

The Pastor's Corner

“THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT”

We've all heard the phrase, and perhaps even used it ourselves: “The devil made me do it.” Personally, I want so badly to grind my teeth when I hear that phrase. The implication is always the same: the devil's temptations were too strong, and I had no choice! I did it because he forced me to. I just couldn't resist!

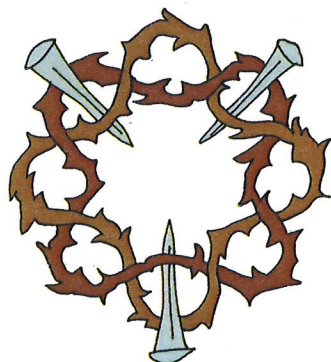
The Gospel for this weekend is very vivid and hard to imagine: why would Satan bother tempting the Son of God to do anything at all? It seems like a foolish waste of time. However, we have to remember- the devil is quite proud. He is so proud, in fact, that he allows himself to be deluded into thinking Christ can be tricked or deterred from His goal to redeem and to save us. Thus, Christ undergoes these temptations, but for what reason? He undergoes them for our sake. We need to be shown a couple of things: first, on our own, we fall quite easily. This is why we need weekly Mass and the sacraments- and none of us are excluded from that! We need Christ in our lives, otherwise the devil can and will convince us that all sorts of things aren't so bad, or perhaps bad things are even good! We need these sources of grace and help in our lives.

The second thing we need to be shown is that overcoming temptation is possible, with the help of the one who has overcome temptation. Christ wants to give us the grace necessary for us to overcome our weaknesses and temptations! He wants to give us the ability to finally overcome the sins that we struggle with in our own particular battles. His grace is sufficient for us in each of our weaknesses, as Paul reminds us! All that remains for us to do is to ask for the grace that the one who was tempted (and overcame temptation) wishes to give each of us. If we have the desire to truly be perfect, we should be bold in asking for such grace.

The devil made me do it? No, no he didn't. We succumbed to it. However, by Christ's help, though, we can overcome the devil- and his temptations for us, if we wish to be truly free.

-Fr. Volken

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

Readings for Next Sunday

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 16, 2025

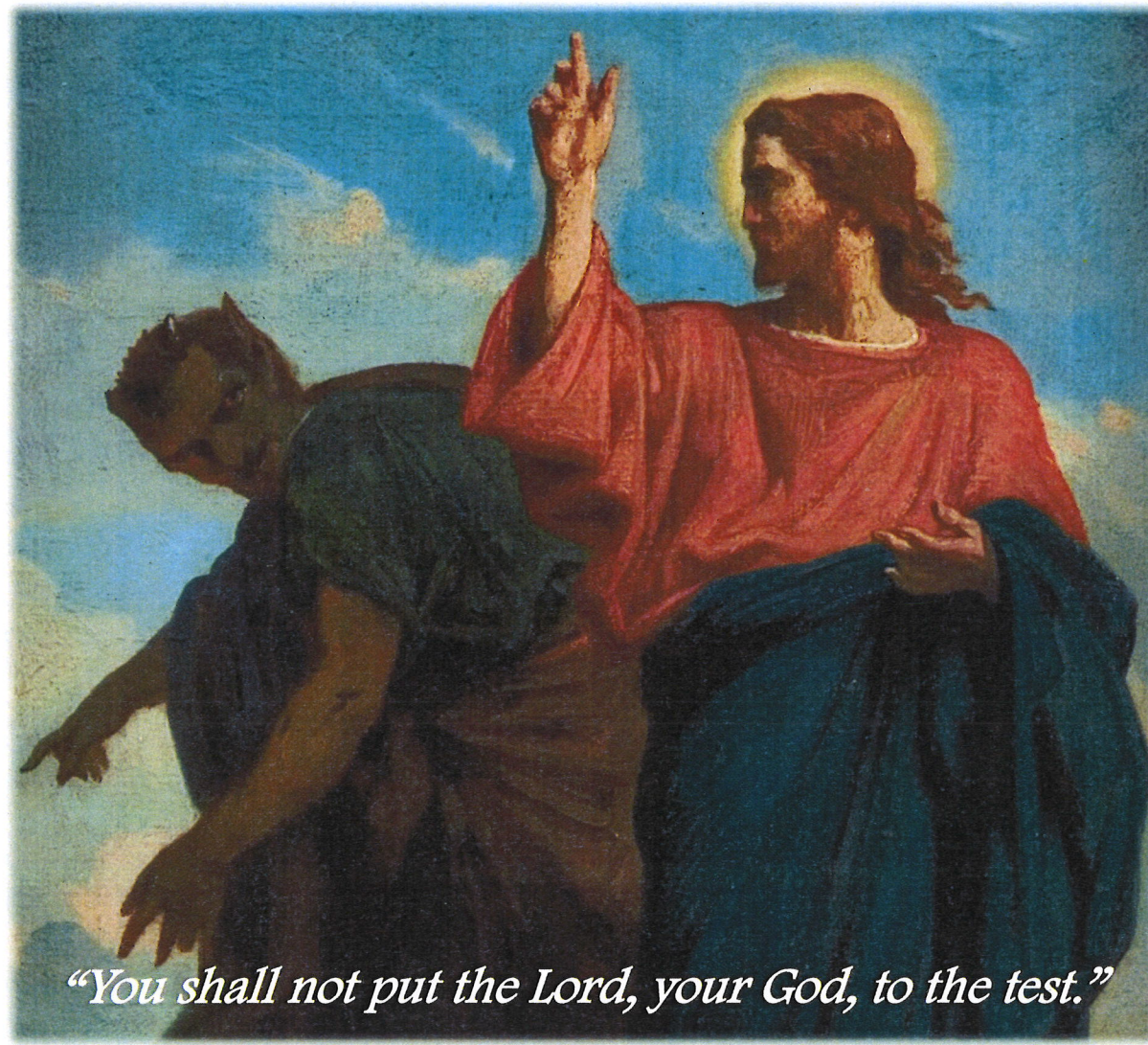
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 9:28b-36

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Saint Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



“You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.”

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1st Sunday of Lent
March 9-15, 2025
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Mass Schedule							
Sat.	Mar	8	4PM	Dennis Gosche	Thu.	Mar	13 7AM Felix Enderle
Sun.	Mar	9	8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri.	Mar	14 7AM Jeff Steger
Mon.	Mar	10	No Mass		Sat.	Mar	15 4PM Geneva Essner
Tue.	Mar	11	6PM	Leonard Kluesner	Sun.	Mar	16 8:30AM Parish Family
Wed.	Mar	12	7AM	Jeanne Essner			

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SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. MAR 9 – Mary F. Glastetter, **MAR 16** – Theresa Essner, **MAR 23**
– Carol Klipfel, **MAR30** – Dorothy Deason.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

March 2, 2025: Loose \$229, Envelopes \$3065, Total: \$3294.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14th, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Blake Burger

Todd & Elizabeth Brucker, Brett & Jessica Burger, Danny & Pat Burger.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14th, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM

SUNDAY, MARCH 16th MEN’S BREAKFAST. St. Anne's Sodality would like to invite the men of the parish to breakfast, Sunday, March 16, immediately after 8:30AM Mass, to show our appreciation for all your hard work and faithfulness to St. Lawrence Parish. You won't go away hungry.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22nd MARCH RETREAT FOR DEANERY 6. Ladies, the Deanery 6 Retreat will be at St. Augustine Parish Kelso. Rosary is at 7:35AM in the church, Mass at 8AM. Breakfast follows Mass in the school gym, and meeting at 9:30AM. Guest speaker is Mary Rowley on St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine. Closing will be around 12PM. All ladies are invited to attend.

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 14th, 21st, 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.

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

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sat. Mar 15 4PM	Cindy Glueck
Organist/Cantor:	Sat. Mar 15 4PM	Linda Essner/Jamie Essner
Gift Bearers:	Sat. Mar 15 4PM	Mr/Mrs. Danny Simpher
Servers:	Sat. Mar 15 4PM	Logan Jackson/Tyler Jackson/Isabel Crook
Ushers:	Sat. Mar 15 4PM	Shannon Schumer/Mike Senciboy/Ronnie Senciboy/Chris Seyer

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sun. Mar 16 8:30AM	Gary Reischman
Organist/Cantor:	Sun. Mar 16 8:30AM	Linda Essner/Kari Bickings
Gift Bearers:	Sun. Mar 16 8:30AM	Mr/Mrs. Joseph Spurgeon
Servers:	Sun. Mar 16 8:30AM	Ty Essner/Kinsey Essner/Drew Essner
Ushers:	Sun. Mar 16 8:30AM	Don Seyer/Eric Seyer/Andy Silman/Marty Steimle

THANK YOU. To everyone who helped with the “Brown Bag Dumplings Meal” in any way. Thanks.

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.