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March 9, 2025

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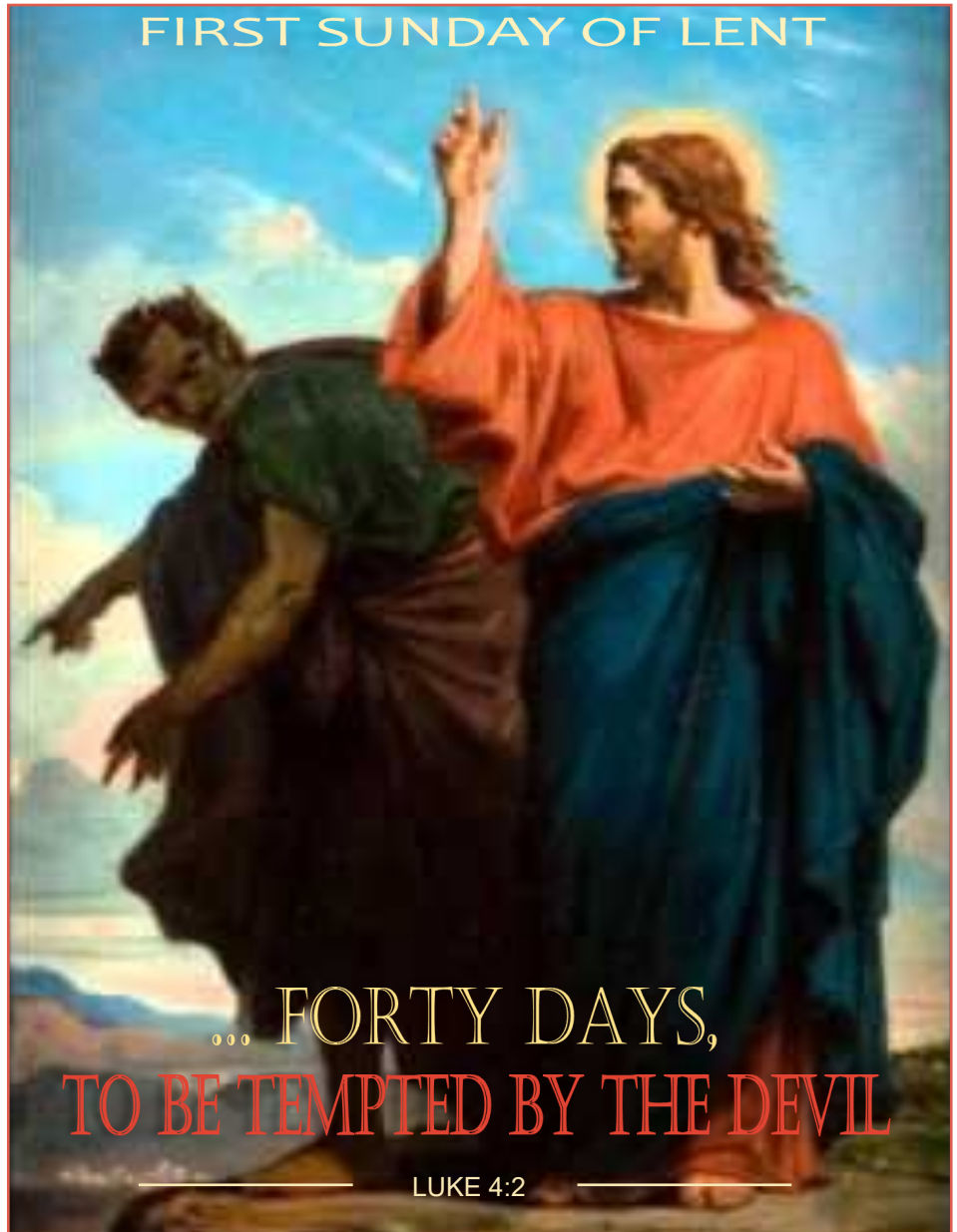
Tuesday-Thursday 8:30am SPP
Friday 9:00am -
at Matelyn/Brookfield

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:30pm or
by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office
(308) 754-4002



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

... FORTY DAYS,
TO BE TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL

LUKE 4:2



Sts. Peter & Paul
713 Elm Street
St. Paul, NE 68873
(308)754-4002
Saturday Mass 5:00PM
Sunday Mass 8AM & 10AM

St. Anthony
103 Kearns Avenue
Farwell, NE 68838
(308)336-3351
MASS 1ST SATURDAY OF
EACH MONTH 7:00PM

St. Joseph
1803 Highway 11
Elba, NE 68835
(308)336-3351
MASS 3RD SATURDAY OF
EACH MONTH 6:30PM

First Sunday of Lent

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

The focus of the First Sunday of Lent is always the temptation of Jesus in the desert, and Luke's version differs from the other synoptic accounts in the way he places the final temptation in Jerusalem. You might not have noticed it before, but Jesus was also tempted while he was on the Cross in Jerusalem. Take a quick look at Luke 23: 35-36, and you will see that the crowd and soldiers are mocking Jesus with almost the same remarks the devil makes here in chapter 4: "Save yourself!" So Luke is drawing parallels between the temptation in the desert and Jesus' suffering on the Cross.

Before we get into the three temptations in the desert, please take note that this story takes place immediately after Jesus' baptism. Confirmed as the Son of God and filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus is led into the desert for forty days by that same Spirit. And what are the three temptations?

First there is the temptation of human need. Jesus is fasting. He is hungry and weak. The devil dangles Jesus' title over him: "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." But Jesus' sole sustenance is God. Quoting Scripture – Deuteronomy 8:3 – he tells the devil: "One does not live on bread alone."

Jesus' second encounter with the devil is the temptation of political messianism. The devil shows Jesus all the kingdoms of the world in a single instance and says: "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus replies: "You shall worship the Lord your God. Him alone shall you serve."

The final encounter is the temptation of the abuse of power. Now in Jerusalem, the devil makes Jesus stand on the parapet of the temple and again dangles his title over him: "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here!" And then the devil quotes Scripture! "He will command his angels to guard you . . . lest you dash your foot against a stone." (Psalm 91)

Certainly, Jesus had the power to do everything the devil tempted him to do. But Jesus again counters with God's word from Deuteronomy 6:16 – "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."

The Holy Spirit and the Word of God! That is how we will successfully journey with Jesus through Lent. Just as Jesus was tempted after his baptism, so we, too, are continually tempted since the days of our own baptism, even after graced encounters with God. In the story of his temptation in the desert, Jesus teaches us that if we arm ourselves with the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, we shall overcome any temptations to sin that come our way.

This Lent, let us immerse ourselves in Scripture as we walk with Jesus to Jerusalem. Come, Holy Spirit!

Jr. Vincent L. Parsons

Ministry Schedule

MARCH 15TH & 16TH

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

S: Michael Happ / Sestaks / Julie Baquet

GREET: Denny & Kathy Hahn /
Troy & Kim Johnson

LECTOR: Alan Lewandowski

EM: John & Sandi Mudloff

S: Deloras Koperski / Claire Dubas /
Verah Paulsen

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Ken Vincik

GREET: Betty Roebuck / Rick & Misty
Fowler Family

LECTOR: Dianne Rice

EM: Todd Peters / Glen & Michele Killion

S: Owen Shotkoski / Boston Bowder

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Russ Kosmicki/Bill Gregoski

GREET: 2nd Grade Religious Ed. Class

LECTOR: Monte Brouillette

EM: Larry & Jeanne Happ/ Tami Reilly /
Tina Headrick / Chris Elstermeier

SERVE: Tyler & Lauryn Brandt

This Week's Schedule

Monday, March 10

No Daily Mass

Rosary 9am (SPP)

St. Wenceslaus Cemetery Meeting 9am (SPP)

OCIA Class 6:30pm (PLC Conference Room)

Tuesday, March 11

Daily Mass 8:30am / Rosary 9:00am (SPP)

Intention: †Anna Dedic

By Dan & Barbara McIntyre

Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm Noon (PLC)

Weather Permitting

Knights of Columbus Meeting 7pm (PLC)

Wednesday, March 12

Rosary 9:00am

Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)

Intention: †Janice Jelinek By Family

CCW Meeting 6pm (Parish Life Center)

Religious Ed. 7pm - attend Reconciliation

Lenten Reconciliation Service 7pm (SPP)

Thursday, March 13

Daily Mass 8:30am / Rosary 9:00am (SPP)

Intention: †Florence Duester

By Deb Placek

Friday, March 14

Daily Mass 9:00am (Brookfield)

Intention: †Phyllis Stepanek

By Marie Trouba

Stations of the Cross 5:30pm (SPP)

Saturday, March 15

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)

Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)

Intention: †Thomas & †Valeria Shefcyk

Weekend Mass 6:30pm (SJ)

Intention: People of the Parishes

Aurora Naylor Baptism 7:30pm (SJ)

Rylan Poss Baptism 7:30pm (SJ)

Sunday, March 16

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)

Intention: †Delores Ziola

By Marty & LaDonna Costello

Religious Ed. Pre-4th 9am (PLC Classrooms)

4th Grade Reconciliation (Church)

Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)

Intention: †JoAnn Jerabek

By Bill & Bertha Jerabek



Confirmation 2025: (front) Hayes Mottl, Jaxen Fowler, Kendyl Fowler, Rev. Vincent Parsons, Hannah Johnson, Audra Dugan, Katlyn Oakley, Carly Stepanek, Blake Barg, Layne Baker, Catechist Carrie Vech, & Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt; (back) Deacon Neil Baquet, Grady Ryan, Josef Kaslon, Nolan Bernt, Mason Hoppes, Matthew Kramer, Creed Larsen, Lane Mottl, Erik Samuelson, & Catechist Dan Vech



Congratulations on your Baptism
Jullyn Rowynn & Quinnlyn Gorecki
 MARCH 1, 2025
 STS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH
 DAUGHTERS OF JEREMY & SARAH GORECKI



CONGRATULATIONS
Roy & Noel Guzman
 UNITED IN CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE
 MARCH 1, 2025
 STS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Tri-Parish Events & News

LENTEN ROSARY

Monday through Thursday 9:00am during Lent at Sts. Peter & Paul

LENTEN DAILY MASS

During LENT, daily Mass on Wednesdays will be at **12:05pm** at Sts. Peter & Paul.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, March 12, 7pm at SPP

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 14, 5:30pm at SPP

Upcoming Meeting:

Catholic Daughters - March 18th, 7pm at SPP Parish Life Center. Hostesses are Jane Kasson, Evelyn Dvorak, Valerie Ambrose, Sandi Mudloff and Lisa Cantrell Pebeck. Cookies to Matelny on March 21st.

OLD PALMS COLLECTION

You can put your old palms in the basket at the back of SPP Church.

CCW BASKET FUNDRAISER

Please bring themed baskets for the Palm Sunday raffle to Church or the Church Office anytime between now & April 9th.

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

Sunday, April 13, 11am-12pm at SPP Parish Life Center

FISH FRY:

Friday, March 21, will be our next Fish Fry from 5-7pm at the Parish Life Center. Please answer the call to help out. Religious Ed. 6th & 9th grade students have signed up for a shift to help also.

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving
February 24 - March 2, 2025

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$1309.00
St. Joseph	\$115.00

The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$5628.81
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$931.00
Parish Life Center	\$445.00
Maintenance	\$20.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$695.00

February Totals as of 2/28/25

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$0.00
Online General Fund	\$455.00
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$741.21

Special Collections

PARISH: March 5 - Ash Wednesday
 DIOCESE: March 30 - Catholic Relief Services

THANK YOU
 for your continued support!

Area Events & News

KARNIVAL KAPERS

Central Catholic's 54th anniversary of their family friendly annual fundraiser!

March 16, 2025 11am to 2:30pm

Central Catholic School, Grand Island
 Variety of games for young and old, booths, homemade food, & bake sale. A chicken dinner **11am-1:30pm**, Carry out call 308-384-2440 til 12:30pm

AREA FISH FRYS

ST. JOSEPHAT'S FISH FRYS
 St. Josephat's Parish Hall - Loup City, NE
March 14, March 28, & April 11
 5:00 - 7:00pm

ST. MARY'S FISH FRYS
 Marian Hall - 408 W 11th Wood River, NE
March 14, 2025 from 5:00 - 7:00pm
 Fish, cheesy potatoes, beans, roll, etc.

LENTEN BROWN BAG TALKS

Wednesday, March 12, 12:00-1:00pm

St. Mary's Cathedral Square
 in Grand Island

Speaker: Bishop Emeritus
 William Dendinger

Topic: The Gospel of Luke - Mercy
 Guests are invited to bring their sack lunches; drinks will be provided.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Be sure to grab a CRS Lenten Rice Bowl to help guide your Lenten journey. Use the included calendar daily to pray, fast, and give - and encounter our global family. Visit: www.crsricebowl.org to see stories of hope, Lenten recipes, & learn more about how your Lenten giving helps people world-wide.

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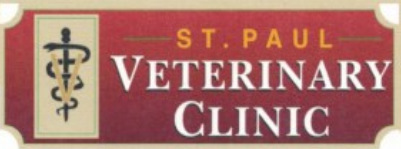
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