

March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent
Mass Intentions

March 24, 2025 Monday

8:00 a.m. † Ted Alles

March 25, 2025 Tuesday

NO MASS

March 26, 2025 Wednesday

5:00 p.m. † John McCann

March 27, 2025 Thursday

8:00 a.m. † Martha Anspach

March 28, 2025 Friday

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. † Jeff Dunlap

March 29, 2025 Saturday

4:00 p.m. † Jerome & Patricia Herber

March 30, 2025 Sunday

8:00 a.m. † Ed Peters

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

Liturgical Ministers for March 29th & March 30th

Lectors

4:00 p.m. Lynn Ann Diamente (1)
 Bryan Smethers (2)

8:00 a.m. Bill Duffy (1)
 Melinda Woll (2)

10:30 a.m. John Gilles (1)
 Don Neff (2)

Hospitality Ministers

4:00 p.m. Andrew Herber, Van Reed

8:00 a.m. Matt Beery, Mike Sands

10:30 a.m. Carl Brown, Charlotte Hill

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. Leanna Andreas, Tom Andreas
 and Anita Kelley

8:00 a.m. Dick Buchanan, Sara St. Clair
 and Nicholas Steill

10:30 a.m. Brad Clifford, Kristin
 Rentschler and Pat Zickgraf

Altar Servers

4:00 p.m. Liston Lowen, Bailey
 Moctezuma

8:00 a.m. Lorelei Renninger, William
 Renninger

10:30 a.m. Ethan Born, Grace Born

Collections for March 16, 2025

Adult Offering Envelopes	\$ 1,743.00
Loose	\$ 734.28
Candles	\$ 31.00
Repair	\$ 75.00
Black & Amer. Indian Mission	\$ 35.00
Total in pews:	\$ 2,618.28
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 1,852.00
Black & Amer. Indian Mission	\$ 55.00
Other	\$ 22.00
Repair	\$ 309.00
Total Online	\$ 2,238.00

UPCOMING EVENT

Our Penance service is scheduled for Thursday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

March 17, 2025

Families served **41** Total people **100**

New Clients **1** Gas cards **3**

Needs: canned beef, canned potatoes or potato mixes, and cream of mushroom and cream of chicken soups

We will be hosting a St. Vincent de Paul "Fill the truck" Friday, April 25th through Sunday, April 27th. Saint Vincent de Paul truck will be parked near the alley on the east side of the church.

The donations will be accepted during the following hours: Friday, April 25th, 6PM to 8PM; Saturday, April 26th, 8AM to 5:30PM; and Sunday, April 27th, 8AM to 12Noon. The donations will be given to Saint Vincent DePaul Thrift Store.

The items donated will be given to Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift store in Fort Wayne. Last year Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift store donated money to our chapter and the other area St. Vincent de Paul chapters.

This is our way of thanking and supporting Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift store for helping us serve our neighbors in our community. So please save the dates to donate your items. Thank you for your support to Saint Vincent DePaul! If you If you have questions, please contact **Carol Greulich (260)609-5269**

Knights of Columbus-FISH FRY

The Annual Knights of Columbus Fish Fry will be taking place on Friday, April 4th at our Community Center. The fundraiser will be a drive through only and will be taking place from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The fish dinners will be \$13.00 each and includes: fish, cole slaw, beans and cookies. They will take cash or checks. The fundraiser will be benefiting Mission 25 that is in Columbia City. Funds help them provide shelter, support, and services for community residents in need.

Cookie Donation

Help make our upcoming Fish Fry a delicious success! We need your help to provide tasty cookies for everyone to enjoy. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex to bring cookies.

Drop off your nut-free and peanut butter-free treats at the Community Center on Friday, April 4th, between 9:00 a.m. And 3:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus will handle bagging the cookies, so no need to pre-package them. Your generosity is greatly appreciated

Rosary Making Class

Saturday, March 29th after 4:00 p.m.

Mass will be the next class. Come and bring a friend with you to learn how to make rosaries. Great time for fellowship and sharing a meal. Learn a new craft.

First Friday Nursing Home Mass

Every first Friday of the month Fr. Cyril goes over to The Oaks in the nursing home section and has Mass with the residents. Any parishioner that would like to attend is more than welcome to come. The Mass starts at 10:00 a.m. If for some reason the Mass is canceled we will send out a Flocknote to inform everyone. The next date will be April 4th at 10:00 a.m.

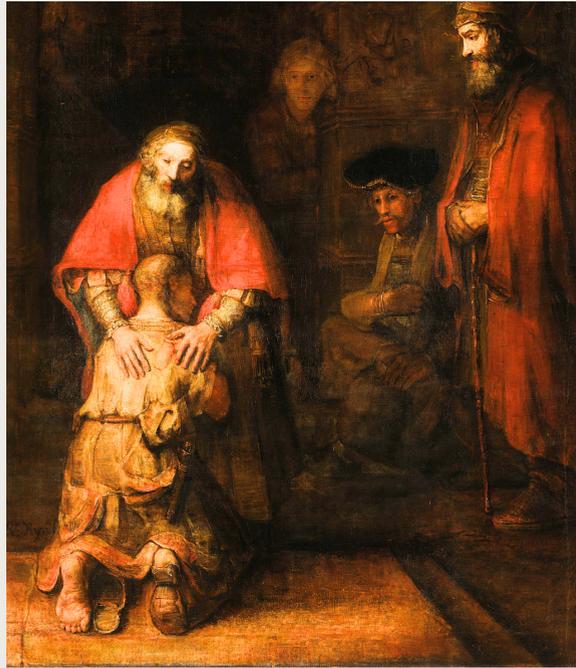
Church Kneelers

If you happen to come across a kneeler that needs some attention or repair, please let us know. We don't want any accidents to happen because we are unaware of something that needs fixed.

JOIN US FOR AN
**Lenten Afternoon
of Reflection**

presented by the ARC team

Sunday, March 30th



St Paul of the Cross
315 S Line Street
Columbia City, Indiana

as we reflect on

The Return of the Prodigal Son

3:00pm - 5:00pm Afternoon of Reflection

***open to anyone ages 12 and up

5:00pm Healing Service led by Fr Drew Curry

***open to ANYONE

APRIL Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month.



The Effects of ABUSE

When a child is abused, the effects are grave and can last a lifetime. Some of the most common effects of abuse include:

- Loss of faith and trust in God.
- Post-traumatic stress disorder, psychological distress, and other indirect signs of trauma, such as anxiety, trouble sleeping, chronic stomach pain, and headaches.
- A greater risk of developing behavioral problems, substance abuse, and suicide.

The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt, and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place.

Steps to Prevent ABUSE

Communicate with Your Children

It is extremely important to communicate openly with your children. Let them know that they can talk to you about anything that bothers them. This will help you identify warning signs and grooming behaviors perpetrated by offenders before they escalate to abuse.

Educate Yourself and Your Children on Abuse

Learning how to identify, prevent, and report abuse is key. Parents and guardians should empower their children to protect themselves from harm and to report abuse. Ask your diocesan safe environment coordinator or parish delegate about opportunities for safe environment training.

Identify and Report Warning Signs of Child Abusers

Grooming behaviors are the actions abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years.

Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts, while others allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive touching, such as wrestling and tickling. Abusers also often try to isolate their victims from family or friends and encourage their victims to keep secrets from their parents or other caring adults.

Holding Offenders ACCOUNTABLE

To help hold offenders accountable, report all suspected abuse to local public authorities. You can also contact your local diocesan victim assistance coordinator to make a report and seek outreach for the abused.

In accordance with diocesan policy, when a single act of sexual abuse is admitted or established, the offender is to be removed permanently from ministry.



“Let it be clear that before these abominations the Church will spare no effort to do all that is necessary to bring to justice whosoever has committed such crimes . . . To those who abuse minors I would say this: convert and hand yourself over to human justice, and prepare for divine justice.”

—Pope Francis, Dec. 21, 2018