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**St. Patrick Catholic Community - March 9, 2025**

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm  
Friday 8:30 - 4:30 pm

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**Weekday Mass:** Monday through Friday 8:00 am Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30 pm  
**Holy Days:** 8:00 am, 12:05 pm and 5:30 pm

## SACRAMENTS:

**Baptism:** To arrange a baptism and begin the required preparation class, call 480-998-3843 a minimum of three months in advance.

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made a minimum of nine months in advance. Call the Parish Office for an appointment.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 pm

**Anointing of the Sick or Communion to the Sick:** To request either sacrament, call the Parish Office.

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# First Down with Fr. Eric



Dear Friends,

There are many Catholics who take the season of Lent seriously. A springtime of cleaning our personal houses by making new priorities and taking away things that are not useful in our lives. During this time, there is an awareness of addressing sin in our lives and many take an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation.

Every Wednesday during Lent we have confessions available. We will have two priests available for confessions from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. A minister of hospitality will greet and guide people for confessions. It is to help people feel welcome or to lessen the anxiety that some might experience. The two major times for confessions will be Wednesday, April 9 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm with five priests in the church that evening. The last opportunity will be Wednesday, April 16 with eight priests for confessions from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. For these two dates mentioned, priests will be present until the last person has gone to confession so no one misses out.

Every Saturday from 3:00 - 4:00 pm will be confession as usual. Please check out your parish YouTube Channel for our Lent Penance Service video. It will help people make an examination of conscience and pray before going to confession. For those who for serious reasons cannot make it to confession, they may use this video to make a good confession.

To those who have been away from this sacrament for many years, please consider the possibility of going to this sacrament. The priests we use are very compassionate and will guide anyone who needs extra support. We were blessed at Advent with a good number of people choosing to return to this sacrament.

Remember the beautiful Psalm that states the Lord is kind and merciful.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Eric

## STAY CONNECTED

Scan the code to subscribe to the weekly *Community Connection* email to find out about events and ministry at St. Patrick. You can also contact Laurie Coffman at [lcoffman@stpatcc.org](mailto:lcoffman@stpatcc.org) or 480-998-3843 ext.126.



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Christian Disciples in Mission Living Beyond Sunday

BY ERIC TAMAYO,  
Pastoral Associate

# 40 Days in the Desert

As Jesus journeys into the desert, we begin our journey into the season of Lent. Just after his baptism, Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit into the desert and tempted by the devil. He spends forty days fasting in the desert. Forty recalls various periods of preparation in the Old Testament such as the forty days Moses spent fasting on Mt. Sinai when given the Ten Commandments, the forty years the Israelites spent wandering the desert before entering the promise land, the forty days of rain with Noah during the great flood. It is no coincidence that there are forty days in Lent. The Catechism states: "By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert." The season of Lent is meant to draw us into Christ's temptation in the desert; not only spiritually through prayer and almsgiving but also physically through periods of fasting and denying ourselves worldly pleasures.

Temptation is a recurring theme of the Christian life. It was Adam and Eve's failure to resist temptation that caused sin to enter the world in the first place. The three temptations which Christ experiences in the desert echo the temptations that Adam and Eve gave into in the Garden of Eden: eating forbidden food, false worship, and testing God. It also reflects the temptations of the Israelites wandering in the desert. The first temptation echoes Adam eating the forbidden fruit and Israel's complaint against Moses for depriving them of the bread they had in Egypt. The second trial reflects the

influence the devil in the world towards false worship. This mirrors the temptation to false worship that the Israelites had in the desert, both at the incident of the Golden Calf and other false gods. Finally, in response to testing God, Jesus quotes back Moses in which he rebukes the Israelites for having a lack of trust in God. Jesus rebukes Satan with each temptation and relies completely on God the Father to withstand them. He was tired, hungry, and weary, just as any of us would be from wandering in the desert; but even in his humanity, Christ prevails. Jesus was tempted as we are in life. Temptations are not bad in themselves, but it is what we do with them that can help us turn to God or away from God. Reflecting on Christ's time and temptation in the desert serves as a guiding beacon of hope.


Jesus was tempted, just as we all are, yet he proves that through steadfast prayer and total reliance on God the Father, temptation loses its power. At the heart of all temptations is the act of pushing God aside because we perceive him as secondary. This Lenten season make God the primary center of your life and place your trust in Him alone.

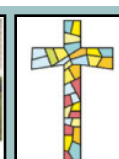


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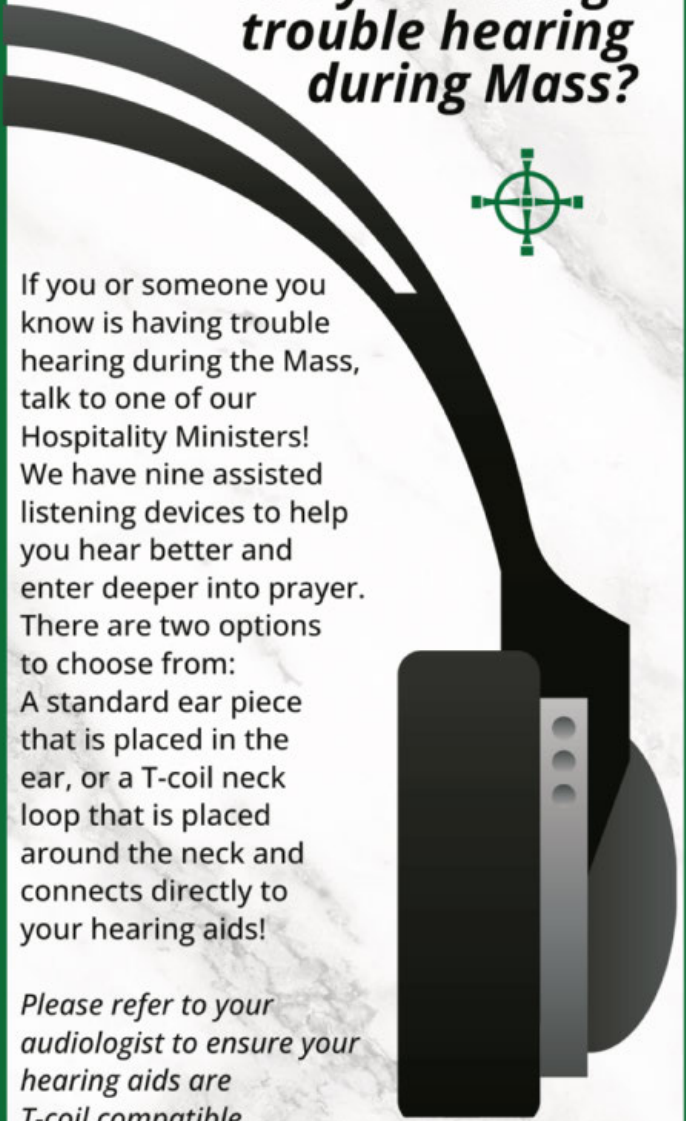
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As we begin the Lenten Season lets pause and reflect on where we want to be in 40 days.

In the words of Pope Francis:

Let us pray that as we begin the season of lent we embrace the opportunity to:

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill our hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so we can listen.

We pray that our only desire and our one choice is to choose what better leads to the deepening of God's life in us.

We ask the lord to guide our decisions today and to bless us with His peace, His joy, His love.



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# Prayer Gathering




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9:00 to 11:30 am  
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**Please RSVP at [stpatcc.org/womensprayergathering](http://stpatcc.org/womensprayergathering) or scan the qr code. Registration closes March 14.**





Join us for a Fish Fry Dinner!!  
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# Lenten Fish Fry



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*KIDS MEAL includes: 1  
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Coleslaw OR Grilled  
Cheese and Applesauce*

**\$30**

*FAMILY MEAL, 2  
Adults and 2 or  
more kids meals*

***Fridays in Lent***  
***March 7, 14, 21, 28***  
***April 4***

**Fenlon Hospitality Center**  
**4:30 - 7:00 pm**

There is no need to RSVP!

***Stations of the Cross***  
***6:00 pm in the***  
***Church***





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11:30 am

MARCH 13

**FENLON HOSPITALITY CENTER**

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# SUMMER 2025

*Save the date!*



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



### July 21-26 MCT

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Rising High Schoolers and above, we need you! Come be part of our ministry camp leader team!



### June 2-7 VBS

Exciting Summer Adventure Awaits!

Hey kids (ages 4 through rising 5th grade)! Get ready for an unforgettable adventure this summer!

Rising 6th graders and above—you're invited to be part of our amazing ministry team!

Stay tuned for the big theme reveal at Mass and in The Connection!



REGISTRATION OPENS IN MARCH

## Social Justice

### St. Joseph the Worker's Hike for Hope: A Journey of Faith and Justice

St. Joseph the Worker's Hike for Hope is an annual event that combines physical endurance with a profound commitment to social justice. This event, organized by St. Joseph the Worker, challenges participants to hike for a cause that aligns with the core values of Catholic Social Teaching (CST). The hike aims to raise awareness and funds for the homeless and those in need, connecting participants to the deeper meaning of solidarity and human dignity.

Catholic Social Teaching emphasizes the importance of the dignity of work and the rights of workers. By participating in the Hike for Hope, individuals join a larger movement that aligns with CST's call to support the marginalized and the underserved. The event fosters a community spirit, highlighting the need to support the most vulnerable in society, as well as recognizing the inherent value of all people, regardless of their circumstances.

The hike also reflects the principle of solidarity, a key tenet of CST. Participants walk together in solidarity with the homeless, symbolizing the church's call to stand with those who are suffering and to work towards a more just society. Through this event, the Catholic community can raise awareness of social issues such as poverty, homelessness, and economic inequality.

In essence, the Hike for Hope is more than just a fundraising event; it is an embodiment of Catholic Social Teaching in action. It reminds Catholics that their faith calls them not only to prayer and worship but also to engage in tangible efforts to create a more just and compassionate world. Through events like the Hike for Hope, Catholics are invited to live out their faith by supporting the vulnerable and advocating for social change.

**See the bulletin and connection for more information.**

## Mass Readings

### First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

*Next Sunday:*

### Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28b-36

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Monday, March 10

8:00 am †Jennifer Brownlee

### Tuesday, March 11

8:00 am †Paul Katsenes

5:30 pm †Dottie and Chet Majeski

### Wednesday, March 12

8:00 am †Mario Santilli

### Thursday, March 13

8:00 am †Gregory Rokus

5:30 pm Betty & Bart Davison Family

### Friday, March 14

8:00 am For the people

### Saturday, March 15

4:30 pm †Ray Lessard

### Sunday, March 16

8:30 am †Greg Axe

10:30 am †Robert Mann

5:00 pm †George DeSautels

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**Divorced/Separated** The "Catholic Divorce Survival Guide" is a twelve part program of sharing, comfort, and healing for divorced or separated people. It is a journey of learning, reflection, and prayer. All are welcome. This course is offered in the spring and fall. For more information contact Benny Jetson at 602-920-1671 or Therese Mexas at 480-278-3805.

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**Prayer Support** Small Christian Communities is a support for people who have a desire to pray with others in a supportive community. For prayer requests email to [weprayforyou@stpatcc.org](mailto:weprayforyou@stpatcc.org).

**Grief Support** Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one GriefShare is a special weekly Monday or Tuesday seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Please contact Kathleen Trilk at [ktrilk@stpatcc.org](mailto:ktrilk@stpatcc.org).

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**The Next Chapter** A group for men and women further along on their grief journey to address the ongoing needs after the loss of a loved one through spiritual, educational and social activities. Please contact Peg Bohnert at [thenextchapter@stpatcc.org](mailto:thenextchapter@stpatcc.org).

**NAMI Family Support Group** - This group is a free, confidential and safe place, open to family members, partners and friends of individuals living with a mental illness in order to support each other. Group meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 6:00-7:30 pm in the House of Mercy/Pope Francis Room. Questions: **email:** [I.boman@namivalleyofthesun.org](mailto:I.boman@namivalleyofthesun.org) or **web:** [namivalleyofthesun.org](http://namivalleyofthesun.org)

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**The Next Chapter** Tuesday, March 11 ~ 1:00 pm  
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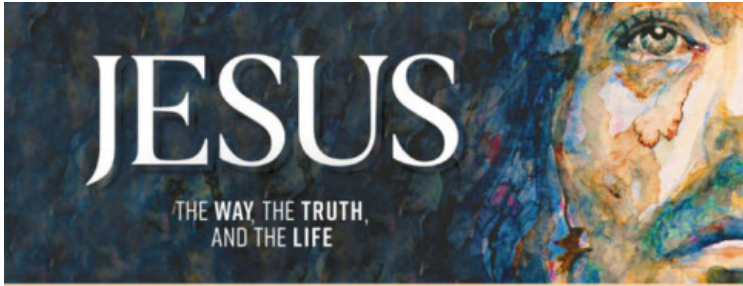
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*with Fr. André*

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Future Dates: 4/28, 5/19 and 6/16

**Men's Club Meeting New Date**

This month the Men's Club meeting will be on Wednesday, March 12 given that Ash Wednesday falls on March 5.

The dinner will be a celebration of the Baseball volunteers who worked, scheduled, trained or signed up for training in 2024 or 2025.

Even with canceling our baseball concession work this year, there was a real effort to be ready... this is a 'Thank You Dinner' celebration for our Baseball volunteers. We look forward to volunteering with each of you again.

**Wednesday evening, March 12**

**Social 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Baseball Appreciation Dinner following.**

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# CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES IN MISSION • FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT • MARCH 9, 2025



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ROCK45 is OFF for Spring Break (March 10) but will resume on Monday, March 17 where we continue our semester theme of KNOWING JESUS.

March 10 - OFF (Spring Break)  
March 17 - Jesus: Gathers His Team  
March 24 - Jesus: The Miracles

All 4th & 5th graders are invited on Mondays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the church/Narthex area. For more information, please reach out to Diane Kar ([dkar@stpatcc.org](mailto:dkar@stpatcc.org) 480-998-3843 ext. 209).



Matt Curran  
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All middle school youth, grades 6-8 are invited to attend **EDGE** on Monday nights from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Through small group experiences, we will deepen our relationships with Christ and each other.

If you have any questions, please email Matt Curran at [mcurran@stpatcc.org](mailto:mcurran@stpatcc.org).

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Jesse Rodriguez  
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**Life Teen** will meet after the **5:00 pm** Mass! We'll dive into Scripture and discover how to bring it to life in our everyday moments. Plus, we've got something exciting coming up! Calling all High School teens—join us for our Spring Retreat from March 21-22 here on campus! It's going to be an awesome, fun, and prayer-filled weekend you won't want to miss. The retreat is **only \$80**, and **scholarships are available**. Come hang out, grow in faith, and make memories with us!

If you have any questions, please email Jesse Rodriguez at [jrodriguez@stpatcc.org](mailto:jrodriguez@stpatcc.org).

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Thank you to those who picked up their Lenten/Easter materials last weekend. It was so fun to see everyone. If you missed us last weekend, please reach out to Renee Genetti ([rgenetti@stpatcc.org](mailto:rgenetti@stpatcc.org)) or Diane Kar ([dkar@stpatcc.org](mailto:dkar@stpatcc.org)) to get yours.

Family Faith Formation is our at home catechetical program, where we support parents with enriching materials to bring faith alive in the home. Questions? Please contact Diane Kar ([dkar@stpatcc.org](mailto:dkar@stpatcc.org) 480-998-3843 ext. 209).

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is our weekly formation program for children age 4 through 3rd grade, incorporating Montessori principles to help children hear and respond to the loving call of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who has loved them first and calls them by name. Classes meet after school and early evening for an hour and a half, once a week, September through April. Contact: Renee Genetti at [rgenetti@stpatcc.org](mailto:rgenetti@stpatcc.org), 480-998-3843 ext. 223.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is offered at both the 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses for children in grades Pre-K-4th. CLOW is looking for caring adults who can help facilitate the program during Sunday Mass times. No prior knowledge is needed and training is provided. Please contact Yasmine Rodriguez ([yrodriguez@stpatcc.org](mailto:yrodriguez@stpatcc.org)) at the parish office if you would like to find out more about CLOW.

Young Disciples is available at both the 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses. Young Disciples is a program for potty-trained preschool aged youth, 3-5 years old to encounter the gospel through story, puppets, drama and song. Contact: Yasmine Rodriguez at [yrodriguez@stpatcc.org](mailto:yrodriguez@stpatcc.org).

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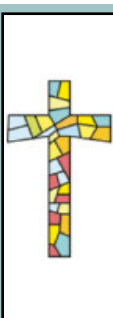
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