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will never thirst

JOHN 4:14



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Third Sunday of Lent: March 8, 2026

WORSHIP, SACRAMENTS, & PRAYER**Schedule & Mass Intentions**

The services below are in English unless otherwise specified. Refer to the other side of the bulletin for Masses and other services in Spanish. Please note that the priest schedule is tentative and subject to change.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7				
4:30 pm	Mass	IC	Fr. Satish Joseph	+Mary Lou Spang
5:00 pm	Mass (Reconciliation at 4:00 pm)	Holy Angels	Fr. Len Wenke	Mary Ann "Pokey" Huffman
SUNDAY, MARCH 8: Third Sunday of Lent				
9:00 am	Mass	St. Anthony	Fr. Tony Geraci	Debbie Monnin
9:00 am	Mass (also livestreamed)	St. Helen	Fr. Ted Cassidy	+Clara Rose Redrick
9:45 am	Mass (Reconciliation at 9:15 am)	St. Mary	Fr. Len Wenke	Christine Stoff
10:45 am	Mass	Holy Angels	Fr. Jim Fitz	Jerry Seubert
11:00 am	Mass (also livestreamed)	IC	Fr. Satish Joseph	
5:00 pm	Mass	IC	Fr. Len Wenke	
MONDAY, MARCH 9				
9:00 am	Mass	IC	Fr. Len Wenke	A special intention
TUESDAY, MARCH 10				
9:00 am	Mass	IC	Fr. Satish Joseph	+Jim & +Louise Serr
7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Hours, Scripture Discussion, & Faith Sharing	St. Anthony		
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11				
9:00 am	Mass	IC	Fr. Len Wenke	+Rosemary Lombard
6:00 pm	Reconciliation & Adoration	St. Helen	Fr. Terry Schneider	
THURSDAY, MARCH 12				
9:00 am	Mass	IC	Fr. Satish Joseph	+Lissa Tarlano
9:00 am	Mass with School	Holy Angels	Fr. Len Wenke	
6:00 pm	Reconciliation, Adoration, & Anointing of the Sick (Bilingual)	IC	Fr. Satish Joseph	
6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross	St. Anthony		
FRIDAY, MARCH 13				
9:00 am	Mass	IC	Fr. Len Wenke	+Santina Tarlano
SATURDAY, MARCH 14				
9:30 am	Adoration (until 10:30 am)	St. Anthony		
4:30 pm	Mass	IC	Fr. Ted Cassidy	+Paul Stein
5:00 pm	Mass (Reconciliation at 4:00 pm)	Holy Angels	Fr. Jim Heft	Rita Downs
SUNDAY, MARCH 15: Fourth Sunday of Lent				
9:00 am	Mass	St. Anthony	Fr. Ted Cassidy	Carolyn Monnin
9:00 am	Mass (also livestreamed)	St. Helen	Fr. Jim Fitz	+Paul Stein
9:45 am	Mass (Reconciliation at 9:15 am)	St. Mary	Fr. Tony Geraci	Joseph Neu; St. Mary Parishioners; Rodie Brun
10:45 am	Mass	Holy Angels	Fr. Len Wenke	Deacon Jim Walworth
11:00 am	Mass (also livestreamed)	IC	Fr. Satish Joseph	
5:00 pm	Mass	IC	Fr. Satish Joseph	

WORSHIP, SACRAMENTS, & PRAYER

Welcome to Bread of Life Family of Parishes!

- Garcia Galvez Family (SM)
- Reyes Escobar Family (SM)
- Mike Eberly & Kelly Rice (HA)
- Curp Family (IC)
- Lay Family (IC)
- Adler Family (IC)
- White Family (IC)
- Francisco Family (IC)
- Tenesaca Family (IC)
- Perez Roblero Family (IC)

Baptisms

Congratulations to all those who were baptized recently. May they continue to grow in Christ's love.

- Lucas Jacob Guzman (SM)
- Aaron Jael Perez (SM)
- Skylar Wilson (SH)
- Kayden Strehle (SH)
- Elena Parker (HA)
- Justin DeLeon (IC)
- Nadia Hernandez (IC)
- Christopher Portillo Cruz (IC)
- Eduar Portillo Cruz (IC)
- Kimberly Uzhca (IC)
- Jeff Uzhca (IC)
- Robel Uzhca (IC)
- Adriana Perez-Rosa (IC)
- Ian Misael Vargas Ceciliano (SM)
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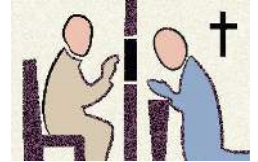
Rest in Peace

Funerals were held recently. Please keep them, their family, & friends in your prayers. May they rest in the eternal embrace of God.

- Ricky Huffstetler (IC)
- Norma Sturm (IC)

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to the children in our family of parishes who had their First Reconciliation on March 4! We pray that they continue to deepen their relationship with God.



Women's Lenten Retreat: Return to Him with Your Whole Heart!

Saturday, March 14, 8:30 am-12:00 pm
at **St. Anthony Rectory & Church (820 Bowen St, Dayton, OH 45410)**

Register at <https://bit.ly/ReturntoHim> or by using the QR code.

Questions? Email Terri Eifert: tdieckhoff@charter.net.

Our speaker will be Sr. Mary Dominic OP, Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist. Registration and refreshments in the rectory at 8:30 am. Talks begin at 9:00 am in the church followed by Eucharistic Exposition and Confession.



Mary's Way of the Cross

Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm at **St. Mary Church**

The ladies of the St. Mary's St.

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"Mary's Way of the Cross". This

version of Stations of the Cross follows Jesus on his journey to Calvary through the eyes of his mother, Mary. With a mother's love and also with deep faith, she accompanies him and invites all to follow him as well.



To learn about Baptisms,

- **St. Mary:** 937.256.5633
- **St. Helen:** Deb Danner, deb.danner@sthelenparish.org
- **St. Anthony, Holy Angels, & Immaculate Conception:** Will Marsh, willmarsh@icparishdayton.org

Baptism workshops (attending either one is required):

- 2nd Sundays of the month: 9:30 am at Immaculate Conception. Register: tinyurl.com/IC-Baptism.
- 3rd Sundays of the month: 1:00 pm at St. Helen. Register: sthelenparish.org/baptism.html.

To learn about Marriages and Convalidations:

Contact the parish office. Weddings must be scheduled 9 months in advance.



LENT

Lenten Discipleship Challenge**Week Three: March 8-14**

Near the heart of Lent, we encounter an array of holy and not so holy characters of salvation history: patriarch Moses (Exodus 17:3-7); Naaman the leper (2 Kings 5:1-15a); prophets Elijah, Elisha (Luke 4:24-30), Jeremiah (Jeremiah 7:23-28) & Hosea (Hosea 6:1-6); the three young men in the fiery furnace — Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Daniel 3:25, 34-43); the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:5-42); and the Pharisee and the tax collector (Luke 18:9-14). It is good to remind ourselves that the origin of these forty days since the 4th century is to assist the catechumens preparing for the Easter sacraments. Indeed, not just to assist those who long for the waters of Easter, but to challenge a life of continual conversion by the renewal of our own baptisms. The following reflections were composed for this purpose by parishioners across the spectrum of our Bread of Life/Pan de Vida family of parishes.

Third Sunday of Lent, March 8: *Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42*

In the first reading, the people thirsted for water. In the gospel, it was the Samaritan woman who came to the well to quench her thirst. The irony of the readings is that Jesus, who could quench all thirsts, also thirsted as he said, “Give me a drink” (John 4:7). The thirst for water is symbolic of human hope for redemption. God fulfills this hope in Christ and through Christ. As Paul says, “Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts” (Romans 5:5). Spend a few moments in prayer today, connecting with the “thirst” in your soul. Then, thank God that we have Jesus who fulfills our hope for eternal redemption.

Monday, March 9: *2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30*

Why is it that “no prophet can be accepted in his own native place” (Luke 4:24)? As we learn from both Elijah and Elisha, and then from Jesus himself, it is tough to break through the contempt built by familiarity. There is almost an inability to see beyond the familiar, seeming to deny that God could use someone so ordinary, so boring, to play a part in salvation history. How many of us have ever felt the need to move away from home to redefine ourselves or start over fresh? We feel a need to no longer be seen as ordinary. Think of someone from your origin, someone familiar. Ask God’s help to see this person in a new, deeper, more profound way. Then take a moment to pray for them and thank our good and gracious God for all that they bring.

Tuesday, March 10: *Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35*

There are interesting characters of salvation history presented in today’s readings. First Abednego: a young man (with Shadrach and Meshach) thrown into the furnace. His prayer highlights salvation as a plea for God to act based on covenantal love, relying not on personal merit but on divine mercy. Second, Nebuchadnezzar: the despotic power of the exile, a ruler who demands worship but is ultimately confronted by the power of the true God. Third, Peter: the questioning disciple trying to understand the limits of mercy. Fourth, the unforgiving servant: humanity, forgiven by God, yet failing to extend that same mercy to others, thus highlighting that refusal to forgive blocks one from receiving God’s mercy. Which of these characters do you identify with the most?

Wednesday, March 11: *Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19*

Moses exhorts Israel to remain faithful to the commandments (Deuteronomy 4:1) entrusted to them as they enter the Promised Land—and to pass these traditions on to future generations. A society reveals its true wisdom, integrity, and maturity when it upholds just and life-giving statutes. These are not burdens but safeguards which create the conditions where the common good can flourish. Like the Israelites, we are often tempted to place personal convenience above shared responsibility. Are there just laws you routinely bend, even in small ways—deadlines, speed limits, punctuality, “harmless” exaggerations? Today, intentionally practice faithfulness in the least of the commandments, trusting Jesus’ promise that greatness in the Kingdom begins with obedience in the least (Matthew 5:19).

Thursday, March 12: *Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23*

In our first reading we hear, “Thus says the LORD: This is what I command my people: Listen to my voice; Then I will be your God and you shall be my people” (Jeremiah 7:23). It is difficult to hear God’s voice in our present times because of so many distractions: mass media, computers, and cell phones. Today, let’s turn off our

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devices for just thirty minutes. Appropriately, meditate on today's Psalm response: "If today you hear God's voice harden not your hearts" (Psalm 25: 8-9). Interestingly, in our Gospel today, Jesus drives out a demon that was mute (Luke 11:14), causing the oppressed person to not speak. Might we refuse to approach God as if God were mute? Purposefully listen throughout the day, praying in our hearts today's psalm response. Is the LORD trying to speak?

Friday, March 13: *Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34*

We are constantly told by Christ that we are called to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. What is striking in today's reading is the response to Jesus: "God is one," and we are to love God and our neighbor with everything we have—and that love is priceless. God is singular, yet communal. Loving God means loving the person beside us. God dwells among us, made clear through the gift of the Eucharist each Sunday. So let us give our hearts to God by becoming family to the person right next to us. Call to action: Talk with someone you don't normally recognize as your "neighbor" and reflect where you might see God in their stories.

Saturday, March 14: *Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14*

Today's readings are woven together by the call to authentic conversion versus empty external observances. Through the prophet Hosea and Psalm 51, we are reminded that God desires mercy and a contrite heart over ritual. On a similar note, Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and tax collector teaches that humility and dependence on God opens us to divine mercy, whereas pride, self-reliance, and judgmentalism act as obstacles to it. Do a "heart check" today: pause to honestly examine whether your thoughts, speech, and actions reflect a humble, charitable heart – or whether pride, self-reliance, or empty routine have quietly taken root. Invite God to help uproot and transform that area of vice as we continue through this Lenten Challenge.

LOVE IN ACTION

SVDP Shelter Meals & Donations

St. Helen

This weekend there are casserole pans and recipe for a simple sausage casserole, in the church vestibule. St. Helen parishioners provide food for the St. Vincent de Paul Hotel meal on the fourth Sunday of each month. Canned fruit and brownies are also needed. Please help with this important ministry as we perform the Corporal Work of Mercy of Feeding the Hungry. This is a great way for students to gain service hours as they apply their faith to action.

Holy Angels: "Chuck Wagon" Sign up on March 8

Reach out to those in need who reside at the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter. Signup sheets are in the back of the church. You can contribute by preparing a casserole, bringing canned goods, fresh fruit, or cookies. Meals/donations must be dropped off at the Holy Angels sacristy entrance (door by the parking lot) on Friday, March 13 between 7:15 & 10:30 am.

IC Food Pantry

Wednesday, March 18, 6:00-7:00 pm, Immaculate Conception School parking lot (enter through the drive between the church and the school)

IC Food Pantry's goal is to serve both the parish community and the Belmont Neighborhood through a mobile meal program (groceries for neighbors in need) every third Wednesday of the month. All are welcome!



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St. Joseph's Table

St. Helen

On March 19, we will celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary who dedicated his life to the care of the Blessed Virgin and Jesus. To honor St. Joseph, there is a classic Catholic tradition we know as St. Joseph's Table where food is set aside for the poor. You are invited to bring non-perishable food items to the church from March 5–19 and place them by the statue of St. Joseph in the Holy Family Chapel or, during weekdays, to the church office. All donations will be blessed during the evening prayer scheduled in his honor on March 19 and will benefit the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry and the "Feed the Spirit" ministry to assist our school children in need. For more information on what items are needed, please go to <https://www.sthelenparish.org/service-ministries.html> or scan the QR code.



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LOVE IN ACTION

St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Food Pantry Conference Report



St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Food Pantry Conference from January 2025 to December 2025 provided assistance to 4,433 households, which included 9,966 people (1,752 seniors; 5,402 adults; and 2,812 children). We served 1,283 new people. We also served 879 homeless people.

Food Pantry financial income for the year ending December 2025 totaled \$162,703 (Grants \$90,750; Individuals \$31,705; Interest \$1,680; Organizations \$28,509; St. Mary Church Collections \$10,059). Food pantry expenses totaled \$142,038 (Food \$109,698; Non-Food Items \$16,532; Misc. \$1,710; and Clothing \$10,633; Office Expenses \$1,015; Equipment (Freezer) \$1,950, and Rent \$500). We have 21 volunteers that have donated 5,092 hours during this reporting period.

Our food pantry is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 am to 11:30 am, located at 310 Allen Street in Dayton (next to St. Mary Church). We service zip codes 45403, 45410 and 45417. We also serve parishioners in need that are registered at St. Mary Church, regardless of their residential zip code. If someone comes to the food pantry from another zip code who are not parishioners, we provide them with food just for that visit and give them the information of the food pantry that is in their zip code.

Sabrina Furlow, President of St. Mary SVdP Conference
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 Brian Burcham, Treasurer of St. Mary SVdP Conference

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

Holy Angels Parish Capital Campaign Kick-Off
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Mark your calendars for 2:00 pm on Sunday March 15, 2026 for an update on the Holy Angels Capital Campaign. For more information, go to holyangelschurchdayton.org/bulletin or scan the QR code.



Volunteers Needed!

St. Helen

St. Helen Festival Raffle Tickets is in need of



volunteers to transition into the roles of Chair and Co-Chair. Please contact the Festival Chair Bruce Comer via email at sthelenfestival@gmail.com if you are interested.

Meatball Madness!

Join the Knights of Columbus on Laetare Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Lent, for a spaghetti dinner after the Saturday, 5:00 Mass on March 14 at Holy Angels. The priest will wear pink in honor of Joy and meatballs. A \$10 donation is requested but not required.



Holy Angels School Fundraiser



Holy Angels School students are hosting their annual spring flower fundraiser. There is a wide variety of hanging baskets, annuals, and planters! To place an order, go to fundraiseit.org and click on the green button (online shopping). You will be directed to a page and then enter 2E67A7 in the quick lookup box. All orders must be placed by Wed, March 11. Your order will be available for pick up or delivery on Tue, April 28. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 937.229.5959. Thank you for your support!

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Updates from Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley (CSSMV)

Empowering our Community: National Social Work Month

At Catholic Social Services, we are blessed that so many social workers care for our clients, uphold our mission, and share their life's work with us. First recognized in March of 1963, National Social Work Month encourages public support for the profession. Family Stabilization & Success Program Manager, Tamara, MSW, shares, "I became a social worker because it brings together purpose, challenge, and real-world impact. Over the past 13 years, I've worked with youth and families in diverse settings, gaining a deep understanding of the pressures they face and the strengths they carry. My experience includes supporting mothers and children affected by domestic violence, working with youth placed in state care, and helping families recover from crises such as the May 2019 tornadoes and the COVID-19 pandemic. Doing this work gives me a genuine sense of fulfillment, knowing I'm contributing to meaningful change as a committed advocate and change agent." In our Northern Counties service region, ECHO School Based Counselor Kristina, LSW, shared, "Social Work was not my original plan, but when I started taking classes, I fell in love and found my passion. I have always been drawn to helping others, but social workers are able to help in different ways. Yes, professionally, there are many routes that a social worker can take, but something that all social workers do is use empathy and a person-centered focus. Providing different services professionally has led me to find a passion in working with kids and teens, providing them the support and guidance through mental health therapy. It has been special to see them grow and allowing them to recognize their strengths and growth through using skills and releasing their stressors." Thank you to all who work to empower our community!



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Finally Finding Peace

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Rocky has finally found peace. "The people here have given me an outlet. I've had some moments where my trauma flares up and I have a little meltdown, but they just listen and let me get it out. They understand what I have been through." Thank you for supporting your neighbors in need like Rocky!



Rocky smiles knowing he is finally in a place where he can rest.



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