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MARCH 20, 2022 | 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend Mass

Sacred Heart | Saturday 5pm  
Sunday 9:30am  
St. Matthew | Sunday 8am

### Daily Mass

St. Matthew | Tuesday 8am  
Sacred Heart | Mon 5:30pm  
Wed & Friday 8 am

### Reconciliation

Sacred Heart | Saturday 3:30pm  
Or by appointment

### Office Hours

Open Mon-Wed 9am-4pm  
Thursday 9am-4pm, Friday 9am-noon  
by appointment only

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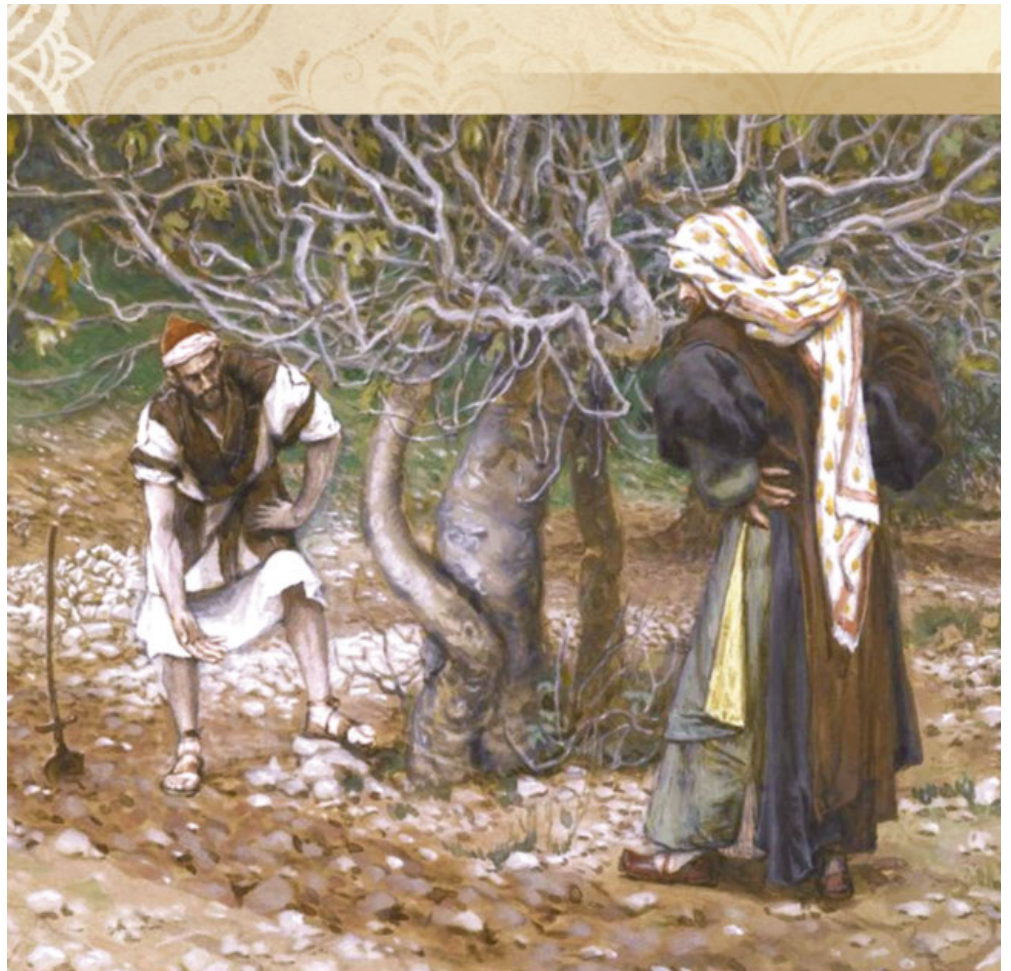
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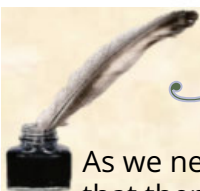
"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have  
come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found  
none. So cut it down.'" - Lk 13:7a

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## From the Desk of Fr. Justin...



As we near Easter, we should all keep in mind that there are three pillars of Lent: three things that sustain the whole idea. Those pillars are fasting, almsgiving, and prayer: we should try to increase our devotion to all three during Lent... even if we can't really manage to make any discernable effort toward more than one. At the very least, we should have all three in mind.

Fasting is what most people think about Lent. Classically, fasting refers to the choice to eat less food than normal. The line of exactly how much food one should eat while fasting is blurry. A Muslim's fast is eating nothing and drinking nothing (including water) from sunup to sundown. For others, a proper fast might be no food (but water is fine) during the workday: from breakfast to dinner, essentially. For most people, the Church recommends as a minimal day of fasting: one normal meal and two light meals that equal one normal meal, with no snacking in between. In theory, that day would provide 2/3 of a person's normal caloric intake: not a bad goal to aim for, if you're new to fasting.

Of course, don't forget that fasting can involve other things. Saying no to creature comforts counts as fasting: whether that be excessive screen time, spa days, or an extra hour in bed.

Almsgiving is any charitable giving. We should be generous in Lent. Giving to the church or charitable organizations certainly counts, as well as being generous to individuals who may ask you for help.

Of course, you do still need to evaluate whether giving someone cold hard cash will truly help them... but don't let a lack of generosity rule your decision-making. Also, don't forget that being generous with your time also counts as almsgiving. We can be greedy when it comes to our money, but also our free time!

Finally, there's prayer. That one should be fairly obvious: we should be more mindful of God in our lives as we approach Easter. This is a good time to increase your devotion to the rosary, Sunday Mass and daily Mass, confession, and/or personal prayer time. Let Christ be with you, every day of your life.

I always tell people that it's never too late to do something for Lent. If you didn't push yourself in a certain way on Ash Wednesday, then the first Sunday of Lent can work as another decent moment to begin. But you know what? Even if it's the 5th Sunday of Lent and you haven't made any change in your life whatsoever in the last month, you've still got a little time yet. Make the push and strengthen your spirit between the current moment and Easter Sunday.

Let's leave the bunny rabbits and chocolate for the kids. More than anything else, let's authentically be people of Easter: people who - above all else - truly and fully celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ as a community of faith!

-Father Justin

## Need Lay Minister Availability

The next Lay Ministry scheduling period will be from April 18 through June 30. Please remember to inform us of any dates you will **not be available** to serve in this period **before Monday, March 28.**

**Please note:** this schedule will contain dates for:

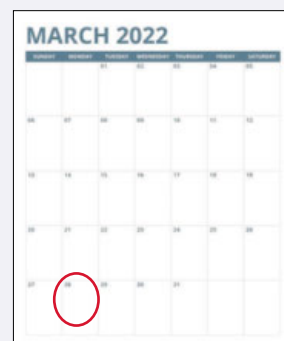
- First Communion
- Confirmation

If you do not specify any dates it will be assumed you are available for the entire period. Remember, once the schedule comes out you are

responsible for finding your own subs.

If you have any questions, you may contact me by calling the office at 920-485-0694 x221 or emailing [office@sheart.org](mailto:office@sheart.org).

Thank you so much for your service,  
Your Parish Lay Ministry Scheduling Team





# LITURGICAL LIFE

## Easter Flower Donations

Don't forget to turn in your Easter Flower Donation Envelopes. The donations at Easter and Christmas fund the church flower/decorations budget for the whole year. Any amount given is gratefully accepted.

If you chose to designate a name on the envelope as a Memorial (deceased) or Honorarium (living), then the name(s) will be printed in the bulletin in alphabetical order. **PLEASE** print the name(s) clearly so we can spell them correctly.

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## Ukraine Collection

The second collection for the Ukraine last week gathered \$380 from St. Matthew and \$1883 from Sacred Heart. Thank you for your generosity!

## 2022 Stewardship Contributions

### Sacred Heart

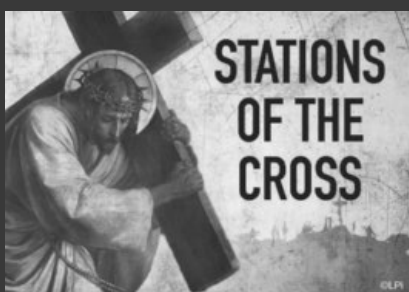
#### MONTHLY OFFERING 2022

February	Collection	Budget
Ministry	\$ 34,458	\$ 21,526
Offertory	\$ 1,393	\$ 1,570
Mortgage	\$ 16,686	\$ 15,900

### St. Matthew

#### MONTHLY OFFERING 2022

February	Collection	Budget
Ministry	\$ 5,926	\$ 5,188
Offertory	\$ 419	\$ 492



Join us for  
***Stations  
of the Cross***  
after daily Mass on:

Friday, March 25  
(Horicon)

## LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

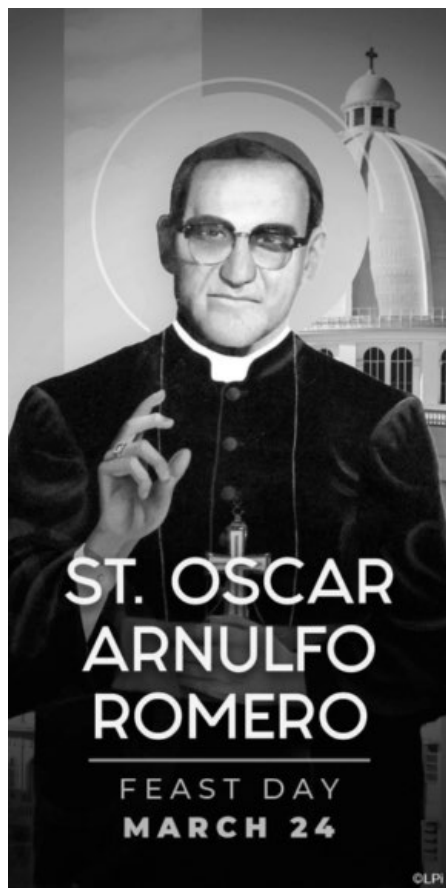
Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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# WEEKLY PRAYER



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday 3/20</b>	Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 / 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 / Luke 13:1-9
<b>Monday 3/21</b>	2 Kings 5:1-15ab / Luke 4:24-30
<b>Tuesday 3/22</b>	Daniel 3:25, 34-43 / Matthew 18:21-35
<b>Wednesday 3/23</b>	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 / Matthew 5:17-19
<b>Thursday 3/24</b>	Jeremiah 7:23-28 / Luke 11:14-23
<b>Friday 3/25</b>	Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 / Hebrews 10:4-10 / Luke 1:26-38
<b>Saturday 3/26</b>	Hosea 6:1-6 / Luke 18:9-14
<b>Sunday 3/27</b>	Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 / 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 / Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

(H-Horicon N-Neosho)

<b>Monday 3/21</b>	5:30pm-H	✠ Pat Schraufnagel
<b>Tuesday 3/22</b>	8:00am-N	✠ For the People of the United in Christ Clustered Parishes
<b>Wednesday 3/23</b>	8:00am-H	✠ Kevin Kreuziger
<b>Friday 3/25</b>	8:00am-H	✠ Catherine Walhmeier
<b>Saturday 3/26</b>	5:00pm-H	✠ Dale Oestreich
<b>Sunday 3/27</b>	8:00am-N	✠ For the People of the United in Christ Clustered Parishes
	9:30am-H	✠ For the People of the United in Christ Clustered Parishes

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

<b>Sunday 3/20</b>	10:30am	Instrument Rehearsal
<b>Monday 3/21</b>	6:15-7:30pm	Religious Ed Class
<b>Wednesday 3/23</b>	7-8:15pm	Youth Ministry Class
<b>Friday 3/25</b>	8:30am(H)	Stations of the Cross in Horicon
<b>Saturday 3/26</b>	3:45-4:45pm	Lenten Wellness Talk
<b>Sunday 3/27</b>	10:30am	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	10:30am	Lenten Wellness Talk

## OBSERVANCES

<b>Sunday 3/20</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent
<b>Wednesday 3/23</b>	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
<b>Thursday 3/24</b>	St. Oscar Romero
<b>Friday 3/25</b>	The Annunciation of the Lord
<b>Sunday 3/27</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

# LITURGICAL LIFE



## *Pray, Reconcile & Rejoice* Lenten Day of **RECONCILIATION**

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022**

Hosted by 13 parishes around the Archdiocese

For locations and times,  
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See the website for the complete list.

## YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

Back by popular demand and by far our best fundraiser, the Youth Ministry Program of Sacred Heart/St. Matthew will once again be selling pizzas, freshly made by them, this year. The funds raised will aid in the general functions of Youth Ministry along with retreats, mission trips and World Youth Day.

The sale began March 2<sup>nd</sup> and runs through March 23<sup>rd</sup>. All payments can be collected upon delivery of the pizzas. If paying by check, please make checks payable to **"Sacred Heart Parish"**.

Thank you for supporting our Youth Ministry Program! Please contact me with any questions.

Blessings,

Jodi Murphy, DRE





# RCIA

## Celebration of the Scrutinies

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children (RCIA and RCIC)

#### What are the “Scrutinies”?

These rites are celebrated on the third, fourth and fifth Sunday of Lent, at liturgies where the Elect are present. The Elect are those in our midst who are preparing for Baptism. Part of their journey to the font is that they have been received among us, the Rite of Acceptance, and they have been enrolled in the Book of the Elect in the Rite of Election.

Even if these rites are not celebrated at the liturgy we attend, or not celebrated in our parish or congregation at all, it can be wonderful to reflect upon the journey these Elect are making during Lent, as a source of renewal for us in our journey.

These are ancient rites that may seem strange to us, they however are profoundly rooted in our human experience. We need to examine

(scrutinize) our lives, the areas where we are tempted, or seriously sin - in what we do and what we fail to do. We really need healing and the strength that can come from the support of others.

As part of RCIA/RCIC there are Rites belonging to the Period of Purification and Enlightenment – SCRUTINIES

The following information is from the General Instruction of the Rite – the rubric.

141 The scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on Sundays and are reinforced by an exorcism, are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.

142 Because they are asking for the three sacraments of initiation, the elect must have the intention of achieving an intimate knowledge of Christ and his Church, and they are expected particularly to progress in genuine self-knowledge through serious examination of their lives and true repentance.

143 In order to inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three scrutinies are celebrated. By this means, first of all, the elect are instructed gradually about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered and thus saved from its present and future consequences. Second, their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water (gospel of the Samaritan woman in the first scrutiny), the light of the world (gospel of the man born blind in the second scrutiny), the resurrection and the life (gospel of Lazarus in the third scrutiny). From the first to the final scrutiny the elect should progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## Why are we doing Scrutinies?

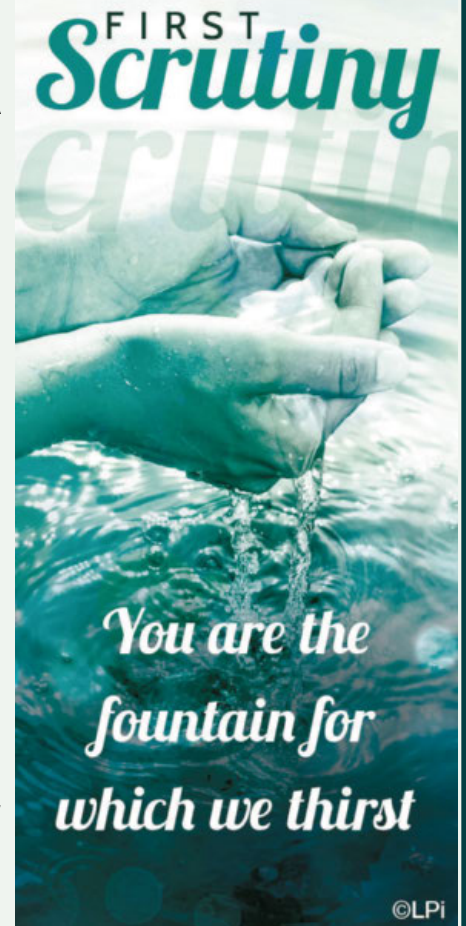
We are doing the Scrutinies this year because we have several RCIA candidates hoping to join our Catholic Family this year at Easter Vigil. It has been a number of years since we have had this at our church and we are blessed to celebrate with them and welcome them into our faith community.

## Did you know?

At the Masses where we celebrate the rites, the readings for the Mass change. Because the Rites are so important, they take precedence over the normal celebration readings. So if you attend Mass at 9:30am you will hear the readings for Lent Cycle A, even though the other Masses will have the readings for Lent Cycle C, which is our current liturgical year.

## First Scrutiny

Why do we continue to climb that hill day after day for water, when we have been given everlasting water by the One who came to reconcile us to the Father? Those seeking to be cleansed in baptismal waters at Easter go through Scrutinies "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" (RCIA 141). The story of the woman at the well speaks to all of us of everlasting water that heals us and gives us strength for the journey. There are those among us who long for this, but we who have been marked for Christ a long time ago already possess it. But too often we continue to climb high hills looking for something else to satisfy us. The Samaritan woman leaves behind her container at the well when she leaves, for there is no reason for her ever to return. You and I have left our vessels at the well also. Stop climbing that hill. Today, as you listen to the words of the Scrutiny prayers and ritual, let us be resolved to drink again from that everlasting water God has given to us.



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