



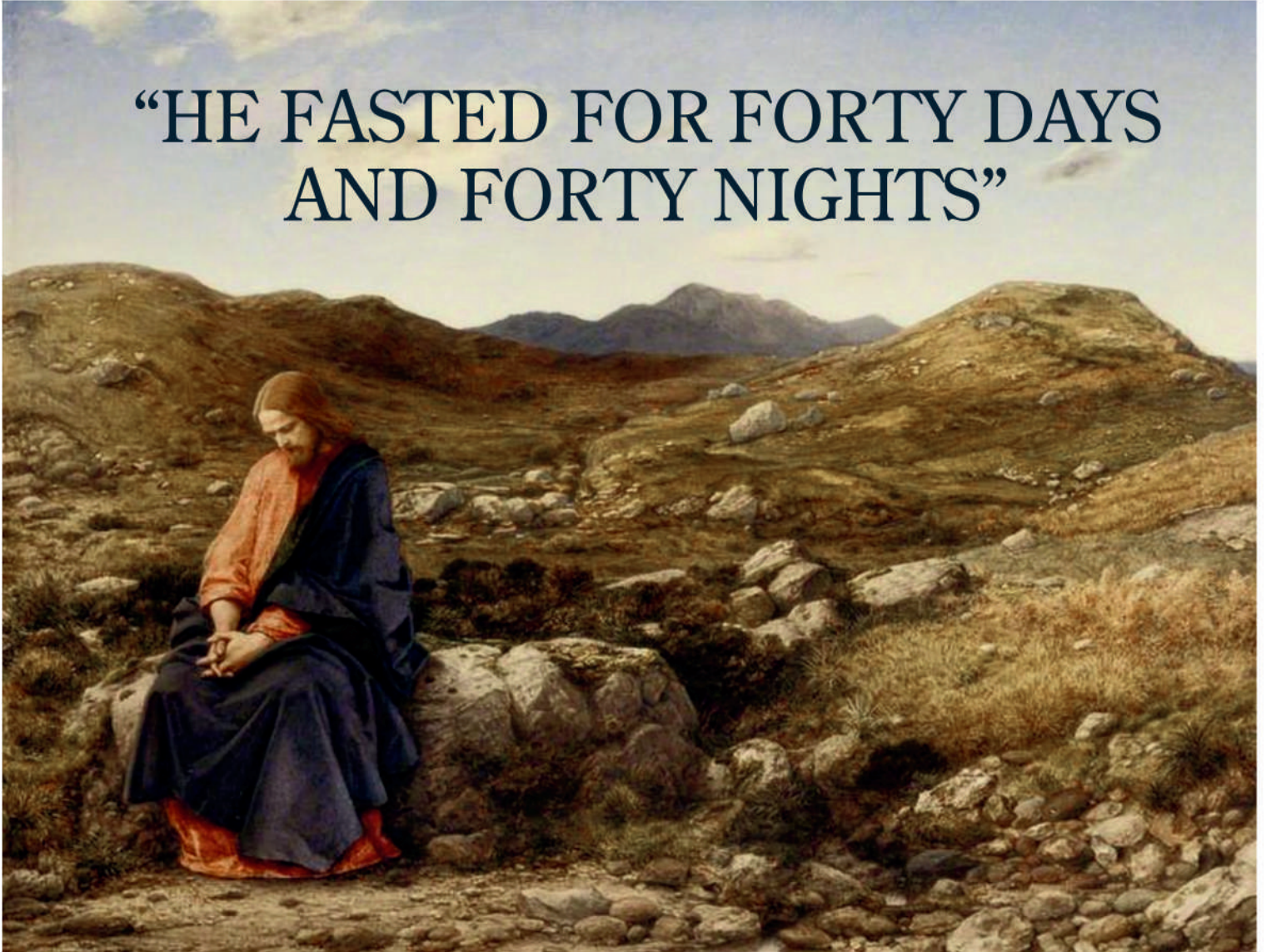
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WEEKEND MASS

Sat: 4:30 PM
Sun: 8:00, 9:30,
11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon - Fri: 6:30 & 8:05 AM
Thu: 6:00 PM
Sat: 8:05 AM

RECONCILIATION

Mon, Tues, Fri: 7 - 8 AM
Wed: 6-7 PM
Thu: 5 PM
Sat: 3-4 PM

PASTOR

Fr. Jaime Zarse

SACRAMENTAL ASST.

Fr. Dan Morris

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Asante

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7 PM during Lent!



SASH MEET AND GREET

 Join us in the Rectory at 6:00 PM on February 24 to hear Fr. Joseph's story. Register at: <https://shoj.org/event-details?id=5488>




NEW PARISHIONER HAPPY HOUR

 If you are new to Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Parish—or were unable to attend our most recent new parishioner gathering you are invited to, join us February 26th from 6:30-8:00pm. You will get the chance to hear Fr. Zarse share his parish vision, learn how to get involved, and connect with parishioners with hors d'oeuvres and beverages. This event is for adults only.



CYO SPORTS

 Registration is open for 3rd-8th graders for track and flag football. The games and practice will start in March with cost depending on the sport.

Register at <https://cyojwa.org/current-programs>




MARRIAGE MINI-RETREAT

 All married couples are invited to a one-day Marriage Mini-Retreat on February 28th at 9:00-3:30 in the Meetings Rooms. Whether you were just married or it's been decades -this is for you! Through talks, reflection, and conversations, you'll gain practical ways for connection, communication, and understanding. The cost is \$70 per couple. If you need childcare, please email erin.rodriguez@shoj.org.



OCIA SPONSORS

 With our NEW year-round OCIA process, we have a need for parishioners to serve as sponsors. With this new model, individuals can respond to God's call immediately. Catechumens and candidates follow different tracks, and sponsor roles and commitments vary accordingly. To sign-up contact Char Mies at Charlene.mies@shoj.org. Find more information on our website or by scanning the QR code.

VBS SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date! VBS this year will be the week of June 15-19. Children's registration will open on Sunday, March 6th. Our theme this year is, "Hop on the Vatican Express with St. Jerome!" by Catholic Kidz Camp. Adults interested in volunteering can inquire with Emily Warn at emily.warn@shoj.org.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE



Step into the land of the Bible, where every stone and street tells the story of our salvation.

Join Fr. Zarse and Dr. Mike Scherschligt on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from May 1 - 11, 2026.

<https://bit.ly/3Myba0a>

40 DAYS FOR LIFE



Join 40 Days for life Spring campaign through March 29. More details can be found at <https://bit.ly/3Mnpy4P>



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Help provide food to the Bonner Springs / Edwardsville community! Please sign-up and bring your contribution to the narthex and deposit in the brightly colored and labeled buckets between 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. on designated Fridays.

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Interested in joining the Sacred Heart team? We currently have openings for a Director of Operations as well as a School Health Specialist. Apply or learn more on our website.



WAR ON MEDIOCRITY

You heard him at our parish mission — now Fr. Luke Doyle is back on Fr. Zarse's podcast with a major announcement.

Tune in to hear what it is, and dive into how deep God's love really is, the difference between knowing about God and actually knowing Him, and why so many Christians still miss the Father's love.



[Listen Here!](#)

-MASS INTENTIONS-

Monday, February 23

6:30 - Ralph Witherspoon

8:05 - Rita Hoag +

Tuesday, February 24

6:30 - Zelig Welch +

8:05 - Sara Lenz

Wednesday, February 25

6:30 - Donald Bates +

8:05 - Kathleen Hess

Thursday, February 26

6:30 - Tara Price +

8:05 - Dan Sexton +

6:00 - John Golba +

Friday, February 27

6:30 - Nancy Merriman +

8:05 - Bede Bolin III

Saturday, February 28

8:05 - Lawrence Grosdidier +

4:30 - Carol Rorick +

Sunday, March 1

8:00 - Florence Murphy +

9:30 - Maureen Straub +

11:00 - SHOJ Parishioners



BECOMING CATHOLIC



Interested in becoming Catholic? Our new year-round OCIA process welcomes unbaptized inquirers at three different start times each year, with the next beginning March 1. Already baptized? You may begin right away. Scan the QR code to learn more or go to our website.

40 DAYS OF SPIRITUAL DESERT EXPERIENCE

Fr. Joseph Asante Sunday Reflection

INTRODUCTION

Lent is primarily the time of intense spiritual preparation for conquering our temptations, using the means Jesus used during his forty days of preparation in the desert for his public life. It is also the time of repenting for our sins and renewing our lives so that we can celebrate Easter with our Risen Lord Who conquered sin and death by his suffering, death and Resurrection. Today's readings teach us that we are always tempted by the devil, by the world, and by our own selfish interests. So, we need to cooperate actively with God's grace, if we are to conquer our temptations and practice prayer, self-control, and charity.

WHAT ARE THE READINGS TELLING US!

The first reading, taken from the book of Genesis describes the "Original Temptation." "You will be like gods, knowing what is good and what is evil." Adam and Eve were given the freedom to make a choice to live for God, dependent upon, and obedient to, His will, or to say no to God. The temptation of the evil one led Adam and Eve to an act of faithlessness and sin. In contrast, today's Gospel from St. Matthew shows us how Jesus Christ conquered temptation by relying on Faith in God's Word and His Authority. In the second reading, St. Paul describes how the disobedience of Adam, who fell to Satan's Original Temptation, brought sin, death, and a broken relationship with God. Paul explains that Christ regained for us a right relationship with God by his perfect obedience to God his Father. Today's Gospel teaches us how fasting, praying, and soul-strengthening in the desert enabled Jesus to confront his temptations successfully and then to preach the Good News of salvation. The tempter urges Jesus to turn stones into loaves of bread. But Jesus rejects that temptation not to mistrust His Father by satisfying his own immediate, temporal needs. Jesus does not reduce His Divine mission to self-satisfaction! The tempter then suggests that Jesus prove that he is really the Son of God by jumping off the parapet of the Temple. Jesus rejects this as a temptation to act as God's superior! Finally, Jesus rejects the temptation to idolatry, even if worshipping Satan would enrich and empower Him with all kingdoms of the world.

WHAT MUST WE DO!

We are to confront and conquer temptations as Jesus did, using the means Jesus employed. Every one of us is tempted to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth, and a position of authority, power, and glory. Jesus serves as a model for us in conquering temptations by strengthening himself through prayer, penance, and the effective use of the Word of God. Hence, during this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies with prayer, with penance, and with meditative reading of the Holy Bible.


We are to grow in holiness during Lent through prayer, reconciliation, and sharing:

- a) by finding time to be with God every day of Lent, speaking to Him in fervent prayer, and listening to Him through the meditative reading of the Holy Bible.
- b) by offering penitential acts of reparation for our sins.
- c) by getting reconciled with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and reconciled with others by asking their forgiveness for our offenses against them.
- d) by sharing our love with others through selfless, humble service, almsgiving, and helping those in need.



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LOVE BOX

Love Boxes are available at the Greeters Counter and in the Parish office. Each box inspires a mom who is unexpectedly pregnant to be brave and choose life and also includes an invite to a local Embrace Grace group.

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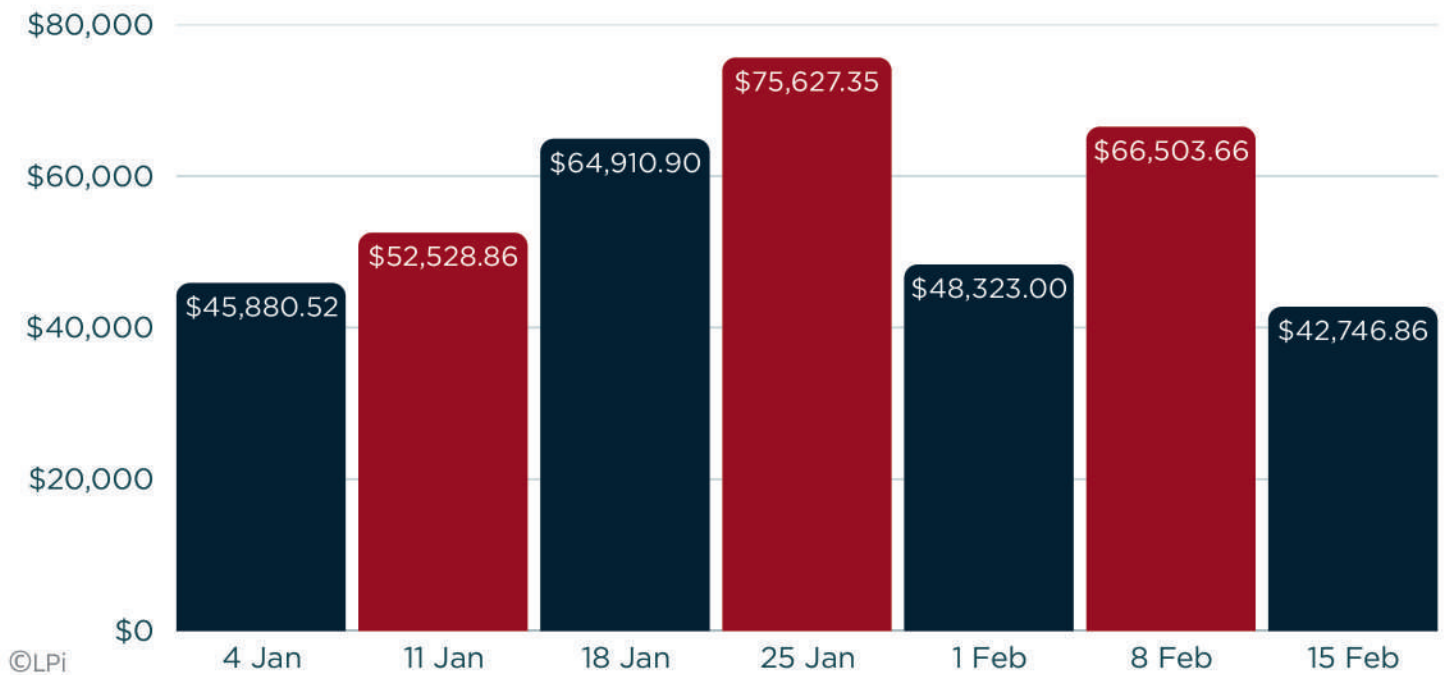
We transitioned to a new parish database this fall. If you are not currently receiving Sacred Heart's weekly eNewsletter, please contact the parish office at erin.rodriguez@shoj.org so we can ensure your contact information is up to date.

FINANCIALS



"For you were made from dust to dust you will return." (Genesis 3:19) If you can't take it with you... where is the best place to put your money? Contact Beth Bucklin at beth.bucklin@shoj.org to make/increase your tithing gifts today, or to inquire about adding SHOJ to your will/trust/IRA, etc.

- In Quarter 1 of 2026, we need \$67,803.46 per week for our operating budget.
- We are currently at 47% of our quarterly need.
- We are averaging \$56,645.89 per week in Quarter 1 2026.



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