St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Roman Catholic Church

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Third Sun. in Lent

8 March 2026

Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 7:30am low Mass / 10:00am sung Mass
Mon., Wed., Thrs.: 7:00am
Tues., Fri.: 6:30pm **Saturday:** 7:30am

Confessions: *Also by appointment*

Mon., Tues.: 5:30pm - 6:15pm
Fri.: 5:00-5:45pm
Sat., Sun.: 9:00am - 9:45am

Vespers (sung):

Sunday: 5:15pm followed by Solemn Exposition and Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, March 8, *Third Sunday in Lent*
7:30am: Gerard Sieradzki (†)
10:00am: *Pro populo*
Monday, March 9, Feria of Lent *(St. Frances of Rome)*
7:00am: Mass of Reparation
Tuesday, March 10, Feria of Lent *(The 40 Holy Martyrs)*
6:30pm: Gerard Sieradzki (†)
Wednesday, March 11, Feria of Lent
7:00am: Gerard Sieradzki (†)
Thursday, March 12, Pope St. Gregory the Great
7:00am: Gerard Sieradzki (†)
Friday, March 13, Feria of Lent
6:30pm: Gerard Sieradzki (†)
Saturday, March 14, Feria of Lent
**7:30am: Marie Corpe (†)
Sunday, March 15, *Fourth Sunday in Lent (Lætare)*
7:30am: Gerard Sieradzki (†)
10:00am: *Pro populo*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lenten Almsgiving:
The parish is collecting items to benefit St. Augustine's Food Pantry. Receptacles are near the main entrance of the church for your convenience. Requested items include canned foods; mac-and-cheese, instant potatoes; pancake mix and syrup; peanut butter and jelly, cereal, bar soap; toilet paper; and diapers. Thank you for your generosity!

Friday Lenten Devotions:

5:00pm until 5:45pm -- *Confessions*
6:00pm -- *Stations of the Cross*
6:30pm -- *Holy Mass*
7:00pm until 7:40pm -- *Adoration and Rosary*

Evening for Men:
On Monday, **March 9**, there will be an evening for men with a talk on *Exercises of Piety and Examination of Conscience* by Msgr. Fritz at 7:00pm. Please bring refreshments to share during the social time before and after the talk.

Extra Confession Time: *The Light is On for You*
This Lent, parishes throughout the diocese will have Confessions available Tuesday, **March 10**, from 6:00-8:00pm. If you (or someone you know) have been reluctant to come to the Sacrament or have been away for some time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ . *Msgr. Fritz will hear Confessions from 5:30pm until 6:15pm, and following Mass until 8:00pm.*

Evening for Women:
On Wednesday, **March 11**, there will be an evening for women with a talk on *Prayer and Meditation* by Msgr. Fritz on at 7:00pm. Please bring refreshments to share during the social time before and after the talk.

Lenten Recollection:
There will be a parish Lenten Recollection on the evening of **March 13** and the morning of Saturday, **March 14**. Please arrange your schedule to attend and take advantage of this spiritual opportunity.

Lenten Recollection: *Schedule*

Friday, March 13

5:00-5:45pm -- *Confessions*
6:00pm -- *Stations of the Cross*
6:30pm -- *Holy Mass*
7:15pm - 8:00pm -- *Simple supper*
8:00-8:30pm -- Talk: Overcoming Lukewarmness I
8:30-9:00pm -- *Adoration and Confessions*

Saturday, March 14

7:30am -- *Holy Mass*
8:15am -- *Breakfast*
9:00-9:30am -- Talk: Overcoming Lukewarmness II
9:30-10:00am -- Adoration and Confessions
10:00am -- Talk: Overcoming Lukewarmness III

Feast of St. Joseph: *St. Joseph Table Reception*
Please join in celebrating St. Joseph on Wednesday, **March 19** by attending sung Mass at 7:00pm and the custom of the St. Joseph table after Mass in the lower level of the church.

"The dignity and glory of St. Joseph is such that the Eternal Father conferred upon him with greatest liberality, a likeness to his own supremacy over His Incarnate Son ."
--St. Bernadine of Siena on St. Joseph

Collections: Mar. 1, 2026 - Total Collection: *$ 5,954.00*
7:30am Mass Collection: *$ 3,463.00*
10:00am Mass Collection: *$ 2,491.00*

Attendance: Mar. 1, 2026 - Total: *467*
7:30am Mass: *152* 10:00am Mass: *315*

Volunteers Needed for Flower Arranging:
Do you enjoy arranging flowers? We are looking for 2-3 people that are interested in taking over the weekly flower arrangements for the altar. This is a very important job and a wonderful way to serve the parish. If interested, please contact Veronica at truedevotion00@gmail.com

A Brief Instruction on the Sacrament of Penance:
Penance is a Sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ, in which, by the ministry of the priest, actual sins are forgiven. In this Sacrament, the eternal punishment due to sin is remitted, as well as a part or the whole of the temporal punishment. And although Penance may, at first sight, seem to be a bitter and painful thing, yet, viewed in its fruits and consequences, it is full of consolation; and every Christian, as soon as he is conscious that he has fallen into a mortal sin, ought at once to have recourse to this fount of divine mercy.

After Confession, as soon as you conveniently can, perform your penance and renew your resolutions of avoiding all sin and of taking all the means for so doing, by avoiding the occasions and temptations of sin, and then you may have a perfect confidence, with devout thankfulness, that all your sins, through the mercy of God, are forgiven.

Consider also how you can amend your life. This will be best done by fixing your attention on one or two of your more prominent defects of character, and directing your chief efforts to overcome these by such means as the following:

1. Conceive a strong desire to overcome these faults, frequently renew your resolution, and examine yourself particularly upon them.

2. When you commit them, hold yourself accountable in some way for it by performing an appropriate penance.

3. Endeavor always to have the thought of Christ present in your mind, and direct short prayers to Him, especially when you are attacked by temptation, or when you are necessarily exposed to the dangers of sinning.

4. Meditate frequently on those subjects most calculated to excite your fears, hopes, and affections, as Death and Judgment, the Love of God, His kindnesses to you, His promises, etc. Be earnest and persevere with a good hope of victory, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

This holy and salutary institution is grounded on the words of Christ: "*Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained*" (John 20:21). In these words Christ gave to His Apostles, and to their lawful successors, power and authority to absolve from all sin those who sincerely repent of their offences.

Hence we see the great necessity of this Sacrament; and the Church has decreed that it is just as necessary for salvation to those who have fallen into mortal sin after Baptism, as Baptism is to those who have never been baptized.