

The Pastor's Corner

THE TEST OF TIME

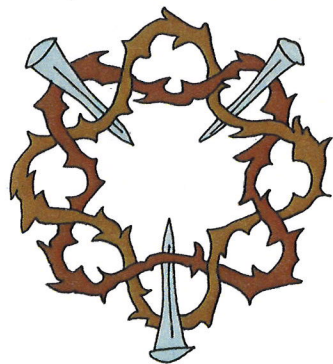
Some of the most intimidating exams that I took in seminary were certainly the oral exams. If you're not familiar with the format of an oral exam, it is essentially a one-on-one conversation with your professor about the material learned in the course. The worst part of the entire exercise was studying, because you knew you had a finite amount of time before the test, and then when the time came, it was time to figure out if your hours of studying bore fruit or not! However, the feeling of relief was outstanding and refreshing after it was all said and done.

The Gospel this weekend is not very comfortable, to say the least. There is bloodshed, there is a tower that fell and killed many people. Then, there is a fig tree- that is in danger of being cut down. What do all of these things thread together to say? The time to repent is running out. Jesus does not mince words when He says "you will all perish if you do not repent!" He doesn't say "continue living as you are" or "you're doing well enough." He repeats the same thing for a second and third time- if you do not repent, you will perish, or the tree will be cut down!

Because of the busy-ness of life, we may often forget this simple fact that time is running short. Because time is running short, we need to work now- to repent of our fruitlessness and to produce good fruit by God's grace. The fruit shows our commitment to the Gospel and our acceptance of Christ's call to repentance and conversion. We may think we have all sorts of time- but the reality is, if we don't start repenting now, we aren't enjoying life to the full. If we aren't working on the Gospel today, we are creeping closer to exam time, all with the extra burden of knowing we aren't as ready as we could be, or we aren't even enjoying some of the benefit of our faithfulness right here, and right now.

We are getting closer to the time of our "oral exam" with God. Let's commit ourselves to studying well now- to avoid failure and to enjoy the sweet fruit of success in heaven.

LENTEN ANNOUNCEMENTS



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent
1:00pm at St. Denis
6:30pm at St. Lawrence

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

After all Stations on Fridays
Tuesdays 7:30pm until finish
Saturdays- 3:15-3:45pm
or by appointment

-Fr. Belken

Readings for Next Sunday

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 30, 2025

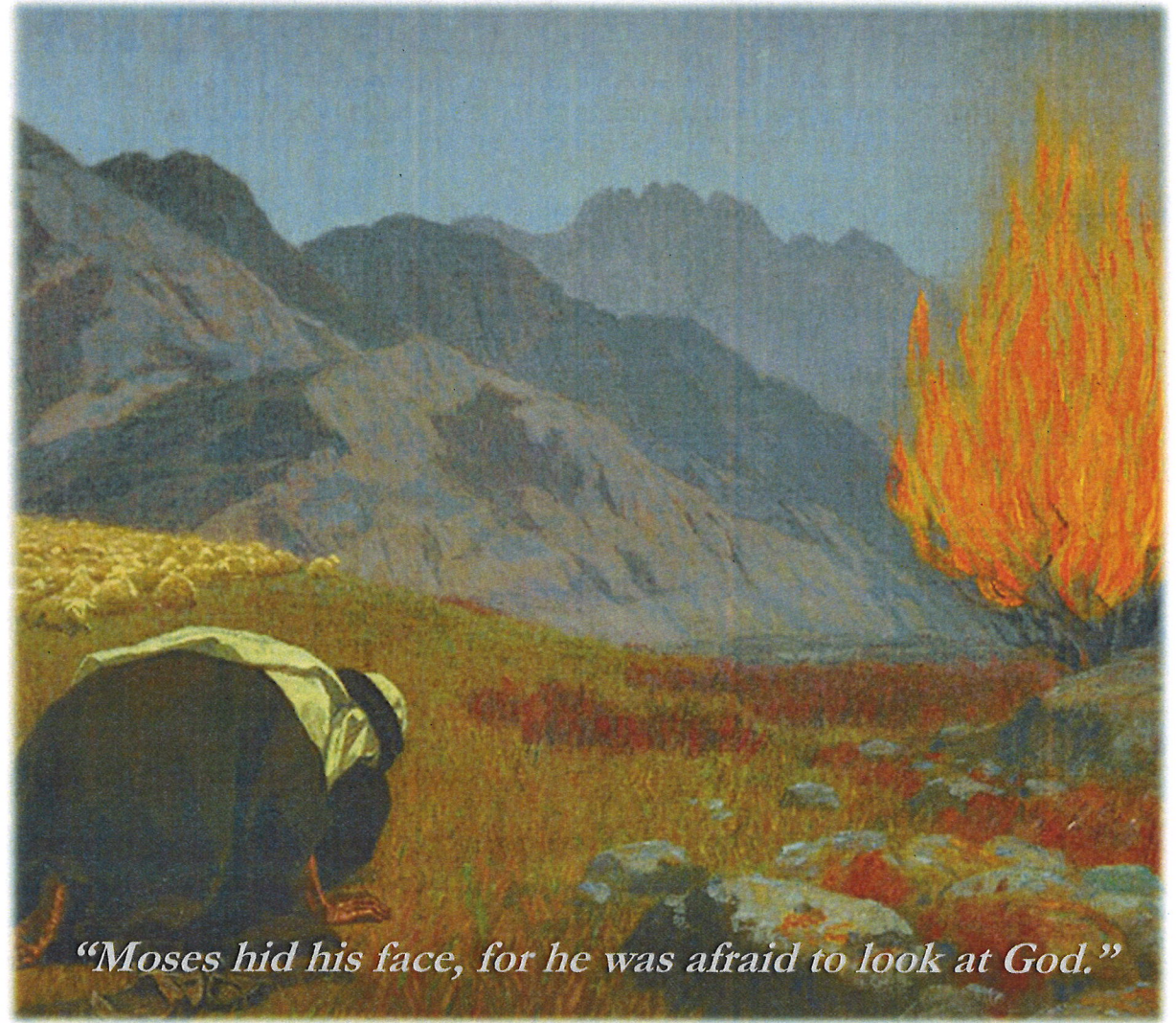
Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT · MARCH 23, 2025



Saint Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



"Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God."

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3rd Sunday of Lent
March 23-29, 2025
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Mass Schedule								
Sat.	Mar	22	4PM	David Dirnberger	Thu.	Mar	27 7AM	Jeanne Essner
Sun.	Mar	23	8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri.	Mar	28 7AM	Leonard Kluesner
Mon.	Mar	24	No Mass		Sat.	Mar	29 4PM	Patrick Shelton
Tue.	Mar	25	6PM	Pat Schott	Sun.	Mar	30 8:30AM	Parish Family
Wed.	Mar	26	7AM	Elmer Heisserer				

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. MAR 23 – Carol Klipfel, MAR30 – Dorothy Deason.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

March 16, 2025: Loose \$188, Envelopes \$4327, Total: \$4515.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28th, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Russell & Stephanie Burger
Nathan & Summer Meystedt, Daniel & Rhonda Carroll, Thomas & Kristian Carroll.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28th, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM

THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD, ST. ANNE’S SODALITY MEETING. The rosary will begin at 6PM and meeting at 6:15PM. Refreshments will be served, and bingo will be played. All ladies of the parish are members of St. Anne’s and are always encouraged to attend. Refreshment committee is Kari Bickings (Chairperson), Cathy Blattel, Sharon Blue, Flora Brucker, Beverly Brucker, Elizabeth Brucker, and Rhonda Carroll.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5th, RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC. 11AM-Noon. \$15 shots at the New Hamburg ballpark pavilion behind the old school. Dr. Brian Heuring and Cape Small Animal Clinic will administer the discounted pet vaccines. Debit/credit cards accepted, cash, or check please.

LENTEN FISH FRY. It is once again time for the Scott City Knights of Columbus to hold their Lenten fish fry’s. They will be every Friday and end on Friday, April 11th. Serving will be from 4:30-7PM in their upper hall located at 28745 US-61 Scott City, MO 63780. Menu will be fried fish, fried chicken, shrimp, hushpuppies, french fries, slaw, and baked beans along with tea and water. Prices: Adult \$15, Children ages 6-12: \$8 and 6 and under free. All carryout will be \$15. St. Lawrence Parish is scheduled to work March 28th. Signup Sheet is in the back of church.

ORAN JAYCEES ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY. Serving March 28th, April 4th, 11th, and April 18th from 5-7PM. Dine-in: \$16/plate, Take-out: \$14/plate, Kids under 12 dine-in: \$10, Kids under 6 dine-in: Free.

SAVE THE DATE. The dates for Totus Tuus are June 15 – 20, more details to follow.

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sat. Mar 29 4PM	Stephanie Burger
Organist/Cantor:	Sat. Mar 29 4PM	Bernice Kern/Kari Bickings
Gift Bearers:	Sat. Mar 29 4PM	Mr/Mrs. Danny Tetley
Servers:	Sat. Mar 29 4PM	Willow Bickings/Leeland Duenne/Kynli Duenne
Ushers:	Sat. Mar 29 4PM	David Westrich/Edward Westrich/James Wilhelm/ Kyle Wilson

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sun. Mar 30 8:30AM	Dorothy Deason
Organist/Cantor:	Sun. Mar 30 8:30AM	Bernice Kern/Mary B. Glastetter
Gift Bearers:	Sun. Mar 30 8:30AM	Mr/Mrs. Ryan Thomure
Servers:	Sun. Mar 30 8:30AM	Heidi Heuring/Hailey Heuring/Leigha Estes
Ushers:	Sun. Mar 30 8:30AM	Brent Ashcraft/David Asmus/David Backfisch/ Jerome Backfisch

FRIDAYS OF LENT SCHEDULE. Stations of the Cross at St. Denis at 1PM and 6:30PM at St. Lawrence.

NOTICE CONCERNING VEHICLE CANVASING. As of late, there have been several instances of printed material being placed under the windshield wipers of vehicles parked at St. Lawrence during Mass and different events. Please note that the canvassing of vehicles with any sort of printed material at St. Lawrence Parish or the surrounding campus is NOT allowed without the clearly expressed prior approval of the pastor. Thank you for your attention to and respect for our campus and the policies that are in place for the safety and well-being of all who worship here. Any materials found distributed without prior approval will be removed and discarded. Thanks in advance.

DISCUSSING DIVORCE, A COMPASSIONATE AND CATHOLIC APPROACH. Join us every other Wednesday, starting March 19, at 7PM in the St. Denis gym to discover the teachings of the Catholic Church about Divorce (as well as marriage and annulments) with Fr. Belken. No cost- and this is not for a struggling marriage but is geared for anyone who is simply wanting to grow in their knowledge of our Catholic faith and what it teaches. Join us on March 16th at 7PM for the first session! You won’t want to miss this!

Select Wednesday Evenings During Lent, 7PM in the St. Denis Gym. (about 45-60 minutes each)

- March 19th Session One- The “I Do’s” & Holy Matrimony
- April 2nd Session Two- Divorce and Doctrine
- April 16th Session Three- Analyzing the Annulment Process

SERVER VOLUNTEERS FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS AT 6:30PM PLEASE CONTACT MARY B. GLASTETTER AT 573-579-0151 OR THE PARISH OFFICE.