



ST TERESA OF AVILA

MARCH 9, 2025

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily

7:00 am Church ☎

Saturday

8:30 am Church ☎

Confessions follow

4:00 pm (Vigil) Memorial Hall

Sunday

As previously noted, all Sunday Masses will temporarily be celebrated in Memorial Hall for the duration of the Church Painting Project.

7:30 am Church

9:00 am (Family)

10:30 am ☎

12:00 pm (Spanish)

5:00 pm

☎ = Mass also available via livestream

CHURCH HOURS

Monday - Friday

6:45 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday

8:00 am - 9:30 am

Sunday

7:00 am - 1:00 pm

and

4:45 pm to 6:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Appointments requested

Monday - Thursday

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday

By appointment only

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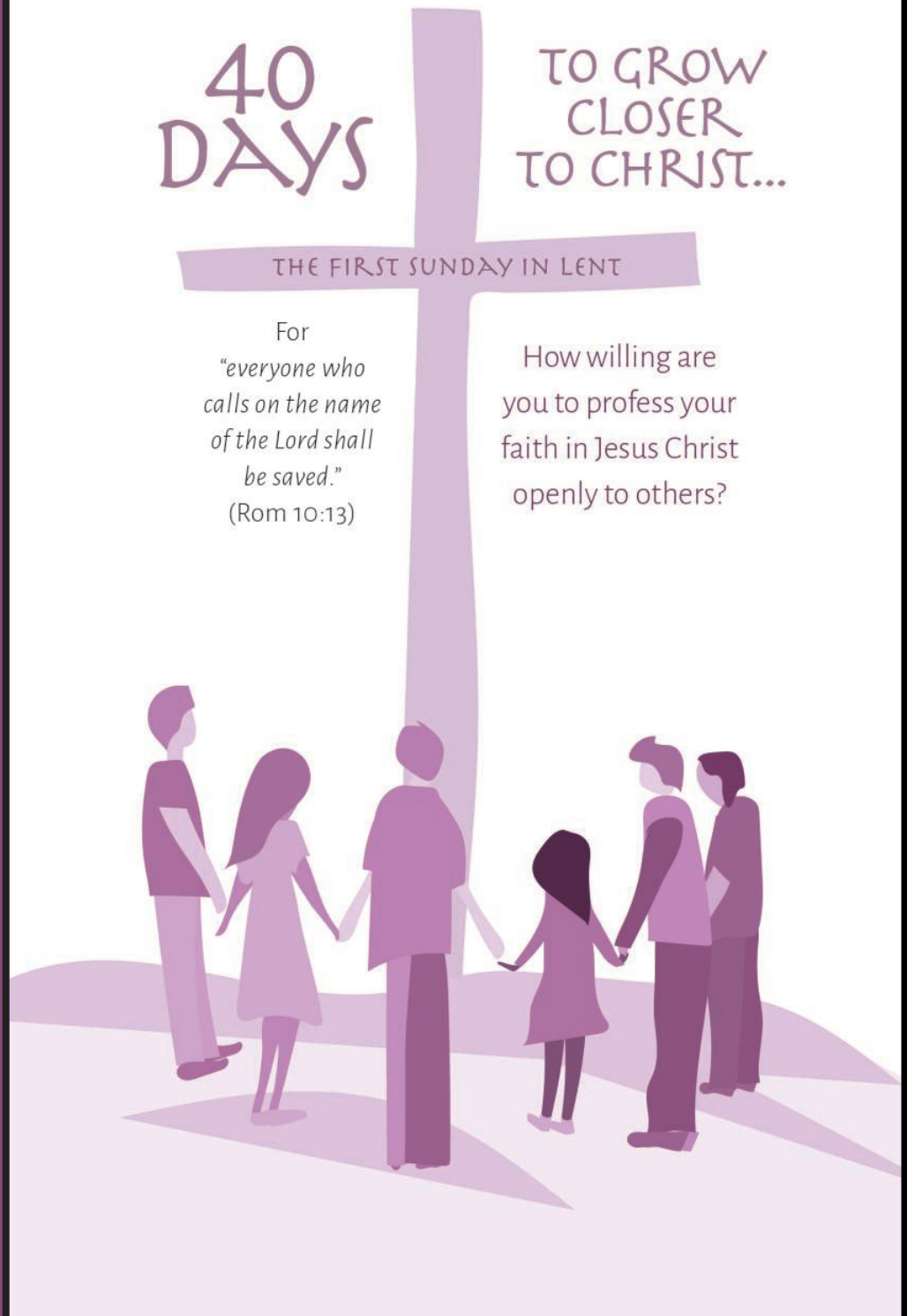
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40 DAYS TO GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST...

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
(Rom 10:13)

How willing are you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ openly to others?



Mass + Intentions

To request a Mass intention, please visit st-teresa.org/mass-intentions.

Saturday, March 8	8:30 AM	+ Carolyn Dorothy O'Connor
	4:00 PM	+ Leonora Ecke
Sunday, March 9	7:30 AM	+ Dario & Nicoletta Basilone
	9:00 AM	+ Carl John Swenson
	10:30 AM	+ Maria and Angelo Donnarumma
	12:00 PM	People of the Parish
	5:00 PM	+ James Hartman
Monday, March 10	7:00 AM	+ Sister Ethel Beneville, SC
Tuesday, March 11	7:00 AM	+ Deacon Willie E. Moore Jr
Wednesday, March 12	7:00 AM	+ Joanne Gristina
Thursday, March 13	7:00 AM	+ Santiago Daniel Abut
Friday, March 14	7:00 AM	+ Antonio Martini
Saturday, March 15	8:30 AM	+ Joseph S. Romano
	4:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, March 16	7:30 AM	+ Antonio Martini
	9:00 AM	+ Reilly, Crowe & Dugan Families
	10:30 AM	+ Christopher Kaiser
	12:00 PM	+ Helen De Simone
	5:00 PM	+ David Thornell



Stewardship Reflections...

*"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."
- Deuteronomy 26:10*

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

*"Por eso traigo ahora los primeros frutos de la tierra que el Señor me ha dado."
- Deuteronomio 26:10*

Esta línea del Antiguo Testamento nos ofrece dos desafíos. El primero, ¿le da a Dios sus "primeros frutos" - los primeros y mejores que usted tiene que ofrecerle? ¿O le da lo que le sobra? El segundo, ¿se da cuenta que todo lo que tiene y todo lo que ha recibido viene de Dios? No somos dueños de nada, somos simples administradores de los dones de Dios. Ore por un corazón agradecido y generoso, cada día, en cualquier circunstancia.



May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

PATRICIA VOTEY



"A Time to be Healed"

PARISH SICK:
Leticia Balagot

50 QUESTIONS EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD KNOW...

Courtesy of Archdiocese of Kansas City

10.



WHY DO WE ACCEPT AS TRUE WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES IN MATTERS OF FAITH AND MORALS?

We accept Church teaching as true because the Church speaks with the authority of Christ Himself. Christ identifies with His Church and commissioned the Church to bring His teaching to all the world.

Act of Faith: "... I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because you [God] have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived."

EXPLORE THIS SOME MORE...



Matthew 28:19-20;
Luke 10:16; Acts 9:4;
Ephesians 5:21-32



Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC nos 2032-37)

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Friends:

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE ALREADY OBSERVED ASH WEDNESDAY AND ARE NOW IN THE SEASON OF LENT. While there are surely many resources from which to find guidance in these 40 days, the Sacred Scriptures is primary among them.

We know only too well that God's Word oftentimes gives pointed and clear advice as to not only what we shouldn't do, but more importantly, what we should do as followers of Christ. Of course, a careful reading of the Scriptures can give even the best person among us reasons to pause and look again (and again) at our life.

This weekend, we hear from Luke's Gospel the passage describing the temptation of Jesus. It always reminds me of the reality that Jesus too was tempted by the devil (as we all probably are as well!!)

Perhaps a good way to start Lent is with an honest assessment of our temptations.

What are they? Do they involve money, sex, power, dishonesty, revenge, what? How do they manifest themselves? How can we better resist them?

After acknowledging our temptations, we are called to try to resist and overcome them. Undoubtedly, resisting temptation is much easier said than done, but with God's grace, we surely can successfully resist and overcome them. A useful resource on temptation is accessible below. In short, among the ten thoughts, the author uses the Scriptures and notes that temptation can be overcome by observing the following:

1. Understanding the source of temptation;
2. Depending on God's strength;
3. Use the Word of God as a weapon;
4. Flee from sinful desires;
5. Cultivate a culture of prayer;
6. Embrace the Holy Spirit's guidance.

OVERCOMING TEMPTATION IS A CHALLENGING, but essential part of the Christian life. This Lent, let's all try our best at it. And of course, the sacrament of Confession is available every Friday night at 6:00 pm and Saturday morning at 8:30 am to be forgiven of the times we failed and sinned.

Let's continue to pray for one another this Lent.



Scan the code for a useful resource on temptation!

Blessings!

- Fr Bob



LENTEN PROGRAMMING

Please note **UPDATES***

Daily

7:00 am Mass

Saturday

8:30 am Mass

Confession

immediately follows

ChristLife: Discovering Christ

Fridays in Lent

9:30 am | Memorial Hall

6:30 pm | Memorial Hall

RSVP REQUIRED

(visit st-teresa.org or scan QR Code)



Confession

Fridays in Lent

6:00 pm in **Memorial Hall***

Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent

7:30 pm in **Memorial Hall***



FAITH+ SUMMER CAMP 2025

This year's two-week camp series provides a mixture of faith learning and specialty experiences in areas of interest to be hosted and facilitated by the Faith Formation team and volunteers.

WEEK 1:

July 21- 25

FAITH+ STEM (Spirt Innovations)

MAIN OBJECTIVE:

To apply faith and focus given from God in problem solving with a scripture focus on the Adventure Stories of the Bible.

The week will culminate with a science fair!

WEEK 2:

July 28-Aug 1

FAITH+ ARTS (Spirt in the Arts)

MAIN OBJECTIVE:

To appreciate all of the talents that we've been given and understand how to use our talents to honor God and serve others.

The week will culminate with a service day with the members of SAGE to showcase our talents and innovations!

Registration through May 1:

FAMILIES WITH 1-2 CHILDREN:
\$250 per child/ per week

FAMILIES WITH 3+ CHILDREN:
\$175 per child/per week

TO REGISTER / LEARN MORE:

Scan the QR code below
or visit st-teresa.org.

NO REFUNDS PROVIDED AFTER JUNE 1ST

Ages: 6 to 12 (must have turned 6 by the start of camp)
DROP-OFF: 8:30 AM | CAMP START: 9 AM | PICK-UP: 2 PM
Location: St Teresa of Avila Church

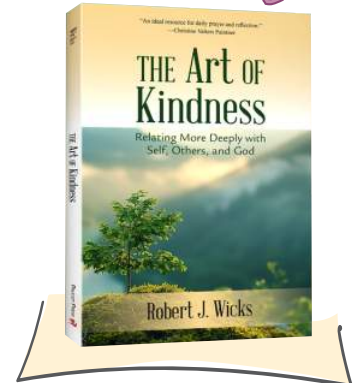


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The PRAYERFUL Bookshelf:



Art of Kindness

Relating with Self, Others, and God

Robert J Wicks

via Paulist Press

One hundred briefly-framed themes from both psychology and spirituality are provided so that persons, with even the busiest of schedules at work and home, can avail themselves of the approach of this book which is designed to increase self-awareness and self-care in these challenging times. To make the most of the entries, a clear way of reflecting on the points being made and stories shared is provided. An emphasis on combining clarity and kindness in seeking to understanding and applying the topics is offered as well.



Jubilee Eucharistic Congress comes to Saint Helen!

St Helen in Westfield is our Union County Jubilee Church and all are welcome to attend their five-part series on the Eucharist! Sessions will take place Thursday evenings from 7-8:30pm and include prayer, speakers, and Holy Hour.

March 13: *Eucharistic Encounter* (Gym)

March 20: *Eucharistic Identity* (Church)

March 27: *Eucharistic Life* (Church)

April 3: *Eucharistic Mission* (Church)

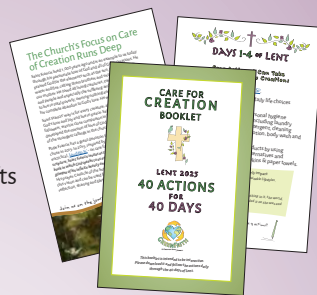
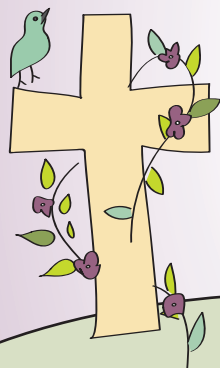
April 10: "Walk with One" Celebration (Gym)

1600 Rahway Avenue, Westfield

CARE FOR CREATION BOOKLET

As we begin the Lenten season, we consider God's gifts to us through our life, our planet and our salvation through His son, Jesus Christ.

We are aware of the crisis that our planet and all of its inhabitants, including people, animals, plants, rivers and oceans, are experiencing with alarming speed. We should spend focused time learning what is happening, what we can do, and meditating on how rethinking our desires and lifestyle choices can have a positive impact on our common home.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO DOWNLOAD YOUR COPY!

This interactive booklet features 40 actions for 40 days, reflection questions, resources, and more to accompany your *Laudato Si'* Lent!

WE ALL CAN TAKE ACTION TODAY!

In a way, this is a personal journey for each of us. As we take the first step together, I pledge to:



Deepen my understanding of the climate crisis



Examine my current lifestyle and practices



Endeavor to make some permanent lifestyle changes



Care for our home for current and future generations



Identify steps I can take over the next 40 days to improve how I care for creation

DAYS 1-4 OF LENT Four Actions I Can Take to Care for God's Creation:

1. Read Chapter 1 of [Laudato Si'](#).
2. Become aware of how my daily life choices impact the earth.
3. Identify household and personal hygiene items that can be refilled, including laundry and dishwasher powder detergent, cleaning supplies, hand soap, hand lotion, body wash and shampoo.
4. Rethink all of my paper products by using roll-up cloth paper towel alternatives and avoid purchasing paper napkins & paper towels.



QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

Am I motivated to act? Why?

Which environmental topics can I choose to learn more about first?

What are my current practices to Care for God's creation?

"Canticle of the Sun"

Most High, all powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory,
the honor, and all blessing.

To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no man is worthy
to mention Your name.

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,
especially through my lord
Brother Sun, who brings the day;
and you give light through him.

And he is beautiful and radiant
in all his splendor! Of you, Most High,
he bears the likeness.

Praised be You, my Lord, through
Sister Moon and the stars, in
heaven you formed them clear
and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through
Brother Wind, and through the
air, cloudy and serene, and every
kind of weather through which You
give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through
Sister Water, which is very useful and
humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through
Brother Fire, through whom you light
the night and he is beautiful and
playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister
Mother Earth, who sustains us and
governs us and who produces varied
fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord, through those
who give pardon for Your love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed are those who endure in
peace for by You, Most High,
they shall be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord, through
our Sister Bodily Death, from whom
no living man can escape. Noe to
those who die in mortal sin.

Blessed are those whom death will find
in Your most holy will, for the second
death shall do them no harm. Praise
and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks
and serve Him with great humility.

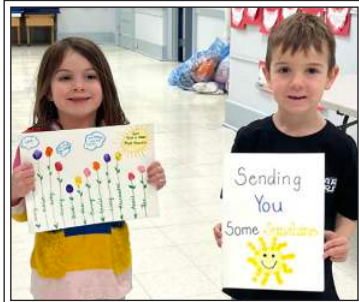
Saint Francis of Assisi



School News

Our children made get well cards to the Pope and we celebrated Read Across America with Cat and the Hat reading to our classes.

- Mrs Monaco



MEXICO MISSION

Summer 2025 Pilgrimage



Please join us on the annual pilgrimage to **San Martin Caballero**, our sister parish in Iztapalapa, Mexico.

A life changing experience for both parishes. Our friends in Mexico have little in material goods, however you will be inspired by their faith in Christ and His Holy Mother.

JUNE 26



June 26 to July 2



\$1,000 per person



Includes airfare, food, accommodations

JULY 2 2025



High school students under 18 must be accompanied by a parent



Contact Vinny Candela for info: 908-463-1026 vcandela@singletreetechnology.com

CHILI COOK-OFF

Sunday March 23rd 2025 2-5PM



PATRONS

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\$15 door
Kids ≤12 free

COMPETITORS

No entry fee



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ITINERARY Highlights

- Stay at the church facilities
- Visit the sponsored children in their homes
- Day trip to Guadalupe Shrine of Our Lady
- Work activity on the church grounds
- Assist with daily medical and dental clinic
- Fellowship with our brothers and sisters
- Some walking is required

COMMUNITY Announcements

Part time Job Opportunity: Sisters of Christian Charity


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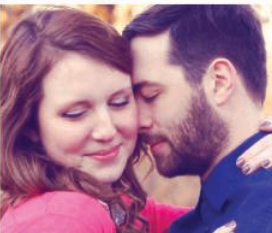
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