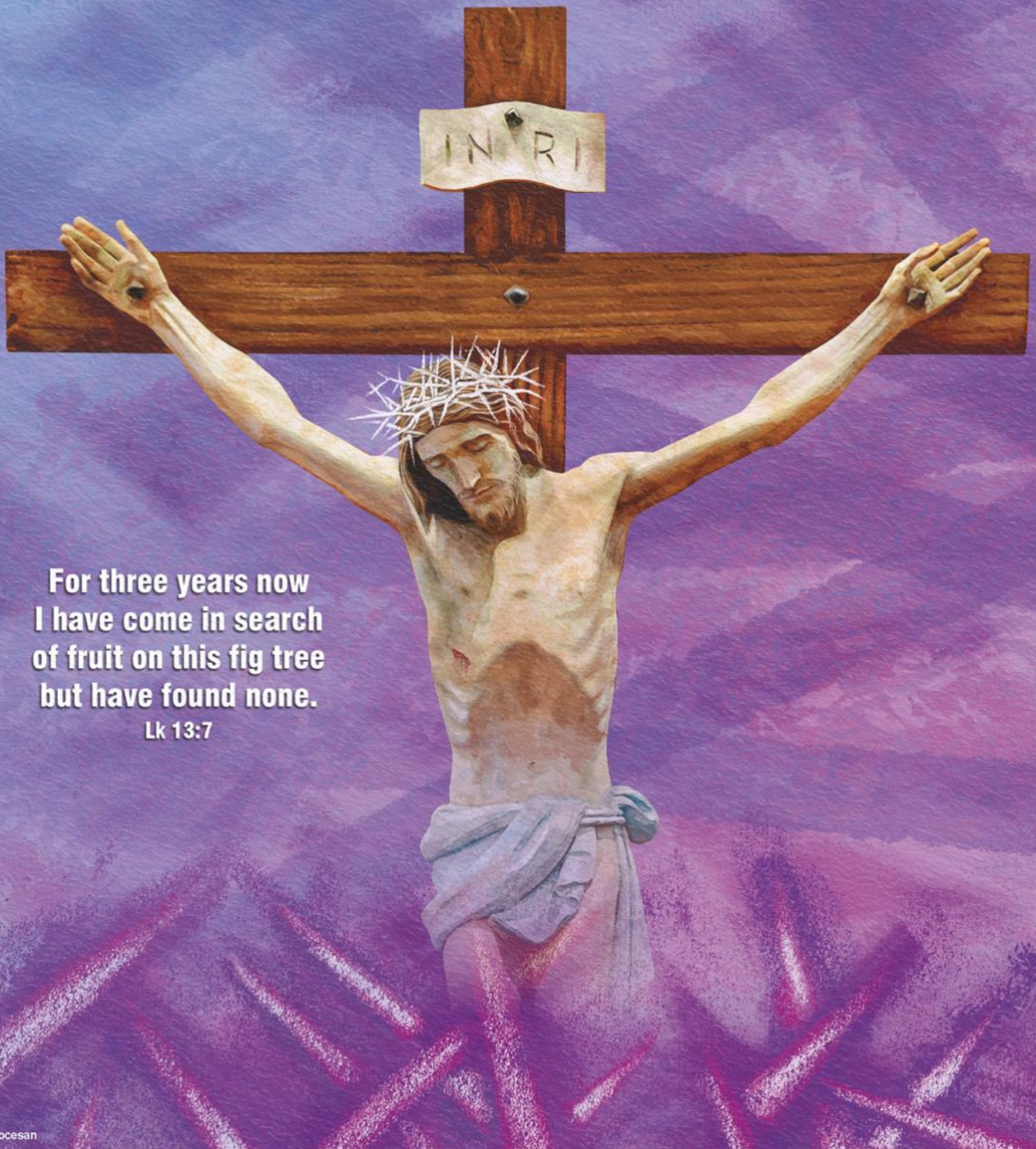


Third Sunday of LENT



**For three years now
I have come in search
of fruit on this fig tree
but have found none.**

Lk 13:7

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**March 16, 2025 DONATIONS**

Regular/Loose	\$1,298.00
Flower Fund	\$250.00
School	\$35.00
Total.....	\$1,583.00
 Mass Stipend.....	 \$60.00

Mass Schedule**Saturday, March 22nd**

4:00 pm/Glen & Edna Rodgers & Family

Sunday, March 23rd

10:30 am/Clyde & Angie Adams

Monday, March 24th

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 25th

5:30 pm @ St. Joseph

Wednesday, March 26th

8:00 am/Paul & Mary Moore

Thursday, March 27th

8:00 am @ St. Joseph

Friday, March 28th

8:00 am/John Hausman

Saturday, March 29th

4:00 pm/Jake Lakan

Sunday, March 30th

10:30 am/For the People of the Parishes

Father Pat's Office Hours

If you would like to speak or meet with Fr. Pat,
please call the Rectory at 217-485-1224 or email
frpkoneal@yahoo.com

Confession Schedule

Saturday: 3:15-3:45pm Anytime by appointment.
Please call the Rectory 217-485-1224

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**Saturday, March 22nd @4:00 pm Mass**

Lector: Beth Hewing

Ushers: Chris Humer, Mike Wishall

EMHC: Annette Wishall, Becky Hand

Gifts: Volunteers

Sunday, March 23rd @10:30 am Mass

Lector: Danna Williamson

Ushers: Travis McCarter, Larry Hewing

EMHC: Gary & Michele Ducey

Gifts: Volunteers

Money Counters: Alan Schwenk, Brian Barnes

Hospital Rules

Please note that if you or a loved one are in the hospital and would like the priest to visit, you will have to notify Father directly. Due to the HIPPA laws, the hospital will not notify the priest directly. This also applies to nursing homes and assisted living places. Please call Father Pat at 217-485-1224 if you need to have him come for a visit.

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Reese Baird, Nancy Brown-Smith, Mary Humer, Patty Kirby, Frank Norton, Cathryn Pfeffer, Zoey Smith, Jay Warfel, Jeff Holt, Helen Birtcher, Katelyn Humer, Theresa O'Brien, Tammy Mayer, Jo Church, Becky Benson, Debra Bialeschki, Joann Hesselmann-Smith, Robert Smith, Maggie Grimm, Sharon Oakes, Randy Wojan, Madison Riley Houser, Ernie Goode, Joseph William Baird, John Henry Baird, Don Eckstein, Gary Divan, Patti Birtcher Castor, Derick Park, Rick Davis, Anthony, Sharon, & Sam Novak, Jim Like, Sandra Novak, Amanda Clark, and requested prayer intentions.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY VICARATE SERVICE

Holy Cross is hosting the annual Divine Mercy Sunday Service this year. It'll be Sunday, April 27th.

Confessions that day will begin at Holy Cross at 2:30, and the formal service will be from 3-4pm. The program will be similar to previous years.

JOB OPENINGS—2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

St. Thomas School in Philo is accepting applications for the following two 2025-26 positions:

7th Grade Homeroom Teacher/Science -- Full Time
Intervention Teacher -- Full Time

For full qualifications of each position, please contact Principal Jean Cothron at 217-684-2309 or by email at jcothron@stthomasphilo.org.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

During the recent storms, a tree came down at our cemetery. Mick McAvoy, Jeff Gooch, & Larry Hewing made quick work of cleaning up the debris. Thank you for your services.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DINNER

The annual steak dinner will be held on Sunday, May 4th at the Philo Tavern. Tickets are \$40/each. The doors will open at 4 pm and the dinner will be served at 5 pm. There will also be a 50/50 drawing.

See Holly Pickowitz for tickets.

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING—BRAIN INJURY

Topic: Multiple Sclerosis Awareness

March is Multiple Sclerosis month, drawing attention as well as educational and fundraising resources toward MS, a worthy disease process that affects one million people in the United States. MS affects women more than men and often hits younger ages in the range of 20-50. Symptoms of MS are wide-ranging, from vision and cognitive problems to severe fatigue, pain in the body or headaches, dizziness and balance issues, numbness, and depression. Because symptoms are so vague, often people proceed through life without a diagnosis. If you think yourself or someone you love may be affected by MS, please see a neurologist to assess whether they recommend diagnostic testing. MS is not curable, but it is treatable, and the sooner treatment is started, the less disability the patient is likely to suffer.

Please see link below from the National MS Society for more information:

<https://www.nationalmssociety.org/understanding-ms/what-is-ms>

Faith Community Health at Carle connects you and your faith community to needed healthcare and wellness support, taking a whole-person approach to health.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP EASTER BAGS

Each year the local Divine Mercy group puts together thousands of bags of candy and gifts to be distributed to nursing home and assisted living residents. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please place your monetary donation in an envelope marked "Divine Mercy Easter Bags."

The bags will be assembled on April 6th at 1 pm. Please make your donation by March 30th.

GOOD FRIDAY—HOLY LAND COLLECTION***Helping Christians in the Holy Land***

When you donate to the Good Friday Collection, you help to ensure that Christianity will remain in the Holy Land for years to come. Last year's collection provided support to 29 parishes and 4 homes for orphans.

The funds collected also helped keep 16 schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students. Will you help maintain the Christian presence in the Holy Land with your contribution to this year's Good Friday collection?

VICARIATE LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Our Vicariate Lenten Penance Services have been announced. There will be two this year. Firstly at St. Matthew in Champaign, Monday, April 7, at 7pm. Secondly at St. Patrick in Urbana, Tuesday, April 8, at 7pm.

C-U VENERABLE FULTON SHEEN GUILD***Affliction and Hope: The Errors of Assisted Suicide***

On April 5th, 2025, at 10 am, at the U of I Newman Center, Lewis Lounge. Presented by Dr. Tim Millea.

The efforts to legalize assisted suicide in the states increases every year, and Illinois is no exception. Consideration of the ethical, practical, and spiritual errors associated with assisted suicide lead to clear recognition of its misguided intentions. This presentation will discuss the unethical harms resulting from this intervention that ignores the dignity of the individual when they need it most.

CELEBRATE THE LORD THROUGH MUSIC

On Sunday, March 30th at 6 pm, Sidney Christian Church will host *The Padgett's*, a father and son duo to provide gospel music. A free will offering will be taken up for the band.

Refreshments and fellowship will be provided afterwards. All are welcome!