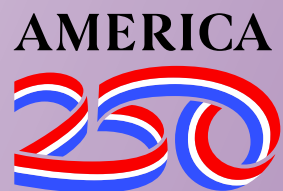


FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



MARCH 22, 2026



When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

John 11: 43-44

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Holy Week Schedule 2026

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

Masses: Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm (en español)

Msgr. Kurwicky will celebrate the 10:00am Mass, which will begin in Selinger Centre Gym with the solemn procession of palms. All are encouraged to meet there.

The Sacred Triduum

Msgr. Robert A. Kurwicky, Fr. Thomas Alber, Fr. Kispotta, and Deacons

Holy Thursday April 2

**Evening Mass of
The Lord's Supper
7:00pm**

Celebration of the Eucharist with washing of feet. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Church after Mass until midnight.

No other Masses will be celebrated today

No Confessions today

Good Friday April 3

**Celebration of
The Lord's Passion
7:00pm**

Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, and Communion.

**Bilingual Outdoor Living
Stations 12:00pm**

Stations of the Cross 3:00pm

**Confessions
3:30pm-4:30pm ONLY**

Holy Saturday April 4

**The Great Easter Vigil
8:15pm**

Service of Light, Celebration of Baptism, and Reception into the Church for candidates and catechumens in the OCIA Program.

No Confessions today

No 4:30pm Mass today

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm (en español)

There will be overflow in Selinger Centre Gym for the 10:00am Mass.

Lent ends on Holy Thursday evening however, Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. Everyone, from the celebration of their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday, is bound to fast on Good Friday. Fasting means eating only one full meal. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken; but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges.

These are minimal penitential practices and should not be lightly excused. If in doubt, please consult your parish priest.

Other recommended forms of fasting, as regards alcoholic drink, needless television, video games, Internet use, and social entertainment, are of true spiritual value and strongly encouraged.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ALL OF OUR HOLY WEEK SERVICES.

VISITORS ARE WELCOME.

MAY THIS TRULY BE A HOLY WEEK FOR EACH OF US.

FORMATION

Monday, March 23

- 12:03pm - Mass - Church
- 4:30pm - Small Prayer Group - Fr. Ahrens Rm.
- 5:00pm - St. Anne Quilters - Scout Rm.
- 6:30pm - Parish Ministry Formation Program (Spanish) - SSND Rm.
- 6:30pm - Ocia Confessions with Father Alber - Church

Tuesday, March 24

- 8:00am - Mass - Church
- 11:00am - Confessions - Church
- 12:03pm - Mass - Church
- 5:30pm - Cursillo Meeting - Msgr. Hoog Hall
- 6:00pm - Schola Rehearsal - Church

Wednesday, March 25 - Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

- 8:00am - Mass - Church
- 11:00am - Confessions - Church
- 12:03pm - Mass - Church
- 7:00pm -PSR First Communion Practice - SSND Rm.

Thursday, March 26

- 8:00am - 8:00pm - Exposition the of Blessed Sacrament - Chapel
- 12:03pm - Mass - Church
- 6:30pm - OCIA Meeting - Msgr. Hoog Hall
- 7:45pm - Benediction - Chapel

Friday, March 27

- 8:00am - Mass - Church
- 11:00am - Confessions - Church
- 12:30pm - Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, March 28

- 3:30pm - Confessions - Church
- 4:30pm - Vigil Mass - Church

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 8:00am - Mass - Church
- 9:05am - Deliberately Christian - Fr. Ahrens Rm.
- 10:00am - Mass - Church
- 11:15am - Confessions (in Spanish) - Church
- 12:00pm - Mass (in Spanish) - Church

St. Vincent de Paul

The Immaculate Conception Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a soup supper/ grilled cheese dinner every Friday in lent after the 5:30pm Stations of the Cross ministry.



**Deanery
Wide
Divine Mercy
Sunday
Chaplet
April 12, 2026
3pm
Cathedral
Save the date!**

Join Us

Bishop Ralph B. O'Donnell will bless the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of the Catechumens, and consecrate the Sacred Chrism.

Chrism Mass

March 31, 2026

Cathedral of St. Joseph

3:00 p.m. Mass

4:00 p.m. Reception Cana Hall

(All are welcome.)

RVSP by March 27:
diojeffcity.org/chrism-mass-rsvp



**Stations of the
Cross
78
in Attendance
March 13, 2026**

St. Peter's Update

Beginning Divine Mercy Sunday, St. Peter's will be reading announcements at the start of each Sunday Mass.

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Good Friday, April 3, at 12:00 PM.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our young parishioners to enter more deeply into the Passion of our Lord. Practices will be held once a week leading up to the event. We are also seeking parent volunteers to help coordinate and assist with the production.

Interested in participating or helping?

Please contact Aurora Guillen at:
 573-821-4788 or via email at aurora.avalos116@gmail.com.

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March 1, 2026	\$	53,774.07
March 8, 2026	\$	29,326.78
March 15, 2026	\$	46,646.92
March 22, 2026	\$	
March 29, 2026	\$	
Budget for March	\$	262,500.00
Total Collected for March	\$	129,747.77
Difference	\$	-132,752.23
Budget Goal To Date	\$	1,942,500.00
Total Collected To Date	\$	2,009,797.75
Difference	\$	67,297.75
Facility/Property Maintenance: March	\$	3,335.00
Facility/Property Maintenance To Date	\$	63,362.22
Society of St. Vincent de Paul March	\$	679.00

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PRAY WITH THE POPE IN MARCH

For disarmament and peace

Nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

OREMOS CON EL PAPA EN MARZO

Por el desarme y la paz

Oremos para que las naciones avancen hacia un desarme efectivo, en particular el desarme nuclear, y para que los líderes mundiales elijan el camino del diálogo y la diplomacia en lugar de la violencia.

Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

My loving Lord, it's so hard to love the world sometimes and to love it the way Jesus did seems impossible. Help me to be inspired by his love and guided by his example. Most of all, I want to accept that I can't do it alone, and that trying is an arrogance of self-centeredness. I need you, dear God, to give me support in this journey. Show me how to unlock my heart

Let me be less fearful of the pain and darkness that will be transformed by you into Easter joy.

A Journey Through the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.

Saturday, April 25, 2026.

\$15 for lunch

10:00 am – 3:00 pm
(Doors open at 9:00 am).
The National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church
(176 Marian Dr., Laurie, MO).

Date	Observances	Intentions
Monday March 23	St. Turibus	12:03pm †David Wurst
Tuesday March 24	Lenten Day	8:00am †Sue Stark 12:03pm Dana & Ross Burke
Wednesday March 25	The Annunciation of the Lord	8:00am †Gerry Neeley 12:03pm †Dan Roling
Thursday March 26	Lenten Day	12:03pm †Orville & Eleanor Schulte
Friday March 27	Lenten Day	8:00am †Jimmy Mustion 12:03pm †Alice Westerman
Saturday March 28	Lenten Day	4:30pm Darrell Rehagen
Sunday March 29	Palm Sunday	8:00am Knights of Columbus #1054 10:00am †Dodi & Jack O'Rourke 12:00pm People of the Parish

<p style="text-align: center;">VOCATIONS</p> <p>Please pray for all who are studying and discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Please pray for: Gabriel Eckstein</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hospital Mass</p> <p>Mass is celebrated at St. Mary's Hospital Chapel *qp"vjg"Łtuv"İqqt"d{"vjg" o ckp"gpvtcepg+"kp"Lg gtuqp" City on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Noon.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Carmelite Nuns</p> <p>Invite you to send your prayer requests to them at carmelofjc.prayers@gmail.com or mail them to: 31970 State Hwy P Clyde, MO 64432</p>
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Diocesan News

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www.diocefanews.com

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To Pray: that is, attend Mass faithfully in the parish on weekends and Holy Days.

To Participate: that is, to use one's time and talents to strengthen the parish community and advance the Gospel.

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FOR JUNIOR HIGH June 14-18, 2026 - Girls

Camp Maccabee June 21-26, 2026
FOR YOUNG MEN July 12-17, 2026


Camp Siena June 28-July 3, 2026
FOR YOUNG WOMEN July 19-24, 2026

For more info, visit diojeffcity.org/camps



3rd Annual Heart of a Hero Men's Conference
Registration is now open for the 3rd Annual Heart of a Hero Men's Conference, to be held in Cana Hall on April 10 and 11. This event, sponsored by the Men of Signum Crucis, is produced for the purpose of bringing men together in fraternity to deepen their faith and relationship with Christ.
Contact Mark Rehagen at 573-680-2520 with questions.

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7:00 p.m.
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7:45 p.m.
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Save the Date

April 30, 2026
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Jefferson City, MO

Kansas City 1:30pm at St. Peter's.

Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion
You are invited to join us for the Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion on Good Friday, April 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Columbia Planned Parenthood (711 N. Providence Rd). Together we will pray the Stations of the Cross for lives, mothers and fathers, family members, and abortion facility workers. Clergy will lead the stations as volunteers carry large station images.. For more information or to volunteer to carry a station picture, contact (573) 821-5130 or kathy@midwestmarchforlife.com.

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NURSE'S NOTES

**** This is a reprint of the Nurse's Notes column submitted for the March 15 bulletin. Last week, after I submitted my finalized written column for bulletin publication, there were changes that occurred to it which contributed to there being misspellings in the March 15 column. Nutrition is such a powerful and important topic, anyways; so, what a fabulous, healthful topic to get spotlighted again! ~Abbie ****

As I have prepared the last several Nurse's Notes columns ~ covering topics such as American Heart Month, Lent's alignment with cancer awareness months, cancer risk and protective factors ~ I knew **NUTRITION** would soon manifest as the spotlighted topic because it is so intricately interwoven into many recent themes. As I pondered the vastness of the nutrition topic and sought to learn more, I wondered what type of awareness months existed for nutrition topics. Serendipitously, guess what I learned? ... March is National Nutrition Month! A second God-wink that solidified this week's topic occurred by way of a Mass petition. I attended 5:30pm daily Mass on March 10 at Immaculate Conception, and Petition #3 grabbed my attention ~ *For those who suffer from hunger or malnutrition and lack the means to provide food for themselves and their loved ones, let us pray to the Lord.* Nutrition is such a gargantuan topic, so I will focus on a few key points at this time.



The United States healthcare system is predominantly driven by the biomedical approach to disease and illness. As patients, we often put great trust in having surgery/procedures and taking medicines to treat our ailments. Certainly, those are cornerstone! However, little to none of that matters if our bodies are not well-cared for ~ such as, in the form of restful sleep, nutrient-dense food, clean water, adequate shelter & safety, supportive friends & family, and minimal stress. This is one of the benefits of approaching health from a holistic perspective, such as the *8 Dimensions of Wellness* framework previously referenced in this column. A holistic, or whole-health, approach ensures we consider all aspects that impact our bodies' structures and functionality. The theme for 2026's National Nutrition Month is **Discover the Power of Nutrition**. Truly, nutrition is **INFUSED** into every body cell and function! DeBruyne and Pinna (2020, p. 392) summarize the **POWER** of our daily intake choices:

The most urgent nutrition need of older people, however, is to have made good food choices in the past!

All of life's nutrition choices incur health consequences for the better or for the worse.

A single day's intake of nutrients may exert only a minute effect on the body organs and their functions, but, over years and decades, the repeated effects accumulate to have major impacts.

This being the case, it is of great importance for everyone, of every age, to pay close attention today to nutrition.

~ 2026 National Nutrition Month Resources @ <https://www.eatright.org/national-nutrition-month/resources> ~

In Health, Wellness, & Nutrition ~ *Abbie Bredeman, M&N, RN*

DeBruyne, L. K., & Pinna, K. (2020). *Nutrition & Diet Therapy* (10th ed.) Cengage.

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