

St. John the Baptist Parish & St. Mary of the Assumption Parish

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	March	21	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Madeleine Blackwood by Roxana Marcotte
Sunday	March	22	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton	All Parishioners
			10:30 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Rose & A.J. Villano by Jerry & Laura Lee Stenberg
Tuesday	March	24	8:00 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Lance Koch by Dean & Loretta Koch
Wednesday	March	25	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Ian Drake by Jeff & Jennifer Koch
Thursday	March	26	No Mass		
Friday	March	27	No Mass		
Saturday	March	28	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Jim Koch by Jackie Koch
Sunday	March	29	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton	Deceased relatives of Mike & Linda Kantack
			10:30 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	All Parishioners

St. Mary Liturgical Assignments:

Date	Rosary	Greeters	Cross Bearer	Reader	EMHC	Servers	Gifts Bearers	Collection	Money Counters
March 22	Stephen Kieffer	Francis Cox Kayla Darden	Deanne Jackson	Jim Leiszler	April Fahey Sue Long Barb Lange	Charly Steinbrock Jeralee Casey	Wade Knoettgen family	Stan Marshall Travis Wurtz	Nicolette Taddiken Lindsey Leiszler
Palm Sunday March 29	Mike Kantack	Travis Wurtz family	Sue Long	1st Kristin Oestrich 2nd David Leiszler	Susan Bechard Linda Kantack Monica Wurtz	Nellie Fahey Brad Schwab	Brett Fahey family	Matt Schwab Dennis Alexander	Barb Lange Kalli Deaver

St. John Liturgical Assignments:

Date	Rosary	Greeters	Cross Bearer	Reader	EMHC	Servers	Gift Bearers	Money Counters
March 21	Karen Leiszler	Maryclara Joyce & Kathleen Sorell	Remy Girard	Cathy Koch	Dawn Seifert Scott Seifert	Cooper Girard Ryan LeClair	David Girard family	
March 22	Choir	Jeff & Lori Bulleigh	Ian Bergstrom	Gary Sipe	S. Beverly Carlin Jackie Koch	Cohen Girard Luke Nobert	Stan Bergstrom family	Derek & Dana Sandmann
March 28	Stephanie Girard	Brenda & Terry Koch	Scott Seifert	1st : Karen Leiszler 2nd: Steve Rogers	Norm Francis Noel Garrison	Cooper Girard Remy Girard	Kenton Brown family	
Palm Sunday March 29	Choir	Gary & Mary Lou Channell	Beth Bergstrom	1st: Jeff Koch 2nd: Gary Sipe	Audra Walter Curtis Walter	Zach Bulleigh Ryan LeClair	Jeff Bulleigh family	Kenton & Linda Brown

Finance totals: St. John March 15 – Plate: \$219.00, Envelopes: \$1,960.00

St. Mary March 15 – Plate: \$107.00, Envelopes: \$930.00

Homebound Ministry: Kara Nobert

Adoration at St. Mary: Tuesday, March 24 at 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Adoration at St. John: Wednesday, March 25 at 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Outreach Ministers for March: Circle One- Linda Brown, Jennifer Koch & Joan Bechard

Sacrament of Reconciliation: St. John-**5:30 p.m. March 27, 3p.m. March 29**, 4:15-5:15 p.m. Saturday and 30 mins before daily Mass. St. Mary – **6p.m. March 20**, 7:45-8:15 a.m. Sunday, and 30 mins before daily Mass

Pastor Notes

Retreat: My retreat was a wonderful and grace-filled experience. The Lord is so good and greatly desires to bless us! Thanks so much for the prayers!

Chrism Mass: Please consider coming to the Chrism Mass if you're able to. It's a very special Mass with Bishop Vincke and most of the priests of the Diocese. Thursday, March 26 at 11:30 am at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina.

Lenten Confession: With only 2 weeks left in Lent, hopefully you plan on receiving the Mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. And if you're hesitant, don't be! You won't regret it. Extra Confession time this Tuesday (Mar 24) at 6 pm at St. Mary's. Also, this Friday (Mar 27) at 5:30 pm and next Sunday (Mar 29) at 3 pm, both at St. John's.

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration: Mark your calendars for a Divine Mercy Holy Hour at St. Mary's at 3 pm on Sunday, April 12th.

Parish News

Easter Flowers: Please bring flower contributions by Sunday, March 29th. St. John members please use the envelope included in your boxed envelopes. St. Mary members please put donations in an envelope marked Easter flowers and indicate who they are in memory of. Please turn these in to Sue Long, or Mary Jo Wurtz. Thank you for your generosity.

Cleaning St. John's Church: Please help us in cleaning and preparing our Church for the Triduum and Easter Celebration! Some have expressed that they are not available to assist with cleaning the Church in the mornings so we have added an evening! When many individuals are able to help, the work becomes lighter for everyone! These are the dates we will be cleaning:

Monday, March 23rd at 9:00 am and Tuesday, March 24 at 5:30 pm. Hope that you can join us!

CYO Fish Fry: Friday, March 27th Following the 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross, please join us for fish, potatoes, coleslaw and cheesecake! This is a free will donation. There will be no Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's that evening.

Diocesan News

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, there is still time to participate. You can return your pledge card by mailing it to Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1696, Salina KS 67402 or give online at: appeal.givecfds.org.

Chrism Mass: Have you ever been to a Chrism Mass? The Chrism Mass is one of the most significant liturgies for a diocese as it symbolizes the unity between the bishop, clergy, and the faithful. During the Mass, the bishop blesses the holy oils used for the sacraments throughout the year. Additionally, the priests renew their vows. Our Chrism Mass is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 11:30 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. Anyone can attend. I especially want to encourage our catechumens and candidates in the OCIA class to attend.

Hope to see you there – Bishop Gerald L. Vincke

At Lazarus's Tomb: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday of Lent

As we draw near to the end of Lent, today's Gospel clearly has Jesus' passion and death in view.

That's why John gives us the detail about Lazarus' sister, Mary—that she is the one who anointed the Lord for burial (see John 12:3, 7). His disciples warn against returning to Judea; Thomas even predicts they will “die with Him” if they go back.

When Lazarus is raised, John notices the tombstone being taken away, as well as Lazarus' burial cloths and head covering—all details he later notices with Jesus' empty tomb (see John 20:1, 6, 7).

Like the blind man in last week's readings, Lazarus represents all humanity. He stands for “dead men”—for all those Jesus loves and wants to liberate from the bands of sin and death.

John even recalls the blind man in his account today (see John 11:37). Like the man's birth in blindness, Lazarus' death is used by Jesus to reveal “the glory of God” (see John 9:3). And again like last week, Jesus' words and deeds give sight to those who believe (see John 11:40).

If we believe, we will see—that Jesus loves each of us as He loved Lazarus, that He calls us out of death and into new life.

By His Resurrection Jesus has fulfilled Ezekiel's promise in today's First Reading. He has opened the graves that we may rise, put His Spirit in us that we may live. This is the Spirit that Paul writes of in today's Epistle. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will give life to we who were once dead in sin.

Faith is the key. If we believe as Martha does in today's Gospel—that Jesus is the resurrection and the life—even if we die, we will live.

“I have promised and I will do it,” the Father assures us in the First Reading. We must trust in His word, as we sing in today's Psalm—that with Him is forgiveness and salvation.