



**Rev. Mike Austin, Pastor
Deacon Bill Vrazel**

**Mass Schedule: Summer Months, Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Winter Months, Saturday: 4:00 p.m.**

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

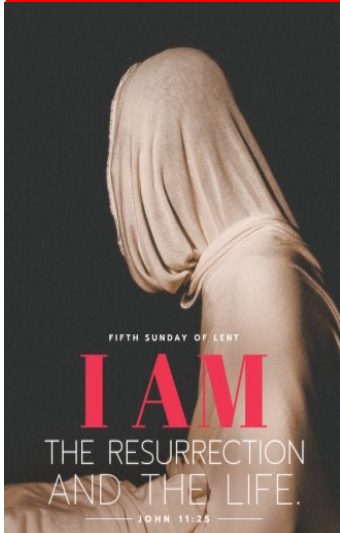
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March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday
in Lent



Christ's Voice Breaks Through

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: **"Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43)** The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, **"Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44).**

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

Lenten challenge: Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now. — *Father John Muir*

Today's
Mass
Readings



Daily Mass
Bible
Readings

First Reading: I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land thus you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ez 37:14)

Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Ps 130)

Second Reading: If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you. (Rom 8:11)

Gospel: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (Jn 11:25-26)

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66or 27:11-54

Monday, March 23 —	- 7:25 am Rosary - Church - 8:00 am MASS - Church - 10:00 am - Parish Prayer Group - Chapel - 12:00 pm MASS - Chapel - 5:00 - 6:00 pm—Reconciliation - Church	- 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adoration until Benediction - Church - 5:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - Chapel - 6:30 pm 2026 Lenten Spiritual Journey, <u>When You Pray</u> - Conference Center
Tuesday, March 24 —	- 12:00 pm MASS - Chapel - 6:30 pm Novena To Our Lady of Perpetual Help	- 7:00 pm MASS - Chapel
Wednesday, March 25 —	- 6:30 am Java and Jesus Men's Group – Parish Hall - 7:25 am Rosary - Church - 8:00 am MASS (with Moms) - Church - 9:00 am Bible Study - Parish Office Conf. Room - 12:00 pm MASS - Chapel	- 6:30 pm Confirmation Class (High School) - Church Multipurpose Room - 6:30 pm OCIA Class - Conference Center
Thursday March 26 —	- 7:25 am Rosary - Chapel - 8:00 am MASS - Chapel - 9:00 am Adoration until Benediction at 5:00 pm - Chapel	- 12:00 MASS - Chapel - 6:30 pm 2026 Lenten Spiritual Journey, <u>When You Pray</u> - Conference Center
Friday, March 27 —	- 8:30 am MASS (Children's Mass during school year) - Church - 9:30 - 11:30 am Society of St. Vincent De Paul - Parish Hall - 12:00 pm MASS - Chapel	- 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross - Church - 5:00 pm Vietnamese Stations of the Cross - Chapel - 5:00 pm - 7:00 KOC Lenten Fish Fry - Conf. Ctr.
Saturday, March 28 —	- 1:00 pm Youth Ministry Setup - Parish Hall - 5:00 pm (NOTE TIME CHANGE) Vigil MASS (RECONCILIATION offered 3:30 pm) - Church	





REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Corbin Altese, Louise Altier, Adam Amort, Jerri Anderson, Leota Ayuso, Lee Ayuso, Tammy Bates, Jeff Beaver, Kim Beech, James Bell, Kenneth Benitez, Jan Berry, Tracy Biggs, Sandra Bishop, Rusty Bohn, Asher Bonura, Dian Bradley, Jim Bradley, Richard Brasard, Mike Brown, John Bull, Josephine C., Martha Burdette, Fr. Ronnie Calkins,

Jamie Ann Canton, Patty Caranna, Sarah Carboni, Phylis Carlton, Jerry Casey, Jim Cooke, Mae Mae Cooley, Tyler Corban, David Corollo, Donna Dantin, Lynn Dantin, Danny Davis, Sr., Jim Dean, Megan Delgado, Marvel Desroche, Kim Desrosier, Dawn Domecq, Brenda Dubuisson, Jan Dubuisson, Jeannie and John Dubuisson, Anne Erickson, Peter Fenn, Kim Fitzgerald, Janet Galen, Roy and Betty Gamez, Gerry Gough, Marian Governor, Donnie Haley, Jr., John Hayden, Alan Hoda, Pat Hoda, Olivia Hood, Daniel Huck, Betty Hughes, Paul Hughes, David H. James, Janet Jefferson, Sierra Jefferson, Faye Johnson, Phillip Jones, Marcus Kaszabowski, Natalie Koenenn, Thomas Koenem, Barbara Ladner, Jill Ladner, Missy Ladner, Pam Ladner, Griffis Lamar, Anita Lambert, Vickie Landrum, Dustin Leochner, Mary Schepens Levens, Charlotte Logan, John Logan, Mark Logan, Marlene Logan, Michelle Logan, Lynda Lumpkin, Evelyn Lumpkin, Rod Malburg, Stephanie Marvel, Emily McGinnity, Laura Creel Meadows, Jack and Lorraine Miller, Lori Miller, Carl Molesworth, Pat Morley, Dennis Mottola, Kevin Niolet, Rita Norman, Kyle Patridge, Joshua Parker, Mattie Starita Pavolini, Larry Peterman, Konner Peterson, Michelle Pisciotta, Jane Prescott, The Pruett Family, Lynn Rabalais, Emily Reaves, Bill Redo, Bryce Riordan, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Bev Rogers, Tammy Graham Rome, June Rutland, Kevin Ryan, Clyde Schepens, William "Scooter Leah Scott, Beth Sealy, James Senac, Joe Shaw, Liz Shaw, Rachel Singleton, Fred Spence, Melissa Starita, Barbara Swilley, Father Truong Q Trinh, Jim and Michael Trott, Morgan Ulrich, Brittany Varney, Anastasia Virvilis, Bragg Williams, Nadia Williams, Billy Wood, Becky Wooley, Wayne Wooley, Paul Yaegar, Angie Parker Yonkin

In Memoriam ~ Debra Diane Bradford, Patricia Ann Vial, Sander Ian Findlay, Mary Helen Allen, Mary Ann Pagano Scarborough, John Warren "Jake" Erwin

For additions and deletions ~ 228-452-4686.



March 16, 2026

Weekly Operating Credits

Offertory/Collection:
\$15,342

Building Fund: \$140

Youth: \$110

Masses: \$100

Memorials: \$5

Cemetery: \$15

Second Collection: \$1,174

Pickle Jar: \$46

Poor Box & Local Charity:
\$20

TOTAL: \$16,952

Additional:

Parish T Shirts: \$210

Lent Books: \$25

Easter Flowers: \$359

Weekly Fixed Expenses

Payroll and Benefits: \$4,800

Building Insurance: \$1,800

Repairs/Maintenance: \$1,600

Other Overhead: \$2,300

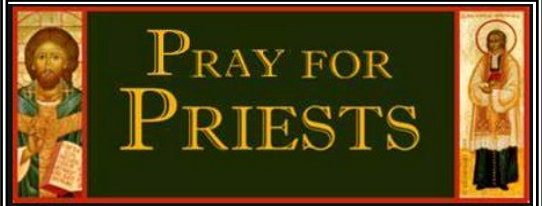
Debt Service: \$1,000

Youth/Other Ministries: \$1,600

Tuition Assistance/School Support:
\$3,000

Diocesan Support: \$1,500

TOTAL: \$17,600



"O Holy Mother of God, pray for our priests your Son has chosen to serve the Church. Help them, by your intercession, to be holy, zealous, and chaste. Make them models of virtue in the service of God's people. Help them be pious in meditations, efficacious in preaching and zealous in the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Help them administer the Sacraments with love and joy. Amen".

Sun., March 22: For Father Bartosz Kunat

Mon., March 23: For Father Michael Marascalco

Tues., March 24: For Father Chinnappa R. Mark HGN

Wed., March 25: For Fathers Ryan McCoy and Henry McInerney

Thur., March 26: For Our Deceased Popes and Bishops Joseph Howze and Roger Morin

Fri., March 27: For Priest and Brothers at St. Augustine Seminary and St. Stanislaus High School

Sat., March 28: For Our Seminarians



March 28 & March 29, 2026

5:00 pm - Saturday Vigil, 3/28/26

LECTORS

Richard Allard

EEMs

Gayle Nolan, Jane Ward and Catherine Wood

ALTAR SERVERS

Cooper Ferrill, Gage Garriga and Kaleb Garriga

8:30 am - Sunday, 3/29/26

Michael Burch

Fran Braud, Jennifer D'Aquila, Justin Pletsch, Isabella Rawls and Lisa Simpson

Andrew Banks Barrett, Bradley Hall and Zoey Mileham

11:00 am - Sunday 3/29/26

Andrew Koslosky

Carl Mayeaux, Gayle Parker, Meg Payment, Don Smith and Jean Smith

Sophia McCartney, Charlotte Payment and Anna Clare Thomas

5:00 pm - Sunday, 3/29/26

Evelyn Giles

Rusty Bohn, Michelle Hoskins and Linden Williams

Allie Giles, Jacob Robin and Olivia Robin



Mondays OR Thursdays in Lent - 6:30pm - **LENTEN SPIRITUAL JOURNEY, When You Pray** - Conference Center

Sunday, March 1 - Tuesday, March 3 - **HALLOW LENTEN MISSION** - Church

Monday - Friday During Lent - February 18 - March 27 - **NOON MASS** - Chapel

Fridays During Lent - **Stations of the Cross** - 5pm - Church

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March is the **Annual Drive for Morning Star Pregnancy Center** - **Bring baby items to Church or the Parish Office**

Wednesdays - 6:30pm - **OCIA CLASSES** - Conference Center

Wednesdays - 6:30pm - **CONFIRMATION CLASSES** - Church Multipurpose Room

THURSDAYS - **YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE** - 3pm - 3:45pm - Church

MONDAYS - **ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE** - 5:30pm - Chapel

Friday, March 2 - 3pm - **Divine Mercy Chaplet** - Chapel

Wednesday, March 4 - **Altar Society Mtg** - 10am - Church Multipurpose Room

Saturday, March 8 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME RETURNS** - MOVE YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR

Saturday, March 14 - **VIGIL MASS RETURNS TO 5PM**

Wednesday, March 18 - **DIVINE MERCY SERVICE WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK** - 6:30pm - Church

Wednesday, March 25 - **Altar Society Mtg** - 10am - Church Multipurpose Room (THERE WILL BE NO APRIL MEETING)

There will be **NO** Healing Face of Jesus Healing Ministries Service in March and April.

Healing Ministries Healing Services will resume in May.

2025 Contribution Statements

If you would like a copy of your **Holy Family 2025 Contribution Statement**, please call the Parish Office at 228-452-4686. **THANK YOU.**



Upcoming 2026 Second & Special Collections

April 3: **Holy Land**

April 4 - 5: **St. Paul Cemetery**

April 25 - 26: **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

May 16 - 17: **Catholic Communications**

June 20 - 21: **Special Father's Day for Diocesan Priest Supplemental**

June 27 - 28: **Peter's Pence**



Mass Intentions For The Week



Saturday, March 21, 2026	5:00 pm	† Keefe Hecker Healing for David D'Aquilla Healing for Jerri Derouen
Sunday, March 22	8:30 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Healing for Donna Schmidt Special Intentions for Ann Alexander † Ryan Hall † Bodie Michell Healing for Patrick and Joy Burke † Catherine Beaver
Monday, March 23	8:00 am	Healing for Tony Diaz Del Valle
Tuesday, March 24	7:00 pm 12:00 pm	† Wayne and Sally James † Bodie Michell Special Intentions for Ann Matthews
Wednesday, March 25	8:00 am	Healing for Joy Burke Healing for Lex Harshbarger
Thursday, March 26 (Chapel)	8:00 am	† Warren and Edda Whaley Healing for Donna Schmidt
Friday, March 27	8:30 am * † <i>The Repose of the Soul</i>	† Deacon Ray Vrazel † Kevin Miranne † Karen Hatcher Healing for Martin Tighe



There will be **NO** Healing Face of Jesus Healing Ministries Healing Service in **March and April.**

Altar Society Meeting

*Wednesday, March 25th
10:00 am

Church Multipurpose Room

If you are interested in joining Holy Family's Altar Society, or want to learn more about us, please come and see!

We meet first Wednesday of the month between September and May of each year.

For questions ~ 228-452-4686.

***THERE WILL BE NO APRIL ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING.**

We will instead meet Wednesday, March 25th.



Holy Family Parish
Altar Society

Holy Family Parish



Ministry Schedule

The new Ministry Schedule beginning April 11, 2026 – August 16, 2026 is ready.

Please pick up your schedule AS SOON AS POSSIBLE in the Church Vestibule.

**HOLY WEEK
MINISTRY SCHEDULE IS READY!**

Copies of the schedule are in the Church Vestibule and on the HFC Church website, holyfamily.cc.



Holy Week



HOLY FAMILY Parish Shirt Sale

HOLY FAMILY PARISH SHIRTS and SWEATSHIRTS ARE HERE!

If you ordered a Parish Shirt, please come by the Parish Office to pick up your order.



THE MONSIGNOR LEECH COUNCIL 4472 INVITES GENTLEMEN AND LADIES OF THE PARISH TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND THE LADIES AUXILIARY.

Upcoming MARCH Events:

• **KOC LENTEN FISH FRY: 5pm – 7pm - Fridays,**

February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2026

• **KOC Monthly Meetings: 5pm – 8pm - First Tuesday** of the month in the Parish Hall – **March 3, 2026**

• **KOC Sponsored Blood Mobile Blood Drive:**

Thursday 9am - 2 pm Menge Avenue

Parking Lot – March 5, 2026

• **KOC Monthly Corporate Communion: Sunday 8:30 am** Mass following the first Tuesday of the month – **March 8, 2026**

• **KOC Parish Fellowship, Coffee and Donuts:**

Sunday following the first Tuesday of each month after 8:30 am Mass – Conference Center – **March 8, 2026**

• **Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meetings: 6:00 pm - Second** Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall – **March 10, 2026**

• **KOC Fifth Sunday Rosary: After 8:30 am Mass -** **March 29, 2026**

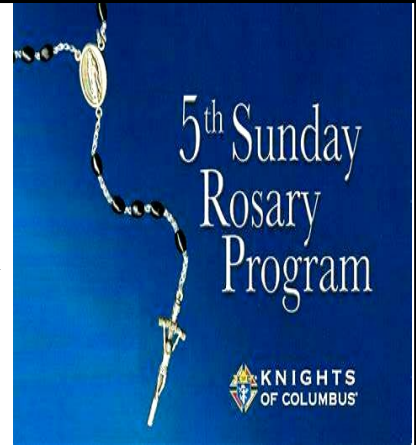
Please join the Knights of Columbus as they lead our Parish in the

Fifth Sunday Rosary

Sunday, March 29th

After 8:30 am Mass at Holy Family

Promoting devotion to the Rosary.



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