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**Worship Times**

**Saturday Vigil Mass**, 4:00p  
**Sunday Mass 11:15a**; En español, 1:00p  
**Daily Mass, Holy Days** Consult bulletin  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

**Sunday Mass** 9:00a  
**Communion Service** Tuesdays, 12:15p  
**Holy Days** 7:00p  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
By appointment

**Welcome, New Parishioners**

*We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.*

**Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony**

*For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.*

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

*For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.*

**Anointing of the Sick**

*For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis*

**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**March 3, 2023**

*Morning Church!*

One of this year's Oscar-nominated songs is, "What Was I Made For?" from the movie "Barbie". Its lyrics are a marvelous source for our Lenten reflection, especially as we celebrate the Rite of Scrutiny the next three weeks with Stephen, Jacob, and Ethan.

*Think I forgot how to be happy  
Something I'm not, but something I can be  
Something I wait for  
Something I'm made for  
Something I'm made for*

The Rite of Scrutiny is ..".meant to uncover and heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the Elect and to bring out and strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good...  
...to deepen the Elect's resolve to hold fast to Christ..." #141

The Church is intentional in celebrating our Rites in the presence of the parish faith community, so all of us can reflect on our own need for ongoing conversion.

To scrutinize is a *spiritual discovery process* meaning to *examine closely*. It is meant to be done with humility and transparency, like looking in a mirror and seeing ourselves as we are and as God sees us. This Rite is like a cleansing of our soul temple. Through its prayers, we identify our compulsions or addictions, and we begin to overturn the death-dealing choices as we strive to replace them with life-giving ones.

In scrutinizing our hearts, we take a closer look at our choices:

How am I glorifying God with my life? (worship/praise)

How am I glorifying myself? (selfishness/sin)

Scrutinizing our lives is like The Daily Examen. In this spiritual exercise in which we review our day, thoughts, experiences, action, and words, as we ask ourselves:

When did I make loving choices today? (worship/praise)

When did I make selfish choices today? (selfishness/sin)

In the Book of Exodus, the Ten Commandments are seen as a legal guide to help The Chosen and us scrutinize what the most consistent paths of our faithjourney are.

Are these paths we choose *The Way*?

Glorifying God with our lives is what we were made for,  
and Someone we're made for.

In CommUNITY,

*spanis*

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 **HEARTwork**

~ *Reflecting and Acting on The Word* ~










*What is Jesus asking you  
to 'uncover'  
so he can heal and strengthen you?*

**Readings** <https://bible.usccb.org/>

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All that we are not,  
God perfects.  
All that we are,  
God accepts,  
and all that we can be,  
God anticipates.  
~ Mark Hart

<b>MARCH</b>	
	<b>03</b> 3rd Sun Lent RCIA Rite of Scrutiny I Family Faith Formation, 10:30-12N
	<b>05</b> The Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p
	<b>06</b> RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
	<b>08</b> Stations of the Cross, 6p
	<b>7-11</b> SSJ Chapter Session
	<b>10</b> 4th Sun Lent RCIA Rite of Scrutiny II Family Faith Formation, 10:30-12N
	<b>11</b> Ladies Guild, 5p 
	<b>12</b> The Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p 
	<b>13</b> RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p
	<b>15</b> Stations of the Cross, 6p
	<b>17</b> 5th Sun Lent RCIA Rite of Scrutiny III Family Faith Formation, 10:30-12N 
	<b>18</b> SSJA Gathering 10a
	<b>19</b> Feast of St. Joseph ~ SSJ Mass, WS Ministerial Assoc., 12N Communion Service, 12:15p
	<b>20</b> RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p
	<b>21</b> Wise Ones, Shiki's Restaurant, 1p Barbara & Bob deJohn, (336)737-4056 SSJ ZOOM 6:30-8:30P 
	<b>22</b> Stations of the Cross, 6p
	<b>23</b> <i>Memorial Mass: + Chyde Colwell, 11a</i>
	<b>24</b> <b>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</b> NO Family Faith Formation
Ministerial Association <b>Holy Week Service &amp; Luncheon</b> Monday ~ Friday 12N-1p First United Methodist Church, Elkin	
	<b>26</b> NO Communion Service
	<b>31</b> Easter Sunday, 9a NO Family Faith Formation

<b>☪ Mass Intentions</b>	
<b>03</b>	+Cecelia Jones r/b Ladies Guild
<b>10</b>	+Carol McQuade; +Dorothy Hanic
<b>17</b>	Kate Delaney; Larry Liss

### Birthdays & Anniversaries



02 Charlie Faw	08 Jasiel Hernandez
03 Kathy Jenkins	This Tham Nguyen
Payton Wagoner	12 Fred Sener
05 Patrick Colglazier	13 Lee Hadfield
06 Elia Martinez	16 Karen King
07 Jim Doyle	Karen Rodriguez
Jerry Schaufenbuel	23 Cindy Whitley
	Yovanni Martinez
07 Beth & John Orta	22 Margarita & Memo Lara
19 Ericka & Ruben Ramirez	24 Jane & Rob Worley

### *The Sacred Triduum*

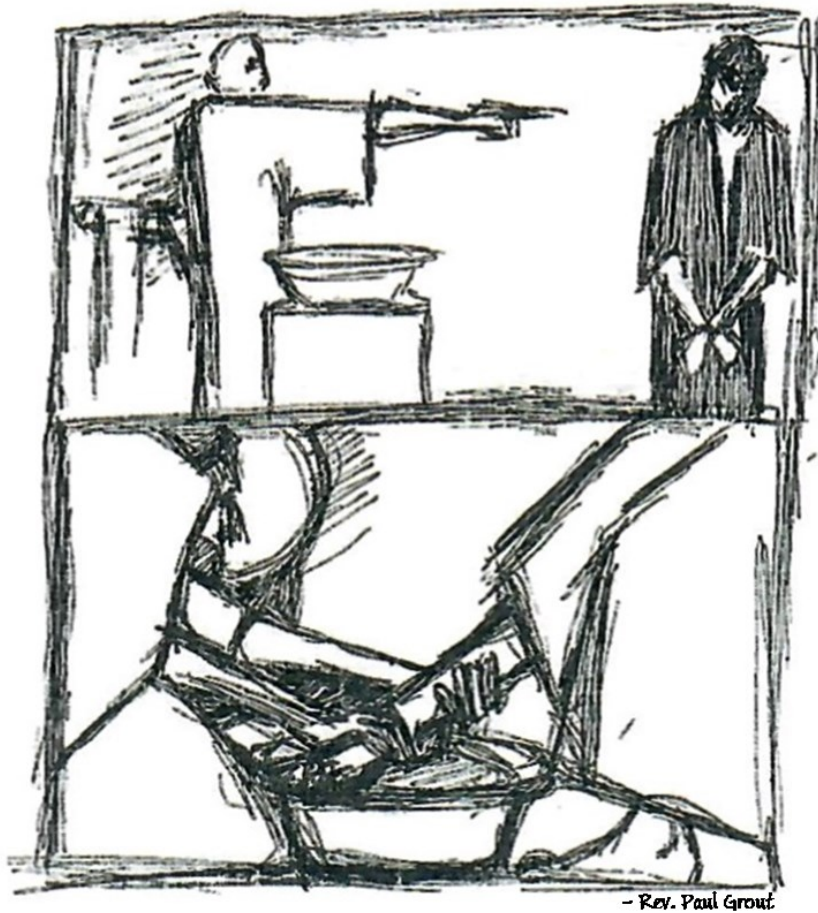
<i>March 24</i>	<i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i>
<i>March 28</i>	<i>Holy Thursday, 7p</i>
<i>March 29</i>	<i>Woman of Jerusalem, 5:30p Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7p</i>
<i>March 30</i>	<i>Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 8p</i>
<i>March 31</i>	<i>Easter Sunday, 9a</i>



<b>+S. Louisa Schumacher, SSJ</b>	
<i>Born</i>	July 7, 1939
<i>Born to Eternal Life</i>	February 21, 2024
in the 67 <sup>th</sup> year of religious life	



<b>+S. Elizabeth Anne Heller, SSJ</b>	
<i>Born</i>	1933
<i>Born to Eternal Life</i>	February 23, 2024
in the 73 <sup>rd</sup> year of religious life	



- Rev. Paul Grout

*I watch what I do  
to see what I believe.*

~ Helen Prejean, CSJ





## Empty Bowls

Yadkin Christian Ministries

**TAKE OUT or DRIVE THROUGH PICKUP**

Yadkinville Moose Lodge

1432 Country Club Rd, Yadkinville

**March 19, 2024**

**Lunch: 11:30a-1:30p**

**Dinner: 4:30p-6:30p**

**Tickets: \$25.00**

### Meal includes:

Cracker Barrel vegetable beef soup,  
Taste of Italy salad, crackers, Krispy Kreme donuts,  
bottled water, and a handcrafted bowl

**Tri-C Almsgiving**

*Thank you so much !!*

**MAR**

Sm. laundry soap

**Feed the Elderly: An Opportunity  
for Compassionate, Generous Service**

Jan	17, 18, 19	<p><b>Feed the Elderly (FTE)</b> is a local service for our isolated residents.</p> <p>Along with other church volunteers, St. S parishioners have served these residents on specific days.</p> <p>If you are willing to help, in this meaningful service, contact our FTE Coordinator: Gayle Altemueller, (336) 468-0676</p>
Mar	6, 7, 8	
Apr	24, 25, 26	
Jun	24, 25, 26	
Jul	31	
Aug	1, 2	
Sept	18, 19, 20	
Nov	6, 7, 8	
Dec	25, 26, 27	

**Opportunities  
to Calendar and Gather**



<i>Ladies Guild</i>			
2nd Monday of the Month 5:00p, Family Life Center			
Jan 8	Apr 8	Jul 8	Oct 14
Feb 12	May 13	Aug 12	Nov 11
Mar 11	Jun 10	Sept 9	Dec 9



<i>Men's Breakfast Group</i>			
3rd Saturday of the Month 8:30a, Cracker Barrel *			
*Any change of venue will be in the bulletin			
Jan 20	Apr 20	Jul 20	Oct 19
Feb 17	May 18	Aug 17	Nov 16
Mar 16	Jun 15	Sept 21	Dec 21



<i>Wise Ones Luncheon</i>			
3rd Thursday of the Month Host and venue vary and will be in the bulletin			
Jan 18	Apr 18	Jul 18	Oct 17
Feb 15	May 16	Aug 15*	Nov 21
Mar 21	Jun 20	Sept 19	Dec 19

Ash Wednesday  
FOR FAMILIES



TRADITIONS &  
RESOURCES

## + LENTEN BULLETIN +

Hang this paper on your refrigerator or in your room.  
Write your prayer intention for your prayer  
& fasting for each day of the weekday of Lent.  
Record date you donated to Tri-C or The Ark.

### Ash Wednesday

This year, Ash Wednesday is on **February 14**  
~ which is the same day as **Valentine's Day!**

So, this year Ash Wednesday is the perfect day to take  
a good look at the choices we make with our hearts.

It is our Catholic tradition to focus on three choices in Lent:  
**+ PRAYER + FASTING + ALMSGIVING**

### + PRAYER

Loving Jesus, you were led by the Holy Spirit into the desert  
where you fasted for 40 days and 40 nights. There you learned to rely on God and the Word of God.

**Response:** *May the same Holy Spirit guide me as I enter into this prayer.*

May my prayers remind me of my complete dependence on you and your grace. **Response**

May my prayer unite me in one heart with those who suffer each and every day  
and lead me to pray for those who are too scared, hurt, or ashamed to pray. **Response**

May my prayer for my intentions remind me that I am called to pray for my sisters and brothers  
around the world, those waiting at our borders to find a safe home here,  
those whose countries are at war, and those who are  
hungry, homeless, abandoned, or abused. **Response**

May my daily prayer help me to grow in patience,  
humility, generosity, forgiveness and compassion. **Response**

On **Sunday** my prayer intention is \_\_\_\_\_.

On **Monday** my prayer intention is \_\_\_\_\_.

On **Tuesday** my prayer intention is \_\_\_\_\_.

On **Wednesday** my prayer intention is \_\_\_\_\_.

On **Thursday** my prayer intention is \_\_\_\_\_.

On **Friday** my prayer intention is \_\_\_\_\_.

On **Saturday** my prayer intention is \_\_\_\_\_.

Be with me now, as I pray to be mindful  
of my own need to change my heart, my habits, and my intentions.  
Help me to grow in gratitude for your abundant blessings.  
In Jesus' Name. Amen.

## + FASTING

Loving Jesus, you were led by the Holy Spirit into the desert where he fasted for 40 days and 40 nights. There you learned to rely on God and not on bread alone.

**Response:** *May the same Holy Spirit guide me as I enter into this experience of fasting.*

May this fast remind me of my complete dependence on you and your grace. **Response**

May it unite me in one heart with those who suffer from hunger each and every day and lead me to share what I have with others. **Response**

May each grumble of my stomach be a holy sign for me — a reminder of my hunger for you and of how you satisfy that hunger. **Response**

May the discipline of fasting help me to grow in patience, humility, generosity, and compassion. **Response**

*These are my intentions for each day of Lent.*

On **Sunday** for the intention of \_\_\_\_\_.

On **Monday** for the intention of \_\_\_\_\_.

On **Tuesday** for the intention of \_\_\_\_\_.

On **Wednesday** for the intention of \_\_\_\_\_.

On **Thursday** for the intention of \_\_\_\_\_.

On **Friday** for the intention of \_\_\_\_\_.

On **Saturday** for the intention of \_\_\_\_\_.

Be with me now, as I eat my meals and keep me mindful of my good health of mind, body, and spirit. Help me to grow in gratitude for your abundant blessings. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

## + ALMSGIVING ~ Generous Giving without expecting repayment

Loving Jesus, you were led by the Holy Spirit into the desert where he fasted for 40 days and 40 nights. There you learned to rely on God and not on bread alone.

**Response:** *May the same Holy Spirit guide me as I enter into this experience of generous giving.*

May my generosity help others' burdens to be lightened. **Response**

May I give without expecting repayment. **Response**

May I remember to give to **TRI-COUNTY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES**

**FEB Corn meal    MAR Small laundry soap**

**+    +    +**

**The Ark**

**Toiletries for the adults; sketch pads and colored pencils for the children.**

**Response**

May I generously share my time to help others, my gifts to enrich others and my offering to Tri-County Christian Ministries and The Ark to bring help to those in need. **Response**

Be with me now, as I share my blessings with others. Help me to grow in gratitude for your abundant blessings. In Jesus' Name. Amen.



# Sacred Places

In the time before Jesus' birth, people would bring animals to the Temple to be offered to God as a gift. When Jesus came to the Temple, people were selling animals right inside the Temple. People could buy an animal they wanted to offer to God. In today's Gospel you hear that Jesus drove out the animals and the money-changers who in the Temple.



Jesus had a good reason for doing this. Since the people were coming to the Temple from a great distance, it helped them to have the animals there to buy as a gift for God.

What made Jesus angry, then?

Jesus became angry because the money-changer were supposed to help the people. Instead, they were cheating the poor by charging them too much money to buy an animal for their Temple sacrifice.

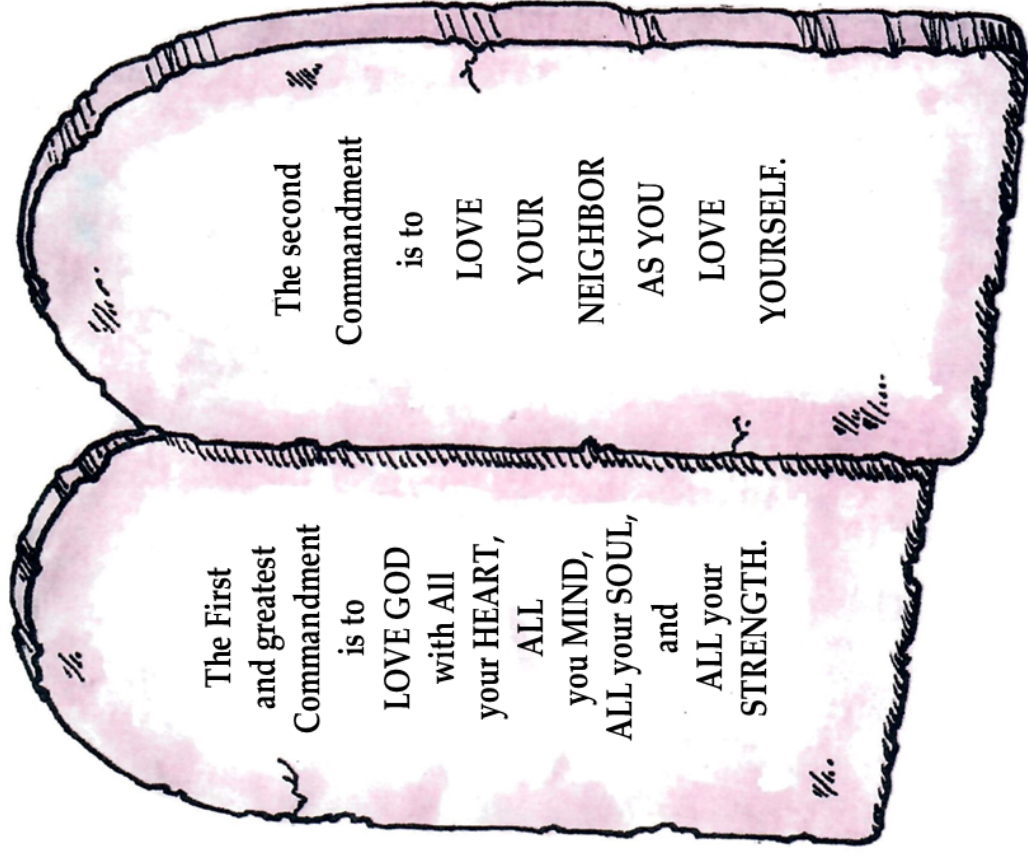
The money-changers were very greedy ~ even in God's holy Temple!

*Dear God, help me be generous in my giving.  
Help me to be generous when I am helping others.  
Help me to love and honor my sisters and brothers in need, especially those who are poor, alone, feeling lost or lonely.*

*Help me to serve them the way you would serve them ~ with my whole heart. Amen+*

# The Kids' Bulletin

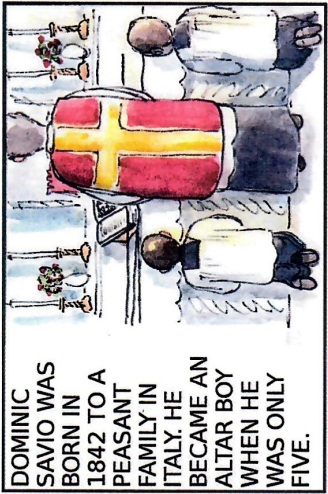
Third Sunday of Lent  
March 3rd, 2024





# Saint Dominic Savio

## March 9



DOMINIC SAVIO WAS BORN IN 1842 TO A PEASANT FAMILY IN ITALY. HE BECAME AN ALTAR BOY WHEN HE WAS ONLY FIVE.



DOMINIC LOVED GOD AND WANTED TO BECOME A PRIEST.

First I will have to go to School...



WHEN HE WAS 12 DOMINIC LEFT HIS FAMILY TO GO TO ST. JOHN BOSCO'S SCHOOL.

We will miss you, Dominic!



You'll have to throw the first stone at me.

HE WAS A GOOD STUDENT AND STOPPED FIGHTS BETWEEN OTHER BOYS.



WHEN HE SAW SOME BOYS LOOKING AT BAD MAGAZINES HE TOOK THEM AND TORE THEM UP.

You know looking at them will stain your soul!



DOMINIC FELL SICK WHEN HE WAS 14 AND WAS SENT HOME.

Goodbye!

Hopefully he'll be better in a few weeks.



BUT INSTEAD OF GETTING BETTER, DOMINIC GOT SICKER. HE RECEIVED THE LAST SACRAMENTS AND DIED BEFORE HE WAS EVEN 15.

Goodbye, Dad... Oh, what wonderful things I am seeing!

WHEN DOMINIC DIED, SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT HE WAS TOO YOUNG TO BE CANONIZED. BUT THE HOLY FATHER KNEW THAT BEING YOUNG DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T BE HOLY ENOUGH TO BE A SAINT. HOW OLD ARE YOU? ARE YOU TOO YOUNG TO BE A SAINT? YOU CAN PRAY TO SAINT DOMINIC TO HELP YOU!

# Jesus at the Temple

## Word-Find



D R O V E S O C T F  
 H E V T E P X O T A  
 M Z E A T Y L E I N P H E  
 F O U T A B L E H S P E R  
 P T H R E E D O V E S  
 M O N E Y I U S T O P  
 S W E J E W S E E P Y  
 B O D S H E E P D Y

Find all the words in CAPITALS and then use the letters that are left over to fill in the blanks at the end.

Jesus made a whip out of cords and DROVE them all out of the TEMPLE area, with the SHEEP and the OXEN, and SPILLED the COINS of the MONEY-changers and OVERTURNED their TABLES, and to those who sold DOVES he said, "Take these OUT of here, and STOP making my FATHER'S house a market place." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, ZEAL for your HOUSE will consume me. The JEWS said to Him, "What sign can you SHOW us for doing this?" Jesus answered them and said, "Destroy this temple, and in THREE days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for FORTY - SIX years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking of \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_