

**LITURGIES FOR THE EIGHTH WEEK IN
ORDINARY TIME AND THE FIRST SUNDAY
OF LENT**

March 3 - 9, 2025

**Monday, 3/3 † Weekday, Saint Katherine
Drexel, Virgin**

6 pm: Mary Daly by Ed & Joan Haugh Beatty

Tuesday, 3/4 † Weekday, Saint Casimir

8am: Alicia

9am: A.S. Joann Scamerhorn by Chet, Peg & Phil
Potempa

**Wednesday, 3/5 † Ash Wednesday
Fast & Abstinence**

9am: A.S. Linda Garritano by Jan Duttlinger

6pm: Bob Okeley by Jerry & Mindy Okeley &
Jeromy

Thursday, 3/6 † Thurs. after Ash Wednesday

8am: Willa

9am: A.S. Bob Okeley by Joan Sickler

**First Friday, 3/7 † Friday after Ash Wed.,
Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs**

8am: Mary Daly by Ed & Joan Haugh Beatty

9am: A.S. Living & Deceased Members of the Jan
Duttlinger Family by Jan Duttlinger

5pm – Stations of the Cross, All Saints

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

**Saturday, 3/8 † Saturday after Ash
Wednesday, Saint John of God,
Religious**

8:30am: Finley

Saturday, 3/8 † Vigil, First Sunday of Lent

4:30pm: Bob Okeley by Alice Bailey

Sunday, 3/9 † First Sunday of Lent

7:30am: Parishioners

9am: A. S. Emilie Dunleavy (Birthday) by Aunt Joan

11am: Milo

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour
next Saturday night (3/8/25).

This week at SS. C & M & All Saints

Thurs., March 6 – 2:15pm – Legion of Mary

Thurs., March. 6 – 6:30pm – K of C, Parlor

Fri., March 7 – 5pm – Stations of the Cross, All Saints

Fri., March 7– 6pm – Stations of the Cross,
SS. C & M

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

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 is Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of Lent, therefore our Lenten Soup Suppers will begin on Wednesday, March 12th with Father Brian Chadwick 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.

During Lent, parishioner Donna Kida will once again hold her Bible Study Group each Monday during Lent from 9am – 10am CST, beginning March 10. This years lentin group will be held in the church parlor and all Ladies are invited to attend. The theme for this year's Bible Study Group will be "With Jesus to the Cross".

Starke County Food Pantry Needs
Peanut Butter, pancake mix & syrup, canned fruit, laundry soap, dish soap, toilet tissue, salt, pepper, small packages sugar & flour, sanitary pads, fresh fruits & vegetables, canned meat, canned pasta with meat.

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

Dear Padre

March 2, 2025

Does pregnancy qualify as an exemption from abstinence and fasting in Lent?

Yes, it does. Just to be clear, abstinence is not eating meat on the Fridays of Lent and applies to Catholics over the age of fourteen. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine are obligated to fast, that is, eat only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not add up to a full meal. In addition to children and elders, exemptions from these disciplines include pregnant or nursing women and the physically or mentally ill, including those with chronic illnesses, like diabetes.

It is presumed that mature Catholics will seek balance and integration in the practice of the faith and will routinely make careful, informed decisions and apply them to spiritual practice. Obviously, being informed and aware of what the Church teaches, why the Church teaches something, and how it is to be applied and understood will only enhance a person's discernment.

The health of an unborn baby is a clear responsibility and of the utmost importance. Maintaining a healthy and balanced diet during pregnancy and adjusting any habitual practices that may endanger the health of the baby should be a primary concern. While exempt from fasting and abstinence, a pregnant woman may want to observe Lent by adopting another penitential discipline, something that would do no harm to the baby but would still be in the spirit of Lent. ●

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

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"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." - Deuteronomy 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

Good News!

March 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sirach 27:4-7 / 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 / Luke 6:39-45

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There are days when the darker side of who we are rises up and slaps us in the face. One evening, I decided to go to see a film. I bought a ticket, made my way into the theater, and found a seat that would give me an unobstructed view of the screen, one that had patrons on either side of the open seat in front of me. Fairly sure that no one would sit in front of me, I felt good about my maneuver. A few minutes before the film began, a group of four walked down the aisle, looking for a string of open seats in the crowded theater. One of them stopped at my row and asked if I would move down a seat. Immediately, I realized my predicament. If I moved, I'd be behind someone tall, with my vision of the screen blocked. I'd spend the film gazing through someone's head. I said no. The woman who had asked was taken aback, said so, and then moved on. Just as quickly, I found myself shocked by my own selfishness. Where had that come from? Was I really not who I thought I was? I discovered that there are hidden pieces of who we are that seldom come to light, and when they do, we cringe. If we are fortunate, the Lenten journey we begin on Ash Wednesday might reveal to us what it is that lives in our hearts. ●

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American religious groups vary widely in their views of abortion

More than four decades after *Roe v. Wade* legalized abortion nationwide, most Americans (57%) are supportive of legal abortion, according to a 2017 Pew Research Center survey. But a substantial minority (40%) says abortion should be illegal in all or most cases, and within some U.S. denominations and religious groups, this figure is much higher.

For instance, most Jehovah's Witnesses (75%) and Mormons (70%) say abortion should be *illegal* in all or most cases, according to the 2014 Religious Landscape Study, a survey of more than 35,000 Americans in all 50 states. The same holds true for members of some evangelical churches, including the

Americans' views on abortion, by religious group

% of U.S. adults in each religious group who say that in all or most cases, abortion should be ...

	Legal	Illegal	DK/ ref.	
Unitarian Universalist	80%	11	2	
Atheist	87	11	2	
Agnostic	87	11	2	
Jewish	89	15	2	
Buddhist	82	17	1	
Episcopal Church	79	18	2	Mainline
United Church of Christ	73	22	6	Mainline
Hindu	88	20	3	
"Nothing in particular"	87	20	5	
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	86	20	4	Mainline
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	88	20	2	Mainline
African Methodist Episcopal Church	84	20	7	HBP*
United Methodist Church	88	20	4	Mainline
All U.S. adults	57			
National Baptist Convention	37	37	6	HBP*
Anglican Church	80	20	5	Mainline
Muslim	88	37	9	
Presbyterian Church in America	84	39	7	Evangelical
Orthodox Christian	79	45	1	
Catholic	49	47	5	
American Baptist Churches USA	47	48	5	Mainline
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	46	51	3	Evangelical
Seventh-day Adventist	42	54	4	Evangelical
Church of God in Christ	44	59	6	HBP*
Churches of Christ	38	61	3	Evangelical
Southern Baptist Convention	30	66	4	Evangelical
Mormon	27	70	2	
Church of the Nazarene	27	70	3	Evangelical
Assemblies of God	28	71	3	Evangelical
Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.)	20	77	4	Evangelical
Jehovah's Witness	18	75	7	

*Historically black Protestant tradition

Note: Figures may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Source: Data for all U.S. adults from survey conducted June 8-18, 2017. Data from all religious groups from 2014 U.S. Religious Landscape Study, conducted June 4-Sept. 30, 2014.

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Pentecostal denominations Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee) (77%) and Assemblies of God (71%), as well as America's largest evangelical denomination, the Southern Baptist Convention (66%). Indeed, among all those who are part of the evangelical tradition, nearly twice as many say they oppose legal abortion as support it (63% to 33%). By comparison, only 35% of those who are part of the mainline Protestant tradition say abortion should be illegal in all or most cases, with 60% in support of keeping abortion legal. Members of the Episcopal Church (79%) and the United Church of Christ (72%) are especially likely to support legal abortion, while most members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the mainline Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (65%) also take this position.

Unitarian Universalists (90%) and American Jews (83%) in the 2014 survey were much more supportive of legal abortion than the general population. And most people who have no religious affiliation – particularly atheists and agnostics (87% each) – also support abortion rights.

Among those who do identify with a religion, the majority view about abortion among members of a particular group often mirrors that group's official policy on abortion. This is the case with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the Mormon church) and the Southern Baptist Convention – both churches oppose abortion, as do most members of those churches. And the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Unitarian Universalist Association, and Reform and Conservative Judaism, for example, all support abortion rights, in line with most of their adherents.

There are, however, cases where the views of a church's members don't align with its teachings on abortion. For instance, while the Roman Catholic Church is an outspoken critic of abortion, U.S. Catholics were divided on the issue in the 2014 survey, with 48% supportive of legal abortion and 47% opposed.