

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## FEBRUARY 18



This Lenten season begins with the contrasting images of the desert and flood waters. We live in the paradox of these images needing to go into the desert of fasting, prayer and self-denial in order to re-learn the covenant way of life we entered through the waters of baptism. Now is the time to turn from the flood of distractions which can drown us. Now is the time to remember and reverence our dignity and the dignity of every human person. Now is the time to set aside anything that diverts us from our true hunger and thirst for God alone and his covenant of love with all humanity.

## Lent @ St. Mary's

We hope you will join us for one of the many opportunities we have to join together in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lent.

### Daily Liturgy of the Hours

Sundays at 6:30 am, Monday – Saturday at 7:30 am.

Beginning Ash Wednesday (February 14th) our community will pray the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Lauds) every morning in the Nazareth House Adoration Chapel. Each morning's prayer will last approximately 30 minutes.

### Wednesday Men's Scriptural Meditations

February 21 & 28, March 6, 13, 20, & 27

Men! Join us in the Church each Wednesday evening during Lent from 8:15- 9 PM to grow closer to Christ through a guided meditation and praying night prayer together.

### Thursday Lenten Series on Seven Deadly Sins

February 29, March 7, 14, & 21

"The goal of a virtuous life is to become like God" (St. Gregory of Nyssa) Join us as we seek to root out the capital vices (sinful habits and tendencies) and grow in virtue so we can be more like Jesus! We begin with Vespers at 7 PM and finish by 8 pm.

### Friday Stations of the Cross

Confessions, 4:30 PM | Stations of the Cross, 5 PM

Mass, 5:30 PM | Fish Fry, 6 PM

Join your parish family for a weekly meditation on the Passion. Then, stay for a delicious Fish Fry served by our Knights of Columbus!

### Parishwide Almsgiving: Simon Cross Donation Drive

Supporting: Foster Love Bell County, Hope Pregnancy Center, and Families in Crisis Women's Shelter.

Place donations in the box near the Simon Cross in the Narthex from Feb. 14 to March 28. We will distribute to the selected charities after Easter. Cash donations may be placed in the collection basket marked "Simon Cross."



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*Faith Formation*



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



**Wednesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Parent & Student Meeting**  
**(for 1st Communion class)**

Parent and students will meet  
 in the Church at 6:30pm.



## FALCON CORNER

St. Mary's Catholic School in Temple is accepting new student applications for the 2024-25 school year. If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Dike, Admissions Director, at 254-778-8141. You may also view the process at the school website, [www.stmarys-temple.org](http://www.stmarys-temple.org), under the Admissions tab. School tours are available.



PSIA is coming up quickly  
 February 17th  
 St. James Catholic School  
 Seguin, Texas

We will ask parents who have a student competing to volunteer for various positions. Once we get the details from the contest coordinator, we will send that information out.

Mrs. Cayce will be on-site at the competition as the school liaison coordinator to answer any questions and for student check-in.



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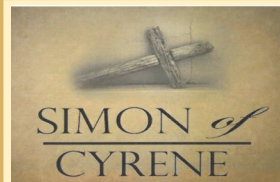
Live on February 27th at 8am.

Join us this week as we recount  
 stories and experiences from our friends  
 and neighbors from their Consecration Journey  
 To Jesus Through Mary.

For more information or to volunteer to help

contact Tom at 254-371-7566 or

[tom@armorofgodradio.com](mailto:tom@armorofgodradio.com).



## 3rd Annual Lenten Simon Cross During the Lenten Season

Please join our Social Outreach Ministry again this year in efforts to support local organizations that provide assistance for those in need through Foster Love Bell County, Hope Pregnancy Center and Families in Crisis Women's Shelter.

You can place any items you wish to donate in the box at the Simon Cross located in the Narthex during Lent and it will be delivered to the selected organizations after Easter. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please put an envelope with "Simon Cross"

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT****FEBRUARY 18****February 24th and February 25th 2024****5:30 PM Mass**

Lector: N. Pekar  
 EM: M. Hudkins, D. Shepard, D. Ramos  
 Greeters: J. Sladacek, B. Lenart, R. Wilde  
 Altar Servers: B., C. & S. Stoebner

**7:30 AM Mass**

Lector: M. Guenat  
 EM: Dcn. M. Hoelscher, M. & L. Lockhart,  
 D. Kaminski  
 Greeters: R. Coufal, J. Flinn, Jay Wimberley,  
 L. Lagut  
 Altar Servers: O., A. & I. Ware

**9:30 AM Mass**

Lector: M. Morris  
 EM: Dcn. B. Rodriguez, J. & N. Glover,  
 B. McAtee  
 Greeters: K. Bartz, E. & T. Degenhardt,  
 M. Jimenez  
 Altar Servers: A. Sandoval, A. Gonzales, F. Sanchez

**11:30 AM Mass**

Lector: A. Cabiness  
 EM: A. Payne, J. Solis, M. Velazquez  
 Greeters: R. Krumnow, B. & D. Stewart  
 Altar Servers: A. Upchurch, A. Pelawatta

**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS****Open to all parishioners.****To sign-up, call Debra Hollingsworth  
at (713) 586-9800.**

Thank you for participating in this prayer initiative  
 and may God richly bless you with every good gift as  
 you pray for priestly vocations!

Feb 18th	Bill & Deb Keller	9:30am
Feb 25th	Adoration Chapel Adorers	
Mar 3rd	Walter & Edla Wilde	9:30am
Mar 10th	Jose & Melinda Pena	9:30am
Mar 17th	Debra Hollingsworth	11:30am
Mar 31st	Adoration Chapel	

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

Date	Event	Location	Time
Mon. Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	Quilting Angels	O'Reilly Building	
	Boy Scouts	O'Reilly Building	6:30 pm
Tuesday - Friday	Adoration	Adoration Chapel	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tues. Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	Knitting & Crocheting	Ave Maria Building	10:00 am
	Adult Bible Study	Regina Caeli Room	1:30pm - 3:30 pm
	Cub Scouts	O'Reilly Building	6:00 pm
	Men of Joseph	Ave Maria Room	7:00 pm
Wed. Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	Religious Education	Church for Mass	6:30 pm
	Parish Festival Mtg	Regina Caeli Room	6:00 pm
	Men's Scriptural	Church	8:15 pm - 9:00 pm
Thurs. Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>	RCIA	O'Reilly Building	6:00 pm
Fri. Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Stations of the Cross	Church	5:00 pm
	KC Fish Fry	Regina Caeli Room	5pm - 7pm

**Divine Mercy Ministry  
Meeting****Sunday, February 18th at 3pm  
Regina Caeli Room****All are invited!**

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### Parish Giving

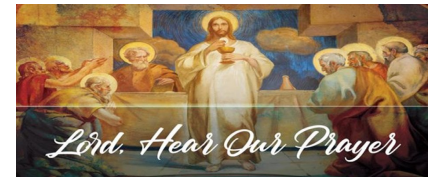
**February 11, 2024**

Sunday Collection	\$	8,721.29
Parish School	\$	73.00
Building Fund	\$	128.00
World Home Mission	\$	10.00
Catholic Higher Education	\$	1,053.50
Helping Hands	\$	92.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,077.79</b>

**Note: totals include online giving**

**\* Weekly Operating Expenses: \$11,500.00**

### Mass Intentions



**February 19<sup>th</sup> - February 25<sup>th</sup> 2024**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:15AM</b>	† Terry Simonton
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>	Reine Tanou
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:15AM</b>	† Terry Simonton
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>	Douglas & Betty Jo Bartosh
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:15AM</b>	† Alyse Michalka
	<b>5:30PM</b>	† Mr. & † Mrs. Beatrice Adams
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	Jim Zaleski
		Dee Kaminski
	<b>9:30AM</b>	For the People
	<b>11:30AM</b>	† Jo Ann Camp Clergy & Religious

### Attention all Altar Society Members!



**All are welcome to attend the  
Altar Society Deanery Meeting  
Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>  
St. Joseph Catholic Church  
(Killeen, Texas)**

**General Meeting begins at 10:00am**

**Carpool is available for those needing a ride to the meeting. Please RSVP to the parish office no later than Monday February 19<sup>th</sup> to insure we have enough vehicles for everyone who wishes to ride together.**

**Carpool will be leaving the Church parking lot at 9:00am on Wednesday morning.**



**Friendly Reminder:**

## KC Fish Fry

Take out or dine-in

**Every Friday during Lent.**

**5 to 7 PM at the Ave  
Maria room on St. Mary's  
main campus**

**\$12 Adult \$7 Child**  
Cash, check, or card

Desserts provided by Boy/Cub Scouts

9 Feb.  
16 Feb.  
23 Feb.  
1 Mar.  
8 Mar.  
15 Mar.  
22 Mar.



**Hospitality on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>  
will be hosted after the  
7:30am & 9:30am Masses by our**



**Come by and enjoy breakfast and  
fellowship!**