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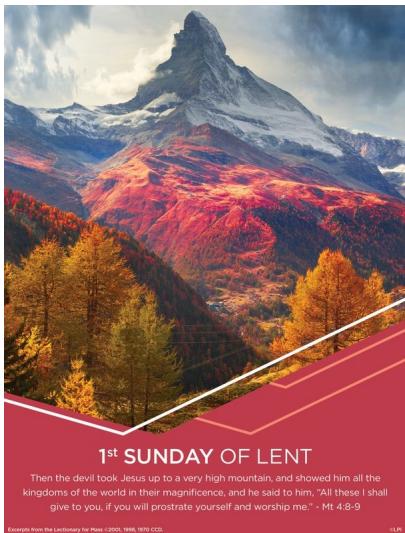
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February 22, 2026



Today's readings challenge us to reflect on the true state of our hearts as it relates to stewardship. Do we think of stewardship as something we take care of once a year, simply a matter of ticking off boxes on a commitment card — or do we choose to embrace it as a spirituality and a way of life that allows us to grow in conformity to Christ every day? Our first reading, from the Book of Sirach, teaches that our good God has given us the freedom to make this choice — "Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him."

The concept of stewardship helps us live out this fundamental choice to put God first. Stewardship is not meant to be a mere external exercise that we participate in on an occasional basis. It is meant to

be embraced as a way of life — a life that involves a continuous conversion of heart.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus illustrates the difference between an external observance of the law and a true conversion of heart, saying, "You have heard that it was said ... you shall not kill ... But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." Our Lord is asking us not only for exterior acts, but for a true change of heart. In stewardship terms, that means seeing everything as a gift from Him, to be used for His glory and the good of others.

In the week ahead, let us examine the state of our hearts and ask whether we have allowed stewardship to shape the way we live each day. When we do, we open ourselves to its deeper meaning and its power to change our hearts. The choice is ours.

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First Sunday of Lent

Parish Office Open M-Th 9am-4pm

Office Manager/Secretary Patti Graff

Bookkeeper Joanne Bowker

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Custodian Tony Ortiz

Religious Ed Office Hours:

M,T,TH 10am-6pm Wed.10am-7pm

Closed Daily 12pm-1pm

RE Coord: Julie Urby ~ Clerk:Kris Cardenaz

OCIA(RCIA) Director Mary Jo Peters

Masses

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday (Spanish Mass) 7:45 am

Sunday 10:00 am

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am

Wed. (Spanish Mass) 6:00 pm

Rosary is prayed 1/2 hr. before each Mass.

Confession

Saturday at 5:00 pm or by appointment
After morning Mass on Thursday

PRE-BAPTISM Classes:

3rd Sunday of the Month
2 pm Religious Education Building

Must pre-register for class

Contact Parish Office to schedule Baptism.

MARRIAGES:

Contact Pastor six months in advance.

QUINCEAÑERAS:

Student must be enrolled and attending RE classes and meet with Pastor.

FUNERALS:

Contact Parish Office.

In our Thoughts & Prayers

Patrick Adamietz Frankie Alvarez Ida Arcos
Steven Avila Genaro Avila

Rosa Barragan Ramon Barragon Ruby Cantu

Amador Carillo, Jr. Rosie Carranza

James Carmona Riley Cole

Alfredo Camacho Thomas Cuellar

Trine Cuellar Grace De Leon

Tommy Delgado Gloria Espinosa

Marissa Ibarra Vincent Garza

Tereso O. Hernandez Lucy Herrera

Ignacia Hernandez Alleen Koch

John Henry Martinez Tony Mendoza

Terry Mendoza Edda Tschirhart

Jerry Neal Milo Quintanilla Lorenzo Ortiz

Gloria Saucedo Anna Reyes

Melissa Puentes Lupe Sanchez

Jerry Robles Debbie Slover

Mary Rose Sanchez Joe Ventura, Jr.

A.J. Vallez Daniel Wilman

Darlene Wiemers Call 741-2236 to add or remove someone from the

list. Names will be kept on the list at least 3 weeks.

Pastoral Council

Rhonda Camacho Genevieve Flores
Dave Hubalik, Sr. Rose Mary Mares
Jonathan Velasquez David Hubalik, Jr.
Marie Zeal

Next meeting - TBD



Finance Council

Diane Cheney
Rey Bernal Kim Schoellman
Robert Knight Stephen Long

Next meeting - March 17, 2026

ADORATION with the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each Thursday - Chapel - 8:30am
Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:00am

Followed by Benediction

On the last Thursday of the
month, anointing of the sick will
follow the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Feb. 7/8, 2026

Mass Attendance 642

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Children's Offering 146.25

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Upcoming Second Collections

February 22, 2026 - Catholic Missions among Black & Native Americans

March 8, 2026 - St. Vincent de Paul Black Bag Collection



Mass Intentions

February 23 - March 1, 2026**Monday - February 23 - No Mass**

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday - February 24 - 8am - Chapel

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

- 1) † Maria Treviño Harmon by Treviño Family
- 2) Special Intention for Landon Jacob Lanier in Remembrance of his day of Baptism

Wednesday - February 25 - 8am - Chapel

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

- 1) St. John's Parish

Wednesday - Feb. 25 - 6pm(Spanish) - Chapel

Jon 3, 1-10/Sal 50, 3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lc 11, 29-32

- 1) † Albert Lopez, Sr. by Family

Thursday - February 26 - 8am - Chapel

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

- 1) † Jessica Pope by Treviño Family

Friday - February 27 - 8am - Chapel

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

- 1) † Millie Gonzales by Alma G. Santos
- 2) Living & Deceased Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday - February 28 - 6pm - Church

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

- 1) † Isaac Morin by Family
- 2) St. John's Parish

Sunday - March 1 - 7:45am(Spanish)- Church

Gn 12, 1-4/Sal 32, 4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1, 8-10/Mt 17, 1-9

- 1) † Lucia Alcaraz by Children
- 2) † Candy Saldavar by Family
- 3) † Lupe Hernandez by Treviño Family
- 4) Living & Deceased Members of Guadalupana Society

Sunday - March 1 - 10am - Church

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

- 1) † Ronnie Ulbrich by Linda Ulbrich
- 2) † Barry Gear by Delwin & Darlene Wiemers
- 3) † Millie Gonzales by Dorothy Favor

Send bulletin items to:
parishsecretary@stjohnnevangelist.org
Deadline is noon Monday to be printed that weekend.

St. John's Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 22:

*8:45am - Faith Formation - RE Building

Monday, February 23:

*7pm - BINGO! - Parish Hall

Tuesday, February 24:

*10am-noon - St. Vincent de Paul Assistance

*5pm - Guadalupana Meeting - RE Building

Wednesday, February 25:

*4pm - Bible Study - Parish Hall Meeting Rm

*6pm - Faith Formation - RE Building

Thursday, February 26:

*Men's ACTS Retreat Begins

Friday, February 27:

*6pm - Stations of the Cross - Chapel

*6:30 - El Grupo de Oración en Español - La Capilla

Saturday, February 28:

*5pm - Confessions Church

Sunday, March 1:

*8:45am - Faith Formation - RE Building

*10am Mass - Men's ACTS Retreat Homecoming

Lenten Blessing

Bless us in Your mercy, Lord,
as we enter these 40 Days of Lent.

Use this time to call, anoint, bind,
strengthen, and inspire us anew.

Like a good shepherd, teach us Your voice,
and give us the strength to follow. Amen.

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

All parishioners are invited to spend some time with our Lord Jesus in Blessed Sacrament every Thursday after the 8:00am Mass in the Chapel. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed at 10am followed by the benediction at 10:30am. Anointing of the sick Last Thursday after Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Schedule of Mass Ministry

Saturday, February 28, 2026 6pm

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Russ Renaud
Ministers of Hospitality: Charlie Arcos
James Schoellman, Marcy Zerr

Commentator: Theresa Gilliam

Lector: Rose Aelvoet

Sacristan: Rita Vance

Extraordinary Ministers: Julie Urby
Jovita Aguilar, Paul TschirhartAltar Servers: A.J. Knight, R.J. Knight,
Kieran Hubalik**Sunday, March 1, 2026 7:45am**

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Lupe Ortega
Ministers of Hospitality: Ray Ybarra,
Raul Carrillo, Jerry Lopez

Commentator: Frances Cordova

Lector: Norma Gutierrez

Sacristan: Diane Ybarra

Extraordinary Ministers: Diane Ybarra,
Melinda Martinez, Caroline TrujilloAltar Servers: Isabella Rodriguez,
Gabriel Rodriguez, Julie Cahue**Sunday, March 1, 2026 10am**

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Judy Williams
Ministers of Hospitality: Daniel Guedea, Glenn Sturm
Roger Lopez
Commentator: Edgar Camacho
Lector: Lisa Miller Cantor: Choir
Sacristan: Michele Rothe
Extraordinary Ministers: Lisa Lillie, Ashton Rogers
Mary Jo Peters, Diane Cheney
Altar Servers: Juscilla Cuellar, Olivia Flores
Eduardo Flores

Thank You to our Volunteers!

March Altar Care: Connie Muniz, Dolores Carrillo
 Small Linens: Becky Garcia, Martha Tellez, Angie Gurrusqueta
Bingo: Randy Graff, Patti Graff
Hospital Visitation: Selan Knight, Mary Jo Peters

St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will see clients "in person" only (no phone calls) at their office in the Religious Ed Building on Tuesdays 10am—12 noon.

Lent is a call to "give alms for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.

Thank you for your continued support!



Lenten & Easter Services

Stations of the Cross

each Friday of Lent at 6pm in the Chapel

Lenten Reflections

March 10th During 7pm Mass - Chapel

March 18th During 6pm Mass in Spanish - Chapel

Lenten Reconciliation Service

March 24, 2026 6:30pm

Palm Sunday Weekend

Holy Mass & Blessing of Palms

Saturday March 28th 6pm

Sunday March 29th 7:45am (Spanish)

Sunday March 29th 10:00am

Paschal Triduum

April 2nd Holy Thursday

7:00pm Holy Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:30pm in the chapel

April 3rd Good Friday

1:45pm Way of the Cross led by Youth

3:00 pm Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

April 4th Holy Saturday

8:00pm Easter Vigil with Reception of the Elect

April 5th

Holy Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:45am (Spanish)

10:00am



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Lenten Fish Fry

March 27, 2026 5:30pm - 6:30pm

\$10/plate St. John's Parish Hall

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Youth Ministry

Youth Mass ~ February 22, 2026 ~ 10am

Adoration ~ February 25th ~ 7-8:30pm

Happy Birthday!

2/23 Jesilyn Flores, Margaret Garcia, Maria Gomez, Leanna Morin, Tessa Taylor

2/24 Laura Hansen, Albert Hernandez, Christina Martinez, Guadalupe Pimentel

2/25 Thomas Deibler, Aubrie Martinez, Ashton Rogers, Joel Tapia

2/26 Rose Aelvoet, Justine Correa, Karina De La Cruz, Linda Fillinger, Meranda Guajardo, Ann Lutz, James Oranday

2/27 Eva Arcos, Maxine Dudley, Anthony Furnish, Julius Lewis

2/28 Sofia Ayala-Garcia, Leeana Gutierrez, Ronnie Mechler, Linda Miranda Zane Robertucci, Adriana Romo, Ana Sandoval, Linsy Villa

3/1 Emily Backor, Marina Dominguez, David Edison, Araceli Feranandez, Sarah Garcia, Abelino Nira, Jennifer Rivera, Maria Rosales, Jaylyn Villarreal

Have you considered serving your parish as **Lector or Extraordinary Minister?**

We will have a training for each of these ministries very soon. If you would like to join St. John's Mass Ministry please call the parish office so that you can be included.

St. John's Altar Society

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A Lenten Retreat

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Featuring David Rittiman

Topic: Photos and stories of Holy Sites around the world.



7:30am Rosary in the Chapel

8am Mass in the Chapel

followed by registration & continental breakfast in the Parish Hall.

9am Guest Speaker - David Rittiman

EVERYONE is invited!

Diaconate Questions & Answers

If you've ever wondered about the Diaconate or have felt a special calling, and would like to learn more, the Viva Vocations team and St. Louis Deacons are hosting a Diaconate Q&A on Tuesday, February 24th from 6pm to 7:30pm at the Braden Keller Community Center.

The meeting is for men who have experienced a call or are interested to learn more about the vocation to the permanent diaconate. If married, we encourage you to attend with your wife.

The plan is to cover: The life of a Deacon, the application process and deadlines, and other details on the Diaconate Formation Program.