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Monday, March 3
Saint Katharine Drexel
 8:00am – John DePinto

Tuesday, March 4
Saint Casimir
 8:00am – Clyde Rhoads

Wednesday, March 5
Ash Wednesday
 8:00am – The People of the Parish
 12:15pm – The People of the Parish
 6:00pm – The People of the Parish

Thursday, March 6
 8:00am – Deceased Members of the Arch and
 Mueller Families

Friday, March 7
 8:00am – Mass
 8:30am – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 8
Vigil – The First Sunday of Lent
 3:00pm – Reconciliation
 4:00pm – The Deceased Members of the Sullivan
 and Webster Families

Sunday, March 9
The First Sunday of Lent
 9:00am – Ronald Marak
 11:30am – The People of the Parish

FROM THE PASTOR...

This Wednesday, we will gather to commit ourselves to our annual Lenten journey. Enriched with the Word of God, nourished with the Body of Christ, and marked with the Ashes of Repentance, we are sent out into the world, much like Christ in the desert. Our journey is one that seeks to renew us in the constant process of conversion. Through the traditional practices of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving, we are invited to reflect more deeply on our relationship with God, ourselves, and others. May this coming season of Lent become more than a *“this is what we always do”* approach, and rather, challenge us to discover a greater sense of devotion in living out our faith.

A reminder that we will have three Masses on Ash Wednesday to begin this holy season – 8:00am, 12:15pm and 6:00pm. Please plan to join with our parish family as we prepare ourselves for the joy of the Easter Resurrection. As the words of

Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, heard every Ash Wednesday remind us, “Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation”.

PRAYER, while always necessary for our relationship with God, is a valuable part of the Lenten journey. We are invited to consider increased participation at Mass, the prayer of the Stations of the Cross, or other forms of prayer – all leading us to a deeper understanding of God’s presence in our lives.

FASTING refers to limitations on food and drink. The regulations of fast prescribe taking only one full meal a day, with two smaller ones; nothing in between meals. There are two days of fast: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Additionally, individuals are asked to reflect on their lives and seek to fast from something that has kept them from focusing more on their relationship with the Lord (i.e. – excessive TV or social media, certain foods or vices, etc.).

ABSTAINING means refraining from certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat. Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent including Good Friday are days of abstaining from meat.

ALMSGIVING, like prayer, should always be part of our Christian journey, but like prayer, becomes a heightened awareness and understanding during the Lenten season. Consider your gift to the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal – *One in Hope, One in Mission*, contributions to the Holy Week collections for Catholic Relief Services (Rice Bowl on Holy Thursday and the Holy Land on Good Friday), as well as an increased contributions to the parish and other charities of choice. Don’t forget our “Green Eggs (or any color) and Ham” collection. Like the very successful Turkey Connection, we will be collecting Hams (not baked) and colored Easter eggs for Easter Dinners at area soup kitchens. This will be on Tuesday, April 15, from 10am – 3pm in the parish hall.



Young at Heart will meet on **Monday, March 10th**, with Mass at 11:30am and lunch and a program to follow. More information will follow on the program for March.

Please RSVP to the parish office (330-533-6839) by **Thursday, March 6**, if you plan to attend.



ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

One in Hope, One in Mission

Next weekend, we will begin our **Annual Diocesan Appeal: *One in Hope, One in Mission***. Many of you have generously donated to the Appeal last year will receive a personalized packet from Bishop Bonnar in the mail. We will have additional brochures and pledge cards in the pews next weekend. The Annual Diocesan Appeal is the major solicitation in support of Catholic Charities and the Ministries of the Diocese, seeking to raise \$4,000,000 throughout our 80 parishes in the diocese. Last year, our parish collectively raised **\$155,000**. I am eternally grateful to everyone who made a gift last year. Our parish goal this year is **\$103,000** (our goal is in direct relationship with a percentage of our annual offertory, making it obtainable). I am asking everyone to prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2025 Annual Appeal. If we were able to add additional parishioners to the list of generous donors this year, the difference that could mean to our brothers and sisters in need in the area would be amazing. More information will be presented next weekend, and in the coming weeks.

In preparation, I ask that you keep everyone served by the Appeal in prayer and open your heart and mind to the work of the Appeal, using the reflection and Appeal Prayer in today's bulletin. Thank you.

STEP INTO THE NEW YEAR

We have decided to extend our shoe drive through March 9. Donations of shoes can be put in the black bins at the doors of the church. Cash donations are also welcome. The shoes will now be organized and distributed to the various charities in our area.



Again, we would like to send a **HUGE thank you** to everyone who donated shoes for the needy. We were overwhelmed by your response to our project and appreciate your generosity.

God Bless,

Lauren Smallwood and Jenna Wilkenson

CLEAN UP YOUR ACT FOR LENT

Beginning next weekend, we will be collecting personal hygiene and household cleaning items for those in need throughout our community. Any items may be placed in the bins located at the entrances of the Church. All items will then be distributed through Catholic Charities. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

Readings for March 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Readings for March 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

SACRED HEART SOCIETY

For the "Sacred Heart Society", you may enroll an individual, couple or family name in the society of \$100 each (example: *John Smith; John and Mary Smith; the Smith family or the Smith & Jones families*). A Sunday Mass each month and a Christmas and Easter Mass will be celebrated for all enrolled in the society. Please complete the "Sacred Heart Society Enrollment" form below and return it to the parish office via the offertory collection. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus lead us ever closer to the joy of the Kingdom.

SACRED HEART SOCIETY ENROLLMENT

enrolled name _____

enrolled name _____

enrolled name _____

your name _____

telephone number _____

_____ X \$100 = \$ _____
of names total \$ enclosed

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 3

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Tuesday, March 4

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday

Parish Office Closed

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Thursday, March 6

8:30am – Bible Study

8:30am – Scripture Sharing

Friday, March 7

9:00am – Fitness

4:00-6:30pm – Fish Fry

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, March 8

5:00pm – Wine & Cheese Social

Sunday, March 9

10:00 – 11:30am – Coffee & Donuts

10:05 – 11:20 – Youth Faith Formation

2:00 – 3:30pm – Confirmation Class



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On the Fridays of Lent (March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4 and 11), Mass will be held at 8:00am followed by Mary's Way of the Cross at 8:30.

This year, plan on making the Stations of the Cross part of your Lenten Journey.



Parish Support

February 23, 2025

Amount Received \$ 10,629.00

Amount Budgeted \$ 15,000.00

Surplus/ (Deficit) (\$ 4,371.00)

YTD Received \$511,548.27

YTD Budget \$510,000.00

YTD Surplus (Deficit) \$ 1,548.27

Thank you for your continued support of our parish and all our ministries! God Bless



VOCATIONS – March 2, 2025

"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" (Luke 6:41)

Jesus calls us to self-awareness and humility, reminding us to look inward before we judge others. This same humility is essential when discerning how God is calling us to serve. Are you being called to dedicate your life to God's service as a priest or religious brother or sister?

Talk to your priest or reach out to
Father Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or
cjohnson@youngwstowndiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP – March 2, 2025

"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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Debbie Cancio	Jay Gettemy	Barbara Dunn Lowe
Margaret Chizmar	John Hahn	Shirley Morvay
Mindy Cline	Dale Hynes	Theresa Morvay
Dante DeAngelo	Christopher King	Bill Myers
James Dunn, Sr.	Jack LeBrun	Janice Rovnak
Jim Fisher	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Jack Slifka
Marilyn Fisher	Patricia Lesho	Caroline Zeigler

If you would like a name on the 2025 prayer list, please call the parish office at 330-533-6839.

Welcome Our Newly Baptized

Weston Kesner

Son of Kara & Carson Kesner

Ella Jo Kesner

Daughter of Paige & Kyle Kesner

John Ferlaino

Son of Heather & Mario Ferlaino



MILITARY LIST








Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Philip McLaughlin - USMC
Colonel Gerald Nunziato

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, March 4 in observance of Ash Wednesday.

Thank you for understanding.

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Everybody Loves Handel's Ice Cream!

We have a new supply of Handel's pint cards that are good through January 2026. The cost is \$6.50 per card and a portion of the proceeds from the purchase of the card is donated to Saint Michael Parish.



2025 MASS INTENTIONS

All weekend masses for 2025 are taken. However, there are daily masses available for 2025. If you would like to schedule a mass, please complete the form below, include the \$10 stipend and return the form to the parish office. Thank you.

2025 Mass Intention Request Form

Name of Mass Intention

Name of person requesting the intention

Requested date – Not guaranteed

Telephone Number

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH



DINE IN or TAKE OUT

Fridays – March 7 – April 11

4:00pm – 6:30pm in the Family Life Center

dinners include choice of:

Fried or Baked Fish
with one side – choose either:
Macaroni & Cheese
or French Fries

All meals include coleslaw and dessert
beverages for dine in only

Cost of each meal - \$15

Anyone willing to donate home-made desserts, please drop them off at the FLC on Thursdays from 8:30 – 4:00 or anytime on Friday after 8:30am. Thank you.

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