

March 1, 2026
Second Sunday of Lent

“This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”



150th
Anniversary
AS THE Cathedral
of the Archdiocese of Chicago

Holy Name Cathedral

A CORNERSTONE TO A WORLD IN COMMUNION WITH JESUS CHRIST

Our Mission

Holy Name Cathedral, as a Catholic parish and the seat of the Archdiocese of Chicago, forms a community of disciples who inspire, nurture, and join people on their faith journey to encounter and grow in Jesus Christ.

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: 7:00am, 8:00am & 12noon*; Wednesday evenings at 5:15pm

Saturday: 8:00am* & 5:15pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am*, 12:30pm, 5:15pm

Saturday Reconciliation: 8:00am to 11:00am

*livestreamed Mass

Reflections from Our Rector



Dear People of God,

As we continue our Lenten Season, may the following story “touch” our hearts:

At Thanksgiving time, the first-grade teacher gave her class a fun assignment — to draw a picture of something for which they were

thankful. Most of the class might be considered economically disadvantaged, but still, many would celebrate the holiday with turkey and other traditional goodies of the season. These, the teacher thought, would be the subject of most of her students’ art. And they were.

But Douglas made a different kind of picture. Douglas was a different kind of boy. He was the teacher’s true child of misery — frail and unhappy. As other children played at recess, Douglas was likely to stand by her side. One could only guess at the pain Douglas felt behind those sad eyes.

Yes, his picture was different. When asked to draw a picture of something for which he was thankful, he drew a hand. There was nothing else but an empty hand. His abstract image captured the imagination of his peers. Whose hand could it be? One child guessed it was the hand of a farmer, because farmers raise turkeys. Another suggested a police officer, because the police protect and care for people. Still others guessed it was the hand of God, for God feeds us. And so the discussion went — until the teacher almost forgot the young artist himself.

When the children had gone on to other assignments, she paused at Douglas’ desk, bent down, and asked him whose hand it was. The little boy looked away and said, “It’s yours, teacher.”

She recalled the times she had taken his hand and walked with him here or there, just as she had with the other students. How often she had said, “Take my hand, Douglas, we’ll go outside.” Or “Let me show you how to hold your pencil.” Or “Let’s do this together.” Douglas was most thankful for his teacher’s hand. Brushing aside a tear, she went on with her work.

This Lenten journey, open your hands in love and

forgiveness -- the same way our Lord Jesus opens His hands in love and forgiveness to touch us.

And spend some time each day reflecting upon these wisdom thoughts:

- ✠ There is nothing to be gained by bitterness, anger, or hatred. Bitterness or pessimism is only going to slow you down in finding the solution.
- ✠ Make the mistakes but always follow through on your convictions.
- ✠ Don’t worry, for worry is the most unproductive of all human activities.
- ✠ Don’t be fearful. Most of the things we fear never come to pass.
- ✠ Face each problem as it comes.
- ✠ Don’t cross bridges before you get to them. Not one has yet succeeded in accomplishing this.
- ✠ Don’t take problems to bed with you. They make very poor bedfellows.
- ✠ Don’t borrow other people’s problems. They can take better care of them than you can.
- ✠ Don’t try to re-live yesterday. It is gone.
- ✠ Don’t become bogged down by frustration. It will only interfere with positive actions.
- ✠ Count your blessings.
- ✠ Don’t let your faith waver. God is with you at every moment.
- ✠ Everything else can wait, but the search for God cannot wait.

Lenten blessings,
Fr. Greg

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<<< **Weekly Rector's Update** (every Friday)



Young Adults >>>
Newsletter (bi-weekly)

Upcoming Events



Sunday, March 1

15-minute Cathedral tour	9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Rite of Election	2:30 PM
Lector Training	3:00 PM
Rite of Election	7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 3

Adult Confirmation Class	7:00 PM
Men's Young Adult Bible Study	7:00 PM
Women's Young Adult Bible Study	7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 4

Parish Lenten Mission (in Cathedral)	5:15 PM
Co-Ed Lenten 40: III & IV	6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Bible Study	6:30 PM

Thursday, March 5

Thursday Morning Bible Study	10:00 AM
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Friday, March 6

Stations of the Cross	11:15 AM
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Saturday, March 7

Confessions on the Lower Level of Cathedral	8:00 AM
Co-Ed Lenten 40: I	9:30 AM
Exodus 90	9:30 AM
Co-Ed Lenten 40: II	11:00 AM
Fiat 90 Young Adult	11:00 AM

Sunday, March 8

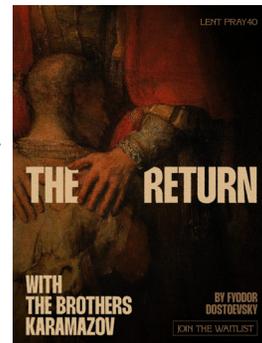
15-minute Docent tour	9:30 AM
OCIA Session	10:00 AM
Mini Concert in the Cathedral	11:45 AM
CFN Lenten Retreat	2:00 PM
Lector Training	3:00 PM

Join our HNC Lenten Challenge on Hallow

This Lent, the Hallow app again launched its Lent Pray40 prayer challenge, which began beginning on Ash Wednesday — “Pray40: The Return.”

Journey through “The Brothers Karamazov” and the Parable of the Prodigal Son as we return to the Father this Lent. We’re all farther from God than we need to be — but the good news is He is always waiting with open arms, running out to meet us while we are still a long way off. To bring this Scripture to life like never before, we’ll turn to Dostoevsky’s famous novel. We’ll step into the lives of its characters and discover the ways their struggles and brokenness mirror our own. Together, we’ll let go of what holds us back, return home to the Lord, and let Him send us out as His hands and feet.

Lent is not meant to be improvised. It is a season of intentional conversion, and like any meaningful pilgrimage, preparation matters. Scan the QR Code to learn more about the HNC Community in Hallow and our special subscription offer of \$1 for the first year, followed by a 50% discount off.



On the Cover

In honor of our anniversary, each week we will spotlight photos from our past on the bulletin cover. They’ll offer a peek into the past of our Faith Community.

Photo by Tyler Pasciak LaRiviere/Sun-Times. Cardinal Blase Cupich, left, speaks to Bishop Venedykt Aleksiychuk, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy in Chicago, as they stand for a photo after an interfaith prayer service on Feb. 24, 2025 at Holy Name Cathedral commemorating the third anniversary of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. Last Tuesday, marked the fourth anniversary of the war. To pray for peace, see page 8.

LENT AT YOUR CATHEDRAL

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Friday: 7:00 A.M., 8:00 A.M., 12:00 P.M.
& Wednesday's at 5:15 P.M.

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 P.M.
Sunday: 7:00 A.M., 8:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 12:30 P.M. , 5:15 P.M.
Saturday: 8:00 A.M.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. in the lower level of the Cathedral

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday - 12:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27
11:15 A.M.

LENTEN MISSION: BEHOLD THE LAMB

Wednesday February 25, March 4, 11, 18 and 25 following 5:15 P.M. Mass

LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 P.M.

LENTEN FISH FRY AND TRIVIA

Friday, March 27 - 5:30 P.M.

For more information about our liturgies and ministries, especially during the Lenten season,
please visit our website holynamecathedral.org

Catholic Illuminations

Remember St. Katharine Drexel, Patron Saint of Inequality

By Fr. Andy Matijevic

As we go deeper into this Lenten season, we are aware of the call of holiness.

When we pray, fast, and give, we detach ourselves from things that prevent us from becoming who we are called to be. We are called to be saints. The concept of a saint is often misunderstood. Many people think saints are only popes, religious figures, or people who lived in Europe hundreds of years ago and did something remarkable for the Church and the world.

But there are saints who lived and worked right here in Chicago and in the United States. One of those saints is St. Katharine Drexel, whom we will commemorate on Tuesday, March 3. Katharine was born in Philadelphia in 1858 to a wealthy family. She visited the West in the United States and saw the poor living conditions of former slaves and Native Americans. Her parents died around 1885. They left her and her siblings a large trust. She began investing in the communities she felt called to serve.

Katharine Drexel traveled to Rome to meet with Pope Leo XIII. She asked him to send missionaries to care for the African American and Native American populations. He wisely asked her, "Why don't you become a missionary yourself?" Katharine accepted this call. She founded the Congregation of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Mother Katharine Drexel traveled the country. She brought the Good News to communities that were often overlooked and forgotten because of the color of their skin.

It is important to note Mother Drexel's connection to Chicago. Records show that Mother Drexel was friends with the Venerable Augustus Tolton. He was the first Black priest in the United States and served here in Chicago in the 1890s. I have previously written about



him. The records show that she gave him money from her fortune to build St. Monica's Parish. This parish served the African American Catholic population of Chicago.

More broadly, Mother Drexel and her community founded Xavier University in New Orleans in 1915. It was the first Black university in the United States. They also founded roughly 60 other schools that educated black and Native American populations. Mother Drexel died at the age of 96 in 1955. She was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 1988 and canonized a saint in 2000. She is honored in the Catholic Church as the patron saint of racial justice and philanthropy.



St. Katharine Drexel

Mother Drexel's feast day falls within our Lenten journey this year. This reminds us that we need to open ourselves up to where God is inviting us to follow. In this season of penitence and preparation, we pray, fast, and give alms. As we do, we seek to listen more to the voice of God. Like Mother Drexel, we can answer the call to serve. We may not come from wealth as she did, but we have the gift of faith. Our faith, like hers, can move mountains.

Our nation continues to grapple with racial injustice, inequality, and division. Let us look to Mother Drexel as a model this Lenten season and always. The Gospel should be proclaimed at all times and to all people.

Tours After 8:30, 10:30 Masses

Learn more about the 175-year history of Holy Name Cathedral through one of our weekly tours. It's perfect for parishioners or for visitors. Our Cathedral Docents are excited to share with you the art, architecture and history of the Cathedral.

Each week, our Docents lead a short, 15-minute tour following the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. Those who are interested in this free tour are invited to sit in the front rows along the center aisle after Mass.



Join Us for Our Five-Part Lenten Mission

This Lent, our parish invites you into a five-week journey of prayer, reflection, and service as we fix our eyes on Jesus, the Lamb of God. To behold means to look upon Christ with reverence, love, and surrender — allowing Him to heal, transform, and renew our lives. Each Wednesday of Lent, we will contemplate a different dimension of the mystery of Christ.

Feb. 25

**Behold
His Mercy
& Forgiveness**

*Led by
Fr. Greg Sakowicz*
Allow Christ to heal
and restore the
places marked by
shame or fear.

March 4

**Behold
His Sacrifice**

*Led by
Fr. Louis Cameli*
Contemplate
the depth of Jesus'
self-giving love on
the Cross.

March 11

**Behold
His Love**

*Led by
Deacon Dan Welter*
Rest in the truth
that you are deeply
loved by God.

March 18

**Behold
His Victory**

*Led by
Fr. Ton Nguyen*
Place your struggles
in the hands of
the Lamb who has
already overcome
sin and death.

March 25

**Behold
His Presence**

*Led by
Fr. Andy Matijevic*
Encounter Christ
in the Eucharist,
Scripture, prayer,
and community.

Mission Schedule (Wednesdays): 5:15 PM: Mass ✠ 6:00–6:45 PM: Lenten Reflection ✠ 6:45–7:10 PM: Devotional Prayer



SHARE YOUR VOICE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Please help by completing the short, 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible. Visit catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi or scan the code below.

There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass. You can obtain a paper copy in the narthex or parish office.

The survey is available from **Ash Wednesday, February 18 to March 29** and will ask you to consider your spiritual growth and provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses are **anonymous** and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.

Thank you for helping our parish!





Pray with the Pope

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 Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network 

PRAY with THE POPE

One prayer intention every month



The Archdiocese of Chicago is participating in the global “Pray with the Pope” campaign, a worldwide prayer initiative that invites all to join Pope Leo XIV in monthly prayer intentions. Launched through the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network, the “Pray with the Pope” campaign will foster a deeper spiritual communion through digital connection and shared, contemplative prayer. Throughout 2026, the monthly prayer intentions will address themes that speak directly to the realities facing families, communities, and nations.

MARCH: For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Cabrini Ministries Needs ALDI Cards for Migrant Families

During this sacred season of Lent, we invite you to share Christ’s compassionate love with migrant families in our city through the donation of gift cards from ALDI. These cards provide families the dignity of purchasing much-needed food and essential items while they navigate uncertainty, great need and fear. Please place gift cards in an envelope (addressed to Sr. Katie Mitchell or Cabrini Ministries) and bring them to the Rectory (730 N. Wabash Ave) from Mon-Sat 9a-4pm and Sun 9a-2pm. Thank you for your prayerful generosity and for helping our migrant sisters and brothers feel seen, welcomed, and lovingly supported.



HNC Stewardship Report

Sunday Giving – Dec. 2025

	Dec. 2025		Fiscal 2026 YTD	
	Actuals	Budget	Actuals	Budget
Stewardship/ Sunday Giving	\$241,005	\$100,200	\$871,758	\$653,500
Electronic Stewardship/ Sunday Giving	\$68,142	\$83,900	\$481,929	\$541,500
Total Stewardship/ Sunday Giving	\$309,147	\$184,100	\$1,353,687	\$1,195,000

Thank you to our generous stewards! Please consider online giving for your Sunday offering. It is a “green” way of giving and puts your donation to work more quickly. You define the schedule – just scan the QR code to sign up for our easy-to-use and secure online giving platform on Pushpay.



Top Five Reasons to Switch to eGiving!

The Cathedral’s eGiving is done on our secure and easy-to-use platform called Pushpay. Scan the QR code to make a one-time donation or set-up recurring giving or go to our secure site at tinyurl.com/HNCgiving Thank you for your support.

1. Online giving allows you to make your donation no matter where you are.
2. It’s more convenient than carrying cash or writing checks.
3. It’s environmentally friendly – the “green” way of giving!
4. It’s versatile, letting you choose where to direct your gift.
5. It’s safe and secure.



Honor A Loved One with a Mother Cabrini or Courtyard Commemorative Paver

Next Order Deadline: April 10

The Mother Cabrini Garden and Holy Name Cathedral’s Courtyard offer pavers for engraving. Memorialize a loved one, honor someone special, or commemorate a significant event through the purchase of a paver.

Forms can be found on our website – holynamecathedral.org/special-intentions/

If you would like to order an engraved paver, the next deadline for ordering is April 10. For more information, contact Regina Zielinski at (312) 573-4432 or rzielinski@holynamecathedral.org.



Join Holy Name Cathedral’s Legacy Society

Have you ever considered leaving a gift to the Cathedral in your will or trust? A legacy gift to Holy Name Cathedral will support our mission and ministries well into the future.



If you have any questions or would like to speak to someone at Holy Name Cathedral, please contact – Regina Zielinski – Director of Stewardship. Email her at rzielinski@holynamecathedral.org or call (312) 573-4432.

Honoring Our Loved Ones

Ministers of Care Available to Visit You with Communion

What is the Ministry of Care? It is a group of people who have been trained and commissioned to visit with, pray with, and bring communion to those in our parish who are sick and unable to attend mass; those who are homebound, in the hospital or in a nursing home.

We have several Ministers of Care available to bring Holy Communion to the homebound. Email us at mycathedral@holynamecathedral.org or call us at (312) 787-8040 and one of our Ministers of Care will be in touch.



Light a Prayer Candle

Lighting a candle for your family and friends or for a personal prayer is an important Catholic tradition. We know many of you may not be able to come into the Cathedral to light the candle yourself. It would be our honor to have one of our resident priests light a Cathedral Candle on your behalf. They will pray to our Lord to intercede on behalf of your personal intention. Scan the QR code to complete the request form.



Wedding Banns



- I Collin Van Cuyk & Emily Burzinski
Nicholas Lewis & Aline Montiel
- II Blake Kelley & Makenzie Thomas

Mass Intentions

Colored dots represent the priest's vestment color

Week of March 2 to 7

● Monday, March 2 (Lenten Weekday)

- 7 AM + Daniel McGinnis
- 8 AM + Nancy Dominicis
- 12 PM Martha Bouchard

○ Tuesday, March 3 (Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin)

- 7 AM Manuel Govea, Jesus Lemus & Florentina Cortez
- 8 AM + Elizabeth Ragan
- 12 PM + Elena Tomas

○ Wednesday, March 4 (Saint Casimir)

- 7 AM + Thomas Devito
- 8 AM + Lerma Flores
- 12 PM + Gilpin Family, + Barb Czajkowski
+ Justine Price, + Gene Barton
+ Virginia O' Connor, + George Westberry
+ Elaine Olsen, + Elizabeth Ricci, + Frank Brolo
Edward Michael & Alexander William Martinez
- 5.15 PM + Stephen & Denise DiBiase

● Thursday, March 5 (Lenten Weekday)

- 7 AM + Daniel McGinnis
- 8 AM + Deanna Caulfield
- 12 PM Tom Llamas

○ Friday, March 6 (World Day of Prayer)

- 7 AM Magan Bucol
- 8 AM + Deacon James Condill, + Helen Riley
+ Manuel Toledo, + James H. Berg
+ Myra MacPherson, + Deanna Caulfield
+ Philip Mukwanga, Cerelina De Leon
James Cooper
- 12 PM + Elenita Castrillo

● Sat., March 7 (Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs)

- 8 AM + Bill Verbruggen

A Little Humor from the Rector



**“If you are buying a watch, be warned!
I learned the hard way that when it
says you can swim with it only applies
if you can already swim without it!”**

Resurrection Crosses Available

At Holy Name Cathedral, our Resurrection Cross is unique. Sculpted out of one piece of wood and suspended over the altar, artist Ivo Demetz created our Resurrection Cross in 1969. It is unique because Christ is not depicted in agony, but rather triumphant in glory.

Small replicas of our cross are available in the Rectory for a suggested donation of for \$20. We only accept cash (exact change only) and checks made payable to Holy Name Cathedral. This replica can serve as a reminder of God’s unconditional love for you and of the connection to Holy Name Cathedral. Ask our ushers for more details.



Cathedral Mini Concert with Heather Boehm

Sunday, March 8 at 11:45am

You are warmly invited to join us after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, March 8, for a special Cathedral Mini-Concert celebrating our Cathedral’s 150th Anniversary. The concert is free for everyone.

Enjoy beautiful music from featured artist Heather Boehm, violin,



Heather Boehm

accompanied by David C. Jonies on the Steinway piano. Heather, an adjunct faculty member at DePaul University, is a celebrated orchestral performer and leads Choice Music Chicago, providing musicians for many local productions. She will delight us with Beethoven’s Violin Sonata No. 5, “Spring,” and Vivaldi’s “Spring” from The Four Seasons.

Tax Assistance Available

Tax Prep Help on Select Saturdays

Next Session: Saturday, March 21 at 9:30am

Holy Name Cathedral is pleased to announce the return of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program this year. **Free tax preparation will be available on the following Saturdays: March 21, and April 11, for clients with incomes below \$70,000.**

The site will be open from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Clients will be assisted on a first-come, first-served basis, as long as they check in by 12:30pm at the Courtyard entrance.

For assistance, please bring a government-issued photo ID, Social Security cards for everyone listed on your tax return - including dependents - and all relevant tax documents. This service is provided at no cost.

For any questions, please email VITA@holynamecathedral.org.

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Holy Spirit, you who makes me see everything and shows me the way to reach my ideal, you who gives me the Divine gift to forgive and forget all the wrong that is done to me and you, who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, I want to thank you for everything, and affirm once more that I never want to be separated from you, no matter how great the material desires might be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. To that end and submitting to God's Holy will, I ask from you... (Mention your Request) Amen. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days.



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Order of Worship

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Entrance Hymn

Transform Us #880

Penitential Rite

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First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*



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Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Offertory Hymn

How Good, Lord, to Be Here! #881

Holy, Holy

People's Mass #368

Memorial Acclamation

Danish Amen Mass #369

Amen

Danish Amen Mass #370

Lamb of God

Holy Cross Mass #381

Communion Antiphon

**The vision which you have seen,
do not speak of it until the Son of Man
is risen from the dead.**

Communion Hymn

I Receive the Living God #923

Communion Motet

Prayer for Transfiguration Day

(10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.)

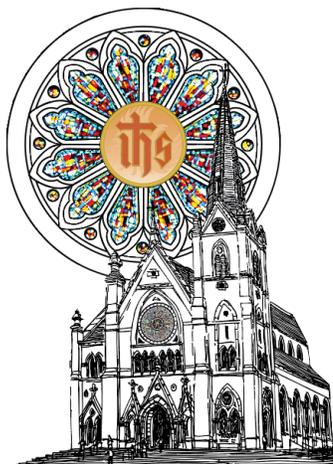
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Recessional Hymn

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days #461

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