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MASS TIMES

Tuesday: 7:30 AM St. Nicholas (SN)
Wednesday: 7:30 AM St. Joseph (SJ)
Thursday: 7:30 AM Mary, Help of Christians (MHC)
Saturday: 5:00 PM St. Nicholas
Sunday: 7:00 AM Mary, Help of Christians
 [Livestreamed on our YouTube]
 9:00 AM St. Joseph Church
 11:00 AM (Spanish/Español) St. Joseph Church

Confessions offered 1 hour before Mass through Lent or by appointment.

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MARCH 1, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

Matthew 17:5

Parish Events Calendar

Mar. 1 (Sunday) Second Sunday of Lent

Mar. 2 (Monday) Lenten Weekday

Mar. 3 (Tuesday) Lenten Weekday
St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Mar. 4 (Wednesday) Lenten Weekday
St. Casimir

SJ and MHC - Quilting
 Faith Formation - Gr. 1-8

Mar. 5 (Thursday) Lenten Weekday

Mar. 6 (Friday) Lenten Weekday
 Friday Lenten Dinner at SN LL 4:30pm

Mar. 7 (Saturday) First Saturday
Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs
 First Saturday - MHC Rosary 7:30am; Mass 8am

Mar. 8 (Sunday) Third Sunday of Lent
 Confirmation Commitment Sunday Mass at SJ 9am

Have a great week!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last week Friday at the fish fry, a few of us were reminiscing about how we traveled before the age of Google Maps. A paper map was spread out, studied and with you at all times. One person remarked about his young co-worker who could not read a map and would dare not travel without his phone. Certainly technology has made travel much easier and some day we won't be driving our vehicles. Some farmers already do that with their tractors! I think it would take a bit of courage to take your hands and feet off of the steering wheel and brakes. Well, maybe a whole lot of courage!

In the Little Black Books that were set upon the tables for you, we were asked to reflect upon what God wants us to do this Lenten Season. It asked us to be quiet and let God talk to us for a few moments. I did that (poorly) and heard nothing from God. After 15 minutes I fell asleep.

So I decided to do that again the next night, and the next night..., hoping I will receive an answer from God. In our readings this weekend, Abram is told by God to set afoot, to go forth from his homeland to the land he will show them. In the gospel Jesus tells Peter, James, and John to walk with him up the mountain. I've been to that mountain. It is not an easy walk! It took Abram forty years to hear God say, this is the place you shall dwell. St Paul wrote to Timothy that the holy life is not ours to decide, rather by God's grace through Jesus Christ do we achieve it. Perhaps here on this second Sunday of Lent, God is letting us know that he is to lead us and we are to follow. Letting go and letting God. That takes a great deal of courage too!

Lent steers our path toward the Pascual Mystery, towards Easter. On a much grander scale, Lent is a time for us to dwell on the ultimate Easter - heaven. The clarion call on Ash Wednesday was, "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." The things of this earth cannot or will not make us completely happy. They come and go like sand that falls between our fingers. The paper maps are gone. GPS will someday be gone. Set your hearts upon heaven where God dwells. Let God's light lead you. Turn your ears toward God's voice. Hearing God's voice. Our parish is in need of people who could take Holy Communion to our homebound and our people in nursing homes. It does not require a lot of time and you will receive back more than you give. Ask anyone who does this and they will tell you what a blessing it is.

Listen and follow the Lord,

Deacon Jim



Minister Schedule

Saturday March 7, 2026 SN 5:00 pm
Eucharistic: Ed Hagedorn, Francie Wagner
Sacristan: Lisa Day, Anna Ward
Lector: Chad Schnieders
Ushers: Eric Day, Bob Grundhoefer,
Max Meyer, Breck Vinson
Servers: Spencer Kroll, Ralph Langen
Greeters: LaVerne Grundhoefer, Marsha Grundhoefer,
Jill Schnieders

Sunday March 8, 2026 MHC 7:00 am

Eucharistic: Jacob Berg, Abby Berg
Sacristan: Rose Pund
Lector: Chris Schlachter
Ushers: Zerick Breivogel, Dylan Gries,
Brandon Hanloh, Stan Jochim
Servers: Sophia Dilger, Tanner Dilger
Greeters: Tim Nord, Tami Nord
Rosary: Marilyn Woebkenberg

Sunday March 8, 2026 SJ 9:00 am

Eucharistic: Theresa Begle, Lisa Pund,
Nolan Weyer, Cody Weyer
Sacristan: Kim Balbach
Lectors: Sheila Wahl
Ushers: Roger Kern, Mark Schaefer,
Ray Striegel, Phil Wahl
Servers: Ellie Tempel, Maggie Tempel
Greeters: Braylen Balbach, Mary Striegel
CLOW: Brooke Garrett, Chelsea O'Brien

Sunday March 8, 2026 SJ 11:00 am

Eucharistic: Amelia Marmolejo, Guillermo Pozos
Lectors: Guadalupe Mendoza, Cristina Martinez
Ushers: Lexi Perez, Yareissy Perez
Servers: Diego Lara, Alex Rodriguez, Jesus Perez
Sacristan: Gela Ibarra

In Need of Your Prayers

*(Names will remain in bulletin for 3 weeks,
please call the office after that if more time is needed.)*

Mike Guth
Shannon Fuhs
Jessie Neireiter
Jayme Woebkenberg
Sandy (Jochim) Dilger

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mar. 5 - 6am 24 Hr Adoration @ SJ
Mar. 6 - Second Thursday Group at SJ PC
(Reminder: Meeting 3/6 instead of 3/12)
Mar. 6 - Lenten Dinner @ SN LL
Mar. 7 - First Saturday- Rosary & Mass at MHC

Stewardship of Treasure from 2/15/26

Parish Envelopes: 113
Collection at all Sunday Masses: \$ 7,398.97
Mail Drop: \$ 1,005.00 Online: \$ 125.00
IRA \$ 3,000.00
Week Total: \$ 11,528.97
Budget amount needed \$10,000.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Mass Attendance
SN 5:00pm: 142
MHC 7:00am:125
SJ 9:00am: 151
SJ 11:00am: No Count

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have pledged to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. Your support is helping our parish and the wider diocese carry out essential ministries in faith formation, vocations, outreach, and more.

Our parish goal is \$133,625.00 and as of this weekend, our parish has \$ 79,309.00 pledged, with \$ 65,253.20 collected. Out of 633 families there have been 175 families that have pledged. If you haven't yet made your gift, scan the QR code or contact the Parish office for a pledge card. Your pledge is very much appreciated!



Mass Intentions

Sat. Feb. 28 (5 pm) St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Sun. Mar. 1 (7 am) Bob & Marcella Otto, Joe Otto
Sun. Mar. 1 (9 am) James & Dorothy Strobel
Sun. Mar. 1 (11 am) Leticia Barco (Desscanso Eterno)
Tue. Mar. 3 (7:30 am) Richard Kempa
Wed. Mar. 4 (7:30 am) Special Intention for someone with cancer
Thr. Mar. 5 (7:30 am) Giles Williams
Sat. Mar. 7 (5 pm) Tom Zuzzio, Molly Susnjara
Sun. Mar. 8 (7 am) Renola Cecil, Bill & Roberta Jochim
Sun. Mar. 8 (9 am) For the youth of SFA
Sun. Mar. 8 (11 am) Las benditas animas de purgatorio

If there is a funeral, the weekday Mass will be canceled for that day.

Please call the office to reschedule your Mass intention.

***** Masses will only be scheduled 3 months in advance. Also, please limit Masses to 3. Thank you.***

**Faith Formation/Confirmation/
Youth Group/CLOW Group**

**Faith Formation Grades 1-8 @ SJ
March 4, 2026**

****CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT
SUNDAY:
MARCH 8, 2026 @ SJ 9am**



March 6:
St. Nicholas Church LL (SC)
Hosted by Knights of Columbus
*Spaghetti Dinners with either
Marinara or Alfredo Sauce,
Caesar Salad, Breadstick, Cookie.
Dine In or Carry Out (\$10)*

March 20:
Mary, Help of Christians PC (MHC)
*Swai Fish, German Fries, Green
Beans, Slaw, Brownie, Drink (\$15)*

March 27:
St. Joseph Church PC (Dale)
Hispanic Ministry

*Stations of the Cross will be at the location of the Lenten Dinner at
5pm Central through Lent.*



**POPE LEO DECLARES JUBILEE OF SAINT FRANCIS
WITH PLENARY INDULGENCE**

To mark the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi (October 3, 1226), the Church has proclaimed a Special Year of Saint Francis from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027.

This Jubilee Year continues the grace of the recently concluded Ordinary Jubilee and invites all the faithful to live as pilgrims of hope, inspired by the life of Saint Francis—his humility, poverty, mercy, and love for Christ and peace.

During the Jubilee, the Apostolic Penitentiary, by the will of the Holy Father, grants a Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions: sacramental confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the Intentions of the Holy Father. This indulgence may also be offered for the souls in Purgatory.

The Plenary Indulgence is granted to members of the Franciscan Family and all the faithful who take part in the Jubilee.

The elderly, the sick, those confined to their homes, and caregivers may also receive the Plenary Indulgence by spiritually joining the Jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers and sufferings to God, intending to fulfill the usual conditions when possible.

This Jubilee of Saint Francis is a time of grace, calling all Christians to grow in holiness, mercy, and peace by following the Gospel way lived by the Poverello of Assisi.

What is an indulgence?

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "An indulgence is obtained through the Church who, by virtue of the power of binding and loosing granted her by Christ Jesus, intervenes in favor of individual Christians and opens for them the treasury of the merits of Christ and the saints to obtain from the Father of mercies the remission of the temporal punishments due for their sins. Thus, the Church does not want simply to come to the aid of these Christians, but also to spur them to works of devotion, penance, and charity" (#1478).

Here are the six steps for receiving a plenary indulgence during the Franciscan Jubilee Year:

- Visit in the form of a pilgrimage any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship named after St. Francis or connected to him for any reason.
- Spend time in meditation and prayer, focusing on the example of St. Francis, his love for all and his zeal for peace among people.
- Pray the following: Our Father, Nicene Creed, Invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Francis of Assisi, St Clare and saints of the Franciscan Family, Intentions of Pope Leo XIV
- Detach yourself from all sin, even venial.
- Participate in sacramental confession.
- Receive Holy Communion.



Monthly Intentions of Pope Leo XIV