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FIRST SUNDAY OF

Lent

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

*Jesus was led by the
Spirit into the desert
to be tempted
by the devil.*

Matthew 4:1

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS AT
2:15 PM & 6:30 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

-Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays, Fridays: 8:30 am;
-Wednesdays: 6:30 pm;
-Saturdays: 4:30 pm;
-Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 am

PARISH OFFICE

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8:30—4:00 pm
(closed 12-1 lunch)

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First Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Sat., Feb. 25	Lenten Weekday
4:30 pm	Carol Brawley
Sun., Feb. 26	First Sunday of Lent
8:30 am	For the Parishioners
10:30 am	Ken Dulle
Mon., Feb. 27	Lenten Weekday
8:30 am	Helen Fritz
Tues., Feb. 28	Lenten Weekday
8:30 am	Laraine Pohlman
Wed., March 1	Lenten Weekday
6:30 pm	Noah Rogers (L)
Thur., March 2	Lenten Weekday
8:30 am	Robert Rawe
Fri., March 3	Lenten Weekday
8:30 am	Dale Johnson
Sat., March 4	Lenten Weekday
4:30 pm	Carol Brawley
Sun., March 5	Second Sunday of Lent
8:30 am	For the Parishioners
10:30 am	George Wilson

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Maxine Calhoon, Vi Perkhiser, Elli Wiemers, Toni Stanford, Peggy Ruhmann, Audrey Wolff, Lisa Curtis, Brooke Randolph Carden, Pam Kaizer, Karen Simpson, Brittany Witt, Greg Weber, Ken Mauro, Lizzie Malmevik, Pat Friedel, Nancy Tiek, Kristin Brunstein, Mark Jordan, Deborah Walker, Joyce Ventimiglia, John Norton, Babe Eschbah, Jim Begnel, Rita Dana Smith. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call the parish office, 377-6519. For prayer requests to the email prayer chain, send to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com.**



Parish Prayer Group—This Week

Please join us! We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 pm in the church. Next gathering, February 28th.

SCRIP News

Last Week's Sales: \$2,215.00

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Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent, 2:15 pm and 6:30 pm.

Quarter Auction—Today

Feb 26, Sunday, 2pm, church basement. \$10 a paddle, \$10 to play all games. Bring you own snack/beverage. Come enjoy an afternoon of fun and bling. Contact Amy Frisch details/questions 444-7715.

Dear Parishioners,

I am sure that we all know that the Holy Father has declared this to be a year in celebration of the Eucharist. We are a Eucharistic People and so a year long celebration is only right. The year long celebration will culminate with a diocesan wide mass in Springfield on October 28. The bishop has declared that no other masses may be held on that day throughout the diocese, and that he has invited all Catholics to join him in Springfield for this special mass.



Also, we have started the journey of Lent, and to emphasize the year of the Eucharist during these forty days we will have our own Eucharistic celebrations. During Lent we will have three opportunities for Eucharistic devotion and meditation. On the following days we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a meditation talk, and Benediction:

- Thursday March 2 from 7 to 8pm
- Thursday March 16 from 9 to 11:30am (Meditation talk will be at 10:30am)
- Thursday March 30 from 7 to 8pm

I would also like to announce that the next Saints and Suds will be held on March 23 at 7pm at the Premier Best Western. I hope that everyone will have a blessed Lent.

Fr. Tom

OLQP Preschool - 8th Registration:

Registration has begun for the 23/24 school year. Call the school office soon to secure your child's place in our school, 377-6401.

Attention Preschool Parents

In addition to the 3 day a week option for 3 Year Old Preschool, this year we have added a 5 day a week option, for either 5 half days or 5 full days. Call the school office for additional information, 618-377-6401.

Save the Date—Ladies!

Our next Parish Ladies **ACTS Retreat** will be **June 15-18**. More information to come!

Sunday Offerings

Week 34	2/18/23—2/19/23	Total to Date
Loose Envelopes	\$474.00	\$18,143.68
On Line Giving	\$12,077.00	\$312,228.57
Young People	\$5,190.00	\$110,606.00
Total	\$1.00	\$79.43
	\$17,742.00	\$441,057.68
Operating Budget	\$14,545.47	\$494,545.98
Tithe to Diocese	\$1,384.62	\$47,077.08
Difference	\$1,811.91	(\$100,565.38)

Total Envelopes Received: 172
Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$375.00
Other Charitable Donations: \$690.00

February 26, 2023

Liturgical Roles

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4:30 pm

Rosary
Lector
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Ushers

March 4

Liz Laurant
Liz Laurant
Dick Rogers, Pat Beiermann
Jim & Jackie Page
Brad & Teri Fulk

Servers

Music

Text Kristin to sign up, 618-978-2371

8:30 am

Rosary
Lector
E. Ministers
Ushers

March 5

Marla Baker
Marce Tebbe
Debbie Hay, Brenda Tebbe
Susan Smith & Carol Beste
Joe Grabowski, Ray Meyers

Servers

Music

Text Kristin to sign up, 618-978-2371

10:30 am

Lector
E. Ministers
Ushers

March 5

Alyssa Smith
Shelia Smith, Dee Oller
Ron & Renee Harshbarger
Kathy Wilson, Dee Oller

Servers

Music

Text Kristin to sign up, 618-978-2371

Praise Team

SCRIP Sellers, March 4-5, 2023

4:30 Bea Albarado

8:30 Terri Zykan

10:30 Brenda Zacha

Father- Daughter Dance

Scheduled for the evening of Saturday, 3/4. It is **open to All School and PSR families**. Call the school office for more information, 618-377-6401.

OLQP Music & Movie Trivia

 **Saturday, March 11, 7 pm**, doors open at 6:30 pm. This event will be held in the school gym. Table of 8, \$120 advance purchase, in the school office or \$160, at the door. BYO Food/ Drinks, 50/50 Raffle, Playing Cards, Grand Prize. "Free Dress Passes" for OLQP students will be available for purchase. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit OLQP Students and School.

March Military Mass

Thursday, March 9, 2023, at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Alton at 6:00 PM. Join us to pray for active Military service members, veterans both living and deceased and their families and our country!

Fish Fries are Back!

The Fridays of Lent, 4-7 pm, school gym. Please come!!

Opportunity For Lent/ 40 Days For Life

You are invited to join other Christians for 40 Day for Life-40days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Stand and peacefully pray outside the Hope Clinic for Women in Granite city! visit www.40daysgc.com for more information. Our parish has adopted Friday March 10th, to have two people adopt and hour to pray outside of the Clinic. 8am- 1pm. Contact Mary Terry 830-0104.

Lent's 3 Pillars:

Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

When we hunger—whether it be for food, technology, comfort—it can be a reminder that Jesus is the bread of life. Jesus said to them, ***"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."*** John 6:35

When we sacrifice things that this world tells us we need, it can remind us that only God can truly satisfy our spiritual hunger. Lent's three pillars are prayer, fasting and almsgiving—meaning that we're called to do more than just abstain from a particular food or activity. It involves not only what we're willing to give up, but what we're willing to take on. When we think about what to give up for Lent, we ought to also think about what sort of commitment to prayer and ability to be charitable that we can hold ourselves.

Lent Fasting Ideas

- Give up coffee (or only brew it at home)
- Give up alcohol
- Give up social media, or limit to certain days/times
- Give up electronics after a certain time in the day
- Shower without hot (with only lukewarm) water
- Keep the thermostat several degrees cooler
- Park in the back of the parking lot and say a prayer as you walk to the grocery store
- Abstain from reading gossip/rumor sites.

Lent Prayer Ideas

- Each morning, scroll through the contacts on your phone. Randomly pray for the person you land on.
- Attend daily Mass once a week
- Attend or pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays
- Invite a friend to attend Mass with you
- Join the Bible study group at church
- Attend Adoration of the Eucharist
- Go to confession
- Pray the Rosary once a day
- Pray the Daily Examen

Almsgiving Ideas

- Spend time volunteering as a family
- Introduce children to a charity and explain to them how and why to donate to it
- Have children identify a toy they are willing to donate to Goodwill
- Help children identify an article of clothing they can donate and explain that their donation can be a blessing to someone in need
- Create a jar to collect change to donate
- Donate food to a food pantry
- Give a smile to someone you pass who may be living on the street (instead of ignoring them)

What to Give Up For Lent in 2023: Practical Fasting Ideas for Lent – Hallow



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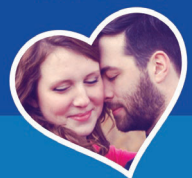
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