

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 22, 2026



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OFFICE HOURS

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Saturday: By Appointment

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS APOSTOLATE AT ST. HEDWIG'S

LATIN MASS: Sunday at 9:30AM

Tuesday at 5:30PM

MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00PM: St. Stanislaus

Sunday 9:00AM: St. Stanislaus

Sunday 11:00AM: St. Casimir

Monday-Friday 12:05PM: St. Ann's

First Saturday 9:00AM: St. Ann's

Weekday at St. Stanislaus: Call Parish Office

MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Our Mother of Sorrows)

Sunday, February 22nd: First Sunday of Lent

Private: Pete Angeloff by Dr. Hal Angeloff
11:00am (SC) Theresa Juchno by Michele Owens

Monday, February 23rd: Lenten Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Galla and Walach Family by Paul and Lisa Galla

Tuesday, February 24th: Lenten Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Bernice Zilonka by Gloria Palmer and Family

Wednesday, February 25th: Lenten Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Jerzy Rudnicki by Mark Olszewski and Family

Thursday, February 26th: Lenten Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

Friday, February 27th: Lenten Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Osiecki & Wodecki Families by Caroline Larson

Saturday, February 28th: Lenten Weekday

Private: Eileen Ropelewski by Estate

Sunday, March 1st: Second Sunday of Lent

Private: Amelia A. Angeloff by Dr. Hal Angeloff
11:00am (SC) Theresa Juchno, Birthday by Ann Juchno

CONFESSIONS: Monday-Friday, 11:30-11:55AM (St. Ann's)

February 22, 2026

Matthew 4:1-11

In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. That spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith.

Today's Gospel begins: "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1). The word "led" denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. The Spirit leads us there, too, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation.

Lenten Challenge: This Lent and throughout life's struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one "desert" into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads.

— Father John Muir

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Feb. 23rd - Private Intention

Tues., Feb. 24th - Audrey Pawlak (Don & Alice Malinowski)

Wed., Feb. 25th - Josephine Bartnik (Harriet DiGello & Family)

Thur., Feb. 26th - Theresa Fischer (Dolores Ardery & Family)

Fri., Feb. 27th - Stella Pawlak ("The Original 13")

Sat., Feb. 28th, 4:00PM - Frank Inter (Family)

Sun., Feb. 29th, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

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Readings for the week of February 22, 2026

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2-3, 7-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Ed & Helen Maciejewski (Krasinski Family)

OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

ST. ANN'S: 1) Vocations to Religious Life; 2) Galla and Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate; 2) All Parishioners Living & Deceased

LENTEN FAITH FORMATION

St. Stan's will host Stations of the Cross every Wednesday of Lent, beginning at 5:00PM.

Following Stations, we will also host a "soup and salad" dinner in the Parish Hall in conjunction with an adult faith formation session. Fr. Jason will offer brief presentations on "Five Pivotal Moments in Church History." The evening will wrap up around 7:00PM. Please consider joining us in this journey through Lent.

ST. ANN'S LENTEN SCHEDULE

February 18th: Ash Wednesday Mass at 12:05PM
Daily Confessions: 11:30-11:55AM (Monday - Friday)
Daily Mass: 12:05PM (Monday - Friday)
Rosary following every daily Mass
Eucharistic Adoration from 11:00-Noon (Fridays of Lent)
Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11:15PM (Fridays of Lent)
Stations of the Cross at 1:00PM (Fridays of Lent)
*Rice Bowls are available for Almsgiving to the poor

A NOTE FROM NATIONAL FUEL

National Fuel wanted us to make you aware of their "Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program" (LIHEAP). This program provides grants ranging from \$200 - \$1,000 to help off-set energy costs. Grants are awarded according to the number of household members, monthly income, and annual income. Questions can be emailed to beardsleyj@natfuel.com or by calling 814-871-8062. Additional information will be posted on our bulletin boards.

LENTEN FISH & PEIROGI DINNERS

St. Stan's will once again host our famous "Fish & Pierogi" dinners this coming Lent. The dinners will be held on February 20, March 6, and March 20. Dinners will be served from 4:00PM - 7:00PM (or until sold out) in the Parish Hall. Thanks to our tireless volunteers, we have nearly 2,800 pierogi to serve up, so mark your calendars and plan to attend!

BAKE SALE DONATIONS

St. Stan's will be hosting our traditional Bake Sale during our Fish & Pierogi Dinners. This is a particularly lucrative fund-raiser. Consider donating some home-baked goods like cakes, cookies, pies, or your favorite desert. They can be dropped off at the Parish Hall the morning of each dinner Friday.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Stanislaus will host the next Eucharistic Adoration on March 15th, following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM.

FASTING, EXPLAINED

The practice of fasting predates Christianity. The Old Testament is full of examples of righteous men and women mortifying their flesh for the purpose of making atonement or simply to grow closer to God. Jesus himself fasted for forty days and forty nights in preparation for the beginning of his public ministry, and we see his disciples following his example in the Acts of the Apostles.

Fasting continues to be an important part of Christian devotional life today. Many people feel the practice of fasting enhances their prayer and helps them fulfill St. Paul's advice to "put to death the deeds of the body" (Romans 8:13) to grow in the Spirit. Most Catholics will associate fasting with the liturgical season of Lent, which begins and ends with obligatory fasting for all members of the Latin Catholic Church between ages 18 and 59.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

A covenant is a formal agreement between two parties. Assuming both parties enter into the covenant of their own free will, it is a bond that cannot be broken. As time goes on, that covenant will be tested and its validity questioned by skeptics, but it will remain if it is real.

God's covenant with his people is real. It began with a promise made to Noah and was renewed in the person of Jesus Christ. It has been tested by man through sin and by evil through Jesus' trials in the desert. But here in 2015, it still remains as strong as ever.

This Lent, take time to rediscover and reflect on this covenant God has with us. Reclaim your baptism and make it a motivating factor in how you live your life. Take the opportunity this Lenten season provides to increase your devotion and spirituality. You will be tested and you will suffer trials, for life is not always easy. But God has always upheld his part of the agreement. Now is the time to take our part in this covenant more seriously.

OLD PALMS?

Collection bins will be located in the rear of our churches. If you have palms from previous Ash Wednesdays that you would like to dispose of, please bring them to Mass and place them in the bins. Those old palms are burnt to ashes to use on Ash Wednesday.

POINTS TO PONDER

- ♦ What if my dog only brings the ball back because he thinks I like throwing it?
- ♦ If the poison expiration date is past, does that mean it is less or more poisonous?
- ♦ If you rip a hole in a net, you have less holes than you started with.
- ♦ Which letter in "scent" is silent, the "s" or the "c"?
- ♦ If you replace the "w" with a "t" in "What?" "Where?", and "When?", you would have answers to each of the questions.



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