

First Sunday of Lent February 22, 2026

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Psalm 51; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being.

Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed.

Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made.

The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?"

The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'"

But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die!

No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil."

The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.



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VOCATION CORNER FEBRUARY 22, 2026

"From a young age, I desired to be noticed by Jesus in a particular way. By age 13, Good Friday left me with an ache to suffer with the crucified Lord. At age 16, I read the Song of Songs and declared "I want a love like that." Jesus became my first love. Though I was open to religious life, I also love the idea of marriage. In college, I replaced Jesus as the center of my life with the man I thought I'd marry. Deep down, I felt Jesus' claim on my life and fought against Him for it, in restless pursuit of a tangible spouse. But Jesus brought me to surrender. In the Eucharistic presence of the divine bridegroom the attraction of all earthly bridegrooms faded away. Jesus gave himself entirely for me on the cross. I now yearned to give my whole self to him. Today, as a Passionist nun, I stand at the foot of the Cross, wedded to Redeeming Love. Jesus crucified does not disappoint. He is the fairest bridegroom of all."

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SUNDAY 02/22 8:00 am Mass- *Richard & Evelyn Ross/ David Speletich Jr.*

THURSDAY 02/26 6:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY 03/01 8:00 am Mass- *Carol Kubian & Shawn Saltzman/ Jeff Wallace*

Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Feb 22	L. Slife	P. Widowski	V. Anderson A. Dueker	M. Palmer	* Matt Slife J. Bergmann

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Mar 01	S. Widowski	V. Anderson	X. Gruszczyk M. Nelson	A. Nelson	* Mike McMahan W. Hooks

Gift Bearers Beth & Maddie Palmer **Cantor** C. Ross

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING February 15, 2026

General \$1665.00 (23)

Loose 50.00

Messenger 50.00

Total \$1765.00

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: \$80.00 (2)

STATUE FUND: \$1300.00

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Becky Bowers & William Taylor

BIBLICAL WALK

The Biblical Walk through The Mass will continue the Sunday after Mass in the Parish hall

THANK YOU

Thanks for helping with **Valentine's Day Cards** *Billie Porter, Pat Kalicki, Beth Hill & Cathy Kruep.*

ST. PAUL MENS CLUB

There will be a *St. Paul Men's Club Meeting today at 9:15am after mass, at the Vienna Diner.*

REMINDER

Please remember to return the census and schedule pictures for the pictorial directory.

PARISH WORK DAY

There will be a *Parish Work Day on 2/28 with a rain date of 3/7.* Picking up sticks, leaves and pruning trees.

HOUSEHOLD ITEM DRIVE FOR DAYSTAR

This drive begins today February 22 through April 5th, items needed as in the past, *paper towels, laundry detergent, dish soap, hand soap, Clorox wipes, etc.* thanks for your generosity. *If there are any questions contact Peggy Widowski.*

FAITH ALIVE DINNER

The *Faith Alive Volunteer Appreciation Dinner* will be at **Shawnee Worship Center on 2/23** *RSVP to Arlene by phone or text at (618)559-7803 by 2/19 please.*

RICE BOWLS

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls will be handed out this week at the door. CRS Rice Bowl is the official Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, supported by the U.S. Bishops and embraced by families across the country. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

CCW 1ST ANNUAL BREAKFAST BAKEOFF

A signup sheet is posted on the church bulletin board. Entries are needed by Feb. 22. Our ovens at the Parish Hall will be set to keep any entries warm that are needed before March 1 Mass.

WOMENS MEETING

Our next *St. Paul Women's Group* will be meeting on Saturday, March 7, at the Vienna Diner after 8:30 Mass. All ladies of the parish are invited.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be an opportunity to pray the Stations *of the Cross at 7:40 a.m. each Sunday in Lent.* We use our One in Faith Mass books starting on page 335. Volunteers are needed to lead us in prayer. There is a signup sheet on bulletin board if you are willing to lead from the lectern on a Sunday or two.

PRAYERS

Please keep the following list of Homebound Parishoners in your prayers. *George Bell (Hillview), Sandy Belski, Dick & Midge Bigler, Larry Flamm (Hillview), Gertrude Henderson, Suzanne McHugh, and Susan Ward.*

LOOKING AHEAD

February 22 A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS

March 07 CCW Breakfast Meeting, Vienna Diner after Mass

March 13 Fish Fry **4:30-6:30 pm**

March 19 Pro-Life March in Springfield

March 27 Fish Fry **4:30-6:30 pm**

****Office Hours are Wednesday 10am-1pm at the rectory. Contact Theresa at (618)658-4501 or via email. Wednesday at 12pm is the deadline for any bulletin changes or additions.****