

Families and the Gospel - Luke 6:39-45

Today Jesus tells us: "Why do you seek the speck in someone else's eye but miss the log in your own eye?" It's always easier to try to change someone else than face the things in ourselves which need change. What a waste of time for we can't change anyone but ourselves.

Our ultimate goal is to be a Saint. It is our greatest calling and what is desired for us by our Creator. Bishop Robert Baron paints a beautiful and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of 'the One who is, Jesus Christ.' He lays out three intriguing paths to holiness: Finding the Center; Knowing You're a Sinner; and Realizing Your Life is Not About You. You are invited to join in this program offered April 7, 14, 21, & 28. It will take place at the Incarnation Center each day from 10 am to 12 noon and at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel from 6 pm – 8 pm. Pre-registration is requested by calling 814-886-4098 or email: CommunityofficeCCW@gmail.com by March 28th

Lenten alms for Mikayla – Mikayla is a 26 year old parishioner of St. Joseph Parish. Mikayla is in urgent need of a multivisceral transplant, which is four organs or more. The organs she needs are the stomach, pancreas, small and large intestine. Depending on how long she is on the transplant list, the liver may be added as well. St. Joseph and St. Matthew Parishes are taking up a special collection to help Mikayla and her family through this lengthy and costly journey. Please consider placing a donation in the collection basket anytime during Lent. Envelopes will be in the gathering space.

Hunger in Our World Almsgiving is central to how we practice Lent. Almsgiving flows from prayer and fasting. We reflect on the needs of the world and how God is calling us to meet those needs through prayer. We make room for the needs of others – and for God's Holy Spirit to work within us – through fasting - we then give alms. Visit crsricebowl.org for more. Remember to encourage your children and family to use the Rice Bowl this Lent. ***The CRS Rice Bowls are available in the gathering space.***

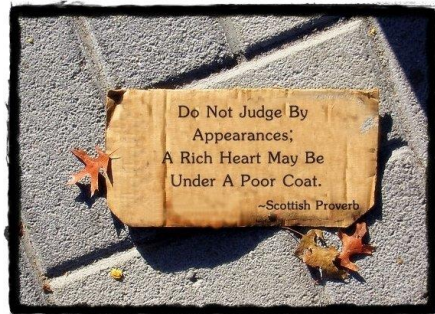
Have you ever wanted to learn how to knit but never had the time or thought it would be too difficult? Now is the perfect opportunity. Take my Knitting for Beginners

Class to learn the basics of this fun and productive hobby. Six weeks of classes for \$40 will be offered at St. Matthew's Parish on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 -2:30 pm, beginning **March 22, 2025**. Participants must be 18 yrs. of age or older. Contact Tammy Terosky at 814-883-1233 (text/phone) to enroll or with any inquiries. Must have a minimum number of participants for the course to be offered. Thank you and happy knitting!



The Knights of Columbus will be having Lenten Fish Fry's on the following dates: March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4. The time is 4:30 pm – until fish runs out in Harkins Hall. Eat-in or take out is available. Cost is \$13 for adults and \$7 for children. Come and enjoy the best fish dinner in the area and some fellowship!

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CAN IT BE DONE?



How can you say to your brother: "Brother let me remove that splinter in your eye," when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye." Luke 6: 42

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THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." Luke 6: 43

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

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"serving our community since 1869"
Principal: Pauline Wiley
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School web-site: www.stmatthew-school.org

We welcome all visitors. If you live in the area, please call the Parish Office to register and become an active member of our parish family.

If you would like to have a MASS celebrated for the deceased members of your family, or friends, or for special intentions, please stop by or call the parish office.



March 2, 2025
The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday at 5:30 pm
Sunday at 7:30 am and Sunday at 10:30 am
Weekday Mass Schedule: Wed., Thurs. & Friday at 8:00 am
Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule: 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 12:30 pm or anytime upon request.

Mass Schedule & Intentions
March 1, 2025 – March 9, 2025

- Sat. 5:30 pm** Helen Molnar - CDA
- Sun. 7:30 am** Mike Ronan – Mike & Becky Rozick
- Sun. 10:30 am** For the People - Pastor
- Mon. 8:00 am** St. Joseph
- Tues. 6:00 pm** St. Joseph
- Ash Wednesday**
 - 9:00 am Bertha and John Yenter Jr. – Estate
 - 12:00 pm Distribution of Ashes
 - 7:00 pm For the People – Pastor
- Thurs. 8:00 am** Gary DiDomenico – Mary Poppenwimer & family
- 8:30-9:30 am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
- Friday**
 - 8:00 am Elio Lucci – Zakrzwski family
 - 9:00 am Stations of the Cross
 - 6:30 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 - 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- Sat. 5:30 pm** Holy Souls in Purgatory – Michael Burkholder
- Sun. 7:30 am** Connie Steinbeiser – Dick Steinbeiser
- Sun 10:30 am** James Schafer – Michael Schafer



Sanctuary Candle for the week of March 2nd is in memory of Gary DiDomenico requested by his family.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays S McNelis

Ash Wednesday – 7 pm Mass

Lectors H Quinn, L Wright
Eucharistic Minister D Castagnola
Altar Servers J Gilliland, L Castagnola

Weekend Assignments

Lectors – March 8 and 9, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm T Jeffries, S Gavazzi, J Rumberger
Sun. 7:30 am K Pearson, J Morse
Sun. 10:30am A Brisbin, MJ Gunter, I Maceno

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist March 8 and 9, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm † C Golden, T Scordo, S Burkholder
Sun. 7:30 am † M Rozick, B Rozick, K Hoyne
Sun. 10:30 am † J Terosky, S Stoner, L Wright

Altar Servers: March 8 and 9, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm A Vasbinder, K Shaffer
Sun. 10:30 am E Hewitt, J Gilliland

Financial Report – February 23, 2025

Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$6,364 \$26(children)

Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025

Year to date Sunday Collection Income \$ 185,002

2025 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$ 8,256
Second Collection	\$ 209
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$ 100
Religious Education Envelopes	\$ 50
Good Samaritan	\$ 10

2025 Catholic Ministries Drive TARGET	\$ 30,000
CMD Donations for 2025	\$ 6,838

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY! Please remember that one can have a lot of money but still live a really poor life and one can have no money at all and live a really rich life, that's because what makes a person truly rich is not how much they have but how much they give.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND

(Dec. 1 to June 1, 2025) Andrea Barton, Sue Chambers, Jack Chambers, Helen and Daryll Dillon, Virginia Frantz, T.C. Gheer, Martha Hagg, Cindy Hampton, Rick Hampton, Rob Hampton, Rose Long, Ailani Myers, Mary Jane Shank, Harry Sickler, Dorothy Smyder, Jeff Wevodau, Rachel Harshman Wiggins, Esther Zane

Stewardship Reflections

Today's readings exhort us Christian disciples to form ourselves – mind and heart – imitation of Christ so we can better reflect His goodness in our daily lives.

Everything we have is a gift from God to be used for His honor and glory. This includes the gift of speech and, even more broadly, all forms of modern-day communication – email, text, Twitter (X), Facebook, etc. What comes forth from our mouths, and our phones and keyboards, reflects what is in our minds and heart. Our ability to communicate with each other is itself a gift that we must steward well.

The more intentionally and frequently we look to Jesus as our mentor in these interactions, the more we will become like Him, our Teacher and our Lord. Then, all that we do and say (and Tweet and post) will bring others closer to Him. This is the life's work of the Christian steward. It is privileged work indeed.

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown **STRENGTH IN CHRIST** Men's Conference **Sunday, March 30, 2025 from 11:30 am -5:30 pm** at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. Join us for a day that includes lunch, Sunday Mass, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, and a panel discussion with local Catholic men. There is no cost to attend. Visit www.dioceseaj.org to register online. For those unable to register online, paper registration forms can be found in the gathering space. Registration closes March 21st.

Diocesan Priests on the Eucharist on Saturday, March 29, 2025 from 9 am to 11:30 am at JFK Student Center at Saint Francis University, Loretto, PA featuring Father Jozef Kovacic, Father George Jakopac, and Father Brian Saylor. Register at dioceseaj.org/spring_priest_presentation or by contacting llamagna@dioceseaj.org with questions.

The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto Annual Men's Turkey Dinner will be held on **Sunday, March 16, 2025, 11 am to 3 pm** or until sold out. Turkey dinner with all of the trimmings. Dine in for \$14 or take-out for \$15. Two lines this year for faster takeout service! Please stop by for a dinner!

New Life in Christ – Young Adult Retreat featured speaker, Bob Sutton on Saturday, **March 8th from 9 am to 6 pm** at St. Francis University Immaculate Conception Chapel. Pre-register by March 1st for \$10 or day of registration \$20. Contact Andrew Potopa at apotopa98@gmail.com or Geoffrey Stumpo at geoffstumpo@gmail.com

Friar's Nook Gift Shop – Lenten Items available – start your Lenten journey at the Friar's Nook Gift Shop by picking up a Lenten daily devotional, Lent with the Saints series book, Stations of the Cross, prayer cards, and more! The gift shop is located on the campus of St. Bernardine Monastery at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. You can find new items and updates by following the Friar's Nook Gift Shop on Facebook

Franciscan Friars, TOR Lenten - series at St. Bernardine Monastery: Wednesday March 12th, 19th, 26th, and April 2nd. Join the Franciscan Friars for four weeks on Lenten reflections, prayer, and fellowship as we journey together towards the abundant life of Easter! This workshop series will be a free will offering. To register for the workshop, please call 814-695-3802 by **March 7th**.

Lenten Guidelines Ash Wednesday is when the church begins the forty-day journey to Easter with the annual disciplines of fasting, praying, and giving alms. **Ash Wednesday (March 5) and Good Friday (April 18th)** are days of **fast and abstinence**. All Fridays of Lent (March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18) are days of abstinence.

FASTING refers to only one full meal with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day.

ABSTINENCE refers to not eating meat at all during the day.

All those who have reached their 14th year are obligated to ABSTAIN. The church directs the Holy fast to all those in their 18th year until their 60th year. (Canon 1525) The ancient practice of fasting and abstaining can occur throughout the other days of Lent. This is not obligatory and can take a variety of forms distinct from food.



Your ***Lenten Journey booklet, Daily Meditations for Lent: The Word Among Us***, and the Catholic Relief Services ***Rice Bowls*** are available in the Gathering Space as you prepare for your Lenten Journey.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will occur **every Thursday** after the morning Mass for one hour followed by Benediction This is great opportunity for spiritual nourishment. ***Come and spend an hour with Jesus!***

Our Saint Matthew Lenten Faith Sharing Group will begin on **Tuesday, March 11th**, meeting in the gather space from **6:30 pm until 7:45 pm**. This four-week series will focus on the FAITH we rely on during Lent and the HOPE of Easter. Each session is an independent study so you can miss a week and still participate. Time spent with God is never wasted so please consider taking this journey. You can sign-up in the gathering space to participate or to receive additional information or contact Steve Stoner.