



Assumption Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025



May you find Christ here...may you take Christ to the world!

Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 6:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: First Sunday of Lent

What lesson can we learn from Jesus' temptation in the wilderness? How can we hope to fight temptation and overcome sin in our own personal lives? When Jesus went out into the wilderness to fight temptation by the devil, he was led by the Holy Spirit. Jesus did not rely on his own human strength and will-power for overcoming temptation. He relied on the Holy Spirit to give him strength, wisdom, courage, and self-control. We need the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit to help us. The Lord Jesus gives us his Holy Spirit to help us in our weakness (Romans 8:26) and to be our guide and strength in times of testing (1 Corinthians 10:13). The Lord Jesus is ever ready to pour out his Spirit upon us that we may have the courage we need to repent of our sins and to turn away from them, and to reject the lies and deceits of Satan.

The forty days of Lent is the annual retreat of the people of God in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. We are called to journey with the Lord in a special season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, repentance, and renewal as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Easter. The Lord gives us spiritual food and supernatural strength to seek his face and to prepare ourselves for spiritual combat and testing. We, too, must follow in the way of the cross in order to share in the victory of Christ's death and resurrection. As we begin this holy season of preparation and renewal, let's ask the Lord for a fresh outpouring of his Holy Spirit that we may grow in faith, hope, and love, and embrace his will more fully in our lives. Wishing you all a blessed Lenten Season!

Readings for Next Sunday,
March 16, 2025
Genesis 15:5-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 9:28b-36

Saint of the Week... St. Dominic Savio

Born into a peasant family in Italy, Dominic joined Saint John Bosco as a student at the Oratory in Turin at the age of 12. He impressed Don Bosco with his desire to be a priest and to help him in his work with neglected boys. A peacemaker and an organizer, young Dominic founded a group he called the Company of the Immaculate Conception which aided John Bosco with the boys and with manual work. In 1859, all the members—except for Dominic—would join Don Bosco in the beginnings of his Salesian congregation. By that time, Dominic had been called home to heaven. As a youth, Dominic spent hours rapt in prayer. His raptures he called "my distractions." Even in play, he said that at times, "It seems heaven is opening just above me. I am afraid I may say or do something that will make the other boys laugh." Dominic would say, "I can't do big things. But I want all I do, even the smallest thing, to be for the greater glory of God."



Feast Day: March 9

Dominic's health, always frail, led to lung problems and he was sent home to recuperate. As was the custom of the day, he was bled in the thought that this would help, but it only worsened his condition. He died on March 9, 1857 at the age of 15.

Some thought that Dominic was too young to be considered a saint. Saint Pius X declared that just the opposite was true; he was canonized in 1954. St. Dominic Savio is the patron saint of choir boys.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Brian Alt, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Lance Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Betty McAvoy, Steve Miner, Paul & Connie Murray, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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The Three Pillars of Lent

PRAY FAST GIVE



We pray to help us be close to Christ and in constant dialogue with Him. We take time away from distractions to turn our focus back to Jesus throughout our day.



We fast to deprive ourselves from good and bad things that are keeping us from devoting our hearts to Christ. It can deepen our awareness of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.



We give in order to love others as Jesus loved us; to live our profession of faith not just through our words, but also through our actions to those around us each day.

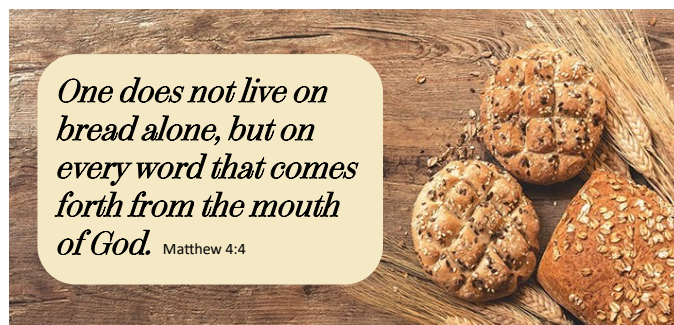
Open House

Parish Office Open House

Come see the recent renovations at St. Joseph House and our new Parish Office! The office will be open after both Masses next weekend (March 15-16). Stop by for light refreshments and a look at the new space!

Stations of the Cross

During Lent, Mass on Fridays is at 6 p.m. (instead of 9 a.m.) and will be followed by the Stations of the Cross. Leading the stations this week are members of the Ladies Guild.



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, March 8	4:00 pm	Soul of Gwen DeMasi.....	Her loving family
		Deceased Members of the James Lambert and John T. Dorsey families	Sue & Jean Harber
Sunday, March 9	8:30 am	Soul of Bob Shook	Assumption Ladies Guild
Monday, March 10	No Mass		
Tuesday, March 11	No Mass		
Wednesday, March 12	5:00 pm	The Alt, Cobb & Kuh Families.....	Dean & Kathy Alt
		Intentions of Katie Kuhn	Mike & Rosie Landis
Thursday, March 13	12:00 pm	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk	Cathy Pardee
		Soul of Janet Vayro	Mike & Rosie Landis
Friday, March 14	6:00 pm	Soul of Kay Ann Lannon	The Collins Family
		The Hoover-Dickel Family.....	St. Thomas Cemetery
Saturday, March 15	4:00 pm	Souls of Bob & Rosemarie Myers	Kelli Wittman
		Soul of Fred Selders.....	The House & Trezise Families
Sunday, March 16	8:30 am	Soul of Al Martin Jr.	Lynn McQuinn
		Marsh, Roach & Miller Families	Linda Marsh

Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.



The Assumption Ladies Guild held their first meeting of the year on February 27. The agenda included reviewing the organization's by-laws which hadn't been updated since 2015, finalizing activities for the remainder of the year, and electing new officers.

Thank you to these ladies of our parish who have accepted an office:

- President: Dianne Smith
- Vice-President: Jean Harber
- Secretary: Karen Brant
- Treasurer: Charlotte Delilo

Please keep in mind that if you are a lady of the parish over the age of 18, you are a member of the Ladies Guild, even if you're not able to attend a meeting!

Information about each of our scheduled events will be shared as the dates approach. Please think about what role you would like to have in the organization and reach out to the appropriate chairperson.

Our first activities are leading the Stations of the Cross on March 14 and April 11. Mass is at 6:00 and the Stations are immediately after (about 6:30). If you would like to help in this ministry, please contact Dianne at 304-813-1640.

Sacramental Needs

Baptism/Eucharist & Reconciliation/Confirmation

Contact the Parish Office for specific information on requirements, preparation, and dates for the sacrament you are requesting.

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of your wedding date so that the appropriate preparation can be scheduled and completed.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office if you would like Fr. Thomas to give you or a loved one an anointing. This sacrament is also given quarterly after Mass (date announced in the bulletin).

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children

Are you worshipping with us on a regular basis and would like to become Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic but not Confirmed? If you are an adult or have a child age 8 or older, our OCIA/OCIC programs are for you. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Annulments

Confused or intimidated by the annulment process? Contact the Parish Office to determine your needs. We will help you through the process.

Your Faithful Stewardship

March 1-2, 2025

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,707
Loose Donations	\$1,040
Votive Candles	\$245
Poor Box	\$249
Easter Flowers.....	\$25
Repairs & Maintenance	\$5
Total	\$5,271

Diocesan Collection

WV Flood Relief (<i>both weekends</i>).....	\$1,608
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Attendance

Saturday, 3/1.....	83
Sunday, 3/2	92
Total	175

February Balance Sheet

Income*.....	\$31,065
Expenses	\$17,751
Balance.....	\$13,314

**Includes Catholic Sharing Appeal final distribution and grant*

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, March 15

Lector: Sue Harber
 Servers: Alan Taylor & Paul Bogdan
 EM: Karen Yowler, Mere Barrick (c), Cathy Pardee (c)
 Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell
 Cantor: Anita Tetreault

Sunday, March 16 (Youth Mass)

Lector: CCD students
 Servers: CCD students
 EM: Rosie Landis, Dave Minnich (c), Beverley Iser (c)
 Greeters: CCD students
 Cantor: Linda Marsh

Saturday, March 22

Lector: Logan Stanislawczyk
 Servers: Eric Hatfield & Eric Hatfield II
 EM: Mary Wagoner, Eric Hatfield (c), Alan Taylor (c)
 Greeters: Tammy & Larry Dale
 Cantor: Linda Marsh

Sunday, March 23

Lector: Paul Bogdan
 Servers: Jane Placka, Beverley Iser & Nick McKenzie
 EM: Charlotte Delilo, Mike Landis (c), Rosie Landis (c)
 Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant
 Cantor: Patrick George

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

March 13 Joanne Stickley
 March 20 Meredythe Barrick