

# St. Bavo Parish

502 W. 7th Street • Mishawaka, IN 46544

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## Office Hours

### Monday thru Friday

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

## Parish Staff

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## Mass Times

### Sunday

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM

### Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

5:00 PM (in the chapel)

### Friday

8:15 AM (in the chapel)

### Saturday

8:15 AM (in the chapel)

5:00 PM (Vigil)

## Confession

### Saturday

9:00 to 10:00 AM

## Mishawaka Catholic School

### St. Bavo Campus

524 W. 8th Street

Mishawaka, IN 46544

574-259-4214 — [info@mcmish.org](mailto:info@mcmish.org)

Prayer Line Requests

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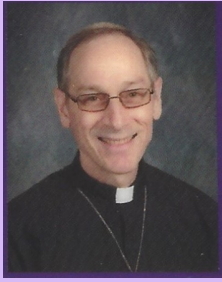


March 23, 2025  
Third Sunday of Lent

## Mission Statement

We, the people of St. Bavo Parish are committed to be the living presence of Christ in the world today.

Empowered by the Spirit, we strive to live our shared commitment through liturgical celebrations, prayer, education, spiritual growth, bearing witness to faith and service to all.



In the weekday readings for this Third Week of Lent, Jesus faces some serious opposition, for a variety of reasons. His hometown crowd in Nazareth is amazed at his teaching, but still skeptical. They demand a sign to prove that Jesus is more than just a local boy who has developed delusions of grandeur. But Jesus refuses to

humor them. In fact, he strongly suggests that their envy, prompted by a genuine prophet arising from among them, is the reason why they will not see the same miracles that Jesus has performed elsewhere. This criticism stings them so harshly that they try to seize Jesus and kill him.

In another instance, some people in a crowd accuse Jesus of being in league with Satan, because of his ability to cast out demons. In defending himself against this false charge, Jesus teaches an important lesson about what these exorcisms *actually* signify. If a power great enough to overcome Satan's minions has come into the world, "then the Kingdom of God has come upon you." All of Jesus' exorcisms and healings serve as signs of the great Paschal Mystery to be revealed soon.

On Wednesday, Jesus answers a different false charge that many of the religious leaders have leveled against him, namely, that he seems intent on abolishing the Law of Moses. Jesus rejects that claim and explains that he has come not to abolish, but to *fulfill* the Law. Of course, his detractors would cite as evidence to the contrary many instances in which Jesus challenged Sabbath restrictions and purification laws. However, those were not *God's laws*, but only rabbinical teachings which sought to *interpret* and *implement* God's commandments. Jesus insists that God's commandments must be followed to the letter. Anyone who breaks them, or teaches others to do so, will be punished. But those who obey and teach God's commandments faithfully "will be called greatest in the Kingdom of heaven."

The gospel on Friday shows what Jesus means by "fulfilling the Law." Ironically, the one who expresses the profound insight is not Jesus, but a scribe. This is a rare instance in which a scholar of the Law approaches Jesus with respect and openness, treating him like an esteemed rabbi, not a contemptible adversary. The scribe asks Jesus to identify the most important of all the commandments. Jesus quotes the famous "Shema," which commands all in Israel to worship God alone and to love God with their whole heart, soul, mind and strength. But then he adds a second commandment: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The scribe immediately apprehends the deep connection between these two commandments, commending Jesus for naming them together as the keys to understanding the whole Law. He remarks that fulfilling these commandments "is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." That same sentiment, which Jesus affirms, is also heard in Saturday's reading from the Prophet Isaiah: "For it is *love* that I desire, not sacrifice, and *knowledge of God* rather than burnt offerings."

Fr. Pete

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, March 23rd • Third Sunday of Lent

**Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9**  
 7:00 AM Dante Gardini  
 9:00 AM For the People of St. Bavo  
 11:00 AM Louise Thornton

### Monday, March 24th — 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

5:00 PM Barbara Varda

### Tuesday, March 25th • The Annunciation of the Lord

**Is 7:10-14, 8-10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38**  
 8:15 AM David Whitfield  
 5:00 PM Remi DeVriese

### Wednesday, March 26th No Mass

**Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19**

### Thursday, March 27th—Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

5:00 PM Norbert Rethlake

### Friday, March 28th—Hos 14:2-10; Mt 12:28-34

8:15 AM Palma Fanti

### Saturday, March 29th— Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

8:15 AM Victor Desimone  
 5:00 PM The Hoogland Family

### Sunday, March 30th • Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32**  
 7:00 AM For the People of St. Bavo  
 9:00 AM Jeremy Ditsch  
 11:00 AM Seweryna Szymanski

## This Week In Our Parish

### Monday, March 24th

8:30 AM to 9:30 AM **Return** Book Study—Parish Office

### Tuesday, March 25th

1:30 PM to 2:30 PM **Return** Book Study—Parish Office  
 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM Pray the Rosary—Church

### Wednesday, March 26th

7:00 PM WINGS Group — Meeting Room A

### Thursday, March 27th

12:30 PM to 3:00 PM Knitting & Crochet Group—Room C  
 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM **Return** Book Study— Parish Office

### Friday, March 28th

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross — Church

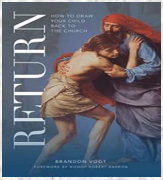
### Saturday, March 29th

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Confessions—Church

### Collection for the week of 03/09/25

Adult Envelopes	\$ 6210.00
Loose	233.00
Electronic Transfers	<u>1557.00</u>
	\$ 8,000.00
Amount needed each week for a balanced budget	\$ 7,596.00





## Return Book Study

Chapters 9 & 10

“Move the Dialogue Forward”  
“Invite and Connect”

## St Bavo Parish Fish Fry

Thank you to everyone who donated their time, money and talents to make Friday's fish fry a huge success.

More information will follow, but we wanted everyone to know how much their commitment was appreciated.



## Special Diocesan Collections for March

Aid to Easter Europe—March 2  
Black and Indian Mission — March 9  
Catholic Relief Services — March 30

## Liturgical Ministers—March 29th and March 30th

### Ushers

5:00 PM Allen Schlemmer, Theresa Verslype, Darci Urycki  
7:00 PM Ted Alwine, Dave Schwier, Michael Bowling  
9:00 AM Gary Weaver, Denise Weaver, Deb Gantz  
11:00 AM Richard Spitaels, Shari Spitaels, Mark Munoz

### Servers

5:00 PM Sarah Fairleigh, Gina Mynsberge  
7:00 PM Jeff Van Poppel  
9:00 AM Sydney Kuminecz, Laynie Kuminecz, Brielle Brook  
11:00 AM Emily Freeman, Abby Freeman

### Lectors

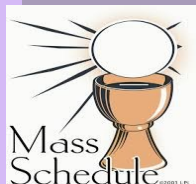
5:00 PM Sue Baxter  
7:00 AM David Schwier  
9:00 AM Tom Torri, Nicole Garcia-Groves  
11:00 AM Chris Eberhardt, John Roggeman

### Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 PM Mary Ann Gast, Sue Schlemmer\*  
7:00 AM Mary Aldrich\*  
9:00 AM Jenny Hunsberger, Adrian Andrzejewski\*  
11:00 AM Jennifer Pankiewicz, Quinn Pankiewicz\*

### Gift Bearers

5:00 PM The Sample Family  
7:00 AM Ted & Sue Alwine  
9:00 AM Brett & Marty Gill  
11:00 AM Quinn & Mara Pankiewicz



## Pray the Rosary

Every Tuesday • 4 PM and 7 PM



Church will be open at 3:00 PM for quiet prayer. At 4:00 PM the Rosary will be recited. Church will remain open for prayer. You are welcome to join us in the Chapel for Mass at 5:00 PM. To close the evening we will recite the rosary in Church at 7:00 PM

## Church A/C upgrade (for free!)

Just in time for spring, we have installed a new condenser and air handler to cool the sanctuary of the church. The cost was \$9,670. The parish received a donation for the full amount from Fr. Pete's cousin, John Green, who lives in Santa Barbara, CA. He made the offering in memory of Fr. Pete's mother, who passed away in October.

## WINGS

Wednesday, March 26th  
7:00 PM in Meeting Room A



## Stations of the Cross



Fridays during Lent  
5:30 PM in the church



**Attention all parishioners:** we are looking to recruit a few extra voices for our upcoming Holy Week liturgies. If you do not typically sing for our regular weekend Masses and would like to participate for this special time of year, please contact David Brenna at [dbrennan421@gmail.com](mailto:dbrennan421@gmail.com) or at (574) 315-6457 by March 28 to express your interest along with which Masses you'd like to join. We will have a rehearsal on Tuesday, April 15 from 6:30-8:30 P.M. in the church.

## Liturgical Ministers Schedules

March and April 2025 Minister Schedules have been emailed. Copies are available in the back sacristy for those who would like a paper copy.