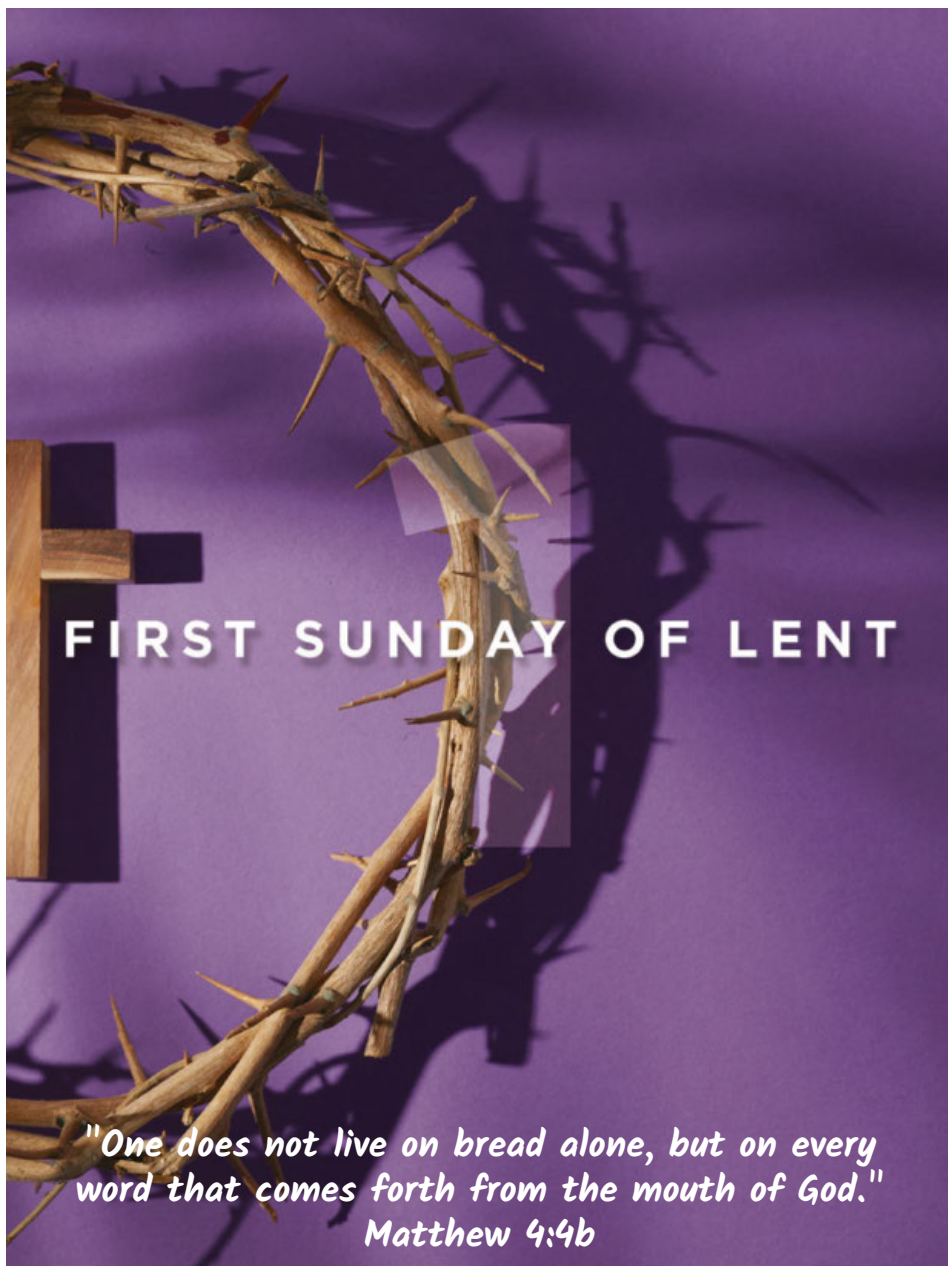


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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*"One does not live on bread alone, but on every  
word that comes forth from the mouth of God."  
Matthew 4:4b*

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## Welcome!

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Daily Mass

Monday | 8:30 am St. Joseph's  
Tuesday | 8:30 St Francis  
Wednesday | No Mass today  
Thursday | 8:30 am St Francis  
Friday | 8:30 am St Joseph's

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St Joseph's  
6 pm St Francis  
(July 1 - Labor Day)  
Sunday | 8:30 am St Francis  
10:30 am St Joseph's

#### Confession

Saturday | 3:15 St Joseph's  
Sunday | 8 am St Francis

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### Our Mission

We, the Roman Catholic community of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph's are called to live the Gospel message of Jesus through Hospitality, Worship, Faith Formation and Service to others.

## St. Joseph's Mass Intentions

### Sat (25) 4 pm

Paul & Addie Gallacchi + Ron & Paula Cornell

### Sun (26) 10:30 am

Marie Jablonski + Gayduscek family

### Mon (27) 8:30 am

Rev. Martin T. McMahon, Rev. Paul Bondi

### Fri (3) 8:30 am

Rev. Wilfred Bouchev

### Sat (4) 4 pm

Kerry Bradt Thurston + her parents

### Sun (5) 10:30 am

Mary Ellen "Polly" Slezak + Lois Munnelly



## St. Francis Mass Intentions

### Sun (26) 8:30 am

MaryAnn Grega + SF Knights of Columbus  
Don Ferguson + Chuck & Jan Swatling  
Elizabeth Stever + Joe & Kathy Capobianco

### Tuesday (28) 8:30 am

Roy & Esther Edwards + Cynthia & Bill Cromie

### Thurs (2) 8:30 am

Rev. D Cull, Rev. Stephen Greeley, Rev. Andrew J Duplang, Rev. James S Kelly, Rev. Joseph W Connelly, Rev. F William Whalen

### Sun (5) 8:30 am

MaryAnn Grega + Jim & Katy Ryan  
Don Ferguson + Marlene Junquera  
Virginia Kosineski Brach + Rick Koval

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the day** ~ The Holy Spirit gathers us together today as we begin this forty-day season of Lent. Life is full of temptations, and we are especially aware of them during Lent. We are tempted to do things we find desirable, even when we know they're wrong. We are tempted to avoid things that are undesirable, even when we know they're the right thing to do. Today we hear the serpent successfully tempt Adam and Eve and the devil unsuccessfully tempt Jesus. May the Holy Spirit, who accompanied Jesus in the desert and accompanies us wherever we go, give us the strength to resist temptation.

**Word of Life** ~ "The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent [usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection](http://usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection)

**Gospel Meditation** ~ The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: "He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry." Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn't it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word "fast" means to "hold firmly." We still use it that way when we say, "I held fast to my original decision." We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can't manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they'll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He's showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. "Man does not live by bread alone," he says, "But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Jesus' fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone.

Father John Muir ©LPi

**Live the Liturgy** ~ We worship a God who understands human limitation. A God who has felt the pangs of fasting and the enticements of the tempter. Our God, hungry and tired and weakened, has stared into the face of the devil and said: "I am stronger than you." ©LPi

**Readings for the week of February 26, 2023:** Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/4:1-11; Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46; Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15; Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32; Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cd-e-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12; Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26; Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48; Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

SJ Lector

3/4/23 J Naple  
3/5/23 K Tate

SF Lector

3/5/23 B Saksen

## St. Joseph's



Stations of the Cross are every Friday at noon during Lent followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A sacrificial meal will be in the Fr. Smith Center immediately following.

## Upcoming Events

Each Monday & Friday after SJ 8:30 am Mass - Pray the Rosary  
1st Sundays of the Month - SF - 8am, pray the Rosary  
1st Mondays - SF 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting  
1st Tuesdays - SF (Apr - Dec) 6:30 pm Rosary Society Meeting  
Each Wednesday - SF 2 pm Prayer Group in John Paul II Hall  
2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting  
Stations of the Cross on each Friday during Lent  
**SJ** Noon followed by Sacrificial Meal in the Fr. Smith Center  
**SF** 6 pm followed by Sacrificial Meal in John Paul II Hall  
2/23 Finance Council Meeting **SF** - 4 pm **SJ** - 7 pm  
3/2 - Pastoral Council Meeting 7 pm via Zoom  
4/6 - Holy Thursday **SF** 5:30pm Communal Potluck Dinner  
**SF** 7pm Mass Thursday of the Lord's Supper  
4/7 - Good Friday **SF** 7pm - Friday of the Passion of the Lord  
4/8 - Holy Saturday **SF** 8 pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night  
4/9 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord  
**SF** - 8:30 am **SJ** - 10:30 am

## St. Francis of Assisi



Stations of the Cross are every Friday at 6pm during Lent followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A sacrificial meal will be in the John Paul II Hall immediately following.

## Youth Group News

On March 5th we will have a Blessing of the Confirmation candidates at 10:30 Mass in St. Joseph's.  
On March 17th-19th, Our Confirmation candidates will be on their Emmaus retreat, Please keep them in your prayers,  
On March 26th we will celebrate a Teen Mass at 6 pm In St. Francis of Assisi Church. A social hour will be in the John Paul II Hall immediately following Mass.

## CRS Rice Bowl, A Journey to 3 Countries

God invites us to slow down in the silence and look for him around us—in nature and in people who need us most. We are used to going fast—sometimes without even knowing where we are going. But we think we should be in a hurry. When we go from one activity to the next with such speed, sometimes we forget about our relationship with God. We might even stop paying attention to the beautiful world we live in and the people with whom we share this planet—our common home.

During Lent, we have an opportunity to slow down. Through the three Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we grow closer to God and gain a better understanding of how our actions are impacting the lives of our sisters and brothers near and far.

This year, the CRS Rice Bowl Stories of Hope take us to Honduras, Kenya and the Philippines, where we'll learn how people are overcoming the causes of hunger and adapting to climate change. As you journey with us during Lent, remember that through prayer, God invites us to slow down in the silence and look for him around us—in nature and in people who need us most. Our fasting is an act of solidarity with people who are hungry and it helps us feel a small part of what they are living day by day. It is in this spirit that our almsgiving is an act of love for God and neighbor. Through giving, there is no limit to what we can achieve together to serve people impacted by climate.

The Diocesan Appeal has begun! Why should you contribute?

- Support of the parish and the greater Church is the responsibility of ALL of us, not just a few.
- Support of the Diocesan Appeal is not for the benefit of the Diocese as an entity itself – rather it is a key mission and logistics partner/resource for our parish allowing us to focus on ministry.
- It's the expectation that the church is here to serve you and your family in your everyday and milestone moments. Unfortunately, there are costs associated with that, but if we ALL share the costs, the individual burden is less AND we are more likely to be able to

## Diocesan Appeal 2022-23



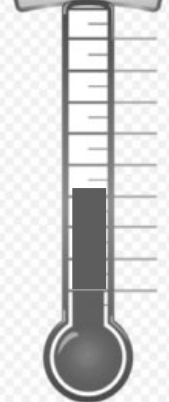
fund the church beyond its needs and toward our wants.

- It is gratifying to know that support of the Diocesan Appeal impacts ALL 126 parishes in the Diocese – that is powerful!

The active practice of religion is in jeopardy and the impact on society is evident. It is not enough to quietly attend Mass and privately practice. If not us, Who? We need to be Jesus' witnesses, showing people the joy that Jesus brings to us in our life and bringing others to follow him in this beautiful way of life.

Let us join together and rebuild our local and regional Catholic Church - support our parish offertory and Diocesan Appeal goal!

**GOAL!**



## St. Joseph's Diocesan Appeal

Assessment: \$19,185

Paid: \$6,355

*Our Giving "Remember where your treasure is, your heart is also."*  
*Matthew 6:21*

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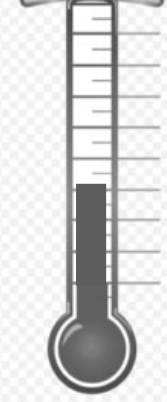
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### SF 8:30

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## St. Francis Diocesan Appeal

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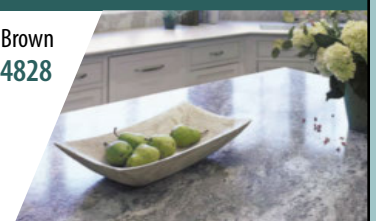
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