness that enveloped him. The gospel relays how Peter, James, and John became frightened atop Mt. Tabor when they found themselves in a cloud that obscured their sight. Yet, the darkness became for each of them a place in which they came to know their God in a totally new way; it set them on a new path of faith. It is then that we, too, are forced to surrender trust in our own wisdom. Unable to see clearly what is in store for us, we can only rely on a new path, trusting that we will be accompanied by our God. ●

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February 28, 2025

Bishop of Gary

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In light of changing circumstances, we need to proactively discern a pastoral plan that will serve the sacramental and pastoral needs of the faithful within the Diocese of Gary. This is particularly true considering fewer resources, older buildings, and the numerous retirements that will be taking place over the next few years. Human and financial resources in Catholic parishes are becoming more limited. Even though we ordained two priests last year, and as we anticipate two more priestly ordinations this upcoming June, current trends predict fewer and fewer priests available to serve as pastors.

While factors impede our ability to sustain our parishes as we have in the past, we are people of hope and still have a responsibility to provide the best sacramental and pastoral care possible to the faithful. Discerning a pastoral plan for the parishes in this area is more important than ever so that future generations will continue to receive the great blessings of our Catholic faith. To that end, I have appointed Fr. Christopher Stanish, Vicar General; Fr. Jeff Burton, Northlake Dean; and Deacon Brad Hendrickson to facilitate a process that will enable us to discern a plan to fulfill two aims:

- Meet the sacramental and pastoral needs of Catholics within the Diocese of Gary.
- Answer the call of the Diocese of Gary Synod to make missionary disciples.

In preparation for this process, I have asked the pastors of each parish in these areas to select three (3) key leaders, who with the pastor, will meet collaboratively for five (5) sessions, during which they will explore the current ministry landscape, review potential future strategies for an effective Catholic presence in this area, and formulate recommendations for my consideration.

To ensure that all parishioners understand the issues at hand and know about the models being proposed for consideration, Fr. Stanish, Fr. Burton, and Dn. Hendrickson will facilitate several open sessions for all the Catholic faithful in these areas. This planning process will begin in August and conclude by submitting recommendations to me in December 2025. Sessions for key leaders will be held in each of the four deaneries. A meeting schedule will be forthcoming.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Fr. Stanish at cstanish@dcgary.org. As we begin this process for the future of the Catholic Church in our diocese, please join me in praying to the Holy Spirit for wisdom, guidance, and clarity.

Asking for the guidance and protection of the Holy Angels, and God's blessings upon you, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McElroy
Bishop of Gary



VOICE FOR THE POOR

UNDERSTANDING POVERTY Workshop Series

THE NORTHWEST INDIANA HOUSING CRISIS

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Voice for the Poor Committee invites you to attend a free workshop exploring the lack of affordable, available, and safe housing and its impact on our neighbors in need.

Please register by Friday, April 18

Jean Zajac at 219-730-8103
email: voiceforthepoorgarycouncil@gmail.com
or scan QR code



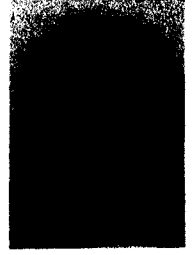
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**Saturday
April 20, 2025**

8:30 - Registration
9:00 - Free Workshop

**Continental Breakfast
provided**

**St. Thomas More
Wells Center
8635 Columbia Ave.
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