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SACRED LITURGY for MARCH 24TH – 30TH, 2025

MON	24	<u>7:30 AM</u>	(St Anthony’s)	+	Rev Anthony Stammitti
TUES	25	<u>7:30 AM</u>	(St Anthony’s)	+	Sr Veronica Volkmer, MS
WED	26	<u>7:30 AM</u>	(St Anthony’s)	+	John Duder by Ruth Finck
THUR	27	<u>7:30 AM</u>	(St Anthony’s)	+	Dan A Wenzl by Fran Herrick
FRI	28	<u>7:30 AM</u>	(St Anthony’s)	+	Gloria Schmit by Greg & Joyce Krueger
“	“	<u>6:00 PM</u>	(St Anthony’s)		Stations of the Cross & Benediction

4TH SUNDAY of LENT – **LAETARE SUNDAY**, MARCH 29TH & 30TH, 2025

*** First Holy Communion @ 8:00 am & 10:00 am Masses ***

SAT	29	<u>5:30 PM</u>	(St Anthony’s)		For the People of our Parishes
SUN	30	<u>8:00 AM</u>	(Sacred Heart)	+	Gene Hart by Mary Dinges
“	“	<u>10:00 AM</u>	(St Anthony’s)	+	Janet Gottula by Karen DeBeer

SACRAMENT of PENANCE / CONFESSIONS

Sat., 4:45 – 5:20 PM @ St Anthony’s.
Sun., 7:30 – 7:50 AM @ Sacred Heart; & 9:30 - 9:50 AM @ St Anthony’s.

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		Servers	Acolyte	Lector	Gifts	Rosary
STA	(5:30 PM)	-----	Bill Jasa	Kris Blecha	-----	Byford Schmit
SH	(8:00 AM)	Dawson	-----	Carol Sisco	-----	Jesse Hegemanns
STA	(10:00 AM)	Ryan & Layne	Dennis Gyhra	Suzanne Borchert	1 ST Com Class	Marie Schmit

STEWARDSHIP for MARCH 15TH & 16TH, 2025

	Church Support	Plate		Church Support	Plate
St. Anthony’s	\$1,209.00	\$736.00	Sacred Heart	\$115.00	\$104.00
Rice Bowl		\$790.00	Rice Bowl		\$200.00
Register		\$65.00			

BLOOD MOBILE: Thurs, April 3RD, Noon to 5:00 PM, Methodist Church Hall, Pawnee City.

LENT’S COMBINED COLLECTION benefits Catholic Relief Services, Native & African American Catholic Home Missions, Retired Religious Sisters & more—see list on attached envelopes.

- a) USA Catholic Bishops began The Home Missons (& collections) in 1874. See--<https://blackandindianmission.org>.
b) In 1998 the USA Catholic Bishops began the collection for retired religious sisters now numbering 20,000.
See—<https://retiredreligious.org>.
c) **“Live simply so others may simply live.”** Cf, Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

CCD CLASSES: Wed, March 26TH, 5:30 – 6:30 PM. 1ST Confessions & Confessions for grades 3RD – 8TH.

LENTEN ECUMENICAL LUNCHEs: Wed, March 26TH @ rural Steinauer’s Salem Church of Christ.
11:30 AM conversation & coffee. Devotion/Lunch @ Noon. Free will offering benefitting the Pawnee County Ministers Emergency Fund serving those in need locally.

NEXT KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS FISH FRY: Fri, April 4TH @ Steinauer KC Hall.

LAETARE SUNDAY: comes from the Latin word(s) for the Mass entrance antiphon for Lent’s 4TH Sunday “*Rejoice Jerusalem, be joyful all who were in mourning.*” **Laetare Sunday** is the half-way day between Ash Wednesday & Easter. In the more austere pre-Vatican II Lents, on this weekend flowers could decorate the altars & weddings could be celebrated. **Laetare Sunday** can be considered a reminder that if one has not started extra Lenten prayer, fasting, or charitable works there is still plenty of time left in Lent to do so. For those who have begun the Lenten spiritual exercises, **Laetare Sunday** can mean one’s personal goals are new readily attainable with half of them accomplished. Then as now **rose/pink** Mass vestments could be worn by the priest on Lent’s 4TH Sunday. The **rose/pink** color in the liturgy is a half-way color between Lent’s purple & Easter’s white colors. In the Latin & Romance languages the words for **rose & pink** are the same. Use of the **rose/pink** Mass vestments was/is optional.

PURPLE STATUE COVERINGS are customary from Lent’s 5TH Sunday thru Holy Saturday. This optional tradition recalls Jesus going into hiding, staying in His native Galilee, due to the Judeans wishing to stone him for saying ‘HE’ was the Messiah, blasphemy to them. Jesus was also wanted for arrest by The Sanhedrin for this alleged blasphemy. Cf, *John 8:46-53*. This Gospel was always read on Lent’s 5TH Sunday Mass prior to Vatican II.